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## JEROME STOPS THAW EVIDENCE

Physicians of Crazy Members of Family Not Allowed to Testify.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The defense began the presentation of its case in the trial of Thaw today. Physicians who had attended the insane members of the defendant's family were called upon, but invoking the rule of confidential relations between a doctor and patient, district Attorney Jerome succeeded in blocking some of the intended testimony. One witness, a former teacher of Thaw, at Wooster University, declared that the boy's conduct so long ago as 1886 was irrational.

## AMERICA IS A JAP ISSUE

Political Campaign in Flowery Kingdom Hinges on the Emigrant Question.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—With a full comprehension of the fact that the Japanese emigration question is being made an important issue in the political campaign now in progress in Japan and a consequent desire to avoid in any way embarrassing the Salonji ministry and perhaps causing their overthrow at the approaching election, the state department is resolutely declining to publish any information respecting the progress of negotiations with Japan on that subject.

## PEACE HOVERS OVER PRUSIA

No Further Violent Scenes Because of Demand for General Suffrage.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Jan. 14.—There were few signs of the violent scenes of yesterday when the demonstrations for general suffrage in Prussia resulted in a series of encounters with the police. There was some excitement in districts of the city where the working classes live but no outbreaks. Demonstrations occurred in many sections of the provinces the police being called upon to quell disturbances.

## SOME GOOD BUYS IN REAL ESTATE

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### NOTICE

All parties owning dogs within city limits, are hereby notified that they must come forward and pay the license within ten days from date of this notice. Anyone not paying license after that date will be arrested for non payment.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1908.  
J. W. CARTELL,  
City Marshal.

## TOWED TO PORT SHORT OF FOOD

Bertie Minor Forty Days From San Pedro Makes Harbor With Empty Cupboard.

Forty days out from San Pedro for Coos Bay with about thirty-five days' food on board was the experience of the three-masted schooner Bertie Minor which was brought to the railroad dock to load lumber on Saturday afternoon by the tug Columbia. The boat is in charge of Captain Dalquist, and was towed the last 28 miles to the bar by the steam schooner Daisy Mitchell, which went out of her road to help the ship, at a profit.

The Bertie Minor, which carries 350,000 feet of lumber, left San Pedro on December 3, and with favorable gales behind her easily arrived at the mouth of Coos Bay 14 days later, December 17. The bar was too rough for her to try to enter, however, and the ship dropped one of her smaller anchors about a mile from shore.

Before the bar began to get smooth, the sky began to look stormy and in a short while a gale began to blow from the southeast, shifting toward the southwest in the evening. The captain had no time to haul up anchor and he ordered the cable cut, while the ship stood out for the open sea. The gale continued for several days and when it finally subsided the boat was well off the Washington coast.

The ship beat slowly back to the bar against the winds and early last week it was discovered that she was running short of "grub." This made the captain anxious to get in, but progress was slow and on Thursday there was nothing but a little meat left in the pantry. The crew had been well fed, however, and for a couple of days they did not mind the short rations.

Saturday morning the captain sighted the steam schooner Daisy Mitchell bound for Astoria, and signalled for assistance. He was nearly thirty miles from the bar and the schooner offered to get out of her course and tow the ship in for the sum of \$350, which was accepted as the captain did not want to starve by remaining out any longer. The boat was brought in and the Columbia picked her up at the bar and brought her to the railroad dock where she will load lumber.

It is reported that another three-master, the Lucy, left San Pedro fifty days ago for the Umpqua river. This boat has not yet reached the bar, and it is expected that the recent gales blew her away up the coast and that she is at present working her way to port. She was equipped with food for a round trip, and it is not expected that she will run short for some weeks yet. The captain of the Bertie Minor sighted a boat off the coast several days ago that he thought was the missing ship, although he is not certain.

A dispatch from San Pedro to Portland states that alarm is felt at the southern port for the safety of the schooner Lucy, which was sighted off the Umpqua bar by the schooner Caroline several weeks ago as the letter was bound for her second trip to San Pedro. Since that time several severe storms have been felt off the coast and it is possible the Lucy may have been blown several miles out to sea.

Judging from the experiences of the Bertie Minor, which was blown many miles from off the bar, the reports of the Lucy going wide of the mark may be correct. Sailors on the Minor do not feel alarm over the Lucy's absence, as ships come north very light, and only have a small amount of stone ballast. As they are not yet equipped with centerboards, or keels of any size, beating against head winds is a slow proposition.

