ONCE TOO OFTEN.

J. M. Bennington Caught by Means of a Decoy Letter.

Daily Guard, December 24.

Saturday night when it became known that J. M. Bennington had been arrested at Springfield charged with forgery, excitement ran high. While there were a good many who were saying, "I told you so," nevertheless to the larger number of his acquaintances the news came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. He came here about nine months ago, and hailed from Tacoma where it is said he has a sister living, but farther than this nothing is known about him. His demeanor has been that of a rather pious young man and he has been quite prominent in church and society circles. He is handsome, of pleasing address, a good conversationalist and easily became a favorite.

Some time ago a check for $89, drawn on the First National Bank of Eugene was sent to the Eugene Loan and Savings bank requesting that bank to send $25 in currency and the remainder in a postoffice money order payable at Creswell and registered to Goshen. The check bore the signature of Wm Nels and was drawn in favor D. M. Williamson, and was sent in a letter dated Pleasant Hill, Nov. 16, 1894. Coming to the First National as it did, through a legitimate course of business, it was paid and the registered letter was sent Nov. 17, and the supposed Williamson called for and receipted for the same Nov. 29. The forgery was discovered in a few days and the bank and officers have been quietly working on the case since.

The bank was surprised Friday morning, Dec. 21, when another check signed by the same person for $70 and payable to R. D. Wilson, was presented by the Lane County bank for payment. The forgery was immediately discovered and a decoy letter was registered to the supposed Wilson at Springfield as requested in his letter to the Lane County bank. J. J. Poill was appointed a deputy constable by Constable Linton, and was sent to Springfield with instructions to arrest the person calling for the decoy letter. Late Saturday afternoon a man dressed in working clothes presented himself at the office for the letter, and on giving his receipt for it was arrested by Mr. Poill. The man proved to be none other than said J. M. Bennington. He was immediately brought over to Eugene and on examination was bound over, and his bonds fixed at $2,000. Mr. Poill deserves credit in doing his work so successfully. When Mr. Poill presented the warrant, he weakened, broke down and cried, and finally begged to be shot, saying he would rather have it so than be caught thus.

Bennington had left Eugene in a buggy wearing his usual clothing, but took along those used for a disguise in a valise. He also wore goggles to disguise his appearance.

A GUARD reporter endeavored to interview Mr. Bennington today but was not admitted, as he will see no one. He realizes his position and feels it keenly.

Florence News.

The West, Dec. 21.

Many will regret to learn that all of the children of N. H. Bjealdanes are dead but one, the baby that was, when they left here for Minnesota. The children, three in number, died of scarlet fever.

A handsome fire bell was purchased in Portland by Mr. Wm. Kyle when in that city recently, and will be used by the Florence fire department. The bell weighs 350 pounds and cost $40. The company will soon have it hung and its long-tongued tones will be heard. It arrived on the Robarts Saturday.

Bids were opened for the improvement of the water front by the council on last Monday evening, and that of the Siuslaw Boom & Timber Company was $1,200 without rocking, and $1,500 when rock is used. Mr. M. J. Hadsall's bid was 85 cents per foot, not using rock, and $1.65 with rock. Both bids were laid on the table for the present. It is generally believed that a cheaper class of work will be necessary, or the whole scheme abandoned, as the property owners cannot afford to pay the price.

Card of Thanks.

On behalf of the pupils of the public schools and myself individually, I desire to extend the most sincere thanks to the committee from the W. R. C. and all others who so kindly rendered assistance in the distribution of the Christmas donations on last Saturday. It is believed that the work was well done and the donations from many sources were very liberal and the several committees feel that there was much substantial aid given to many who are worthy and highly appreciative.

Very Respectfully,
D. V. S. REID.

The Creamery.

A proposition has been made by Messrs Casedy & Stevens now, that is likely to develope and we understand that all interested are sanguine of success. The proposition is to furnish machinery for a creamery of a capacity of 700 or 800 cows, and use part or all of the cannery building. Those interested are making arrangements to have this done and we are hopeful of having the creamery started.

An Old Settler Dead.

