

### DISEASED ALIENS GET THROUGH THIN LINE OF GUARDS

California's Fund for Pay of Inspectors Insufficient; Federal Government Looks to State for Information.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
 Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 28.—That hundreds of Asiatics, mostly Hindus, are illegally in California, and that the state has failed to provide funds for the employment of physicians to search out cases of diseased aliens and effect their deportation, was the assertion today of a prominent member of the state board of health.

The federal government is willing to do its share toward seeing that diseased foreigners do not enter the country, but it depends on the state health departments to see that where infectious diseases develop in so-called "undesirables," a report shall be made to the federal authorities, that the diseased persons may be deported.

Health officials state that the department is handicapped through lack of funds with which to pay an adequate corps of inspectors and that if the inspection force were made more effective there would be fewer Hindus and other orientals in California.

**Hookworm and Other Diseases.**  
 One of the principal ailments of the Asiatic, it is asserted, is hookworm, and although this may be cured within two weeks, under the law it would be sufficient reason for deportation of any immigrant developing symptoms of the disease.

The same is true of filariasis, principally among the Chinese, and trachoma, among the Japanese, according to physicians.

Deportations of Chinese coolies have been checked temporarily by reason of the complaint of the Chinese government.

**England Might Protest.**  
 It is feared by those who desire to see Hindu immigrants turned back that too many deportations would result in protest from England. It is pointed out that if the hookworm excuse should be overworked it would pay those desiring cheaper labor in California to place physicians aboard the Pacific liners and cure all those afflicted with the disease, before the vessel reached the Pacific coast.

While no move has been made to increase the effectiveness of the state health board in respect of funds necessary, it is considered likely that bills to cover the matter will be presented at the coming session of the legislature.

### HILL NOT INTERESTED IN BARNUM RAILROAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Jacksonville, Or., Dec. 28.—The post-office at Ruch in the Applegate valley may soon blossom into a full-fledged town because of the contemplated invasion of the valley by the R. R. V. Ry. Co. This company has purchased a farm adjoining the present location of the postoffice and it is expected that ere long a townsite will be platted. There is a large country to draw from and Ruch could be made a better town even than Jacksonville. Jacksonville gets most of the Applegate valley trade now.

The president of the R. R. V. Ry. Co. denies that Hill will continue the road to the coast from Ruch, as has been given publicity. The R. R. V. Ry. is owned by J. W. Barnum and his two sons, who act as officers and crew of the railroad.

### ELLEXSON SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 La Grande, Or., Dec. 28.—T. R. Ellexson was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Knowles, for the killing of Waldo Perry at Union last September. Ellexson once more asserted his innocence, but admitted that he loved Mrs. Perry. He accepted his sentence resignedly.

### NO TRACE FOUND OF HUNTER IN MOUNTAINS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Lebanon, Or., Dec. 28.—No trace of Thomas Bond, who disappeared from his cabin in the mountains near here December 4, has been discovered, and it is now believed that he either fell over a precipice or met with foul play. Credence is given to the latter theory because of the fact that he is said to have made some enemies while acting as deputy game warden. Although possees have searched the mountains in this vicinity for many days, there have been no clues that might aid them in discovering the cause of his disappearance.

### CROSS GROUSE WITH BARNYARD FOWLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Boise, Idaho, Dec. 28.—At the Joseph Kent ranch, 30 miles up the Boise river, is a freak of nature's handiwork which is probably unknown any place else in the world according to a statement made by the well-known mail carrier, George W. Nelson. He states that grouse and chickens have crossed, making a new breed of fowl which roosts in the trees at night, feeds in the barnyard and is a fair layer at this season of the year.

**Power Plant on Lewis River.**  
 (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Woodland, Wash., Dec. 28.—Eastern capitalists are planning to build a large electric plant on Lewis river in Tum Tum canyon. Already considerable money has been expended in surveys and water rights.

124,000 tons Renton coal sold last year, "nuf sed." Try some. Trubcott Fuel Co., 12th and Overton, M. 65, A-144.

### PUBLIC DRINKING CUP BANISHED IN IDAHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Ontario, Or., Dec. 28.—Beginning January 1, the public drinking cup in Idaho will be a thing of the past. A ruling made by the state board of health at its last regular meeting prohibiting the use of such public cups on account of contagion will go into effect on that date, and the Oregon Short Line is the first institution to issue orders in compliance with that ruling.

The circular received at the local office of the road is as follows:

"The Idaho state board of health October 5, 1910 adopted rule No. 32, which becomes effective January 1, 1911, providing that the use of public or common drinking cups be discontinued on all railroad trains, in railroad stations, hotels, stores, public and private schools, state educational institutions and other institutions of the state of Idaho.

"It is therefore hereby ordered that all drinking cups or glasses be removed from water coolers in your depots or other buildings in the state of Idaho effective on that date. It is also hereby ordered that conductors and trainmen see that drinking glasses are removed from all cars upon entering this state, and not replaced until after leaving the border of Idaho.

"The Grey News company will arrange for the necessary agents with an aluminum collapsible cup to be sold at 15 cents, which can be procured by passengers desiring the same."

