

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight and Tuesday, rain or snow; southerly winds.

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YOUR WANTS

MAY BE MANY, BUT MOST OF THEM MAY BE SUPPLIED THROUGH THE JOURNAL'S WANT COLUMNS.

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JAPAN LOOKS TO SUPPORT FROM ENGLAND AND AMERICA

Uncle Sam's Praises Are Sung in Japanese, So Also John Bull's.

A HOPE YET FOR PEACE

Russia Not Feared in Particular and if Czar Does Not Recede From Original Position, War Then Comes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tokio, Jan. 18.—A high official in an interview with a Herald correspondent said today: "Japan does not expect Russia's rejoinder for at least a week. Meantime the Mikado's nation is prepared for and is grimly reconciled to war. Political and other distinctions have disappeared entirely from the country, and it is patriotically united. The government is also receiving many offers of contributions in the event of war, such as money amounting to millions of golden yen."

"The Japanese people would today welcome honorable peace, but they are resolved to fight before receding from their position in Oriental affairs. Fear of the aggression of Russia, it is believed, if not stopped now will never be."

A Graphic Account. In what it claims as an authoritative statement the "Graphic" this morning announces that peace negotiations have arrived at a stage leaving only two points upon which neither Russia nor Japan will be inclined to yield. An attempt of Russia to increase very largely her naval forces in the East by moving either the Black Sea or Baltic fleets, would make war a question of only a few hours. "The Japanese populace," says the "Graphic," expects the world's sympathy in its struggle, and has a splendid confidence in its army and navy, and in the event of reverses or national disaster she believes that England and the United States will intervene and preserve a balance of power in Eastern Asia. The Mikado has no fear of an invasion of Japanese country, which is probably has a coast as strongly defended as any in the world.

Sung in Japanese. The growth of British and American sentiments is remarked, and the numerous displays of the flags of the two nations are made at the offices of the "Graphic" and the "Lion" and "Uncle Sam" are sung in Japanese, and characters of "Uncle Sam" and "Johnny Bull" are also seen at all public dances. The activity of the United States in the opening of the ports of Mukden and Antung is keenly watched, and in some quarters it is felt that this may aid in solving the problem of peace.

GOV. M'BRIDE IS SURE OF ROOSEVELT

(Journal Special Service.) Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 18.—Governor McBride of this state visited today the home and school for defective youths. In an interview at the officers' club at Vancouver barracks, where he was entertained at luncheon, the matter of politics was brought up and while indisposed to go into extensive details, the governor said that he was not loath to state at the present time that he believed full accord would be shown in Washington for the support of President Roosevelt.

He said he was almost assured that no party lines were drawn, which would be of a nature to take from Roosevelt a very full Republican vote. "Will you be a candidate for reelection?" was asked.

"I do not believe I care to discuss that proposition just at this time," replied the governor, "some of my friends may be able to state the status of gubernatorial affairs in a short time." Governor McBride will be at the Portland tonight for a short time. He expects to leave for Olympia on the late train arriving there tomorrow.

PREACHER KENNEDY FREE OF BURGLARY

(Journal Special Service.) Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 18.—Rev. Richard H. Kennedy, the congregational minister of this place, was acquitted of alleged burglary of the residence of E. H. Warren, a well known citizen of this vicinity, who lives a half mile east of town. The jury on the case was out from Saturday until 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning and at that hour notified the court that a verdict was ready. At the calling of court it was ascertained that not guilty was the finding. Rev. Mr. Kennedy, who has been out on bail, was at once notified. He was greatly impressed, although he said that he had expected such a result. The trial has excited more interest than any other in this section. The minister was accused of having entered the residence of Mr. Warren and

TEACHES BY DAY AND SHE ROBS AT NIGHT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Miller, S. D., Jan. 18.—Teaching school by day and assuming the role of a female Claude Duval by night, is said to have been the career of Miss Hattie Pilcher, a pretty young girl. She was arrested today on warrants issued at the instance of several business men, charged with assault with intent to commit felony and with having administered ether to Wilbur Quirk for the purpose of robbery. Mr. Quirk is a prominent drug clerk and on Monday night was held up by two masked persons and was bound and gagged and made unconscious by the use of ether. He was found Wednesday morning in a serious condition, and was unable to describe his assailants. Miss Pilcher, who was wounded on the same night, first claimed that she had been attacked in the Henshaw hotel, where she was bound and gagged. Since then she has told conflicting stories. Today she told the sheriff she had been shot accidentally at a place on the railway east of town. She took an officer to the place and pointed out a revolver with which she declared the wound had been inflicted. She persisted, however, in her refusal to say who shot her. Drops of blood were found leading from the drug store to where Quirk was assaulted, and then to the Henshaw hotel, where Miss Pilcher lay wounded.

