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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 1909.

MR. BRYAN'S DISCOVERIES.

Mr. Bryan has at last summed up the causes of his defeat, or his conceptions of them. In a speech on St. Jackson's day at Omaha, he said that the influences most potent in the campaign, that went so unexpectedly against him...

It was certain, two years ago, that since the Republicans had a great majority in the Legislature, a Republican would be elected. But he had been elected by a large majority in the Legislature at that time, Mr. Chamberlain's remarks would have been of very different character.

It was deemed more than probable then that there would be a Republican majority in the Legislature now, and playing to secure his own election to the Senate, Mr. Chamberlain then commended the method of which he expected to be the beneficiary later, and now he repeats the little piece of proke two years ago, as an epilogue to the final act. Great is humbug!

Governor Hughes, of New York, in his argument for direct primary in his state, said in his recent message: "In practice the delegates to nominating conventions are generally chosen by the political bosses, and most of them might as well be inanimate so far as their effective participation in the election of party candidates is concerned."

Until oil and water will unite and blend into one compound or mixture, there will never be the same close social and business relations between the people of the United States and the people of Japan that now exist between the white races of the earth.

The result of that war caused a material change in the Japanese mind, and since that time the victor has been swaggering up and down his brief shore line, declaring himself as good as anyone else on earth, and much better than some of the people with whom he has come in contact.

Next, as to the army of Government employees. This, indeed, is a numerous army. All disinterested citizens could wish it smaller. The majority of it, we doubt not, opposed Mr. Bryan. Yet there were some, and not a few, on his side.

Finally, Mr. Bryan's diagnosis informs us that "concentrated wealth" was against him. But men who represent wealth in great masses mostly sided with him. It was not at all active in the contest. A man produces wealth. But the general wealth and property and industry of the country undoubtedly were active against Mr. Bryan.

California Legislature's action, and are pointing out that America, while recently endeavoring to create an impression of friendliness toward Japan, in reality was unfriendly. This is a most reprehensible method of making capital at the expense of a rival power, and is also a hazardous proceeding, for the same racial amalgamation which prevents complete amalgamation of Japan and the United States also affects other white nations.

This Japanese paper sees in British treatment of the Hindus in Canada an offense as grievous as California's treatment of the Japanese, and indicates that the ultimate conflict will be between the white and yellow races. This being true, it might be desirable to restrain their comment until a more appropriate occasion. Japanese are no more desirable in Germany and England than in the United States, and if either of those countries had been prevailed, and concern has been felt that they would grasp in this country, they would today be facing the same problem that confronts the United States.

A brief statement of the facts in the Tillman case will enable the reader to weigh more accurately the validity of the defense which the turbulent senator from South Carolina made for himself in his speech on Monday. It is a fact that Mr. Tillman became interested in Southern Oregon timber land some time in October, 1907, and ordered his agent, W. E. Lee, who lived in Moscow, Idaho, to acquire for him through Reeder & Watkins, a real estate firm of that town, Mr. Tillman's words were: "I want nine quarter sections reserved. Will forward signed application to you as soon as possible."

EUGENE WANTS NO DIVISION

Subjects to Formation of 'New County' With Seat at Cottage Grove. EUGENE, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Representatives from the Cottage Grove Commercial Club met with the local club last night to discuss the question of the formation of a new county. Their principal argument was against the Northern Pacific, sustaining the validity of the law passed by the last Legislature, limiting the employment of railway trainmen to 35 consecutive hours.

SENATOR OLIVER WONT PAY Trouble Would Have Occurred. LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—State Senator Turner Oliver has refused to pay an assessment levied on him by the Government as a shareholder in the defunct Farmers and Traders National Bank. Oliver holds 40 shares, and the assessment was 100 per cent, making a total of \$4000 which he must pay. On December 19 the first payment was due, and it is affirmed that Oliver refused flatly to pay the assessment, setting forth in a letter before the bank failed he attempted to have the directors reorganized, as he thought the management at that time was ruining the bank. He affirms that he was frustrated in his attempt and had he succeeded, the bank would not have failed.

WANT OCEAN LINE TO RUN Lincolnton County Boosters Seek Direct Freight Traffic With Bay City. NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 12.—The Newport and Lincoln County Commercial Club held its annual election last evening, and chose the following officers: President, S. G. Irvine; first vice-president, E. S. Stoker; second vice-president, W. S. Martin; secretary, C. H. Bradshaw; treasurer, L. G. Smith; board of directors—H. J. Mintboro, J. L. Weller, Thomas Leese. The club has embarked on a good roads campaign from which much benefit to the highways of the county is expected. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of getting ocean communication established between Yaquina Bay and San Francisco.

ARREST SWINDLER IN EAST Man Who Bilked Man in Inland Empire Is Now in Toils. PASCO, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—According to information received here today from the State Bankers' Association, W. H. Meyers, who endeavored to operate a gambling game through the Farmers' Trust and Loan Association of New York, has been apprehended. Meyers, according to dispatches, has operated his game throughout the inland Empire, and his net winnings are estimated at \$1000. A message received here today by the First National Bank from the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company brands Meyers a fraud.