### IMPORT SCOTCH COWS TO IMPROVE HERDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Ontario, Or., Dec. 28.—The genuine Highland Scotch cow from the breed which roams the hills of Scotland and are considered the greatest range cattle in that country, is on exhibition at the native stock show, and is attracting a great deal of attention, it being the first animal of its kind ever seen in this section. The animal, while not nearly as large as the native cattle of this country, is covered with a heavy growth of hair, almost as long and thick as that of a buffalo, and it has long, large, wide-spreading horns which measure 39 inches from tip to tip.

The Scotch cow was imported to this country with several others by Robert Burns, for the purpose of breeding with the native cattle of this country to improve the range breed, as the cattle of America are not nearly as good range animals as those of Scotland. In their native land the animals are very wild and being imported to this country become even more so. They do not take kindly to the native cattle of this country.

### IMPROVE LIGHTING SERVICE AT COQUILLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Coquille, Or., Dec. 28.—The Coquille River Electric company is installing the new transformer for the Myrtle Point power circuit. New poles are being set up at both ends of the line to carry the new instruments. The result of these innovations will be that the current will be stepped up from 2300 volts to 6000 volts at this end of the line and stepped down again to 230 at the Myrtle Point end. With the installation of the transformers and the perfection of several features at the plant, better service for both cities is anticipated, and with the promised service ahead, both cities will be as well lighted as any in the county in a few days.

### BIG WALNUT ORCHARD FOR POLK COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Falls City, Or., Dec. 28.—The recent purchase of the 250-acre Hart ranch, two miles southeast of the city, by A. D. and J. R. James is one of the largest recent transactions. The new owners have made contracts for planting and cultivating 6000 English walnut trees and 6000 cherry trees. This will give Polk county the largest walnut orchard in the state. The development of this orchard will be under the supervision of an expert orchardist and work will be begun at once.

### BAKER MILLS TAKE FLOUR CONTRACT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Baker, Or., Dec. 28.—The Oregon Mill & Grain company of this city has been awarded the contract for furnishing flour to the state penitentiary at Salem for the next six months, beginning January 1. This contract was secured in competition with many other mills and shows that the mill here is able to deliver as good flour as any other mills in the northwest.

### HARNESS SPRINGS TO DEVELOP POWER

Denver Capitalists Build Big Irrigation Plant on Snake River.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Boise, Idaho, Dec. 28.—The Thousand Springs Power company is planning to build an electric plant on Snake river, just below Brown's Falls, to pump water for the irrigation of 8000 acres of land along the river benches. The entire outfit, including the erection of the electric power plant, the building of the power line and the installation of the pumping plant will cost approximately \$300,000.

All of the power from the Thousand Springs plant will not be used for irrigation pumping. On the contrary, the company expects to use it commercially, for it has thoroughly tested out the proposition and knows the amount of power that can be generated by these wonderful springs that burst out of the side of the bluffs along the river. Some idea of this power can be derived from the fact that the estimated strength of the springs is 14,000 horsepower. The electric plant will convert about 500 of this into actual power. Many contracts are now being signed up for the irrigation of the land, and work will go ahead until the plant is completed. Water is to be delivered by May 1, 1912, according to the contracts.

**Water Beach Lands.**  
 The lands to be irrigated and which are located along the south shore of the Snake river are easily reached by lifts of 25 to 100 feet. They are about 50 miles west of the Thousand Springs in the country sometimes referred to as the Brown's Falls. On the shore of the Snake river just below the lands the pumping plant will be erected. It will derive its power for operation from the line to be constructed from the electric plant erected at the bluffs.

**Natural Wonder of Idaho.**  
 The Thousand Springs form one of the wonders of the many to be found in southern Idaho, and only can be appreciated, it is said, by those who have seen them. These springs issue from a bluff on the side of the Snake river at a height of about 200 feet above its waters, for a distance of nearly a third of a mile along the line of contact between a capping of porous basalt and an underlying stratum of impervious rock, and flow unseen under and among the debris that has fallen during ages past from the overhanging cliff until they emerge to view at varying heights and places, literally a thousand springs.

**Abundant Supply of Water.**  
 The fall of the water from its line of issue on the cliff to the Snake river, almost directly below, is higher than Niagara. The water is soft and of undeviating quantity and unchanging temperature, 59 degrees winter and summer. Experts maintain that it is an underground river or lake, others that it is the drainage from a mountain range 100 miles or more distant, seeping through the porous surface rock until it reaches the underlying impervious stratum upon which it flows until it issues from the cliff. Geologic conditions prove that the springs have existed for ages practically unchanged.

### UTILIZE WASTE IN DISTILLING PLANT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 28.—That turpentine and other by-products in paying quantities can be extracted from knots, roots, stumps and other refuse

that accumulates all over Clarke county wherever land is being cleared, has been demonstrated by J. A. McCullum, on his place, "The Fir," east of the garrison. He has a crude distilling plant in his yard and he took off the first supply of turpentine Friday.

Mr. McCullum has had considerable experience in distilling in Iowa. He

first took an old coal oil can and a piece of gas pipe and did some distilling over the stove in his house. This turning out well, he had a small still made at one of the hardware stores and this he has set up in his yard.

Tacoma Man Dies at Albany.  
 Albany, Or., Dec. 28.—Rodney M. Mendota, 38, died here yesterday while visiting a brother, L. E. Prouty. He had been a resident of Tacoma for the past few years. He leaves a wife and daughter.

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