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Apparently No Preparations Made for Commencement of Oregon Land Fraud Trials—Judge Wolverton Waiting for Word.

No trial jury for the hearing of the land cases has yet been called by Judge Wolverton of the United States court, and none will be called until requested either by Mr. Heney or the department of justice.

"I do not know when I will call the jury," said Judge Wolverton this morning. "It will depend upon what requests I receive from Mr. Heney. I have not heard from him in regard to the trials and until I do I will not call the jury."

This condition leaves the land cases in an uncertain light once more. In the past it has always been customary to call the jury for the trial of cases in the federal court at least two weeks in advance of the opening of the cases.

This is made necessary by the fact that the juryman comes from all parts of the state, and it takes at least that long for the order to be entered, the drawing made and the officials of the court sent out to notify the men drawn upon the venire.

Looking at the situation from the custom of the past therefore it would appear that the land cases will probably not open on January 13, as set down by Mr. Heney when he was in Portland a short time ago. Unless word is received from him before the end of the week and the call issued it would be a difficult matter to have the jury on hand for the opening of court on the day set down by the court.

One other thing which makes the opening of the land cases vague and uncertain is the tomb like quiet which exists about the district attorney's office. No action has been taken, as far as can be seen, towards gathering together the vast quantities of documentary evidence that will be needed in the trials. It is also true that the government is making out its cases when they come up for trial.

Witnesses in the different cases are scattered throughout the United States and it will take time to get them all back to Portland and ready to go upon the stand for the government. The indications point, therefore, to the resumption of the trials of the land cases, if resumed at all, at a later date than January 13. It is possible that Mr. Heney expects to get them all together by January 13, but it is possible that he will have to wait some time to gather together his evidence, witnesses and prosecuting forces before he can actively prosecute the waiting defendants.

Whether or not this may be the solution of the dust gathering inactivity about the district attorney's office remains to be seen.

SEATTLE ASKS FOR SUBMARINE BOATS

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—The Seattle chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution urging congress to provide submarine torpedo boats for the protection of Puget sound and the cities of its shores. The resolution was passed under the suspension of the rules and will be taken up by the senate and representatives in congress.

Walls, Walla Pioneer Dead.

Walla, Wash., Jan. 1.—Samuel Maxon, a pioneer farmer of Walla Walla, is dead at his home in this city of heart trouble, at the age of 84 years. He was a native of New York. He crossed the plains with an ox team, settling in the Walla Walla valley in the early 50s. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Snow on the Winter Wheat.

Farmington, Wash., Jan. 1.—Threshing of snow fell here Monday. The farmers were pleased and wished it might remain the entire winter, but yesterday a change came and the snow is nearly all gone. There is a great deal of winter wheat in this district.

Fire in School Building.

Lacrosse, Wash., Jan. 1.—A basement fire nearly destroyed the public school building here. It damaged the property to the extent of \$2,500. The building cost \$12,000 and was insured for \$8,000.

LOG DROWER DROWNS IN GALES CREEK

Barney Lambert Thrown From Log—Unable to Use Ready Aid.

Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 1.—Barney Lambert was drowned in Gales creek yesterday, while driving logs to Cornelius for the Patton Logging company.

MRS. WALDO'S GIFT TO O. A. C. GIRLS

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 1.—The gift of Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, state grange lecturer, to Waldo hall, the young women's dormitory, is probably the costliest present ever donated to the Oregon grange. Since the dedication of Waldo hall the gift of Mrs. Waldo has been anticipated but its arrival, which was recent, has completely overtopped expectations.

NATURE FAKER TELLS OF THREE FEET OF SNOW IN PORTLAND

Coming down town early this morning on a Willamette Heights street-car, the conductor and a passenger got to talking about the famous Oregon climate. The conductor said: "It was pretty chilly this morning on the first run."

"Huh, I have seen three feet of snow on these streets," "You don't say?" "Tell me the answer."

"Well, it was in the '80s—about 20 years ago as near as I can reckon. Don't know what caused it. Just snowed an' snowed, an' snowed, until three feet of the white stuff was piled up. Did not last long."

The rest of the passengers scanned each face in the car in the hope of finding some one from the weather office to confute the libel on the balmy climate of Oregon, but no one piped a protest.

Much encouraged by the silence following his bold declaration, the nature faker continued: "Not only that, but the river has been frozen three or four times. Of course no army crossed the ice, but the water was frozen in a smooth layer several times to my recollection."

"This was too much. Pride and patience could stand no more and the warm temper little old man who was noticed writhing in a corner spoke up: "While I do not dispute any one in this car," he began, "I just wish to say that I remember the year when wild strawberries grew in profusion all winter and I went out on the hills myself and picked enough each day for my dinner."