Geo Garroutte, 85 years of age, and one of the first settlers in Oregon, died Sunday near Cottage Grove, and was buried today under the auspices of the Odd Fellows. He was the father of 19 children.

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SALOONS CLOSED.—On Saturday Marshal Eastland notified the proprietors of Eugene saloons that they must keep their back and side doors closed and refrain from business on Sunday. Some complaint had been made that they were running too openly. The saloons remained tightly closed yesterday as per instructions. It is said that a large supply of bottled goods were laid in Saturday, and the man with an excessive thirst could be satisfied.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.

W. A. Teutsch, of Creswell, was in town today.

Miss Henrietta Lauer is visiting with friends in Portland.

T. P. Kerney, of The Dalles, is down on a visit to relatives.

E. Dell Johnson, of Portland, is visiting in Eugene for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Jones, of Cottage Grove, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Roper and child, of Portland, are visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Frank Craw, of Albany, came up this afternoon to visit relatives.

Miss Carrie Matlock went to Corvallis this morning to visit a few days.

Miss Cora Andrews went to Portland this morning to visit for several weeks.

Prof. Luella C. Carson left for Portland this morning to spend the holidays.

Lee Teutsch left this afternoon to spend Christmas at the home place near Creswell.

Miss Sadie Driskill, a University student, left for her home at Junction this morning.

H. W. Stewart, railroad agent and postmaster at Comstock, visited friends in Eugene today.

Miss Etta Cherry, of Albany, is visiting at the residence of P. R. Burnett, in this city.

Miss Eva Vaughan who has been attending the blind school at Salem, is home for a vacation.

Dr. Chester Osburn, of Athena, who visited with friends here Saturday, left for his home yesterday.

Mrs. E. J. McClanahan went to Roseburg this afternoon to visit her daughter Mrs. Dave Houston.

Messrs Scott, of Salem, and Theo Tyre, students, were passengers down the valley on this morning's local.

Mrs. J. C. Welch, of Portland, is visiting at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Wallis, in this city.

Mrs. G. W. Tucker, of Moscow, Idaho, is visiting at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Geo Biddle, in this city.

H. B. Luce, of Portland, state food inspector, stopped off here last night to visit relatives, going on home this morning.

Trains on time hereafter.

G. M. Allen paid a fine into the city treasury Saturday for disorderly conduct.

One of the street car mules got away yesterday and made a run from the depot to the car shop.

A crowd of Stanford students passed through on yesterday's overland to spend vacation at home.

Alf Walker, who has been buying hops at Salem for Phil Nels & Co., completed his season's work today, and is now visiting his parents at Cloverdale.

E. H. Ingham and family left on Saturday night's overland to visit his parents at San Jose, Cal., during the holidays.

The steer which hangs in Fisher & Watkins market weighed 2160 pounds before being dressed. The net weight is about 1100.

Register Veatch of the Roseburg land office came down on the local from Cottage Grove this morning and returned in the afternoon.

The meeting of the class in economics of the Eugene Advancement Club Saturday evening was largely attended. Mr. H. B. Miller spent some time explaining the features of the question under discussion, after which other short talks were made. It was a profitable meeting.

General William Booth will probably pass through Eugene on the overland train Dec. 28. If he would pass through in the day time an effort would be made by our citizens to have him make a short talk from the car. General Booth is the founder of the Salvation Army and has probably done more to help his fellow man than any other living man.

Oregonian: Sister Mary Henrietta, daughter of Hon. J. J. Kelly, of Portland, has severed her connection with the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel, and has joined the Sisters of Mercy being the first of that order, received in this diocise. She is now in this city, where she will be remembered by her many friends as Sister Mary Josephine, and is very happy to be again among her dear children in her new field of labor.

Sentenced to Death.

Samuel Brown shot and killed Fred Kinkaid, last August in Oakland, Or. He was tried and convicted, and Friday, Judge Fullerton, after reviewing the case, pronounced sentence as follows:

"You have had a fair and impartial trial by 12 honorable and intelligent jurymen; you have been ably defended by attorneys of experience and skill; you have been duly indicted and convicted of murder in the first degree, for feloniously, purposely and of determined and premeditated malice, killing Alfred Kinkaid, August 13th, 1894. It is therefore ordered and adjudged that you be kept in close confinement in the county jail until Friday, February 15, 1895, and on said day, between 6 and 7 o'clock, a. m., be taken to a place prepared by the sheriff, in the jail yard, and then and there hanged by the neck until you are dead."