ROSEBURG OPENS NEW CLUB Commercial Club Dedicates New Quarters With Ceremony. ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Roseburg Commercial Club is dedicating its new quarters tonight with appropriate ceremony. The club is composed of 170 members, and with the advantages of its new quarters, which are situated in the heart of the city, they are better able to carry out their work. Among the outside boosters present at the meeting tonight are Tom Richardson and J. W. Bailey, of Portland.

MT. BAKER BLAMED FOR GAS Bellingham Decides Smoking Peak Caused Sound Earthquake. BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 12.—The belief is prevalent here that yesterday's earthquake was caused by some volcanic disturbance near Mt. Baker, and that the mountain was smoking yesterday were corroborated today. Further shocks have been reported and the damage in the Skagit County has not as yet been ascertained.

Find Cattle in Snow. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Humane Officer Darwin Bradley rounded up two horses and 20 head of cattle on the west side of the river, returning to Oregon City today from a three-day trip, bringing the horses and loading them in a stable, where their feed will be charged to their inhuman owners. Bradley will return and get the cattle and place them under shelter and make an attempt to find their owners.

Start Fire-Control Work. PORT STEVENS, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The arrival of a launch about 40 by 8 feet marks the commencement of the quarter-million-dollar fire-control system of Ports Stevens, Columbia and Gearhart. The launch will be utilized to convey men, working material and all other supplies to points hitherto inaccessible because of the greater draught of Government boats now in use at the mouth of the river.

Autos for Stage Route. VALE, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The 20-hour journey, much dreaded by commercial travelers and others, between Vale and Eugene, the seat of the County, is to be shortened considerably. H. N. Ford, of Seattle, is about to open an automobile line between the two places, and expects to cover the 140-mile trip in less than six hours.

Timmons Case Near End. SALEM, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—It is expected the fate of Cy Timmons, charged with the murder of his wife, Estelle Timmons, will be in the hands of the jury by noon tomorrow. All the charges in this case were taken up at this afternoon and tomorrow morning will be devoted to arguments.

Hearing for Express Company. SALEM, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission has named January 22 at 11 o'clock in the morning, as the time for hearing evidence in the case of B. F. Jones against the Pacific Express Company. Jones alleges the company has charged exorbitant rates in this state.

Seattle's Relief Fund \$10,200. SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Seattle's relief fund for the earthquake sufferers reached a total of \$10,200 today.

HEAVY COURT DOCKET ON

Washington Supreme Court Has Varied Assortment of Cases. OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The January term of the Supreme Court began today. One of the most important cases argued was the appeal from the judgment of the local Superior Court against the Northern Pacific, sustaining the validity of the law passed by the last Legislature, limiting the employment of railway trainmen to 35 consecutive hours.

Improve Water Service. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Water Commission has arranged for the purchase and installation of two new Gould pumps, with a capacity of 1,600,000 gallons each. Two 7-inch McCormick water wheels will also be procured. Before next June it is anticipated that water will be moved from the wooden house where it has been located for many years to a new reinforced concrete building that will be fireproof.

Will Boost for County. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A boosters' mass-meeting of the citizens and business men of Vancouver will be held in Hager's theater Thursday night. It is expected that several business men from Portland will be present and make speeches. All prominent men in the county have been invited to attend the meeting, which is being held to arouse further interest in Vancouver and Clark County developments.

Jury Gives Quick Verdict. PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Only a few minutes were required by the grand jury to bring in a verdict in favor of the defendant in a \$1000 damage suit, the trial of which was conducted in the courtroom of the Circuit Court. J. T. Wilson alleged he had been maliciously prosecuted and imprisoned by his stepfather, W. P. Card. Wilson had been charged by Card with improper relations with his step-daughter.

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NO BOUNTY ON CROWS.

William L. Finley Gives His Views on This Subject. JENNINGS LODGE, Or., Jan. 12.—(To the Editor.)—In last Sunday's Oregonian is a news item concerning the same legislation proposed by the Oregon Fish and Game Association. Toward the latter part of this is the following statement: "According to William Finley, game-department, the crow and the hawk are, if anything, worse than the destruction wrought by the hunter and his dog. According to this naturalist, thousands of pheasants, quail, and wild geese are destroyed by crows alone, and for that reason the Legislature is to be blamed for placing a bounty on these latter birds."

The crow undoubtedly destroys the eggs and young of other birds at times, but the real amount of damage it does in this respect is very small. It will eat chicken and turkey eggs when the nests are found away from farmhouses, but where he has been near about the premises, he seldom comes very near about the premises.

To determine the economic status of the crow, the Department of Agriculture created a committee of thousands of stomachs of crows killed in every month of the year and throughout the country. Out of 1000 crows from the State of Oregon, only 100 contained eggs, feathers, bones, or other remains which could be identified as those of wild birds, and some of the birds were killed in the State of Oregon.

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