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## AFTER THE GAMBLERS

**Lower House Passes Bill Providing Heavy Penalty for Gambling in This State.**

### UPPER HOUSE TO OPPOSE IT

**Believed Opposition in Senate Will be Sufficient to Defeat Measure—\$100,000 for Portage Railway.**

Salem, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The feature of the morning session of the house was the passage of a bill making gambling a crime. The bill aroused great interest and there was lively discussion of its terms. When the roll was called it was found that the measure had passed by the narrow margin of one vote.

The measure declares gambling to be a misdemeanor and fixes the penalty for conviction at imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year.

The bill will come up for consideration in the senate this afternoon, where there will be strong opposition to it.

The house this morning passed a bill carrying an appropriation of \$100,000 for securing the right of way for the government canal at Celilo. The bill will be acted upon in the house this afternoon. It is in accordance with the request of the government that the right of way be secured.

The house also passed Brownell's bill providing the assignees of claims for fees paid to county officers shall not be permitted to maintain suits to recover the same. The purpose of this bill is to require each individual claimant to maintain a separate action, and thus prevent the recovery of thousands of dollars illegally collected by county recorders.

The senate passed a bill providing for the election by the people of road supervisors. Heretofore such officials have been appointed by the county court.

### House Bill Passed.

Salem, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The senate this afternoon passed the Celilo-Dalles canal appropriation bill by a vote of 20 to 5. Two members were absent.

### Dixie Will Sail Soon.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The cruiser Dixie, which is to take the new Caribbean battalion of marines to Colon, passed in at Delaware breakwater late yesterday afternoon from Colon. The Dixie will proceed to League Island navy yard, where the new battalion is being assembled under the direction of General Elliott. It is expected she will sail for Colon before the first of the new year.

### THE CONTENTION OF COLOMBIA

**Minister Rico Says Our Government is Disregarding Treaty.**

Bogota, Dec. 23.—Dr. Luis Carlos Rico, minister of foreign affairs, has cabled to General Reyes at Washington under date of December 6, as follows:

"If the explanation which the United States government has given to the press is of a diplomatic character, answering the following points:

"By the treaty of 1846 the United States did not acquire control over inter-oceanic transit, but entered into obligations by which, for compensatory favors, it guaranteed the neutrality, property and sovereignty of the isthmus, the sovereignty being indivisible.

"If the United States government prevents the government of Colombia from subduing the rebels, then it ought to submit them to Colombian authority.

"The United States has never protected Colombia against foreign invasions. Whenever that government has interfered to prevent the interruption of traffic it has been because of the rights granted, or on Colombia's request only. Only in this instance has it interfered on its own initiative, with the evident object of protecting the secessionists on the isthmus.

"If the guarantee of neutrality were to be looked upon as a privilege, it would prevent the sovereign government from keeping order on the isthmus, which is against the principles

of all governments.

"The protocols of 1897 did not grant any new rights to the United States, much less the rights dominating this territory.

"The Hay-Herran canal treaty did not modify the obligation which the United States contracted by the treaty of 1846 to guarantee the neutrality, sovereignty and property of the isthmus. When this treaty was disapproved no new propositions were made.

"The orders given by the United States government to its navy helped to favor the secession movement and Colombia was at peace when this movement was begun.

"The conduct of the Washington executive has been and now is favorable in every way to the rebellion, but not to the maintenance of order, which is contrary to the principles and antecedents of the United States government and to the policy established by it during the American war of secession.

## Ship Olivebank In Heavy Storm

**Reaches San Francisco With Three Lower Masts Broken Off as Result of Gales.**

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The British ship Olivebank, 60 days out from Shanghai, for Royal Roads, B. C., has reached this port with three of her four lower masts broken off below the tops, under a jury rig of a number of fore and aft sails, rigged up on the remaining stumps. The ship, which sailed from Shanghai in ballast October 26, ran into a succession of terrific gales after being out one month and practically rolled her spars overboard. The hull is in good condition with the exception of the starboard bulwarks and ship's, smashed by one of the yards when it fell. The crew of 18, in addition to the officers, are safe, no one being hurt during the battle with the elements.

The Olivebank was built in 1892 at Port Glasgow at a cost of \$90,000. She is a sister ship to the Gifford, which was lost in September last off Mussie rock, five miles below the entrance to this port, and also of the Gosford, owned by the same company, which went ashore 10 years ago below Point Conception. Captain Henderson, master of the Olivebank, has his wife on board. The Olivebank has been posted for some time past on the overdue list and was quoted up to her appearance here at 35 per cent reinsurance.