"OUR TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY."—Brother Thorpe, of the Cottage Grove Echo-Leader, is very proud of their new system of water works. The following is a sample of his effervescent joy: "If Corbett and Jackson should come to this city, we would give the boys of the fire company an idea. Turn the hose on them and give them a high pressure deluge of cold mountain spring water. It would cun their fighting propensities far below zero."

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RECITALE.—A number of Mrs. Hollenbeck's piano students gave a very enjoyable Recital, Saturday evening, Dec. 22. The participants were Misses Grace Brown, Lottie White, Alice Hemingway, Eva Barbour, Pearl Lakin, Maud Scott Vernice Long, Mrs. Sills, Jennie Park and Grace Edmunson.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

J. W. Clark has moved to the J. M. Stevens residence on Pearl street, near Ninth.

Albany churches are now indulging in "Rooster Sociables." Must be tough affairs.

Corvallis Times: "The majority of the Friendly assignment have signed a petition, asking Assignee Peet to secure an order from the court for the sale of the property." Quite a number of Lane county people are interested in the estate.

Friendly has had an arc light placed in front of his store.

The Governor has appointed Frank Skipworth a notary public.

Oregon is only allowed $10,000 for government surveys this year.

F. E. Dunn is having two arc lights placed in front of his store and one in his north room.

J. H. Beckley, who has been on the reportorial staff of the Portland Sun, has resigned and is visiting at Elkton for the present.

Thursday's Salem Post: "The Eugene arrived up last night at 6:30 and left immediately for points on the upper river, having repaired the damage sustained on the last trip."

In Osburn & Delano's north window is a very pretty decoration. It represents a grotto, with icicles hanging from the top, and inside is a display of their finest goods. Take a look at it.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon by the county clerk to G. T. Young and Elsie M. McBee.

Engineer Kelley went to Albany this forenoon.

Al P. Churchill is now residing at Cottage Grove.

C. W. Talmage, of McMinnville, is visiting in Eugene.

Postmaster Roney was in Eugene today for a few hours.

S. O. Garrison has been quite ill at his home near Coburg this week.

Mrs. W. T. Osburn went to Junction City this morning to visit for a few days.

Miss Carrie Friendly has been confined to her room this week with sickness.

Miss Lida Boynton, of Woodburn, is visiting at the residence of G. R. Christman in this city.

H. W. Stewart, railroad agent at Comstock is in Eugene today visiting relatives and friends.

Charles Fish and H. E. Ruffe, of Arizona, are in Eugene looking for a location to start a cigar factory, and are rather favorably inclined to this city.

F. P. Cronemiller, for the past three years managing editor of the Roseburg Plaindealer, has disposed of his interest in that paper to W. F. Benjamin, the ex-postmaster, and will retire therefrom on the first of the year. Mr. Cronemiller expects to retire permanently from the newspaper business and will probably remain in Roseburg. Sensible man to get into some other business.

Elvin Wilson, better known as "Dick" Wilson formerly of this city, is now an employe of the Electric Light Co. of Woodland, Yolo county, California.

Albany Democrat: W. A. Calder will go to Springfield this evening to visit with his parents and shoot ducks. Mrs. Calder will spend her vacation in Albany.

There is an attractive little ad on one of J. H. McClung's show windows. Apparently a paper has been stuck on the large plate glass and a hole broken through. Look at it.

Independence Enterprise: "Rev. O. B. Whitmore has been engaged as pastor of the Congregational church of this city. Rev. Mr. Whitmore will make his home in Independence and expects his family here in a few days." Rev. Whitmore was formerly pastor of the M. E. church in this city.

A man came into The Dalles Saturday from the country with a band of cattle, owned by another person, and after selling them for nearly $400, gambled nearly all the amount away at a crap game running in one of the saloons. The owner of the band is trying, by legal process, to secure his money, with fair hopes of being successful.

