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# The Morning Astorian.

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN CLATSOP AND THE ADJOINING COUNTIES . . . . .

## JUDGE NELSON DIED LAST NIGHT

Complication of Diseases Proves Fatal to City's Popular Official.

### DEATH EXPECTED FOR WEEK

Has Suffered for More Than a Year, but Never Gave Up His Work Till Literally Taken Down.

Henry E. Nelson, auditor and police judge of the city of Astoria, died at St. Mary's hospital last evening of pulmonary tuberculosis, Bright's disease, stomach complaint and a combination of kindred ailments. His death had been hourly expected for fully a week. At the bedside when the end came were Mrs. Nelson, her eldest son and several friends.

Judge Nelson was a native of Sweden, but came to America with his parents when a very small child, crossing the western ocean. His parents settled in Lane county, where his father now resides. Early in life Judge Nelson took up with telegraphy, and was stationed at Tillamook for some time. Later he became an accountant, and was engaged in this capacity when his political career began.

K. Osburn held the office of auditor and police judge, having been elected by the democrats, when, in 1896, Mr. Nelson was named to run against him. The campaign was a memorable one, Judge Nelson being elected after a hard fight. Since that time he had never encountered opposition for the office, being elected four times successively.

About a year ago Judge Nelson's lungs commenced to bother him, and he was told by his physician that his condition might become very serious. He remained at his office, however, and a few months ago his condition became alarming. He would not give up his work, and friends were compelled to take him from the office to the hospital. There he sank rapidly, occasionally rallying, but yesterday fell into a stupor from which he did not awaken. The end came painlessly.

Judge Nelson was a noted joker, and six months ago a prediction that he would die early would have been scouted as absurd. No matter what the occasion, Judge Nelson always had a pleasant word for acquaintances. He has caused many a laugh at the council meetings, and his cheerful voice will be missed around the city hall. He was 46 years of age, belonged to several secret societies, and carried more than \$5000 in life insurance.

Arrangements for the funeral will be made today.

### PHILIPPINES MUST BE GRANTED INDEPENDENCE.

President Schurman Is Cheered When He Speaks of Islands as Free Government.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—President Jacob G. Schurman of Cornell university, in an address on the problems of the Philippines to a large audience of the People's institute, Cooper Union, was heartily applauded when he stated his belief that the United States must ultimately give the Philippines their independence. A vote of the audience on the question of endorsing President Schurman's views was given almost unanimously in their favor.

President Schurman said that in his talk with President McKinley at the time of his appointment to the Philippine commission, he learned that the president had acted with an idea of giving emancipation to the Filipinos as well as to the Cubans.

Asked by a member of the audience if the Monroe doctrine had been weakened by the acquisition of the Philippines, President Schurman remarked that "Theodore Roosevelt is at this very moment asserting the doctrine and asserting it hard."

### AMERICANS WORK HARDER THAN DO ENGLISHMEN.

Alfred Mosely Well Satisfied With the Result of His Investigating Commission.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—Alfred Mosely, who has just made a tour of the United States with a number of representatives of British labor for the purpose of studying American industrial conditions, has arrived here on the Cunard steamer Umbria from New York.

Mr. Mosely expressed his satisfaction with the commission's tour. He said he hoped the reports would be published within a few weeks and that as a result changes could be made in the methods at present employed in several English trades. He said he could not anticipate the reports, but that he was greatly impressed with the superiority of American workmen. The Americans worked harder and were better trained and educated than the Englishmen. Mr. Mosely said he intended to take another commission to the United States in the autumn to investigate educational conditions.

### CASTRO MYSTERIOUSLY ILL.

President of Venezuela Announced to Be Attacked With Malady.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—President Castro according to a dispatch from Caracas to the American, has been seized by a sudden and mysterious illness. His secretary will divulge no particulars and the friends of the president are much agitated. The news was given out at the yellow house as a bare announcement.

### LORENZ HEEDS REQUEST.

Last Operation of Surgeon Reveals a Touching Story.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Dr. Lorenz has performed his last public operation in this city for congenital dislocation of the hip. Alvin Louis Black, six years, was the patient. He is the boy who sent a dollar to Lolita Armour, daughter of J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, to operate on whom Dr. Lorenz came to this country. Mr. Armour was appealed to by the parents of the boy and wrote a personal letter to Dr. Lorenz, asking him to operate on the child who had remembered his little girl, and the operation of Sunday, which was pronounced successful, was the outcome of this request.

