

# Roseburg Plaindealer.

## TELEGRAPH NEWS

### The Alaska Boundary.

TACOMA, Dec. 5.—The Canadian government has let a contract for the carrying of mail to Juneau, in Alaska, to Forty-Mile creek, which is also in the territory always claimed by the United States. Canada is now asserting a claim to it. It is said that for a foreign country to let a contract for the transportation of mail in the territory of another government is something that is practically unheard of in international affairs. It would seem that it would only mean that the dominion of Canada, Great Britain's dependency, is bound to uphold at all hazards her claim to that strip of territory extending from and taking in Juneau to the rich gold fields of the Yukon river.

The contractors are Fred C. Gash and F. C. Heaney. The latter a resident of Dyea, Alaska. They will leave Juneau on their first trip to the Yukon country December 13, and expect to make a round trip every two months. The Canadian government thus executes a coup d'etat in establishing communication with the Yukon country, the United States having no postal service there, and the miners now pay private carriers \$1 per letter for carrying the mail. This move, following the sending of a detachment of mounted police by the Canadian government to Forty Mile, is taken as clearly indicating that country's determination to possess the disputed territory.

### Another Battle.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 5.—According to advice which reach here from Havana, the Cubans have once more won a victory over the Spanish troops. The battle was fought between Camagney and Las Villas. Generals Gomez and Sanchez, with 2000 insurgents, encountered General Suarez, Valdez and Garriel, commanding 500 Spanish troops. Three hours of desperate fighting was waged, the Spaniards retiring with a loss of 200 killed and 300 wounded. Among the killed were several officers.

The insurgents' loss was about half that of the Spaniards.

It is asserted in Havana that the report that Gomez and Maceo were routed was ordered called to the United States by Campos to prevent, if possible, the recognition of the insurgents by congress.

### Hope of the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 4.—During the past 24 hours there have been frequent cabinet councils at the palace, and several exchanges of opinion with representatives of the powers, but no decision seems to have been arrived at by the porte on the subject of the firmans demanded by the powers for the passage of extra guardships through the Bosphorus. The dilatory policy of the palace people is continued, apparently in the hope that a hitch will occur which may put an end to the accord of the powers.

The ambassadors do not attempt to deny that the accord of Europe is liable to be disturbed at any moment, and it is to attain this end that Turkey is working night and day with all the skill and subtleties of eastern diplomacy. Certain rumors about the "real designs" of Great Britain are taken to the Russian embassy by agents of the porte, and annoying insinuations concerning the ultimate aims of Russia find their way through the porte's agents into the British embassy. In turn the French ambassador bears reports about the doings of the German ambassador and vice versa. So the game continues, with Turkey still ahead, in spite of the efforts of apparently united Europe. However, unless all signs are misleading, or the unexpected happens, there will be a decided change in the situation by Saturday.

### A Cable to Hawaii.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A special to a morning paper says: Senator Hale's project, which had its origin at the last session, for the establishment of a cable line between this country and Hawaii, under governmental control, is to be pushed onward this winter, and, it is believed, with a chance of success. The original proposition passed the senate in the consular and diplomatic bill, but was left out in the house on account of the president's animosity, a sentiment that developed, it was alleged, out of the criticism passed upon the executive in connection with the Hawaiian situation. Senator Hale has prepared a new bill, which he will introduce at an early date.

It is learned that the Hawaiian government, desirous of the establishment of this cable connection, has guaranteed a subsidy of \$40,000 a year.

This makes the prospect of enacting the new measure more favorable than

ever. It is the determination of the friends of the movement that this government shall absolutely control the project, but, owing to the subsidy granted by the islands, the scope of the bill will be modified in such a way as to provide for a subsidized line, not built by the government, but at the disposition of the United States a both ends.

### California's Ice Palace.

TACOMA, Cal., Dec. 5.—Truckee is preparing to have an ice palace to illustrate the diversity of California's climate. The business men of the town have formed themselves into a stock company and are now erecting buildings which will be the basis of the palace. Streams of water sprayed on the buildings will coat them with ice. Tall trees covered with icicles placed on the roofs of the buildings will give them a picturesque appearance. An enclosed ice skating rink, 300 feet long with a roof of solid ice, will be one of the features. A sleigh ride of seven miles to Donner lake and return is guaranteed every visitor. In 10 days the palace will be completed and excursion trains running.