Secretary of the State Geo. W. McBride is expected home about the 26th of the month from New York where he went to consult a specialist regarding a long standing injury to his knee. Report comes that Mr. McBride is much improved in health, being pleasing news to the hosts of friends Oregon's efficient secretary has throughout the state.

The GUARD is in receipt of the welcome Pope Mfg. Co. desk calendar for 1895, containing a leaf for each day in the year. This cannot be surpassed for calendar and memorandum purposes. It can be had for five 2-cent stamps from the Pope Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn., or from any Columbia bicycle agency.

T.-M.: There is a very fatal hog disease prevailing in the vicinity of Dufur, which is causing serious loss to many farmers. Yesterday Mr. R. Sigman, who lives about 2 miles this side of Dufur, lost six very fat hogs, ready for the block. Half of his drove was sick at the time, and these six suddenly became affected with a kind of paralysis and in a few moments were dead.

The Dalles T-M: Eastern Oregon will sow a large acreage to flax the coming season. Many farmers have contracted their crops for next year at prices above $1 per bushel. The demand for flax has been constant for several years and there seems to be no room for doubting that flax is a paying crop at the above figure especially where contracted ahead. The only chance the farmer is running will be in getting a large enough yield.

Ashland Tidings: Several tourists rode out of Ashland on the "bumpers" on the freight that left here southward Sunday morning, including one fellow who was considerably intoxicated. The latter fell off as the train was near Dollarhide trestle, beyond Steinman, striking his head and bruising himself up considerably. He was taken to a cabin close at hand and later was brought down on the evening freight and sent to the county hospital near Jacksonville, having no means whatever. He gave his name as Frederick Austin, an Englishman, aged 24.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Chas. Friendly the hide buyer was in town last night.

I. L. Campbell went to Salem on a business trip today.

Miss Maud Bales, of Astoria, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Frank Anderson and little son came up from Junction this afternoon.

Misses Powell and Black left for Roseburg to spend holidays at home.

Miss Jennie Bestie left for Oregon City today to visit with friends for a week.

Rev. Dilworth, of Astoria, arrived in Eugene on yesterday afternoon's train.

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. Don't you notice the difference today?

Rev. I. H. Hazel returned to his home at Forest Grove today, after a short stay here.

Miss Sallie Mast and brother, Webb returned to Creswell yesterday afternoon on the local.

A marriage license was issued today to Arthur M. Brewer and Henrietta B. Sovereign.

Miss Zida Goldsmith went to Oregon City this morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Rosa Bollack.

We understand that Mrs. S. Munra receives $3.50 per day for managing the Meacham eating house.

The Misses Dora, Maud and Pearl Cooper, of Independence, left for home today to spend the holdays.

Miss Carol Johnson has returned from school at Monmouth and will spend the holidays at home.

J. O. Rhinehart has leased and is now occupying W. H. Alexander's residence on Thirteenth street.

Now that vacation has come at the university, the car line will have a poor trade for a couple of weeks.

S. T. Wyatt and wife, of Corvallis, are here and will spend Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbert.

J. M. Shelley came up from Portland yesterday and will spend Christmas at the Baxter farm on the Mohawk.

Miss Ella Richardson came up from Portland yesterday afternoon and will spend Christmas with friends here.

Walter Brown, of Harrisburg, spent last night in Eugene on business matters.

Com. S. W. Taylor, of the G. A. R. post of this city went to Junction City today where he will organize a post tonight.

Rev. G. W. Grannis, of Salem, who lectured at the M. E. church in this city last night, returned home this morning.

Mrs. H. B. Millard, who stopped off here to visit with friends, left for Cottage Grove to spend Xmas, yesterday afternoon.

Mr Tilton and sister, who have been atteding school at Monmouth, came up yesterday afternoon to spend vacation at home.

Mrs. Hugh Thompson and Miss Veina Adair, of Salem, arrived here this afternoon and will spend a few days at their old homes.

Chief Justice Bean and wife arrived this afternoon from Salem and are the guests of Mrs. Bean's parents, Prof Thos. Condon and wife.