Dr. Lorenz will leave today for Boston, where he will operate an hour after his arrival.

### FREIGHT CHARGE INCREASED.

Advance Not on Rates but by Re-classing Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Journal of Commerce today says: For some time past reports have been current that beginning with the first of the year railroad freight rates will be increased on general merchandise shipments, the advance not to be made in the class rates themselves, but by

shifting various goods from a low to a higher class rating, which will practically result in increased rates on merchandise. It may now be stated definitely, however, that there will be no general increase in rates on the first of the year on goods shipped at class rates.

### BIG TOBACCO FIGHT ON.

Dealers Will Use Stern Measures to Down the Combine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Retail Cigar and Tobacco Dealers' association of Greater New York has decided to begin its active campaign against the American Tobacco company on several lines. By a unanimous resolution the members of the association pledged themselves not to purchase any new brand of tobacco from the company after January 1, 1903. By another resolution, also passed unanimously, the members will, on January 1, 1903, remove from their show windows and stores all advertising matter of the combine and will as far as possible, remove its goods from their shelves and keep them out of sight. They will only keep those brands of its tobacco which are standard and for which there is an active demand.

It was decided that a committee of 19 should visit all labor organizations of the city and request them to abstain from the purchase of the American company's goods and aid them otherwise in making the fight. It is ordered that every member of the association shall place in his window a placard which shall show that he is on the side of the independents.

### ROOSEVELT WILL NOT ARBITRATE

No Official Request Has Yet Been Made, and None Perhaps Will Be.

### HE INSISTS ON THE HAGUE

His Views as Expressed to the Powers Will Doubtless Be Adhered to—No Reason for Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt has not accepted the position as arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. In fact, when the official day closed he had not received formally or officially any request from the European powers that he was wanted to act as arbitrator of the dispute. These statements are made on the highest authority.

Only in an informal manner has the president been notified that the European powers, intimately concerned in the present South American difficulty desire that he should undertake the responsibility of acting as arbitrator of the points at issue between them and Venezuela. Thus far they merely have been taking "soundings" with a view, probably of ascertaining how he would receive a formal proffer to act as arbitrator.

The president, as soon as he received the first intimation that he was desired to be arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy expressed emphatically his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to The Hague tribunal. His views of the suggestions made have been conveyed to the European powers together with a strong presentation of his reasons for the views he holds. No response of a formal nature to these representations has been received.

The president and Secretary Hay had a long conference today. It is understood that nothing has transpired in the past 24 hours to warrant the president in changing his opinion as to the undesirability of his acceptance of the position of arbitrator. No specific reasons have been advanced by the European powers for objecting to a reference of the Venezuelan question to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal.

### ROOSEVELT TRIUMPHED WHERE THE GOVERNMENT FAILED.

"Golden Rule" Jones of Toledo Has No Use for War and Says So in Plain Language.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, as a man, is greater than the government he represents. While the government of the United States was unable to restore peace in the anthracite region, Roosevelt, not as president, but as a man, suggested a rational way to settle the trouble. The man triumphed and the problem was solved.

Thus spoke Samuel M. (Golden Rule) Jones, Mayor of Toledo, O., before the Chicago Peace society. He sought to show that force of arms was futile, and that war was inexcusable and that killing in battle was murder. Mayor Jones declared, however, that he was an optimist and in spite of recent wars he said that the world was better off than it was 100 years ago and was continually improving.

Mayor Jones criticized Major-General Young, who, at a banquet in Cleveland, on Saturday night, spoke of the necessity of force to maintain the supremacy of the nation's commerce. "No one will accuse me of being unpatriotic," said Mr. Jones, "but I would not recommend a boy to go into the army or navy to support commerce of this kind."

### BANDITS LOOT SALOON.

Proprietor Has Pleasure of Looking On—\$400 Taken.

BUTTE, Dec. 22.—A report to the Miner from Red Lodge, Mont., says: J. P. Primm's saloon in Cody, Wyo., was looted by bandits about 2:30 o'clock last night. The proprietor was obliged to walk from behind the bar at the point of a revolver and remain a spectator of the proceedings by which he was made \$400 poorer.

