

GREAT NILE DAM COMPLETED TODAY

One of the Greatest Engineering Feats of Modern Times Is Brought to a Most Successful Conclusion.

CAIRO, Dec. 10.—The completion of the great Nile dam was celebrated at Assuan today with great ceremonies in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who appeared on behalf of King Edward VII. The Khedive and delegates from cities throughout Egypt. The ceremony of inauguration, which was performed by the Duke of Connaught, consisted in laying the last coping stone and opening a number of sluices to let the water flow down the Nile. Following the ceremonies the duke and other guests left by special boat for Assuan to inspect the supplementary dam which has been built at that point.

Today's ceremonies at Assuan mark the completion of the greatest work of man ever attempted. As a triumph of engineering the Assuan dam stands perhaps at the head of human achievements. The dam is one and one quarter miles long. It is pierced by 20 openings, 23 feet high and seven feet wide, which have steel sluice gates. The supplementary dam at Assuan, a few miles up the river, is intended as a re-enforcement of the great dam to resist the force of the spring floods and restrain them in a local reservoir capable of storing more than 1,000,000,000 cubic feet of water. The irrigation works supplied by this great reservoir will enable wide tracts of land to bear two crops a year. Instead of one, will bring waste districts into tillage, and will greatly increase the area of sugar cultivation. The work of construction was performed by the English firm of White & Carter, Ltd., and it is estimated that the total cost will amount to a little over \$25,000,000.

SOON TO WORK ON RIVER ROAD

The Lewiston Extension Will Be Built.

More Material Being Accumulated at Riparia—Seven Months to Complete It.

(Journal Special Service.)
RIPARIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—Although there has been a great deal of delay and many rumors concerning the Lewiston extension, it is announced here that work of actual construction will be taken up immediately after the holidays. The Lewiston extension has long been surveyed and piles of construction material are in the specially built yards here awaiting the arrival of workmen. These workmen will come immediately after the Christmas festivities and the blue up the Snake River will be completed in time to haul the next year's wheat crop out of the valley.

Many engineering parties have been stationed along the right of way for months and the report that work is soon to begin is given out by members of these. They claim to have received their information direct from department headquarters.

MORE TIES COMING.
Although there has been a large number of ties on hand here for months, it is declared that other shipments will be made within the present week, and the reserve accumulation tripled. There are now more than 80,000 ties in Riparia. These are exposed to the weather and are checking and being otherwise severely damaged. There is plenty of side-track for the handling of building material and this is to be put to immediate use.

The ties are to be laid to Lewiston, Idaho, within seven months from the time of the beginning of work. That is the estimate made by contractors after looking over the ground. There will be considerable grading to be done and much of the track will have to be laid along the edge of the river after the overhanging rocks of the bluff have been blasted away.

NORTHERN WORK.
There has been much controversy outside of railroad circles regarding the part that is to be played by the Northern Pacific in this road construction. It was announced by Mr. Harriman months ago that the line would be used by the O. R. & N. Co. and the Northern Pacific jointly.

It is the general belief here that in exchange for use of the Oregon railroad lines, the Northern will build feeders into several of the fertile valleys tributary to the main line and thus corner the transportation of a section that has never been completely shut off from the outside world. The province of these sections will be hauled down the Columbia River over the rails of the O. R. & N.

AN EXHIBIT OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Opens This Morning at the Public Library.

The exhibit of children's books opened in the children's room of the Public Library this morning. The librarian has brought together the choice editions of some of the best books for young folks, to help the buyer in making a suitable Christmas selection. It is all very well to give a child a book, but if it is always thrown aside unread. In this collection there are interesting volumes on all subjects. Picture books for wee-little tots are on a table by themselves, a half dozen of Caldecott's clever rhymes and pictures, the Brownie Books, and Kate Greenaway's illustrations of Mother Goose. Fiction is well represented, from Gertrude Smith's stories for small children to "Little Women," "One really exquisite thing is Deming's "Indian Child Life," with full-page colored plates—but one has less trouble in making selections in this field, cleared and renovated. The woodwork of the interior is being painted, and the oil cloth floor coverings are also being cleaned and oiled. The entire structure is being placed in readiness for the meeting of the solons.