### England Will Arbitrate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A Washington special to the Journal-Press says: It is rumored that the president has been informed that Lord Salisbury's reply to Secretary Olney's note asking that the Venezuelan question be arbitrated is favorable. The reply is expected Saturday.

### In Panama.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: President Caro will retire temporarily from the presidency. General Rafael Reyes, minister of the interior will act as president.

The Herald's correspondent in Guayaquil sends word that the government forces under command of Colonels Morales, Alfaro and Avellan, defeated the clerical troops near Chapay after two hours' heavy fighting. The rebels fled taking refuge in Colombian territory. Many rebels were killed.

### In the Lower House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—When the house met today Terry, dem., of Arkansas, and Boatner, dem., of Louisiana, belated members, were formally sworn in, and a motion for a committee to pass on the members' mileage accounts was passed.

Baker of New Hampshire asked unanimous consent for the immediate consideration for a resolution calling on the secretary of agriculture to report whether he had expended the whole or any part of the appropriation made by the last congress for the distribution of a farmers' bulletins. McMillin of Tennessee, objected.

Walker of Massachusetts offered a petition in form of a resolution, from the naturalized Armenians of the United States, nine-tenths of whom, he said, lived in his district, and requested it to be printed in the records. After reciting the alleged oppression and outrages of the Turkish government, it concluded:

"Resolved, That the people of the United States, through their representatives in congress assembled, hereby express their deepest abhorrence and condemnation of the outrages thus committed on their American fellow-citizens as well as the Christian subjects of Turkey.

"Resolved, further, That this house, composed of immediate representatives of the American people, pledge its support to the government in every measure justified by international law and common humanity to vindicate the rights of our fellow-citizens and their families in Turkey, and to hinder and prevent, as far as practicable, the continuance of the outrages and massacres in that land."

The petition was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

At 12:30 the house adjourned until Monday.

### Attorney-General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The annual report of Attorney-General Harmon, sent to congress today, shows there has been an increase in the number of criminal cases pending in the federal courts, as well as an increase in the expenses of the courts, from \$3,865,898 in 1888, to \$5,628,223 in 1895. A strong argument is made for the abolition of the fees system. He says too much of the time of the supreme court is occupied by criminal appeals, and suggests that such appeals be disallowed save in capital cases. The attorney-general also calls attention to what he regards as a growing abuse of writs of habeas corpus, and suggests the allowance of a stay by the supreme court, or one of all its judges be required on at least all appeals after the first. He asks for additional circuit judges in the fifth and sixth circuits.

Northern Pacific litigation has called attention to the necessity of legislation to regulate the appointment of receivers and the judicial sales of railroads, parts of whose lines are in the different states. He points out the desirability of the investments of a single court with control over the entire property. Prompt action is urged toward the working out and solution of the problem presented in the government's relation to the Central and Union Pacific railroads, and, as it may become necessary or advisable for the government to institute proceedings against one or both of these companies, he shows the necessity of a law giving some court in the District of Columbia jurisdiction over the entire properties. The attorney-general says the principles established by the opinion of the supreme court in the Debs case are of the highest value and importance.

### More About the Message.

DENVER, Dec. 5.—The Hon. C. S. Thomas, national democratic committee-man from Colorado, expressed his opinion regarding the president's message today as follows:

"On foreign affairs he is democratic, and, therefore, right. His attitude is that of the vast body of his countrymen. On financial affairs he is consistent with his past policy, but so radically and viciously wrong that none save the Wall-street interests can regard it otherwise than as the expression of an obstinate man whose theory is that he must be right, and therefore everybody else must be wrong. His party platform and traditions are thrown overboard, and the ultra-radicalism of the Sherman school of finance is unconditionally approved and recommended. He may succeed in securing its adoption, but only through the sacrifice of the democracy."

