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### Famine in Sweden.

Sweden's two most northerly provinces are now white with snow and ravaged by famine. For three months death by slow starvation has faced nearly 100,000 inhabitants, and a third of the population of the extreme north has had to be fed by special relief measures.

Supreme efforts are being made by the peasants to obtain food for themselves and fodder for the cattle, many traveling as much as 200 miles by sled over the trackless snow, across mountains and through forests to the relief stations.

One peasant walked 180 miles in snowshoes from village to village in search of food, but none was obtainable. Finally he reached the railway after several days, worn out with fatigue and hunger. He was given a bag of flour and carried it home on his back. Many others on a similar errand broke down by the way, and those who went on horseback found their mounts too weak to travel.

Cases are known of small landowners having sold their timber-cutting rights for years to come for a mere song, and by this means many well-to-do inhabitants have been reduced to poverty. Three thousand children are now being cared for by the relief committees in these two northern provinces. Others from the remote uplands have been brought in by sledge to the towns and boarded out, or housed in special hotels, where they are being taught and fed.

Two thousand railway truck loads of food, clothing and concentrated fodder have already been sent by private charity to the stricken districts.

### The Ark of the Covenant.

A large force of workmen are excavating the top of the famous hill of Tara, Ireland, in the hope of discovering traces of the ark of the Covenant, which members of the local historical society claim was buried there. The idea is based on this reasoning:

During the stay of the Jews in Egypt many of them fell back into idolatry, and this so annoyed the prophet Jeremiah that he fled, with a number of others, to seek refuge in one of the Israelitish colonies of the tribe of Dan (Denmark). This is concluded from the last verse of the forty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah. He carried with him the ark, containing the two tables of stone upon which the commandments were inscribed. His ship was wrecked on the coast of Ireland, whose youthful king fell in love with one of the king of Judah's daughters, who accompanied Jeremiah. The prophet allowed the king to marry her upon the condition that he should establish a college at Tara and promote learning and religion. This the king promised to do, and upon the death of his wife he raised a cairn (the hill of Tara) over her and buried with her the ark and other relics.

### Republicans Against Trusts.

It is announced that Mr. Knox, the attorney general, will begin operations at once under the anti-trust laws that have passed a republican Congress. His first step in this direction will be the filing of a motion to have the case against the Northern securities company advanced on the docket. Authority for such motion has been granted in the bill passed by Congress and signed by the President to expedite cases pending or that may be commenced under the Sherman anti-trust law.

### Damp Foolishness.

Rev. Linden Jones, a disciple of Dowie, who last Thursday took Mrs. Tilda Sperry, of Hartford, down to the banks of the Connecticut river and immersed her in the almost frozen water, after cutting a hole through the ice may, if Mrs. Sperry dies, be charged with murder. He told the innocent and deluded young woman that unless she was baptized before her babe was born she and the babe would die.

Mrs. Sperry, days before she was immersed, begged and beseeched Rev. Jones to postpone the service until after her babe was born, but he was obdurate and insisted, and the mother-in-law, Mrs. Sperry, Sr., was on the minister's side and she literally, with the aid of the so-called minister, dragged the young woman to the river's bank. The girl was compelled before leaving home Sunday afternoon to don a very thin white dress with low neck and short sleeves, and given only a flimsy shawl to keep out the cold blasts of winter.

When the party reached the river Rev. Mr. Jones took about three-quarters of an hour to preach a sermon and say prayers.

The little band was composed of the minister, Mrs. Sperry, Sr., Mrs. Sperry, Jr., and six converts to the Dowie faith, which is within two of the entire number of converts in Hartford.

Mrs. Sperry was immersed and kept in the water, according to the statement of eyewitnesses, for fully fifteen minutes and when she was taken out she was unconscious. Then the ones who were to blame for this foolishness became frightened and picked up the almost lifeless form and carried it in their arms to Mrs. Sperry's home.

The young woman was laid on her bed and before night her babe was born. It was dead.

The mother next day had an acute attack of pneumonia.

### Don't Fool With These Girls.

The unmarried women of the ancient town of Guildford, England, the county seat of Surry, have leaped into fame suddenly by an action which has caused London's laughter to be echoed on the Paris boulevards. They have formed a "society for promoting man indifference among women," secured headquarters which they have named the Spinsters' Retreat, and have pledged themselves to assist "young women and those older in years to withstand temptations to enter the marriage state."

They scorn such a simple device to attain their object as the making of themselves unattractive in the eyes of the male sex. They stipulate in their first rule that all members must have attained the age of 17, must wear long skirts and dress their hair in a becoming manner. They also say: "Members are invited to render their appearance as attractive as possible, but they must be mainly in their conduct. The rules of the order compel the members to have a wholesome contempt of love, to abhor marriage and to display the society's badge at least one day a week. Nevertheless, members are not debarred from conferring their friendship upon the opposite sex, but this friendship must be absolutely free of sentiment and everything pertaining to that very undesirable state of being."