At which the car hit three high spots at the same time.

HARD-LUCK STORY FOR HAPPY NEW YEAR DAY WAS NEVER TOLD

He stood on the street corner, absently watching the passing crowds. Every one seemed so happy. From every side the New Year cheer was in the air. Others greeted each other and told of the wonderful promises, expectations and anticipations held forth by the year just in its infancy.

"Happy New Year," it seemed for everybody except the one on the street corner. There was a sprinkle of gray among the hairs of the man's head. His shoulders were stooped and the expression of his face showed signs of worry and mental agony.

"Happy New Year," said a man as he approached the lonesome looking chap. "The same to you," deeply replied the unfortunate looking individual. "And you'll probably have yours. But for me—oh, if I could only tell you, or some one."

And then the happy one and the downcast man parted, going in opposite directions.

HINDU, CHINAMAN AND JAP DONATE TO AMERICAN BEGGAR

A Hindu passing along Morrison street yesterday dropped a coin into the tin box of a blind street player. He was in his native costume and had evidently not been in this country any length of time. But he had money and he was generous.

Presently a Chinaman just from Chinatown came along. The music from the organ attracted his attention. Into his blue jeans pocket he slipped a coin. He withdrew it there was a little piece of silver in his palm. Into the coffers of the beggar it went.

The Hindu smiled serenely and went his way. Members of the three most hated people among the labor circles of the United States had contributed within five minutes, to the assistance of one apparently in distress.

SHEEP, LIKE SOME PEOPLE, STEP IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

"Sheep, I sometimes think, the almost human," said H. E. Evans of Casper, Wyoming, at the Hotel Portland this morning. "I have recently been in the sheep business and I know several of these animals simply because they are so much like the human race. They like to follow the leader."

"It all happened on Muddy mountain, in Wyoming. This particular place is not far from the ranch of Bryan E. Brooks, governor of the state. The sheep were being herded, but not rushed in the least. The band consisted of several thousand. Owing to this simple accident the bunch was cut in two—half were saved and the other half is a total loss."

"One of the sheep, while grazing, slipped and accidentally fell over a precipice into a canyon several hundred feet below. The shepherd, who was at this time that the sheep—those who were killed—displayed their wonderful presence of mind and the semblance to the civilized people of today."

BULLET STOPPED SALES CHILD BY MILKMAN AS TRY TO CLIMB ON BACK OF RUNNING HORSE AT ROTHSCHILD

Norristown, Pa., Jan. 1.—After her husband and 10-year-old daughter had been thrown out of the carriage and injured by a runaway horse, Mrs. Warren Brook of Cold Point, saved her own life and that of an infant child by climbing over the dashboard and getting on the horse's back and stopping him.

The horse became frightened, and turned so suddenly that Brooks and his daughter, who were on the front seat, were thrown into the road. The horse was going at top speed and the wagon was swerving from side to side before the plucky woman got on the animal's back and pulled so hard on the check rein that the horse was got under control.

The manner in which the burglar ransacked the desks and drawers in the office leads to the belief that he is the same robber who visited the offices in the Goodrich building last night, when the editorial rooms of The Journal were entered and the desks rifled. The office of the International Post Card company was also entered in the Goodrich building but the man did not touch the company's safe, containing himself, as in the other places, with merely going through the desks.

Discovering a burglar climbing over the transom of his office, 311 Stearns building, corner Sixth and Morrison streets, Dr. H. N. Briggs fired his revolver at the man but was a second too late and the man got away. Dr. Briggs reported the matter to the police, but no clue was obtained to the robber.

Previous to attempting to rob Dr. Briggs' office the burglar broke into the offices of the Western Co-operative company and the Providence Savings Life company, also entered in the same building and made away with a few articles of small value.

In none of the robberies did the burglar secure money, but he was contenting himself with picking up articles he could easily make away with. No attempt was made on any of the safes, which leads to the belief that the man is not a cracksmen.

Ball costume afire; woman nearly dead. Mrs. C. M. Hill of Sellwood was seriously, perhaps fatally, burned last evening while returning home from a masquerade ball at Sullivan's hall. She was attired in a costume made of some light material and this was accidentally set on fire by her husband while he was in the act of lighting a cigar. In a moment the woman was enveloped in flames, and but for the heroic efforts of her husband and others who rushed to the rescue she must have burned to death in a few moments.

The woman had been burned in many places about the body, head and face. Her hair means sweat on hand. When he withdrew it there was a little piece of silver in his palm. Into the coffers of the beggar it went.

People passing along Washington street near Seventh last night and this morning noticed a disagreeable odor which to most of them was familiar. The scent took them back to their younger days, but for the heroic efforts in the country or recalled experiences in the woods during the summer.