It is reported that the Bertie Minor was seen off the mouth of the harbor on December 17 and that Captain McGee, of the tug Columbia, was informed of the fact that she had distress signals flying from her mast. It is claimed that he said that he thought she could take care of herself, and the boat was shortly afterward blown to sea by the very

## ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DIE IN AWFUL THEATRE FIRE

Gas Tank Explodes During an Amateur Performance Transforming Theater Into a Roaring Furnace in Which Lives are Snuffed Out Like Candles in a Breeze.

### STRONG MEN FIGHT WITH WEAK WOMEN FOR SAFETY

In the Awful Scramble to Save Their Lives Scores are Trampled Upon and Their Lives Crushed Out—Many Jump From Windows to Death to Escape more Terrible end in the Flames.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOYERTOWN, Jan. 14.—At 3.30 o'clock 165 bodies had been removed. The coroner placed the number of deaths at 180.

BOYERTOWN, Jan. 14.—When daylight dawned the full extent of last night's fire when the Rhoda's Opera House burned was fully apparent. The death list is placed at 150 injured 75. Exactly how many were killed will never be known for among the victims were a number of visitors who may have no relatives to trace their untimely fate. It is estimated that 400 were in the playhouse when the explosion of the gas tank occurred. The tank was being used in connection with pictures being shown in an amateur performance for the "Scottish Reformation" benefit of St. Johns Lutheran Sunday school. Instantly after the explosion occurred someone yelled "fire" and in almost less time than it takes to tell the center of the opera house was a blazing furnace. The rapidity with which the flames spread was caused by upsetting coal oil lamps, used for footlights, by persons on the stage in their eagerness to allay the alarm and quiet the audience. Pandemonium

reigned. Even men lost their self control and fought with women and children to escape to the street. The mad scramble for exits was simply indescribable. The weaker were brushed aside and in many instances trampled to death. Scores of persons on the second floor witnessing the horrible scenes on the ground floor risked their lives jumping from windows. Several were fatally injured in this manner. Boyertown has only 2500 inhabitants and there is scarcely a house in the little town that is not affected by last night's catastrophe.

### Other Buildings Burned.

BOYERTOWN, Jan. 14.—About 50 members of the state constabulary have come here to maintain order. The work of recovering the bodies is unusually tedious and hazardous owing to the fact that in the rush to escape to the floor gave way precipitating many persons into the basement. The bodies of these were buried in charred timbers and tons of brick from the collapsed walls. In addition to the opera house the Farmers National Bank, Erhans Hardware House, and three dwellings were destroyed. Loss \$75,000. The fire was not brought under control until early this morning after the arrival of assistance from Reading and Pottstown. Physicians and nurses were also sent from other towns to care for the injured.

## IS SLATED FOR FINE POSITION

D. A. Utter May Become Surveyor General of Idaho—Is Highly Endorsed.

With good prospects of being the next surveyor general of Idaho, D. A. Utter, who has been sojourning in Marshfield for the past six months, will leave on the next steamer for Portland to return to his native state and find out how he stands in this respect. He will leave on the Alliance next Thursday morning for Portland and Boise, Idaho.

Mr. Utter, who is a well known mining and civil engineer, has been endorsed by the congressional delegation of Idaho and Senator Borah and Heyburn, at Washington, for the position, which was recently made vacant by the forced resignation of Mr. Eggleston. With both the congressional delegation and the senators for Idaho working for his selection for this position, it appears a foregone conclusion that he will secure the job.

Numerous friends of Mr. Utter in this city are greatly pleased over his prospects, and already feel like extending congratulations to him. He is well known here and recently organized a concern for the making of brick from materials found in this section.

heavy gale which sprang up, causing her to be nearly another month in making this port.

## BIRTHDAY OF PIONEER LADY

Mrs. Esther Lockhart's Eighty-Third Birthday Celebrated By Close Friends.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Esther M. Lockhart was the center of a crowd of old time and admiring lady friends, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Sengstacken, the occasion being the eighty-third anniversary of her birth.

Flowers in profusion were mainly the offerings of her friends, but a number of more substantial, though not more appreciated, tokens of love were in evidence. Some of these latter coming from California and elsewhere at a distance.

A pioneer of 1853, Mrs. Lockhart has ever maintained a leading place in the social and intellectual life of the bay, and her attainments and force of character have left their imprint upon the generation which has been decreed to her.

Graciously receiving the homage of her younger sisters, it was not attempted to conceal the emotions which the spirit of their presence would evoke.

Those present were, Mesdames First, Smith, Riggs, McFarland, Reed, Duebner, Rasmussen, Siglin, Kaufman, Wieder and Turpin.

A little persistent classified advertising will find a tenant ready for any property in this city—while a great deal of pioneering and "waiting" might not.