If the members only carry out that rule which says they must dress their hair in a becoming manner, the town of Guildford will provide an attraction to men which is not now supplied to much extent in any town in England.

### Mexican Bubonic Plague.

The bubonic plague has broken out at Mazatlan, Mexico, and forty persons have died and 250 persons are afflicted and all the houses in the village of Ocuilic, near Culiacan, where the entire Aguirre family from Mazatlan died of the plague, were burned by order of the health authorities. All the doctors of Mazatlan will attend a meeting to consider the best methods of combating the epidemic, and studying the effects of treatment with the Yersin serum. The charity commission has spent over \$125,000 for the relief of those who have suffered by reason of the plague and for sanitary improvements, and still has nearly \$62,000 on hand.

### Needham Pianos are coming to the front so rapidly, that musical people, like the DeMoss family, need advice, want to know in advance, if they can be supplied with a Needham piano, and make statement that, "they seldom have the pleasure of using such a fine Piano." Prof. Frazier, also endorses the Needham Piano. Therefore the Needham is proving itself to be one of the best pianos manufactured. For catalogue and prices, address T. K. Richardson, Roseburg, Oregon.

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### After Reed Smoot.

Senator-elect Reed Smoot, of Utah, and the chairman of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, has presented to the Senate a protest, signed by Rev. J. L. Leitch, representing the Ministers' Association of Salt Lake, against the seating of Reed Smoot. The statement, which is sworn to, declares that Smoot is a polygamist and now has a plural wife.

The polygamy charge against Senator-elect Smoot was received with the utmost surprise in Salt Lake, among Mormons and Gentiles alike. President Joseph Smith, of the Mormon church, was shown a copy of the charges of polygamy brought against Senator-elect Smoot by Rev. Leitch.

"I wish to deny in the most emphatic terms possible," said President Smith, "that there is any truth whatever in these charges. Mr. Smoot has only one wife and never has had another either before or after Utah entered the Union. There is no such record of plural marriages kept in the Temple, therefore there can be no such record of Mr. Smoot's plural marriage as charged by Rev. Leitch. I wish to repeat the Mormon Church does not now sanction plural marriages, nor has it since Utah entered the Union. The charges against Mr. Smoot are absolutely false."

If there is the least chance to throw Smoot out it will be done by a lot of senators in Washington who have an army of wives kept-up at public expense, in the various departments: When the trouble came up over another Mormon in Congress, for effect, the vilest men in Congress were loudest in their denunciation of a man who, by his labor and good business methods, was enabled to support four wives. Now, we have no sympathy with Mormonism, but we do hate to see a man set down on by a lot of hypocrites. Washington is wonderfully improved in morals or there are both in Congress and in the Senate many men whose wives would be a disgrace to Mormonism in any age or place.

### Compulsory Indian Education.

Something entirely novel, at least for the Indians (if it become a law), is the measure introduced by Senator Webster, in the Oklahoma legislature, providing a compulsory education law for Indian youth. The measure was drawn by S. M. McCowan, superintendent of the government industrial school for Indians at Chilocco, Okla., where there are 700 little red boys and girls in attendance, and by John H. Seger, agent for the Cheyennes and Arapahoes at Colony, Okla., the strongest advocate among agents of making the Indian work. It is patterned in great part after the measure which has been in force in Idaho for the past ten years, and which has recently been adopted in Oregon.

The bill provides that "whenever the government of the United States or the territory of Oklahoma shall maintain a school for general educational purposes, wherein the expense of tuition, clothing, lodging and food of the pupils is borne by the United States or the territory, it shall be compulsory on the part of parents or guardians to send children between the ages of 5 and 18 to such school for a period of nine months in each year."

### Wibber Items.

Clarence Leonard spent a day in Roseburg.

Joe Bacon, of Garden Valley, spent a few days in town.

Mrs. John McKay, of Winchester, spent a day here with relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Short, who has been visiting in Portland and Salem, has returned home.

Mrs. Harbit and daughter, Ada, are spending a few days in Elenhower visiting friends.

Mrs. Beeson has been called to Indiana on account of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Chenoweth is in Ashland, at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Hall, who is very sick.

Miss Bertha Lamb has resumed her position as teacher in the primary department.

Mrs. Mattie Reed and son, Byard, have moved down to Mr. D. P. McKay's for the summer.

Stephen Surt, has returned home from Salem where he served as clerk during the Legislature.

### Oak Creek Acorns.

F. A. Finley is doing some good work on the road.

S. F. Smith was seen on our streets one day last week.

Valentines are quite plentiful in our burg.

Mrs. W. F. Price has commenced school at this place.

M. B. Hughes is assisting F. A. Finley with the road work.

Pera Wright, of Gilde, passed through our city on his way to Roseburg.

Miss Myrtle Williams returned home from Oakland where she has been attending school.

Miss Josephine Talbert passed through our burg one day last week on her way to Mt. Scott to teach a term of school.