### PURCHASES MINE

Steel Corporation Expends \$2,000,000 for Property.

CHAMPION, Mich., Dec. 22.—The United States Steel corporation has purchased the Champion mine at this place and the large tract adjoining iron ore lands for a consideration said to be \$2,000,000.

## SHIPWRECKED MARINERS FOUND IN OPEN BOAT

Collision of Schooners Causes Terrible Suffering and Loss of Life—Both Vessels Go Down.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Almost crazed from their sufferings, frostbitten and helpless, 10 men in a boat were picked up by the schooner Manhasset yesterday 45 miles off Highland light. Then for the first time it was learned that the schooner Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Cray had been in a collision and they had been sunk off Thatcher's island, Wednesday evening. The survivors were landed here today.

Of the 21 men who made up the two crews six were carried down when the vessels sank, four died during the terrible three days drift in Massachusetts bay and another became insane and jumped overboard.

The dead of the crew of the Louise B. Cray are: J. F. SMITH, mate, Portland. W. H. HOWLAND, engineer. HANS BLANK German seaman. DAVID SHANAHAN, New Foundland. AUGUST JOHNSON, Swede. OLAF BORG, Norwegian. PETER LACHE, South American. UNKNOWN SEAMAN. Of the crew of the Palmer: FRANZ B. BANTA, Finl. ed. EDWARD W. JORGENSEN, Norwegian. ALBERT SPEARLING Philadelphia.

### UNCONSCIOUS FOR A MONTH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—For a month Miss Anna Peck has been unconscious, a World dispatch from Phelps, N. Y., says, and her physicians think that if she ever regains consciousness her mind will be a blank.

Miss Peck an elder sister, Mrs. Van Huyser, were struck by a New York Central train at Oak Corners last month, and the girl's condition is the result of the injury she received. Mrs. Van Huyser is also in a dangerous condition.

### DEATH LIST IS INCREASED

Collision on Southern Pacific Results in Over Score Killed.

BLAME NOT YET ATTACHED

Very Evident That Stockton Flyer Observed Signal, but supposed It Was Given Too Late.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The latest revised list of the victims of the railroad collision of the Southern Pacific railroad near Byron station shows that the following 23 are dead:

ROBERT RENWICK. WILLIAM L. TEMPLE. LEONARD S. IRWIN. TUNG TAI GUNG, Chinese woman. AH QUOY, Chinese girl. RICHARD POST. YUKIO MIAGOWA. HADRU MIAGOWA. MRS. ELIZABETH SMITH. CLARENCE D. OLUF. MISS MABEL VEZEY. MISS BIRDIE ELLIOTT. CHARLES A. CESSIONS. CHARLES OWENS. MISS EMILY MAYER. F. S. EASTMAN. FONG DICK, Chinese woman. CARL MAYER. UNIDENTIFIED WHITE WOMAN. TWO UNIDENTIFIED CHINESE.

There are still 21 injured survivors of the accident, but the condition of four of these is extremely critical, and additional names may yet have to be added to the death list.

An official investigation into the cause of the disaster has been begun by Coroner Curry of Contra Costa county, who proposed to thoroughly sift the evidence in order to fix the responsibility. There appears to be no doubt that the Stockton flyer which ran into

### FAULTY CONSTRUCTION.

Statehouse of New Jersey Ready to Collapse.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Faulty construction has been discovered in the statehouse in time to avert disaster, says the Times correspondent at Trenton, N. J. Owing to the fact that a new wing is to be built to the statehouse and work is now in progress, the senate must this year meet in the room used by the chancery court of trials.

On several occasions recently parts of the ceiling in the apartment below this room have broken loose and fallen. It has been replaced several times, but when it collapsed again, Architect Poole was directed to make an investigation. He declared the plaster was broken by the floor sagging.

An investigation showed that the girders supporting the floor to be of

### To My Customers

Owing to the rush incident to Xmas business, I have not the time to send cards to all of my customers asking them to call for a 1903 calendar.

I therefore take this method of inviting all who have so liberally patronized me during the year just closing to please call and get one of my calendars.

As there will be a rush of shoppers the fore part of the week, I respectfully ask that you get the calendars immediately after Xmas.

Very sincerely,  
*Herman Wise*  
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