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GIRL'S FAKE SUICIDE CAUSES REAL ILLNESS

Paris, Jan. 1.—Juliette Drell, aged 19, was yesterday caught red-handed in the act of shoplifting and was taken to a police depot.

During her examination by the inspector in charge she suddenly produced from her pocket a small box, and before she could be prevented, opened the lid and swallowed some of the white powder which it contained. Then, with a scream of agony, she collapsed, she fell to the floor, apparently in convulsions.

She was hastily summoned, and administered a number of counter-poisons and emetics. In about an hour's time the girl appeared to regain a normal condition, and was conveyed to her home.

The doctor who had attended her took the remains of the white powder away with him for analysis, and this morning announced that the "poison" was an ordinary white powder and perfectly harmless.

A policeman was immediately sent to the girl's home, where he found her to be really ill, suffering from the effects of the emetics. She was again brought to the hospital, and this morning she was sufficiently punished, set her at liberty.

LUNATIC STRANGLED BY ASYLUM KEEPER

Paris, Jan. 1.—A well-known local musician and composer of Marseilles, Jean Tallifer, recently showed signs of madness and was placed in a private asylum. He was, however, so violent on several of his old acquaintances, called on them and accused his wife of having poisoned him. He was confined to the asylum and died the next day. He was buried on Saturday. On learning of his death, Mme. Tallifer asked that an autopsy be made on the body, and this morning the post-mortem examination revealed the cause of the death was due to strangulation.

The four keepers of the asylum had been arrested. One of them states that during the night of Thursday to Friday Tallifer had had a fit of raving madness. He hit two of his keepers, and in the struggle was accidentally strangled by one of the attendants, who saved him by the throat to hold him down.

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HERS OBJECT TO WIDOW'S PORTION

Bertha Budde, Minnie Grewe, Anna Grote and Marie Budde, legatees under the will of Henry A. Budde, have filed a petition in the probate court to contest an allowance of \$2,615 heretofore made to the widow, Buena V. Budde, to oppose her monthly allowance of \$100 and to secure her removal as administratrix of the estate in Oregon.

Henry A. Budde died in an insane asylum in 1905, leaving an estate which was administered by the executors, Couden-Martin Woodrow company of St. Louis. His will named Charles W. Grote, husband of Anna Grote, who now appears as a contestant, as executor of the estate. The widow, Buena V. Budde, was then a resident of Oregon, and was appointed administratrix in this state. On August 7, 1905, she secured an allowance of \$100 per month and in November of the same year was granted \$2,615 principal and \$215 interest in payment of a note which she said had been given by her husband on a loan from annuity.

The widow said the note was lost or destroyed, and the contestants now declare the estate did not owe her anything. Since that time Mrs. Budde has married again, but the estate has not been closed. It is alleged that she no longer has power to act as executrix in this state, and the court is asked to make a new appointment.

The contestants also claim that Mrs. Budde has moved out of the state and married again, but the estate has not been closed. It is alleged that she no longer has power to act as executrix in this state, and the court is asked to make a new appointment.

Prize Contest Closed on Eve of New Year. The Commercial club's \$5,000 prize contest, for the best article on Oregon, closed last night. Under the terms governing the contest, as announced by Manager Tom Richardson, all articles intended to compete for the prize must have been printed in some recognized publication published outside the states of Oregon and Washington previous to January 1, 1908. Those having articles must mail them, in the original publication in which they appeared, to the prize contest committee, at the Commercial club, before February 1, as on that date, all articles in the hands of the contest judges will be turned over to the judges selected to make the awards.

New Fortifications. St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—The government has undertaken immense works of fortification at Vladivostok, which will cost \$30,000,000. The work will be done by the naval port of Nikolayevsk in the Amur river. It is also constructing extensive barracks in Khabarovsk, at the junction of the Amur and Ussuri rivers.

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Colored Member in French Parliament. Paris, Jan. 1.—There was an unexpected dash of color given to a colorful debate in the chamber of deputies yesterday afternoon by the arrival of M. Legitimus, the deputy for Martinique.

M. Legitimus is a highly polished black and an advanced socialist. He has been a deputy for more than a year, but this was his first appearance in the chamber, and he did not leave his constituency until he had received official information from Paris that he would lose his seat unless he attended parliament once.

M. Legitimus was accompanied to the chamber by another negro, a friend of his and the chief of his election committee in Martinique, who rejoices in the name of Blanche (White). As he entered the chamber a deputy named Leburn (Brown) was seated next to M. Legitimus, not knowing the ways of the chamber, went and sat among the whites—that is to say, the conservatives—on the extreme right; but a socialist colleague, M. Bleu (Blue) rushed across the house and, amid shouts of laughter, placed M. Legitimus to his right place on the benches of the socialists, or reds.

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