Charles D. Hartman of Scotts Mills, a hop grower and a former member of the Oregon Legislature, yesterday sold his crop, aggregating about 100 bales, at over 25 cents a pound. J. Carmichael, a Salem buyer, securing the lot.

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DISAPPEARED IN PORTLAND

Philadelphia Man Lost for Two Years.

Is Believed to Have Been Crucified by Members of the Order of Martinists.

Through a statement made by a person directly concerned, the name of Portland has been dragged into a mystery both terrible and deep. This city may have been the place where Frank Stirtan, a wealthy real estate dealer of Philadelphia, was murdered by the slow torture of crucifixion. Most strangely has he disappeared and although friends and relatives have searched for him in every nook and corner of the nation, the last heard of and only clue is a letter alleged to have been written in Portland. This letter has not been produced, but is claimed to be in the possession of C. F. Silliman of Philadelphia, a man known as the "Martinist" and charged with responsibility for Stirtan's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stirtan lived happily in their little Philadelphia home. The husband was a lodge man and when a new order came along and requested his membership, he joined. This new order was the Martinists. After initiation Stirtan declared the objects of the association to be impure. He renounced the order and exposed its secrets. From that time, so it is alleged, his doom was sealed.

MYSTERIOUS VISITORS.

At all hours of the night, so declares Mrs. Stirtan, who has for the past two years been searching high and low to find a trace of her missing husband, mysterious summonses would come and her legs would go forth to participate in secret conferences. One of these was held in their home and the trembling woman crept down the stairs and listened at the parlor door. In faltering tones she heard her husband say: "Well if it must be so, it must be so!" "Sharp and determined came the reply from an unknown man, "There is no possible escape."

After the visitor had gone Stirtan told his wife that he had fallen under the ban of the Martinists and was to be crucified.

HE DISAPPEARED.

Shortly after that time Stirtan went down town to his office one morning and never returned. After waiting two days, the fearful wife began an investigation. She found her husband had gone to the home of C. F. Silliman, also a Philadelphia, the man who had proposed his name as a member of the order to which

he had proved unfaithful. Together these two men had proceeded to Vineland, N. J. A colony of Martinists resides at that place. It was Silliman that brought out Portland, Or., as the actual scene of Stirtan's disappearance. The latter, Silliman declared, had told him he was unsatisfied with conditions as he had found them and he was going toward the West. Later he had received a letter from the man. That letter was dated at Portland, Or. It was the statement that other letters had been written his relatives and friends telling of his whereabouts and intentions.

SEARCH MADE.
The Philadelphia police and several of the large Eastern newspapers took up the search for the recreant husband or the murdered man and every possible effort has been made to untangle the skein of fact and fancy. The Martinists disclaim any knowledge of the whereabouts of Stirtan and say they have no rule which requires that traitors be crucified.

It is possible that Eastern detectives are at the present time in this city working to discover the location of Stirtan or to ascertain whether the alleged letter was ever mailed through the Portland postoffice. Meanwhile the mystery remains unfathomed.

SALEM NEWS NOTES.

SALEM, Dec. 10.—In the supreme court, yesterday afternoon, the case of the State of Oregon, appellant, vs. Geo. W. Davis et al, respondents, was argued on appeal. The case is that brought by the state against the bondsmen of George W. Davis, at one time clerk of the State Land Board, for the recovery of the amount of the bond, \$5,000. Davis, it will be remembered, retired from office in 1898, after his books had been examined at the legislative session of 1895, and declared correct. At the session of 1901, the books were again examined and Davis was found to be short his accounts some \$11,000. When this suit was brought in the lower court against the bondsmen, George G. Bingham and E. P. McCormack, the court ruled that the statute of limitations had run against the state, and recovery on the bond at this late date was out of the question.

