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The weather—Occasional rain to-night and Saturday; southerly winds.

COAST TEMPERATURES 5 A. M. Today.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Boise, Seattle, Spokane, Marshfield, San Francisco, Portland.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6, 1911.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

PRICE TWO CENTS. ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS, FIVE CENTS.

ELECTRIC PLANT AT MINNEAPOLIS, IS WRECKED; BURNED

Explosion of Gas Followed by Conflagration in Which the Plant, Valued at \$500,000, Is Totally Destroyed.

MILL "A" OF PILLSBURY COMPANY THREATENED

No Loss of Life, and Only Two Persons Injured; Power Famine One Result.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Minneapolis, Jan. 6.—An explosion, said to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the basement, today wrecked the plant of the Minneapolis General Electric company. Two persons were severely hurt, and the plant, valued at \$500,000, was totally destroyed.

TRUSTS ON TRIAL IN CRUCIAL CASE IN HIGHEST COURT

Tobacco Case Argued at Capital for Second Time, After Postponement Due to Vacancies on Bench.

FATE OF SHERMAN LAW DEPENDS ON DECISION

Nation's Ablest Legal Talent in Array; History of Trust and of Opposing Suit.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 6.—Before the court of last resort today began the final legal battle for life of the American Tobacco company and its subsidiaries. High priced corporation lawyers matched wits with the government's trust busters in a struggle to determine whether the Sherman anti-trust law is invalid or whether it has the power to crush the tobacco trust.

Skyrocket Financier of New York



Sketch of Joseph G. Robin, charged with theft of \$1,000,000 from the Northern Bank of New York, who attempted to commit suicide in court when arraigned on the specific charge of stealing \$80,000 of the bank's funds.

BIG TARIFF BATTLE RAGES IN MEETING OF WOOL GROWERS

National Convention Listens to Able Addresses on Different Phases of Protective Tariff Schedules.

MANUFACTURERS ARE TAKING DEEP INTEREST

Wyoming Senator Leads Fight for Revised Tariff on Wool and Woolens.

An exciting session of the National Wool Growers' association is predicted for this afternoon. Up till noon today the white dove of peace has floated calmly over the convention hall in the Armory but a number of questions scheduled for this afternoon, it is voiced about in the hotel lobbies where delegates congregate, will precipitate heated discussions.

PORTLAND RANKS FIFTH IN NATION'S BUILDING IN 1910

Only Four Great Cities, New York, Chicago Philadelphia and Los Angeles, Surpass Oregon Metropolis.

IN PER CENT OF GAIN THIS CITY IS SECOND

Against Portland's Advance of 55 Per Cent, Seattle Has Loss of 26.8.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chicago, Jan. 6.—The American Contractor reports that the first 10 cities in the total cost of construction of building during 1910 are: New York \$188,789,345; Chicago 96,982,700; Philadelphia 37,866,565; Los Angeles 21,684,100; Portland 20,588,202; St. Louis 19,600,053; Detroit 17,515,945; Seattle 14,449,110; Minneapolis 14,363,820; Kansas City 13,788,190.

LA FOLLETTE SAYS LET ALL FOLLOW LEAD OF OREGON

Commends Action in Enacting Election of National Convention Delegates and Ballot on Presidential Preference.

SAYS WALL STREET HAS CANDIDATES NAMED NOW

Just Time for People, Through Legislatures, to Take Reins From Interests' Hands.

(Wisconsin Record.) Madison, Wis., Jan. 6.—Today Senator La Follette at the opening of the new year fires the first gun in the contest to give the people the right to elect delegates to the national convention of 1912 by direct vote. In this week's issue of La Follette's weekly magazine, Senator La Follette declares that, "Wall street has already selected the presidential candidates of both parties. There is just time to defeat the Wall street plan. Let the people organize and demand of every legislature the enactment of a primary law for the election of delegates for the national convention by direct vote."

BOWERMAN IS LOSING GROUND; SELLING'S GAIN MAKES OUTLOOK BETTER FOR RISK IN HOUSE

Defections from the ranks of the senator claimed by Bowerman and his friends in the struggle for the presidency of the state senate took place yesterday and today and the selection of Ben Selling is now assured.

It is certain that Selling will muster at least 14 and probably 15 Republicans, while only 11 can now be accounted as sure for Bowerman.

In event of a caucus being called, Selling would have a majority of the Republican votes, and if the fight is carried onto the floor he would receive one or two Democratic votes. In view of the developments of the last 24 hours, it seems unlikely that Bowerman forces will attempt to call a caucus unless they can create some changes in the situation, which at present appears to be beyond them.

GREEKS QUARREL OVER CARD GAME; ONE IS MURDERED

Participant, Beaten to Death, Found in Box Car at Cornelius; Murderer Escapes to Mountains.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Cornelius, O., Jan. 6.—A quarrel over a game of cards resulted in the death and mutilation of a Greek in a boxcar in this city Monday night, according to the mute evidence discovered by the section foreman at this station.

