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PERSONAL MENTION

R. Van Dusen is in Portland.
W. R. Mackenzie is down from Portland.
W. F. Young is in the city from Wisc.
Mrs. Rodolph Brach is visiting in Portland.
Chas. S. Blanding, a Fortlander, is in the city.
Frank S. Brensen is in the city from Everett.
F. L. Driscoll of Westport, Wash., is in the city.
William Larson, the milk-man, spent yesterday in the city.
J. W. Johnston and wife of Chinook spent yesterday in the city.
Lewis Williams of Chinook is in the city on a brief business trip.
H. G. Smith is down from Portland, registered at the Parker house.
Dunk Shanks was in the city yesterday from the Youngs river falls.
Miss Mary Brayne of Youngs river falls spent yesterday in the city.
W. J. Ingalls was in the city yesterday from his ranch on the Lewis and Clark.
Frank Sale of the Knappton mills is in the city enroute for his home on the Youngs river.
W. F. McGregor who has been on a business trip to Grays harbor has returned to the city.
Judge Nelson was reported late yesterday evening to be resting more comfortable than formerly.

CHURCHES

GERMAN LUTHERAN—Zion's—Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.
FIRST LUTHERAN—Rev. Oscar Ostrom will preach both morning and evening.
UNION TEMPERANCE MEETING—At the Presbyterian church in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.
PRESBYTERIAN—Services as usual. Theme of the evening service: "The Healing of Forgiveness." In the evening there will be a union temperance

meeting. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Scarvie.

BAPTIST—All the usual services will be observed except the 7:30 p. m. preaching, at which time all will join in the union service at the Presbyterian church.

METHODIST—Rev. Harold Oberz will preach in the morning, when an interesting subject will be presented. No preaching in the evening, as the church unites with the other churches in a temperance rally at the Presbyterian church.

NORWEGIAN-DANISH Methodist—The pastor will deliver a sermon in English to children and young people at 10 a. m. Regular service at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Stream of Living Water Flowing Out of Jerusalem." No evening service on account of the union services at the Presbyterian church.

PANIC BOOKED FOR MEXICO

Proposed Gold Standard Opposed By Miners and Farmers.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—The silver question continues to be one of the great topics of public discussion. It is now certain that silver miners and the farming classes will make common cause against the adoption of the gold standard. In the meantime all prices are being raised and there is much anxiety among the middle classes, especially the wage earners and salaried men.

PRINCETON WINS DEBATE

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 12.—The ninth annual Princeton-Harvard debate here tonight was won by Princeton.

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Various Projects for Building Lines in South Africa Advanced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The approaching general election in Natal, says a Durban dispatch to the Times, via London, is hinging on railway policy.

There are two schemes, one favored by the government and the other by the opposition. Both are based on the hypothesis that further railway facilities will be required in the Rand.

The government scheme is to double the present main line between Durban and Ladysmith, while the opposition advocates an alternative and more direct line from Durban to Watsonsonk station, below Glencoe junction.

A third project, not enjoying a political support, is for a line from Umhlatosi through Zululand and the newly acquired territory to Ermelo, joining an eventual line from the Rand to Delagoa bay.

The correspondent says the controversy seems to regard mainly local interest, both parties pledging themselves to spend \$25,000,000, apart from the urgency and wisdom of the schemes. However, whichever party is returned, the Transvaal will have to be consulted before any scheme is put into execution.

CRATERS STILL SMOKING.

White-Hot Lava Still Flowing From Santa Maria.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Two new craters of the Santa Maria volcano, which burst from the side of the mountain on November 24 last and devastated a large section of Guatemala, are still smoking. From one of the craters, beneath the cloud of smoke, white-hot lava exudes in a sluggish stream and from the other cold mud is thrown in spasmodic fashion. This information has been brought here by people arriving on the steamer Acapulco.

On her trip down the coast the Acapulco was at Champerico a week after the outbreak from Santa Maria, when the inhabitants of the town and those who had fled from the neighborhood of the volcano were in a state of terror. The Acapulco carried 170 of them to the port of San Jose. One of the refugees, Alfred McKinnon, an American, died on the steamer from the effects of inhaling volcanic gas.

TRAMWAY COMPANY FILES ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Empowered to Construct Lines Anywhere in the World But the State of Connecticut.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Articles of incorporation of the Netherlands Tram way company with a capital of \$1,000,000, have been filed in the town clerk's office at Bridgeport, Conn., says a dispatch from that city to the Times.

According to the articles the new company is empowered to construct, equip, lease, maintain and operate by steam, electricity, or other power, railroads and tramways for transportation of passengers, mail, express, merchandise, or other freight in any foreign country or any state or territory of the United States, except that the corporation shall not construct, maintain, or operate a railroad in the state of Connecticut.

RECIPROcity TREATY SIGNED

New System Will be Operative Between Cuba and the United States.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.—A definite treaty of commercial reciprocity between Cuba and the United States was signed last night by General Bliss and Secretaries Zaldo and Montez. It lacks only the signature of Secretary Hay and Senator Quesada and the approval of United States and Cuban senates to make it operative.

Although the treaty provides for a uniform reduction of 20 percent from the present tariff changes on Cuba products entering the United States a parallel list of products has been drawn up in which is set forth a reduction on each item made by Cuba and the United States reciprocity.

SOLDIER SHOT DEAD

Attempts to Desert and is Killed by Armed Guard.

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—Private William B. Bromell, an unassigned recruit to the regular army, was shot dead this morning during an effort to escape. Bromell deserted from the Presidio but surrendered here and was under guard at Fort Wright. This morning he was sent out to work on the grounds. He knocked down his guard and started to run. The guard ordered him to halt and fired a warning shot. As Bromell continued to run he was shot through the back and fell dead.

REHEARSED TESTIMONY

Evidence Already Brought Before Commission Gone Over.

SCRANTON, Dec. 12.—The greater part of today's sessions of the anthracite strike commission was taken up in presenting cumulative testimony on matters that already have been heard by the commission. This testimony tended to show that there has been excessive docking, that many men

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