## WALSH ROASTS GOVERNMENT

Wool Growers in Bitter Tirade Against Supervision of Public Grazing Lands.

(By Associated Press.)  
HELENA, Jan. 14.—The first day's session of the National Wool Growers' Association was characterized by a most bitter tirade against government regulations of the public range by Thomas J. Walsh, of Helena, stockman, lawyer and late democratic candidate for congress, whose wrath apparently knew no bounds against the action of the administration by putting into effect what is known as the license system of grazing on forest reserves.

The attendance at the convention was very large, the greatest in fact in the history of the association. After the invocation, formal addresses of welcome were made by Governor Toole, acting Mayor Lindsay, President Pickett, of the commercial club, and responses by Frank J. Hagenbarth, of Spencer, Idaho. The usual committees were appointed. In his annual address, Western Vice President Wilson, of Douglas, Wyo., congratulated the association on its prosperous past and the bright future for industry. The session closed with the address of Governor Brooks, of Wyo., on "The Open Range."

## MANY HOMES TO BE ERECTED

Architect and Builder Predicts Big Growth for Marshfield This Year.

That the attention of Portland people is being turned toward Coos Bay is very evident from the number of people from that city who are looking over the field in Coos county for investment and a place to reside and go into business. Arthur T. Reed, the Portland architect and builder, who has decided to make his home here, said yesterday that he was continually receiving enquiries from Portland business men regarding the prospects in various lines on the bay, and that the coming spring would see an immense amount of house building in Marshfield.

"Great interest is being shown in Marshfield," he said. "I have received letters from various people asking my opinion of conditions here, and I tell them they cannot do better than come here and locate. A well known planning mill man in Portland is figuring on establishing a planing mill in this city to make a bid for local trade. A butcher in Portland who does a large business there has written me regarding the locating of a poultry and meat market in this city, and the chances are that he will establish such a business here.

"I have also received letters from nine different skilled workmen in the carpentering and housebuilding line who are anxious to come to Coos Bay to live. Interest in this section is certainly growing and the people of Portland are showing a very active concern over the prospects of a future city on the famous Coos Bay."

Mr. Reed has recently closed his first contract in this city. This calls for the erection of a \$3,000 residence for Pat Hennessey on the west side of Balnes street, nearly opposite the cemetery, and the lumber is already being placed on the ground so that the construction will start immediately. Mr. Reed also has four or five more houses in prospect which he expects to build, and he is now figuring on the erection of a handsome \$6,000 residence for a local citizen, and the home will be a credit to the whole bay.

"Every indication points toward a

## UPHEAVAL OF JAP CABINET

Resignation of All Members of Emperor's Official Family Averted.

### PREMIER ALSO RESIGNS

Emperor Refuses to Accept Resignation and Patches Up Truce of Peace With Cabinet.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, Jan. 14.—The resignation of the entire cabinet was narrowly averted today when Premier Marquis Salonji tendered his resignation to the emperor this afternoon but his majesty declined to receive it, while the alternative resignations of the Minister of Finance and Minister of Communications were accepted. The Minister of Justice will combine the portfolio of finance and Minister of the Interior will combine that of Minister of Communications, thus leaving the cabinet without new elements and removing the disturbing factors. The changes were the outcome of a discussion of the budget.

### SHORT MEETING OF COUNCIL IS HELD

Nothing of Moment Occupies the Attention of City Fathers.

A meeting of the city council was held last night and the evening was devoted principally to discussion of various propositions, among them being the establishment of the county ferry between this city and East Marshfield, improvements to streets and other things. Nothing of any moment was done and the financial report is not ready yet.

The board of equalization meeting was postponed until next Monday night because of the need for securing certain figures which were not available last night.

## DO NOT OBJECT TO JAP WORK

War Department Sees No Reason for Withholding Contract From Them.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The war department is not informed as yet of the reported withholding of a contract for construction of fortifications for the alleged reason that the Japanese are really the lowest bidders. The officials say they see no reason why a line should be drawn on account of nationality of those who are to do the work, the nature of which cannot be concealed.

## FRANCE WILL LIMIT ACTS

Confines Its Activity in Morocco to Maintaining Order on the Frontier.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Jan. 14.—A statement published from an inspired source is to the effect that the French government has decided to confine its action in Morocco to assuring the security of the Algerian frontier and maintenance of order at the ports in accordance with the Algeiras act.

great amount of construction of houses in Marshfield during the next few months and after the opening of spring," said Mr. Reed. A distinctive feature of the buildings is that they are mostly of a high grade and will add much to the beauty of the city as well as its growth.