Secretary F. I. Dunbar is preparing the capitol for the legislative session, by having the entire structure thoroughly cleaned and renovated. The woodwork of the interior is being painted, and the oil cloth floor coverings are also being cleaned and oiled. The entire structure is being placed in readiness for the meeting of the solons.

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BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

SALEM, Dec. 10.—The State Board of Agriculture held its regular annual meeting in the capitol yesterday afternoon, when a large number of its officers were received and the board's report to the governor made and submitted. All members of the board were present. During the afternoon the officers were re-elected to serve during the ensuing year, as follows: President, W. H. Wehrung, Hillsboro; vice president, J. H. Suttle, Medford; secretary, M. D. Winwood, Portland; treasurer, A. Bush, Salem; members, Jasper Wilkins of Coberg, George Chandler of Baker City, G. A. Westgate, Albany. The board changed the date of the annual meeting of the board from the second Tuesday in December to the third Tuesday in that month of each year.

Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

JOINT MEETING OF B'NAL BRITH

Officers Welcomed by Local Lodges.

Rabbi Levy and Voorsanger and Grand Secretary Aschheim Deliver Forceful Addresses.

The four Portland lodges of the Independent Order B'nal Brith held a joint meeting last night at the Soling-Hirsch Building in honor of the official visit of Second Grand Vice-President S. Julius Mayer, of Portland, and Grand Secretary J. J. Aschheim, Grand Orator M. S. Levy and Past Grand Orator Jacob Voorsanger of San Francisco.

The meeting was presided over by President Philip Gevartz of Oregon Lodge, No. 65, the oldest lodge in the Northwest. Brother Gevartz welcomed the officers in an appropriate address, which was followed by remarks by the second grand vice-president, Grand Secretary Aschheim, who addressed those present on the benefits derived from and the good done by the order.

EULOGIZED DAN BUCHNER.
Mr. Aschheim introduced his remarks by saying that he missed the smiling faces of many brethren with special mention of Brother Dan M. Buchner, past district deputy, who was one of the leading B'nal Brith workers in Portland.

The grand orator, Rev. Dr. M. S. Levy, followed Mr. Aschheim's address with a most eloquent oration on the good of the order, introducing his talk with his impressions of the beauty and products of Oregon. Continuing his address, Rabbi Levy spoke of the condition of the Jews in Russia and Rumania, stating that the mission of the Independent Order B'nal Brith was to ameliorate the same, and further addressing those present, he said in part:

"In this direction I see how much good can be done by the Independent Order B'nal Brith. Here you have a society representing tens of thousands of the Jews throughout the world with a machinery prepared to do splendid missionary work in behalf of the spreading of our true great religion, and in Benevolence, Brotherly Love and Harmony, with its beautiful symbol of light. What might not this society accomplish if it had among its faithful supporters enthusiastic, loyal, courageous men of influence? I O. B. B.

It has founded orphan asylums, and schools, and hospitals. It is dealing today most wisely with that most serious problem of assimilating those of our people who are born on the continent of Europe, and who come here to seek liberty. The Independent Order B'nal Brith can do more to spread the knowledge and aims and hopes of Judaism, can gain more through respect for that which is good and noble than any other organization known to me today. It can become the most efficient social aid and give the fullest aid to the pulpit and religious school work of all the organizations called into existence at any time by our contributions.

"The work of the order is of such an ennobling character that it demands and should receive on all sides that measure of support to which its record and its aims entitle it. By means of just such an organization in local, city, or county, to carry on his direct mission and strengthen in his noble purposes."

DR. VOORSANGER SPEAKS.
Rev. Dr. Jacob Voorsanger followed the grand orator's address with a strong appeal to the members to consider the order not for mere social and fraternal, but for the most important and noble of all purposes. He expressed his desire that in addition to the great amount of good already done by the order, that each and every member shall consider it his duty to do the best he can for his fellow man, and in the doing of the same, that the order was never more needed in Israel than at the present day, and that in unity there is strength.