### Congress Will Do Nothing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Although there was talk before congress met that Southern republicans might try to bring about congressional action on the state constitutions of South Carolina and Mississippi, which they claim are designed to disfranchise their party, there does not seem to be much likelihood that any effective step in that direction will be taken.

When the house veterans on the subject and become convinced that there is nothing this congress can do, and that the only practical measure would be to bring the questions involved into the supreme court. In the next congress, if there be a republican house, the status will be different. Already there is talk among Southern republicans that members to bring credentials from South Carolina to the next congress will be refused their seats on the ground that the senate has not the republican form of government guaranteed by the constitution.

Mr. Murray of South Carolina, who was the only colored member of the last congress, is back as a contestant for his old seat, the certificate to which is held by a democrat. He claims to have been counted out, and says he has not the slightest doubt that he will be seated. The republicans of the state, he says, notwithstanding their recent refusal in the supreme court, are preparing to bring the question of the validity of the constitution before the court in a form which they think will require a decision on the main issue at stake.

General opinion among the house republicans appears to be that this congress will be conservative in unseating the 32 members whose seats are contested. The republican majority is so large that there is no need to strain a point in unseating any.

### Not A Miner's Paradise.

IRONWOOD, Mich., Dec. 5.—Letters just received from Captain William A. Knight, who left here last September with a party of miners for the gold fields of South Africa, indicate that the dark continent is not the miner's paradise it has been painted. The Ironwood men were promised desirable positions at salaries ranging from \$5 per day to \$5000 per year. Many of them have been unable to secure any employment, and are in Johannesburg, which they describe as "a human bee-hive, composed principally of sharpers of both sexes and dust." The mines are manned principally by native Kafirs, who work for about 30 cents a day, and it is difficult for a white man to secure employment at living wages. They will return to Michigan as soon as they can get money to pay their passage.

### Roseburg Academy.

Second year will open September 23. The academy includes a kindergarten, a grammar school and a college-fitting school. Pupils may prepare for the second year in Princeton or Wellesley. Address: ROSEBURG ACADEMY, Roseburg, Oregon.

## BRIEF MENTION.

From Friday's Daily.

H. V. Chasford of Coos Bay is in town today.

I. Hermann of Portland is at the McClallen.

J. B. Russell of Gold Hill is at the Van Houten.

W. J. Kellman of Portland is at the Van Houten.

J. McGuire of Portland is stopping at the Van Houten.

W. E. Lincoln of Chicago is a guest at the McClallen.

Win. Russel and wife of Gold Hill are in the city today.

C. H. Carter of Geneva, Ohio, is stopping at the McClallen.

C. W. Johnson and C. Greenwood of Lake Chelan are in the city.

T. J. Jackson of Astoria, who has been in the city several days visiting friends, returned Tuesday on the overland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Drake of Myrtle Creek were in the city this week on business, and returned home this evening.

Miss Clara and Bert Riddle, who have been visiting the family of O. L. Willis in this city, returned home to Riddle this afternoon.

J. R. Harrison of the Grants Pass Mining Journal, dropped in on us today for a moment's chat. He reports things lively at the Pass.

C. D. Turner of San Francisco, solicitor for the America's Wonder Lands, son of D. C. Turner of Deer Creek, is in our city. Mr. C. D. Turner is the right man in the right place, and when he appears with his fascinating smile and asks you to take a copy of his Wonder Lands, you should remember Dave Crockett's address to the Coon, "Come down or I'll shoot." Yes, come down or you'll be shot, for C. D. is loaded to the muzzle. So write down your name. He will allow you a choice of binding, that is all. His book of wonders is wonderfully full of the wonders of America. It will make a fine holiday present.

Wednesday night about 11 o'clock some unknown person or persons hurled a couple of rocks of about three or four pounds weight through the windows of the house occupied by Lee Way and Lee Way, the Chinese Christians.

Lee Way is under the impression that the assault was made with intent to kill, but who the assailants were he can not guess. The rocks came in through the windows with terrific force, in both instances breaking through the blinds and bringing up on the further side of the room. Some people are a little too handy throwing rocks, and if they happen to get caught it will go hard with them.

## BRIEF MENTION.

From Saturday's Daily.