CLALLAM WRECK IS INVESTIGATED

CAPTAIN ROBERTS TESTIFIES REGARDING THE AWFUL CALAMITY AND EXPLAINS WHY BOATS WERE LOWERED WHEN THEY WERE—RED LIGHTS WENT OUT.

(Journal Special Service.) Seattle, Jan. 18.—Inspectors of Hulls and Bowers Whitney and Turner began inquiry into the Clallam disaster this morning by putting Captain Roberts on the stand. Roberts told much the same story as told in his interviews. The main drift of the questioning was in regard to whether or not the Clallam was taking water before or at the time she rounded Point Wilson. Both Captain Roberts and Mate Downey said she was not. They did not know she was leaking until after she rounded Point Wilson and got into heavy seas. In his statement Captain Roberts explained why he lowered the boats at the time he did as follows: It was decided, in view of the fact that it was daylight, to get boats ready as we did not think the vessel would last long. This was done in order that any who wished to leave the doomed vessel. I concluded if we left the launching of the boats until dark it would result in the drowning of all. In regard to the signals for help, Captain Roberts said the wind blew the red light out. He said some one raised the union jack with the Jack up. He ordered it down and raised it again with the Jack down. He failed, however, to state whether or not the union jack was again raised as he ordered.

ROBBED THE DEAD AT CHICAGO DISASTER

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Jan. 18.—Louis Witz, a saloonkeeper whose place was near the new Iroquois, Charles Conway, a waiter, and McArthur were arrested today charged with robbing the body of Mrs. E. Trask, a victim of the theatre holocaust, who was carried to the saloon during the rescue work. Witz handed over \$11 and a reward at the time. It developed that she had \$210 in her purse at the time of the fire. The police say all three men confessed to participation in the distribution of the money.

STARVING WOLVES EAT MAN AND HORSES

(Journal Special Service.) Pont Arthur, Ont., Jan. 18.—Andrew Sande and two horses were killed and eaten by timber wolves in the woods adjoining this place last night. The bones were picked clean. There were indications of a fierce struggle.

PLAN A GREATER SEATING SPACE

COLISEUM FOR HOLDING OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE ARRANGED TO GIVE AMPLE ROOM FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF 20,000 PEOPLE.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 18.—An important matter regarding the Democratic convention seating people, said Colonel Martin, sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic national committee. "I estimate that we can seat 13,000 people in the Coliseum, if it will be arranged according to plans which I have in mind. My ideas are not definite, and what I expect to do may be changed by the committee. Experience at the Chicago and Kansas City conventions has taught me where I can make a good many improvements. At Kansas City, in spite of the large capacity of the hall, the seats of the delegates were poorly arranged. A semi-circular platform will be built out into the arena, extending about half-way along the south side. The chairman will occupy a dais on the platform. Behind him will be members of the committee, and further back prominent men of the party who are guests. Beside the chairman the press associations will be given space, and representatives of daily papers will be placed on either side of the platform at desks. Telegraph companies will have offices under the stage."

BRYAN AND HEARST AND A DAILY PAPER

(Journal Special Service.) Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 18.—William Jennings Bryan in an interview tonight would neither affirm nor deny the current report to see the platform of 1896-1900 Commoner during the St. Louis Democratic convention. Such a report has gone out from New York and has caused much speculation among the anti-Bryanites. Mr. Bryan was free to say that he desired to see the platform of 1896-1900 stand as they were and he would work for that purpose. It is further reported that Bryan and Hearst have come to a conclusion that they can control more than a third of the delegates and as it requires more than two thirds to name candidates they can prevent an undesirable man from being nominated. With a daily paper devoted to Bryanism and backed by Mr. Hearst, friends of both say that much will be gained.

MRS. BOWERS TELLS OF HUSBAND'S DEATH

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Martha Bowers took the stand in her own behalf this morning. On several occasions she nearly broke down when pointed questions about her husband were asked, but she soon drew herself together and replied coolly and deliberately. She testified that on June 5 last she bought a ham and bringing it home to her husband, who died. She herself never did any cooking, and when she unwrapped the ham he said: "This does not look good." He cooked it and both partook of it. About an hour later both were attacked by violent pains in the stomach. She recovered soon after, but he got no better, and a few days later she called in a physician. Mrs. Bowers said previous to eating the ham her husband was munching ice.

TACOMA INCORPORATES

(Journal Special Service.) Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18.—The Tacoma baseball club in the Pacific Coast league was organized and incorporated today with a capital stock of \$3,000, all of which was subscribed by five local men. The following officers were elected: E. L. Davis, president; D. S. Evans, vice-president; George McSherr, secretary; Forbes Haskell, Jr., treasurer; M. A. Fisher, manager.