Fred Mulkey, Howard Davis, W. C. Smith, Ed Bryson and Ralph Brown were among the students who left for home this morning.

The Register of today denies the assertion of the Salem Statesman, that Miss Grace Bushnell, of this city, is to be married. Miss Bushnell knows nothing of it.

Mrs. J. L. Parker, of Butte, Montana, who has been visiting her brother Robt. Parker, and friends in this city, returned home this morning.

Rev. J. A. Longbottom returned on this morning's local from Cottage Grove, where he has been assisting in a very successful revival service.

Mrs. Sawyers, who went to Santa Cruz, Cal., about two weeks ago, has returned home accompanied by her husband, who is much improved in health.

Mrs. Cole formerly Miss Minnie Bogart of Coburg, now resides at Spokane, Wash., and is at present visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bogart, at Coburg.

Dr. G. C. Osburn, of Athena, Oregon, arrived here on last night's overland train and will visit his many friends a few days. He is now one of the prominent merchants of that place.

Miss Iula Bradley came down from Roseburg this morning.

John Evans and Elmer Spores, of Athena, are in the city.

Mrs. Herbert Martin came down from Pleasant Hill this morning.

Mrs Hattie Gwinn is up from Salem to visit relatives and friends a few days.

Mrs. Hanchett left this morning for Portland, where she will spend a couple of months.

Reports come of disastrous storms in England and Holland, at least one hundred lives being lost and large amounts in property.

Miss Sadie Baum went to Portland this morning to spend the holidays with Miss Edith Meyer.

George Alexander, of the Lebanon Advance, is here, and will spend Christmas with his parents.

Misses Belle Millican and Emma Wold arrived home this afternoon. They have been teaching school near Junction.

Salem Statesman Dec. 22: "Mrs. J. W. Welty, late of Turner, is visiting in the city before removing to her new home at Eugene, where Mr. Welty is now preparing for the arrival of his family.

Albany Herald: Mr. J. A. Archibald, agent for Brownell & Morrison's nurseries of this city, has sold to J. A. Harlow at Eugene 1024 Italian prune trees to be planted upon his farm near that place.

At the regular meeting of the Eugene Engine company Thursday night Wid McGee, I. L. Simpson and Thos. Jenkins were elected to succeed themselves as delegates from this company to the board of fire delegates for the ensuing year. Some refreshments were brought up to the hall after the meeting was over, to which those present did ample justice.

Several Buildings Destroyed.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 21.—At 10 minutes after 3 o'clock this morning a lamp exploded in the old Philadelphia house, known as the Sailor's Home, located on Georgia street, near the wharf. Jack Finn, proprietor of the hotel, John Bell and George Joslyn, three of the 12 men sleeping in the house, were burned to death. The rest escaped with their lives. The bodies were terribly disfigured, the limbs being totally burned off. Finn and Bell were both ex-men of war'smen. Joslyn was a quartermaster on the United States steamship Independence. His time would have been out in two months. Finn has a wife in Los Angles. Her brother, James O'Conner, was on a visit to Finn, but escaped without injury. In addition to the Philadelphia house, two buildings on each side were damaged to a slight extent. There was $800 insurance on the burned building. The other two buildings are insured for $1500. The firemen are still working on the ruins to see if other bodies are in the embers.

Mrs. Matson's Murder

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 21.—The most plausible theory regarding the murder of Mrs. Matson appears to be that she was murdered by some one familiar with her ways and with the fact she kept money in her house, collected each month from half a dozen tenants. The inquest has been postponed until tomorrow. Mrs. Matson's husband, from whom she is separated but not divorced, lives at San Diego, Cal. She was expecting him to visit her in Topeka some time this month. This message was received this afternoon from San Diego: "Albert Matson is still in this city, but has heard nothing of the murder. Your message has been sent to his house about two miles out. He is a music teacher here." To-day two letters were found in Mrs. Matson's house, written by her husband from California in November. They told of some domestic trouble between the two, and expressed contrition on the part of the husband and a desire to return to Topeka, which place he left eight years ago.