Harry Pratt charged with larceny will be placed on trial Tuesday next.

L. S. Shipley of Yonahla returned home after several days' sojourn in this city.

N. A. Foster, indicted on charge of adultery with Mary Jane Patterson, was dismissed.

The Oregon Fruit Union shipped yesterday to its agency at Philadelphia another carload of dried prunes.

N. A. Foster, convicted of seduction yesterday, was sentenced by the court to one year in the penitentiary and costs of prosecution.

J. F. Kose, tried for attempted rape, was convicted yesterday and will be arraigned before the court for sentence Monday at 9 p. m.

Lovely weather today after the good down pour last night. The thermometer ranging up to 65 degrees, and the ladies are promenading the streets enjoying the sunshine.

E. H. David of Glenada on Sigelaw river, made the PLAINDEALER a pleasant call today. Mr. David is interested in the lumber business and manufacturing of furniture.

Just as we go to press it is learned the court instructed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty in the case of State of Oregon vs. F. H. Skinner on trial for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Sam Brown, now in jail under verdict of guilty of murder, will be arraigned in court next Monday to receive sentence of the death penalty for the murder of Alfred Kincaid at Oakland, August 12, 1894.

Robert Himan, tried before his honor, Judge Fullerton, for assault with a dangerous weapon, and convicted as charged, was fined \$100, and in default of payment to be confined 30 days in the county jail.

Kerby country will yield up a great deal more gold this winter than she has for years. All the old mines will run, together with a good number of new hydraulics recently fitted up. A great

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

# Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

deal of money has changed hands in that section recently and lots of new money brought into the country.—Observer.

Wm. Ruble has commenced work on Coyote creek in good earnest. They are running three giants and working in very rich gravel. S. C. Ruble, who superintends the work, says he has taken out as high as \$10 and \$12 to the pan, in some parts of the mine.—Observer.

The committee favoring San Francisco hold the balance of power on the committee. If they see that San Francisco can't secure it they will favor St. Louis before allowing the convention going either to Pittsburg or Chicago. They are determined it shall go as far west as possible.

Miss Fern Orcutt went to Gravel Ford, Coos county, Thursday, to take charge of a district school there after closing a successful term near Jep Greene, this county. Miss Orcutt is one of Douglas county's good teachers. We congratulate Gravel Ford on securing Miss Orcutt's services.

The noted case of the State of Oregon vs. N. A. Foster for seduction has occupied the time of the court for some time. The jury has rendered the verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. In view of the extenuating circumstances, that of the seduced being a widow, we opine the penalty will be as light as possible. A woman who is of mature years and is a widow, cannot with much show of innocence claim she was seduced by a promise of marriage. She is herself, measurably guilty. The seducer of course ought to be punished as a penalty for his violation of law forbidding illicit conduct.

## Roseburg Academy.

An established institution of this character placed upon a firm and durable basis would be of immense financial benefit to our city, to say nothing of the intellectual and moral advantages it would have. An academy building suitable to accommodate 200 or 300 students would form a nucleus around which would cluster other institutions of a humanizing character, besides attracting a large number of families for educational purposes. They would become consumers of products and commodities for which money would be paid, and thus swell the volume of business to the general advantage of all. Mr. Dilworth is doing what he can as a venture, and is doing what he can on a small scale, but if his work could be augmented by the erection of an academical building it would add much to the good name of Roseburg.

## Honored by the Militia.

The members of Company A last night a few minutes after completing a short regular drill at the armory, excused J. A. Underwood on account of his changed relations in life—having recently joined the benedict—and, "unbeknownst" to him, proceeded to his residence and fired three volleys, which made the bills snake and Underwood quake, notwithstanding his bravery, fearing perhaps, that his bride's nerves would be unstrung. He pleaded piteously for relief and so the boys in uniform shouldered arms and retreated.

## An Umbrella Morgue.

Our city fathers ought to establish an umbrella morgue and make it a penal offense for persons finding an umbrella not to deposit it in the morgue for identification. By such a method umbrellas could be reclaimed. Apropos of this, we were reminded of the finding of a couple of silk umbrellas in a certain merchant's barn, a few mornings ago, and until said umbrella morgue is established the owners of the above umbrellas can have them by proving property. No charges for advertising.