HUSBAND USED HER FOR HIS SUBJECT

William Partridge, the celebrated artist, and photographer of one of his great panels, entitled "Clipping Cupid's Wings." Mrs. Partridge, the wife of the artist, has just filed papers in a suit for divorce from her husband. A tinge of romance is given to the case by the statement of intimate friends of the artist, who is also a poet and novelist, that he put the story of his own courtship and marriage into a novel written by him some years ago; and also that in the picture shown of the mother, he copied his wife's features. Friends of Partridge say that for these causes no divorce proceedings should have been instituted.



SNOWFLAKES FALL BUT QUICKLY MELT

Flurries of snowflakes this morning for the first time during the season made Portlanders quicken their pace and wonder if real winter weather such as is experienced in many other localities of the same latitude were going to set in here for a change. Their fears were soon dispelled, however, for the soft snow turned to rain before an hour elapsed, and the famous Oregon mist again ruled supreme. At daylight Portland Heights was covered with a thin mantle of snow, as were several other elevated plateaus adjacent to the city. Shortly the sun appeared at frequent intervals from behind the scattered clouds, and the scene of white gave way to the old-time color. The temperature hovered around 34 degrees, the dividing line between snow and rain, but there was very little precipitation of any kind after 10 o'clock. What there was came down in the form of rain, with the exception of an odd five minutes now and then, when heavy, watery snowflakes went drifting through the air. According to weather bureau statistics, however, this is the period of year when a light snowfall may be expected. During the latter part of January last year the Willamette valley was visited by a light snow, but it melted about as fast as it fell. On the morning of January 27 there was an inch of snow on the hills back of Portland, but none lay in the streets. On February 7 there was a half inch on the high ground, within sight of the city. That was practically all the snow seen at Portland last year. The last heavy snowstorm to visit Portland was on January 1, 1901, at which time there were six inches of snow on the ground. The occurrence was considered so rare that many photographs of the various scenes witnessed on the streets were taken. True to their instincts of self-preservation, the Oregonians were wading through the streets with raised umbrellas. Some of these rain-coverings were stacked high with banks of snow, and presented a singular appearance. District Forecaster Beale says present indications do not show that there will be any snow to speak of during this last spell of weather. The temperature is slightly rising, and there will probably be more rain. Heavy winds still continue on the coast, and at all important points storm warnings are out.

AFRICAN NEGROES MURDERING WHITES

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Jan. 18.—Dispatches today state that white inhabitants in German West Africa are in a desperate situation. Three thousand are in a territory of 300,000 square miles. Opposed to them are 60,000 rebels including 20,000 Hereros, who are the finest of the negro race. The rebels are leading a war of extermination against the whites. The war is the result of the governor having exterminated them by the execution of Chief Nicodemus for high treason against the Kaiser. Ten thousand negroes are today threatening to capture Windhoek capital, which is garrisoned by only 180 whites. All railways and telegraph lines are out or destroyed. It is now considered certain that all outlying whites will be tortured and killed. Official returns say 40 Americans are

GAMBLERS GOT CASH

Poor Woman's Husband Loses Money Saved to Buy Home.

SHE DEMANDS IT BACK

Laughed at for Her Pains, She Brings Suit Against August Erickson to Recover \$165—Manning the Prosecutor.

Working as a servant, Mrs. Minnie Feschbeck accumulated \$165, with which she planned to make a first payment on a rooming house. Her husband set out to make the payment but stopped at August Erickson's gambling den at Second and Burnside streets. He played "twenty-one" and lost the \$165. Heart broken Mrs. Feschbeck appealed to District Attorney Manning to recover her money. Manning asked Erickson by telephone to return the money. "Go to hell," was Erickson's reply. Then Mr. Manning on information furnished by Mrs. Feschbeck last Saturday filed an information charging Erickson with conducting a gambling house. Warrants were issued for August Erickson and George Fuller. Fuller is the person who appears on the police court records when the semi-monthly city tax on gamblers is collected. Before they could be arrested Henry Griffin, manager of Erickson's, appeared before Justice Reed and gave \$100 bail to insure their appearance. The date of their trial is not set. The charge is that Erickson operated on January 11 a "twenty-one" game. It is anticipated that other warrants will be issued on charges of running gambling houses and keeping open after hours. District Attorney Manning said today: "When Mrs. Feschbeck told me her story I called up Erickson over the telephone. 'Mr. Erickson,' I said, 'a poor woman is at my office who says that she entrusted \$165 to her husband with which to make a payment on a rooming house. He lost every cent of it playing twenty-one at your place. The woman cannot afford to lose this money and wants you to give it back. If not she will take action through the law to protect herself.' 'Mr. Erickson replied: 'You can go to hell.'"