The Nicaragua Canal.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Chairman Bartlett, of the stockholders' reorganization committee of the Nicaragua canal, in an interview today, said the whole of the Nicaragua shares at his disposal had been taken in England. He could have sold many times the amount of the shares he possessed had they been available. He will sail for New York next week, to organize the new construction company and complete arrangements to place the securities of the company in the United States and Europe. Active work upon the canal will be begun soon. Among the members of the reorganization committee are some of the ablest leading English politicians and scientists. Bartlett says the building of the canal with or without the assistance of the United States congress has become a certainty.

Flowers for Premier Thompson.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The queen will send a special representative to Portsmouth on the occasion of the removal of the body of Premier Thompson on board the cruiser Blenheim tomorrow. The colonial office will also send the assistant secretary to the Marquis of Ripon, Mr. Hartenuas. Lord Ripon has sent a wreath of white flowers to be placed upon the coffin. Under Colonial Secretary Buxton has sent a cross of holly, and the staff of the colonial office have sent a wreath with a cross of holly.

Bold Postoffice Robbery.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—The boldest and most successful burglary that has taken place in this city for a long time occurred yesterday. The postoffice was robbed of about $1000 in cash, stamps and a gold watch. The robbery was evidently the work of local crooks, as the location and general business methods were familiar with whoever did the work. The postoffice has been doing a big money-order business since the closing of the Centralia bank, which accounts for the large amount of cash on hand. There is yet no clue to the robbers, but a number of people are being shadowed and it is thought probable that the thieves will be caught. The safe in the postoffice was blown open.

A New Trial Refused.

LITTLE ROCK Dec. 21.—Judge Edgerton has refused a new trial to Jere Haralson, the Pine Bluff attorney, convicted of pension frauds. His sentence is two years in the Detroit house of correction, and a fine of $5,000. Therefore it will stand. Haralson was a member of congress from Alabama during the reconstruction period.

A Young Lady's Suicide.

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 21.—This morning Miss Fanny Market, a highly respected young lady, jumped from the Clinton & Illinois high bridge into the Mississippi river. She was dead when her body was recovered. No cause is known.

Collision in the Channel.

LONDON, Dec. 21. — The steamer Munster, carrying passengers and mails from Holyhead to Kingston, collided in the channel today with an unknown vessel. The latter disappeared in the darkness. The collision caused consternation among the passengers on the Munster. Several were hurt. The Munster had to be towed to Holyhead.

A Peculiar Fatal Accident.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 21.—When Captain James Clegg, foreman of a pipe line gang for the New Martinsville Natural Gas Company was caulking a pipe under 1,000 pounds direct pressure, the pipe burst throwing Captain Clegg 100 feet in the air, killing him instantly, his neck was broken. Half a dozen workmen were knocked down and severely wounded.

Internally Injured by a Fall

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—W. Linderman, while working at Jones' saw mill yesterday, fell from a trestle about 16 feet and was seriously bruised, especially internally, and is lying in a dangerous condition.

The President Returns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president and party reached Washington on the return from a duck-shooting expedition, from South Carolina this morning at 9 o'clock. Several large hampers of game were taken from the train and the contents distributed among the cabinet families and other favored friends of the nimrods. This afternoon Mr. Cleveland, tempted by fine weather, took a long drive.

One of Them Will Probably [illegible]

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 23.—[illegible] man Prince last night attempted [illegible] rest three men who were [illegible] amuck in Prescott, when they [illegible] guns and commenced firing at [illegible] He returned the fire shooting one [illegible] and [illegible] lean through the right thigh, shattering the bone badly and causing a wound from which the man will probably die. The wounded man fell on the sidewalk, but continued shooting until he had emptied his pistol, and then attempted to reason. He had a belt full of cartridges around his waist. The other two escaped in getting away after emptying their [illegible] at Prince, 18 or 20 shots being fired in all at the officer, but he escaped without a scratch. Prince was [illegible] cigar when he attemped to [illegible] arrest, and continued shooting [illegible] through the battle.