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BAKER CITY IS INDIGNANT

Portland Paper Publishes a Fake Story.

And All the Lawyers in That City Are in a Ferment.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 10.—An article printed in the Portland Telegram a few days ago in regard to Judge Eakin in Baker City. The Telegram article states that an effort is on foot among the Baker County lawyers to create a new judicial district composed of Baker County alone, and that the negro in the woodpile was dissatisfaction on the part of the bar with Judge Robert Eakin. Little else was talked of in legal circles in Baker yesterday, and the lawyers are worked up over the matter. The Journal interviewed every practitioner at the Baker City bar, who is in the city and without exception the reply was that Judge Eakin is giving entire satisfaction to the attorneys. There is a demand for the creation of the new district, but a part of the plan is to have Judge Eakin move to Baker City and continue as judge of this district.

A PURE FABLE.
Hon. John L. Rand, senator-elect from this district and a prominent attorney, in speaking of the matter said: "Unless Judge Eakin consents to move to Baker and continue to be the judge of this circuit, I will neither introduce nor support a bill looking to the creation of a new judicial district. There was no effort on foot to depose Judge Eakin are: Col. W. F. Butcher, S. O. Correll, C. E. Manville, O. B. Mount, Hon. William Smith, Charles A. Johns, George J. Bentley, Charles F. Hyde, Frank L. Moore, W. G. Drowley, W. S. Levens, Judge M. L. Olmstead, O. L. Miller and F. A. E. Starr. This includes every practicing lawyer who was in the city yesterday.

SEATTLE THINGS.
A representative of Thiel's Detective Agency is in Baker City and was at Sumpter yesterday. He recognized at both the upper camp and in Baker City a number of very tough characters who he remembered as having been members of the Seattle tough element. The detective said that since the gambling houses in the Sound City had been closed, a large number of thugs, crafters and "sure thing men" had been forced to leave that town and they had poured down on Portland and from there had scattered to the smaller cities of the state. Baker City and Sumpter seem to have received an allotment of these of this class of gang, and an epidemic of hold-ups is expected.

CALIFORNIA FOR THE FAIR

Governor Pardee Assures Aid of the State.

Legislative Committee of the Lewis and Clark Fair Meet This Afternoon.

The legislative committee of the Lewis and Clark Fair will meet late this afternoon in executive session. This committee is composed of the following members: A. L. Mills, J. C. Ainsworth, A. Bush, J. M. Church, A. H. Devers, William D. Miller, Leo Friede, Rufey Mallory, O. L. Miller, James H. Raley, George W. Riddle, H. W. Scott, Paul Westinger and J. C. Cooper.

At this afternoon's meeting the following telegram from John Knapp, special commissioner from the Lewis and Clark Fair to the governors of the adjacent states will be read:

Gov. Pardee of California authorizes me to say that Portland shall be equally protected with St. Louis in the matter of an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair. Will leave for Nevada tomorrow.

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Wills Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau service of the United States government, has sent circular letters to the commercial organizations of the Pacific Coast, announcing the establishment of a weather bureau station at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca on Tatoosh Island, Wash.

This station, which opened for business on December 1, is provided with international flags and a powerful telescope, and is in telegraphic communication with Port Townsend, Seattle and Tacoma, so that messages can be filed for transmission to all parts of the world. The circular states that this station is prepared to report vessels in or out of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, or within sight along the coast; also that messages will be received to and from vessel owners and consignees, and masters of vessels lying off or passing within sight of the station.

Vessels desiring to be reported should, when within ten miles of the station, display flags denoting their name.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.
The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 9 competitive examinations will be held for the positions of assistant chemist, supervising architect's office, Treasury Department; inspector of hulls, steamboat inspection service; scientific assistant, United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, and for the position of custodian, marine biological station, fish commission, at Beaufort, N. C. For further information and application blanks address the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or Z. A. Leigh, secretary local board of examiners, Post Office Building.

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