

THREE CASES ARE DECIDED

Judge Coke Holds Special Term of Circuit Court at Coquille Tuesday.

Judge J. S. Coke returned yesterday from Coquille where he held a special session of circuit court to dispose of a number of cases which were pending, and to hear arguments and motions in a number of others. Decisions in three cases of public importance were handed down.

In the case of Schneider vs. the City of Myrtle Point, an old judgment dismissing the suit was set aside and the case reinstated.

In the case of Prosper vs. R. W. Squire et al which was up on review, a decision was rendered in favor of the defendants.

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. Hanson, a decision was rendered in favor of the defendant, he being dismissed from arrest. This was the foreign fisherman case arising on the lower Coquille. Sam Nass, the canneryman, took out licenses for his nets and hired the men to tend the nets for him. The game warden arrested the men under the provision of the Oregon law prohibiting foreigners from fishing. Judge Coke, holding that fishing in this instance was a commercial business, decided that the constitutional provision guaranteeing to foreigners who were admitted to the United States the right of labor obtained in the case. He held that while the foreigners could not obtain licenses to fish, that they could not be restrained from working on nets the license for which were held by an American.

COST OF PHILIPPINES.

President Taft Asked for Statement Today.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The House adopted unanimously today a resolution by Cox of Ohio requesting the President to submit a complete statement of the cost of the occupation of the Philippines.

WRECK BLAME LAID TO MEN

Three of Train Crew Held Responsible For Disaster Killing Officials.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 24.—Negligence of three trainmen contributed to the Illinois Central wreck at Kinmundy, Ill., Sunday night in which J. T. Harahan and other prominent railroad men were killed, according to the report of the investigating committee here today. The trainmen are Engineer R. J. Stuart, who was running train No. 3, which crashed into train No. 25, John H. Brainard, conductor of train No. 25, and Harry J. Bereckler, flagman on train No. 25.

YELLOW FEVER PROVES FATAL

United States Naval Officer Quickly Succumbs In South America.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Jan. 25.—Commander Levi C. Bertelotte of the U. S. Cruiser Yorktown, who was reported ill several days ago with yellow fever, died suddenly aboard the ship yesterday.

BIG SUIT FILED.

Mexican Concern Wants \$37,000,000 Damages.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Jan. 25.—The Daily Mexican says a \$37,000,000 suit has been filed in New York by Henry De Kay, receiver for the Mexican National Packing Company, against the Bank of Montreal for damages arising out of the failure of the U. S. Banking company.

MINERS WANT SMALL RAISE

United Mine Workers Demand Increase in Pay and Seven-Hour Day.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 25.—An increase of ten cents per ton on the mine run basis and an increase of twenty per cent for all day labor about the mines were demanded in the wage scale committee's report submitted to the convention of United Mine Workers of America for the bituminous coal miners. The committee also demanded a seven-hour day.

INDIAN SLAYER WILL GO FREE

President Taft Commutes Sentence of Umatilla Brave Who Poisoned Witch.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—President Taft today commuted to expire at once the life imprisonment sentence of Toy Toy, the Umatilla Indian, who according to traditions of the tribe, murdered Anna Edna, a Wampum doctor who failed to cure his father. In his tribe this stamped her as a witch deserving death. she was poisoned by Toy Toy and Columbia George, another Indian whose sentence was commuted several months ago.

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KEEP FARMERS FROM CANADA

Senators Plans to Liberalize Homestead Laws For This Purpose—Report Made.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—In hope of checking the immigration of American farmers to the Canadian northwest, important amendments to liberalize the public land laws were favorably reported by Senator Smoot from the Public Lands committee. The enforced term of residence of homesteads will be reduced from five years to three and a homesteader will be permitted to absent himself from his claim six months every year, should the amendment be adopted.

Senator Borah and others who stand for liberalizing the laws have declared in the Senate that a very desirable class of American citizens is being driven into Canada at the rate of one hundred thousand a year by stringent land laws.

Most of the lands affected are in California, Utah and Wyoming, although small areas involved are in Oregon, Idaho and other states.

TO AID MAIL CLERKS.

Serious Charges Are Made Against Postal Officials.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Charges that the Postmaster General and other postal officials suppress facts and misinform congress as to the safety of the lives of clerks in the railway mail service were made before the House Committee on Post Offices today by Urban A. Walters of Denver, formerly a railway mail clerk and editor of a postal journal. Specific regulations of the post office service, he said, forbid clerks to discuss wrecks. He charged that the Postmaster General has not stopped short of misinforming the committee and the public.

"As to the condition under which the clerks work," Walter exhibited a letter file in which he said he had five hundred letters from mail clerks reporting unsanitary and unsafe mail cars and said the position of the authors would be jeopardized if the names were published.

It is a remarkable situation that this law of the department should keep Congress from getting at the facts," said Chairman Moon. "We can subpoena these men but we cannot protect their jobs to let them testify."

REPORT TARIFF BILL.

Democrats for Big Reduction on Iron and Steel.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The democratic iron and steel tariff revision bill was favorably reported to the House today by Chairman Underwood of the Ways and Means committee. Republican members of the committee had adopted the bill by a strict party vote.

TO SCALE MT. MCKINLEY.

Prof. Parker and Belmore Brown Leave For Alaska.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Professor Herschel Parker of New York and Belmore Brown of Tacoma sailed on the steamship Alameda for Seward, Alaska, today to make their third attempt to climb Mt. McKinley, the highest peak in North America.

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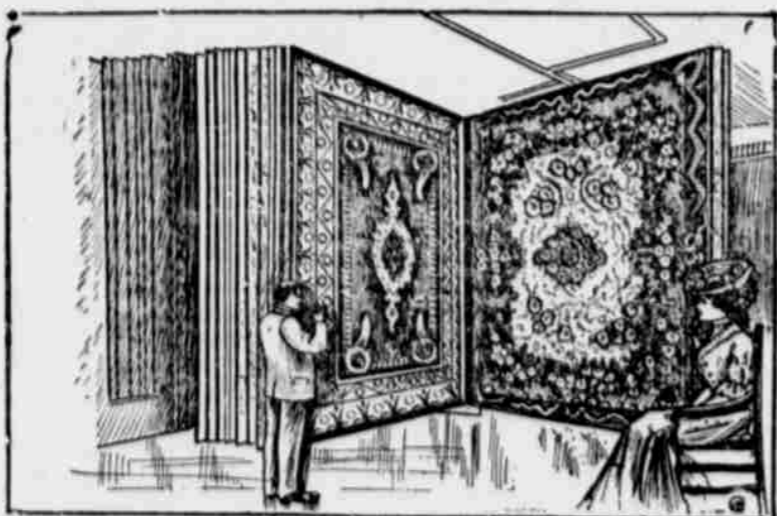
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