The Influx of Japanese [illegible]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It [illegible] from a special report to the state department from United States Consul Smithers, of Hiogo, Japan, that there is very little danger to be apprehended to the United States of an influx of Japanese cheap labor. By the new regulations recently issued by the Japanese government, the immigration companies are required to secure the approval of the countries to which the immigrants go, and this can be withheld at any time. The Meiji Emigration Company, established at Hiogo in 1892, with the object of sending emigrants to work in the coal mines of British Columbia, has been unsuccessful in that enterprise, and some emigrants shipped to Victoria have been sent to the United States.

A Judge Accused of Fraud.

MACON, Mo., Dec. 20.—A warrant was sworn out by O. M. Hicks, treasurer of the populist county committee, against Judge D. D. Ballard, late of Los Angeles, Cal., whom he accuses of obtaining money from him under false pretenses. During the congressional campaign Ballard lectured for the populists, and during this time obtained Hicks' indorsement to a draft on a Washington bank. Hicks found Ballard had no money in the bank, and swore out a warrant for Ballard's arrest. The latter's whereabouts are unknown.

Mistook Him for the Coon.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Henry and Barney Chasteen, residing at Holman, a village 30 miles north of this city, last night, with their guns dogs, went coon hunting. Several coons were found, and one of the number ran up a tree.

The night being dark, Henry, rather than lose the coon, climbed the tree after him. After he had located the animal, Henry perched himself on a limb. He was about to fire when suddenly the limb broke precipitating him to the ground. The dogs were treeing their prey, and when Chasteen fell mistook him for the coon, and literally tore him to pieces. Barney was compelled to shoot two of the dogs before they would loosen their hold on his brother.

Heavy Snow in the Siskiyous.

SISSONS, Cal., Dec. 23.—The snow fall here during the last five days measures exactly ninety-six inches, and traffic on the Oregon division of the Southern Pacific railroad is completely blocked.

The heavy fall of snow is causing great damage. The big Methodist building collapsed under the weight of snow yesterday morning, and since then Bowler's livery stable, and the Siskiyou Lumber & Mercantile company's slaughter house, the Mount Shasta Manufacturing company's warehouse, and the Pioneer box factory have fallen in. Numerous smaller building have collapsed. Snow shovelers are commanding $1.50 per hour.

Bone Buried in a Tree.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Dr. O. W. Green has in his possession a curiosity which was found near this city yesterday. It is the shin bone of a calf and was found in the heart of a large walnut tree. A new street was being made north of the city, which necessitated the cutting down of a walnut tree which was 50 feet high. When the tree was being cut into pieces one of the men noticed a bone sticking out of the wood. They cut the trunk open and the shin bone was removed. The bone was nine inches long. This bone had been placed between the forks of this tree probably 50 years ago and the growth of the tree buried it in the tree.

Will Sue for Peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Now that China has appointed commissioners to go to Japan to negotiate for peace, it is probable that the latter country will appoint commissioners to meet them. It is believed here that Mr. Matsu, minister of foreign affairs, will be Japan's representative. An armistice will likely be declared pending the peace negotiations.

And He Plugged Him.

SPOKANE, Dec. 23.—Wing Jek, a Chinese vegetable gardener, was shot in the breast by a small boy with a 22 rifle this afternoon. He was driving past a group of four boys, when one raised the rifle with the remark, "watch me plug him," and fired. The boys fled when the Chinaman fell. The bullet struck a rib and was deflected into the flesh. The perpetrator is unknown.

Rural Northwest: The experiments which were recently made in California seems to indicate that both the Perkins process and the Carbonic acid gas system are superior to the old method of refrigeration by ice in transporting fresh fruit. It is claimed for both of the new processes that they will prove cheaper than refrigeration and that fruit can be shipped after it is ripened and that it will reach its destination in such condition as to keep well. If we can send ripe fruit to the East safely it will bring about a great increase in the consumption of Coast fruit.

The Examiner's petition to foreclose the mortgage of the Pacific railroads and run them in the interest of the people, has received 200,000 names, Oregon furnishing 13,000 of that number.

[illegible] VEL- [illegible] by ONE- [illegible] GOCERIES are all NEW and of the FINEST QUALITY and BRANDS.

Do not fail to give us a call and inspect for yourselves.

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