MINISTERS AFTER SPOKANE BAD WOMEN

(Journal Special Service.) Spokane, Jan. 18.—At a meeting of the Spokane Ministerial association held this morning the ministers decided to prosecute every immoral woman, ditcheeper and owner of property used for immoral purposes until everyone of them is driven from the city. The association includes every minister in Spokane and a committee of five was appointed to carry on the prosecution. The committee is made up of Revs. Giboney, Lambert, Dun, Uta and Wallace.

POPE PIUS WANTS PEOPLE PROTECTED

(Journal Special Service.) Rome, Jan. 18.—The pope today had a long interview with the French ambassador as to what protection France would afford Catholics in the far east in event of war. His holiness said that if France would be unable to protect them he would appeal to other Catholic powers.

FEELING PULSE OF COUNCILMEN

All the members of the city council are present at the session of the ways and means committee this afternoon for the purpose of determining upon a report in favor of a full paid fire department. This committee held a session late Saturday afternoon and unanimously decided upon the full paid department, but previous to making their report they felt that the decision of the council should be sought upon the matter. This led to a request that all the members be present this afternoon. The improvement of the fire service is now an assured thing, for a straw vote of the council shows a unanimous approval of the change. In order to accomplish this object the councilmen will favor economy in the other departments, which kills any hopes of an increased police force or larger salaries. The committee had not decided upon the proposed report today, further than wherein it favors decidedly a full paid fire department, but the heads of the various municipal departments are awaiting it with much interest. Chief Campbell is highly pleased at the successful issue of the agitation for an improved service, and his expectations are shared by every other employe of the city. The most important feature in connection with the full paid department is the lowering of insurance rates throughout the city. This will most certainly be done, although the local agents are still uninformed as to the amount of the reduction. District Insurance Surveyor Stone is out of the city, and nothing definite will be known until his return from San Francisco. Now that the volunteer system is to be done away with, the standard of the department in physical qualifications especially, can be raised. With volunteers it is almost impossible to keep the force in anything like uniformity, but when a well-trained fire company goes into action, with every man knowing his place and what is expected of him, danger from fire can be reduced to a minimum and the efficiency of the department increased greatly. A large number of the extram can be depended upon to remain as permanent employes, with a full salary, and it is not anticipated that there will be any trouble in filling up the ranks with eligibles. At present \$12,000 is required to operate a call department, but a full paid service will cost only \$142,325, including all salaries and operating expenses. The difference in cost runs with payee 22 regular men \$48 per month instead of allowing that number of call men \$12 per month.

LEVY WAS NOT VALID

Stockholders Win Suit Against Commercial National Bank.

ASSESSMENT SET ASIDE

Mayor Williams and Henry Weinhard Among the Successful Litigants—Wells, Fargo & Co. Being the Real Defendants in Case.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 18.—The supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the supreme court of Oregon in the case of the Commercial National bank vs. Henry Weinhard and George H. Williams. The actions were originally brought by Weinhard and Williams against the Commercial National bank to recover the value of stock sold for non-payment of assessments, which had been levied by the directors of the bank at the direction of the comptroller of the currency. The news of the decision of the United States supreme court in the Commercial National bank cases will be received with satisfaction by a number of the former stockholders in that institution. For the past three or four years they have been seeking to establish their rights in the courts, and by the decision just handed down they have won a sweeping victory. Among these stockholders are Henry Weinhard and Mayor George H. Williams. Judge Thomas O'Day, who has conducted the litigation in behalf of the stockholders, gave out the following statement of the facts in the case: "Some 10 years ago the Commercial National bank in this city closed its doors. The capital of the bank was \$350,000. After the failure Wells, Fargo & Co. came forward with a proposition to take an interest in the bank and they proposed that the capital should be increased to \$500,000. This was done. Wells, Fargo & Co. taking the new stock. Two or three years later, the directors of Wells, Fargo & Co. requested the comptroller of the currency to direct that an assessment of 50 per cent be levied on the stockholders of the bank. This the comptroller consented to do, although Mr. Weinhard, Judge Williams and others of the stockholders entered strong protest. "As soon as they received notice of the comptroller's action the bank directors levied the assessment of 50 per cent, and subsequently the stock belonging to Weinhard, Williams and others was sold, for non-payment of the assessment. In behalf of these stockholders I then began suit to recover the value of their stock, basing the suit upon the contention that the bank directors had no authority to levy the assessment, which could be levied only by the stockholders themselves. I contended also that the levying of the assessment was simply an attempt on the part of Wells, Fargo & Co. to freeze out the other stockholders, for immediately afterward they put the bank into liquidation and took possession of all its assets, carrying on business thereafter as the Wells, Fargo bank. "We were successful before the Oregon supreme court, which gave a decision in our favor. A writ of error was then taken by the defendants to the United States supreme court and I went to Washington in December and argued the case. The Journal's information that a final decision had been rendered in our favor is very gratifying."

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