## House Burned.

DEAR, Or., Dec. 5.—D. R. Warner of Smith river, the agent of the Pacific Home Supply Company, had his house burned down a few days ago. They saved nothing. He had his winter supplies in the house and it all burned. As Warner is a poor man, he is left in a bad shape. I did not learn the particulars. Warner has a wife and two children.

Bring your clocks and watches to Slow Jerry the reliable jeweler for repairs.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Proceedings of the December Term, 1895.

THE DOCKET.

39. Minnie Spriggs vs. J. L. Spriggs; divorce. Default. Decree of divorce.

64. Asher Marks, admr., vs. J. H. Whitsett; to recover money. Demurrer withdrawn, answer to be filed. Judgment for plaintiff.

69. A. J. Bellows vs. F. M. Burtis; trespass. Verdict for \$100.

71. Abraham Jones vs. Mary A. Drolinger et al.; foreclosure. Default. L. Loughary, guardian adinterim for minor defendant.

82. Jacob Brown vs. John Jackson et al.; foreclosure. Demurrer withdrawn. Decree of foreclosure.

87. State of Oregon vs. Chas. A. Bennett; larceny. Appeal from justice court. Dismissed.

91. State of Oregon vs. N. A. Foster; recognizance. Seduction, a true bill. Verdict of guilty as charged.

96. State of Oregon vs. J. F. Rose; recognizance. 2 bills, assault to commit rape. Pleads not guilty. On trial.

98. State of Oregon vs. Harry Pratt; recognizance. Larceny. A true bill.

99. State of Oregon vs. K. M. Duncan; recognizance. Not a true bill.

101. State of Oregon vs. R. E. Strong; recognizance. Not a true bill.

103. State of Oregon vs. Robert Hinman; assault with a dangerous weapon.

## Why Maryland Went Republican.

Senator Gorman in the N. Y. Press of November 16, says:

"The state (Maryland) went republican because the republican vote has largely increased, a very obvious and somewhat significant reason."

The republican vote a year ago throughout the state was 3,000 larger than the December vote, and nobody pretended to assert then that the result was due to any personal causes or to opposition to any one man. The fact is that the protection sentiment in the state has largely increased. In my own county, for example, we have a number of woolen mills. Until very recently they have been run upon a rough and cheap class of goods. In the last two or three years, however, they have undertaken a higher grade of work, and in order to do it they have been obliged to import a large number of skilled laborers from Massachusetts and other New England states. Most of these men are republicans. A like condition of affairs exist in other counties of the state, and here we have a very considerable increase in the republican vote accounted for.

There has been a change, too, among democrats, who are naturally inclined toward protection, and who believe that republican supremacy will more certainly insure a permanent protective policy. There is no question that the protection sentiment among all classes is now very strong, and many who believe in the doctrine have been disgusted by the business depression of the last two years. Naturally they turn to the party which is not in power for relief, especially in view of the fact that that party has a consistent protection record."

## The Planter's Wife.

Next Saturday at the Roseburg theater, Roseburg amateurs will present the thrilling drama entitled "The Planter's Wife," after several weeks of careful rehearsal, and will no doubt score a great success. Some of our best talent is in the cast, which is as follows:

Albert Graham ..... E. L. Fisher.  
Harry Livingstone ..... F. M. Ziegler.  
Arthur Blake or Rev. Balcomb .....  
..... L. A. Sanctuary.  
Simeon Simcoe ..... J. L. Fisher.  
Tomette and J. A. Walters .....  
..... D. Willis.  
Edith Grey, afterward Mrs. Graham, ..... Iula Bradley.  
Dora Graham (sister of Albert Graham) ..... Blanche Autenreith.  
Angie Gordon ..... Snow Autenreith.  
Mrs. Gordon (Angie's mother) .....  
..... Mollie Ruckie.

## Notice.

Grain bags and twine for sale by So Abraham, and the highest market price in cash will be paid by him for grain, delivered at his warehouse at Roseburg.