MINISTER WHO QUIT PULPIT FOR LIVING AGAIN ANSWERS CALL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 6.—The call of the ministry proved too strong for Rev. J. L. Moore, who after giving up the pastorate to become a commercial agent of the Salt Lake railroad at Santa Ana, is back in Los Angeles preparing to re-enter his profession.

REGISTERED MAIL VANISHES ON FERRY

Three Bags Disappear on Way From San Francisco to Oakland.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Three bags of registered mail with contents valued at approximately \$50,000, stolen from the government while on the way from San Francisco to Oakland, is engaging the attention of more than a score of local and federal detectives.

ROBIN LEADER OF WEEK-END REVELS OF EXTREME TYPE

Former Manager of Banker's Country Place Says Drunken Women Dancing in Snow Was Sample Spectacle.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 6.—An investigation of the transfer of the half million dollar residence of Joseph Robin to his sister, Dr. Louise Robinson, the day before the ex-banker gave himself up for the alleged theft of \$80,000 from the Northern Bank of New York, is being conducted by District Attorney Whitman.

DEATH OF ELKINS REMOVES BAR TO ROYAL MARRIAGE

Rome Dispatches Revive Story That Abruzzi-Elkins Morganatic Marriage, Once Proposed, May Take Place.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Jan. 6.—That the death of United States Senator Elkins will result in a speedy marriage between Miss Katherine Elkins, his daughter, and the Duke of the Abruzzi is an open expression in Italian newspapers today.

CLEMENS TO ASK LEGISLATURE FOR REPORT ON BAILEY

Member Says He Never Was Fit for Office but Was Protected by Certain Interests.—Gives Personal Views.

"The legislature will remove from office J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner as soon as an investigating committee reports the queer methods he has used in conducting his office," said State Representative W. J. Clemens this morning.

CENSUS BUREAU FINDS POPULATION OF 4872 IN CITY OF ST. JOHNS

Washington, Jan. 6.—The census bureau today announced that the population of St. Johns, Or., under the enumeration of 1910, was 4872.

CUT OUT THE NONSENSE

It is unthinkable that Mr. Bowerman should be put in the second position of power in the state, where he would be able to combat and obstruct the policies and purposes of the man recently chosen over him by the people for governor.

WHEALEN ADMITS HANDLING ALASKA GOLD FOR MINERS

Denies Knowing Men He Says Gave Him One Lot of 150 Ounces, One of 250, of Bullion.

Joseph E. Whealen, proprietor of the Fargo saloon, who is being held a prisoner by the United States on suspicion of having been connected with the robbery of the Alaska treasure ship Humboldt, and an earlier robbery from the same gold shipment on a Yukon river steamer, is said to have made a statement to government officials admitting he handled some 400 ounces of gold for Alaska miners last fall, which he tried to dispose of, and failing, returned to the owners.

This statement, said to have been made by Whealen, together with the fact that he is known to have sent \$400 worth of Tanana filings to the San Francisco mint, is practically all the government has to hold Whealen on, it is alleged. Conclusive evidence has failed to turn up as rapidly as was expected. Whealen was arrested on authority of the United States district attorney, and in the absence of additional evidence, it is thought his statements admitting having handled gold bullion for unknown men soon after the Alaska robbery will be sufficient to stave off any habeas corpus proceedings for the present.

EASTERN NEWSPAPERS SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT FRUIT LANDS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Aroused by the millions of dollars being expended for Oregon and Washington apple lands by middle western investors and also concerned over the tide of emigration from those states to the Pacific coast, newspapers of the east and middle west are taking steps to "keep their money at home," and articles telling of the conditions surrounding sales here are to be features of many papers in eastern cities this winter, prior to the annual spring home-seekers' excursions to the coast.

John Day and A. F. Williams, representing the Minneapolis Tribune, reached Portland today, and will spend the next two months investigating apple and conditions in the Pacific northwest. They frankly state that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested by residents of the Twin Cities in the last two years in fruit lands in the northwest, with the expenditure of very little money for advertising.

NEW ZEALAND SAVANT COMPLAINS OCTOPUS HAS TENTACLES ON RADIUM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Melbourne, Jan. 6.—Professor Laby of the University of Wellington, N. Z., charges that the present high price of radium is due to the influence of a "ring," which has bound itself to maintain the price at what amounts to about 30 times the proper value of the substance.

BRUTAL MURDER AT CENTRALIA

Body of Well Dressed Stranger Found Horribly Mutilated in Granary.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Centralia, Wash., Jan. 6.—The horribly mutilated body of a well dressed man was found lying in a granary two miles from Centralia, early yesterday morning. The head was beaten to a pulp and many terrible bruises were found on the body.

WEST UMATILLA UNIT OF PROJECT TO BE TAKEN UP

Oregon Senators Have Informal Assurances of Furtherance of Reclamation Work From General Fund.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 6.—The department of the interior before long will order the reconstruction service to proceed to the construction of the west unit of the Umatilla project. It seems almost certain that \$500,000 will be available, probably from the general reclamation fund, and not from the \$20,000,000 certificate of indebtedness loan fund.