### Schley's Pacific Coast Tour.

It is announced that Admiral Schley will visit the Pacific Coast and will stop at all the principal cities from Los Angeles to Seattle. This will be afforded the citizens of Oregon an opportunity to see the only admiral that the United States has produced to control a vessel in the history of this country. He did not stop to fire a shot but made a long and got his vessel out of action and led brave Americans fight the naval battle at Santiago. Had the offense occurred in an English, French, Italian or German vessel, he could have been disgraced at the time by having his sword broken in two over his back and drummed out to the time of the regiments march. As it is he is a very valiant, brave and astute admiral with according to "one party" views, but he is branded as an unmitigated coward by another, and nothing but the cry of persecution because he was a democrat ever saved the man from a public contempt and disgrace.

### Little Ranch for Sale.

A good little home for sale; 17 acres adjoining fair grounds, 1 1/2 miles east of Roseburg. Good buildings, 150 good bearing fruit trees, 10 acres in cultivation. Price \$125. For particulars inquire at Milklin's shoe store, Roseburg at 17.

### Drain News.

Benton Mires, who has been in Salem, has returned home.

Bojo Drain returned has to Portland to resume his studies.

Jose Vann, of Elkton, was a recent business visitor in Drain.

Al Kent, recently of Roseburg, has been greeting Drain friends.

Pfeifer Beckley, the cattle dealer, was in Drain last week enroute to Oakland.

Temple Brown, of the Boarding Hall, went to Roseburg the first of last week.

"Grandpa" Osterlag, who has been ill for some time, has recovered sufficiently to be out again.

G. W. Ross' family have taken up their residence in the house recently vacated by Mr. Lynch.

Miss Ethel Putnam, one of the Normal graduates, expected to open the Hardacre school today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilsoncroft, of Irwin, Mo., are friends of Mr. Hoover and family, and are recent arrivals in Drain.

Mrs. Abe Mattson has been very ill with pneumonia, but has improved to a sufficient extent to be able to sit up.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Young have left for their home in Coos county, after visiting with relatives at Leona, Loran, and elsewhere.

Many friends of Miss Sylvia Clements are glad to learn of her convalescence from the illness which has confined her to her home for the past few weeks.

Jas. A. Sterling has resigned the post mastership at Anlauf, to be succeeded by J. M. Walker. Mr. Sterling has been appointed deputy assessor for Coos county, in which line of work he is no new hand. Success to your labors, Jimmie.

### Fences Must Go Down.

Congress will adjourn without taking any action upon any of the numerous bills introduced since December 1, 1901, relating to the leasing of public lands for grazing purposes. It is equally certain that the coming summer will be a busy one on the public ranges, as the officials of the interior department are determined that all unlawful fences on the public domain must be removed at once.

The administration has been remarkably patient with the cattle owners of the West and Southwest in this matter. More than a year ago the president took the question into his own hands and gave emphasis to an order of the secretary of the interior that the fences should be removed at once. As soon as Congress adjourns the officials of the interior department will take up this question and continue consideration of it until all of the unlawful fences have been removed.

### General News Notes.

Albany is to have free delivery of mail matter on June 1.

J. J. Gattling, the inventor of the gatling gun, died at New York last Thursday.

Near Heppner, Oregon, 600 sheep were cremated in a burning shed. The loss was \$1,500.

Colorado has voted \$10,000 for the purpose of moving the St. Louis exhibit to Portland.

In the Illinois Senate a bill passed to appropriate \$8000 for a life size statue of the late Francis E. Willard.

The Portland Evening Telegram is slightly off in geography. It places Kronstadt, Russia, in South Africa.

Count Boni, the boy Frenchman who was married by one of the Gould girls, wants the United States and France to form an alliance.

The United States revenue Launch Guard is now guarding Puget Sound to prevent smuggling of opium. The Chinks smuggle in tons of the drug every year.

The citizen of Indiana, Pa., after a shotgun win in which a prominent citizen was wounded by a negro, organized a force and drove all the colored people out of town.

It is currently reported that the Southern Pacific Railroad will in the near future put on another through passenger train from Portland to San Francisco.

The police of St. Louis are partners in the traffic of bringing young women from the country into the city for immoral purposes, at least that is what the Circuit Attorney said when he took the matter before the grand jury.

Last Friday night at a dance at Alleganey, a man was so badly used up in a fight that he lay unconscious in the mud for two hours and it took a doctor three hours the next day to sew and patch him up. It seems to have been a case of too much "gallant all."

The Coquille City Bulletin winds up an editorial by saying: "verily, Coquille slepeth." It is evident, to the Plaindealer that the Bulletin's arm pressure was not very great or the old maid would not have "slept" and pretended that she was sleeping. It seems to be a case of "don't do it some more."

It begins to appear that the Bohemia mining district will take front rank for the output of precious metals. An injunction has been filed in the court by Mrs. Ella Wall, of Cottage Grove, owner of the Evening Star mine, to restrain the Oregon Securities company from stealing ore from her property which she declares is worth \$60 per ton. It is stated that a vein ten feet has been struck and that there are millions in sight.

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