### FALLS INTO LARGE FORTUNE.

**New York Real Estate Dealer Gets Part of \$5,000,000 Estate.**

New York, Dec. 23.—Jacob Goldflam, a New York real estate dealer, has filed a claim in Illinois to property said to be worth \$5,000,000 through increase in value since the death of his uncle, Isaac Goldflam, who was murdered 22 years ago by a footpad in Chicago.

Isaac left Warsaw when he was 17. In Warsaw were his brother, Saul, and sister, Esther. From time to time the absent brother reported his progress, but never told them that he had become wealthy and was the leading citizen of Ogawka, Ill. As his millions increased his communications ceased altogether. Meantime, about 25 years ago, Jacob Goldflam, a son of Saul, came to this city to seek his fortune. To him, Isaac Goldflam, the wealthy uncle, was a mere tradition.

Three years later, Isaac was killed and it is stated that in the absence of known heirs the estate, consisting largely of copper mine investments and real estate in Chicago, was turned over to the public administrator. It was only recently a Warsaw paper reproduced a story printed in Chicago some time before of the unclaimed hoard of Goldflam. This account was sent to Jacob Goldflam and he visited his former home in Russia to collect documentary evidence of his kinship. He has now returned with this and also with a power of attorney from each of his relatives, authorizing him to act in their behalf for the acquisition of the estate.

The circuit court adjourned this afternoon until tomorrow.

## COMBINE IS DISRUPTED

**Pacific Coast Lumbermen Fail to Agree as to Conditions of Next Year's Pool.**

### GREAT LOSS WILL FOLLOW

**California Dealers Wanted Modification in the Prorating of Export Business, to Which Northern Men Objected.**

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Call says this morning that the organization known as the Pacific Coast Lumbermen, which for two years past has controlled the export trade of the entire coast, has gone to pieces, after a conference in this city yesterday, of the representatives of the leading millmen of California, Oregon and Washington. As a result of the discussion of the organization, the lumber interests of the coast, in so far as the export business is concerned will, it is said, suffer a severe blow, for the maintenance of the present prices can not be hoped for, and it is estimated that the threatened competition that will naturally follow will mean a loss of about \$1,000,000 a year to the producers along the coast.

The disruption is attributed to the refusal on the part of the California representatives to sign a new yearly agreement unless certain modifications were made in the rules of the association regarding the operating of the export business, a demand which was not complied with. With the abandonment of the producers' agreement, it is expected that there will be a lively cutting in rates, and lumbermen predict that the price will go to \$10 before many days have passed, which means a loss to the mills engaged in exporting of \$1,000,000 annually.

At present there is said to be an overproduction in the northern mills and the foreign markets are reported to be well supplied, a condition which does not augur well for the future, so far as the mill men are concerned.

### Testimony for Heinze.

Butte, Dec. 23.—In the supreme court yesterday John MacGinnis, president of the United Copper Company,

the largest company of the Heinze interests, and E. H. Wilson, identified with the Heinze interests, testified that Heinze has no interest in the Minnie Healy mine.

### Burglar Caught at Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Charley Anderson, wanted in Whatcom for burglary, was captured here yesterday by a deputy sheriff from Whatcom.

### Sees Cause for War.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Japanese legation here is still optimistic with regard to the situation in the far east, and says for the moment it sees cause for war between Japan and Russia. Negotiations between the two governments are continuing with mutual desire for agreement to be reached.

### WAS GODD TO CONVICTED MAN

**Court Permits Him to Spend Christmas With His Family.**

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 23.—Convicted of murder in the second degree and then restored to his family, James Swaney will pass Christmas with his wife and children at his own fireside on the mountainside near Haydentown where the crime was committed. Then Swaney will return to Uniontown to receive his sentence and go to the penitentiary. The kindness shown by the court was agreed to by the prosecution, and four brothers of the prisoner went on his bond for \$10,000. The conviction grew out of the feud between the Turner and Swaney factions, which has been bitter for years.

### NEIDERMIER IS ACCUSED.

**Believed to Have Been Implicated in Double Murder at Pueblo.**

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 23.—From evidence gathered since the confession of Peter Neidermier, the self-confessed Chicago murderer, it is thought that he and a companion may be guilty of the murder of Dr. J. H. Turner and C. E. Bishop during an attempt to hold up a cafe in this city during the night of March 15 last. It is known that Neidermier and a companion were in Cripple Creek two days before the tragedy in Pueblo, and that the murderer confessed to an attempted hold-up in the state. The matter will be investigated thoroughly by the local officers, as there was a reward of several thousand dollars offered for the apprehension of the murderers of the two Pueblo men, both of whom were prominent.

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