

LEGAL STATUS OF PROPAGANDISTS GOOD AS BEN FRANKLIN'S IN '76, IN FRANCE—ALTRUISTIC MEXICANS FINANCING REVOLT.

Washington, March 18.—The legal status in this country of the Mexican junta is precisely the same as that which was accorded Benjamin Franklin when he went to France as the representative of the United States.

Inquiry among members of the Mexican revolutionary junta and at the state department justifies the foregoing assertion. Reports have been printed that the department of justice is proceeding against the junta.

No legal inhibition exists, by virtue of statute or international understanding, on manifesting sympathy with a revolutionary party of another friendly power. It is true that federal government watches the acts of a revolutionary party, and that is proper.

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BANK OFFICIALS ARE BOUND OVER

Affairs of Late Idaho State Bank of Hailey to Be Aired; Ugly Stories.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, March 18.—F. M. Coleman, former cashier of the Idaho State bank, which failed last summer, was arraigned in the justice court on a charge of falsifying records this morning.

The men declare that prejudice exists against them and will petition for a change of venue. The Idaho State bank was organized in 1892, it being five years later, August, 1910.

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Divorce from Dead Man. Oakland, March 18.—Efforts to have an interlocutory divorce decree against a man slightly dead made final failed here when Superior Court Judge Brown and Harris denied such a motion made by Ida Patterson.

ONE REASON FOR SO MUCH SMOKE



EAST SIDE WANTS MORE COUNCILMEN

Will Try to Elect Three and Maybe Four Councilmen-at-Large.

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Appreciation of this sentiment is indicated by the gossip concerning candidates at large, nearly all of whom are east side men.

The only candidate for councilman at large announced from the west side so far is George L. Baker, now representing the fourth ward.

City Auditor Barbur today filed his declaration of candidacy for another term. He is serving his second term and will rely upon his record in office in the last four years for endorsement.

BANKER ON TRIAL AS PAL OF STAMP THIEVES

Wichita, Kan., March 18.—Charged with having received postage stamps stolen from postoffices by the Callahan gang, L. F. Nafziger, formerly president of the Fourth National bank here, is on trial in the federal court.

ABE RUEF'S ATTORNEYS ASK FOR REHEARING

San Francisco, March 18.—Attorneys for Abe Ruef, formerly political boss of San Francisco, now in the penitentiary on conviction of bribery, filed today in the supreme court a petition for a rehearing of his case.

CAMPAIGN FOR GREATER SAN FRANCISCO FAILS

Sacramento, Calif., March 18.—After several days of fighting the senate today defeated Wore's proposed constitutional amendment permitting the joining of other cities with San Francisco.

LOVER WAS FIRST TO TELL HUSBAND

Roberts Knew Nothing of His Wife's Relations Till Bassett Confessed.

Testimony in the case against Dr. C. H. Francis and W. J. May, charged with the manslaughter of Mrs. Francis Roberts, began this morning in the circuit court before Judge Gaters.

Frank Dana, deputy coroner, testified that H. H. Bassett and one of the physicians called him out of bed early on the morning of September 16, 1910, to take charge of the body of Mrs. Roberts, whom he found dead in room 10 of the Saranac hotel.

Frank Roberts, husband of the woman, said he lived at Cascade Lock. The day before she came to Portland, he testified, his wife did the family washing. She told him the visit to Portland was to see friends.

WOMAN SHOTS AT 4 MEN AND HITS ONE

Defending her home against entrance by four men shortly after midnight last night, Mrs. J. A. Bates, living on Marquam Hill, fired a revolver shot at the intruders, one of whom it is believed was wounded.

Mrs. Bates reported the affair to the police this morning. The injured man's comrades picked him up, carried him to safety, and did not molest her the rest of the night, she said.

CITIZENS OBJECT TO SERVING AS JUDGES AND ELECTION CLERKS

Fifty per cent of the letters sent out by City Auditor A. L. Barbur, appointing judges and clerks for the primary election, have been returned with declinations to serve.

"The appointees are probably mindful of the bad weather that prevailed at the November election," said Mr. Barbur this morning.

New York, March 18.—Grover Cleveland's birthday will be observed tonight with a banquet at the National Democratic club.

JOKE IN VEHICLE. LAW IS ON CITY

Auto Committee Whiskered Red Hot One Past Legislature This Time.

There is a joker in the vehicle law passed by the legislature; in fact, according to the committee of autoists which got it passed, it is pretty nearly all joke.

"The joke is on the city," said Mr. Combs. "We're doing the smiling now. It is the most curious law passed recently by a bunch of unsuspecting motorists."

"Every vehicle in the state not self-propelled is exempt from taxation. That ends the Portland vehicle tax with the rest. There is but one law now—the state law. There is but one vehicle tax now—the state tax, and that is on motor vehicles."

"Lots of people have been saying," continued Mr. Combs, "that they hadn't heard of the new vehicle law. We didn't say anything about it in the papers; they say. No more did they. We didn't tell on ourselves. We just went ahead and got the law passed."

The motor vehicle tax will now be \$3 a year on motorcycles and on autos up to 24 horse power, explained Mr. Combs.

REVIVALIST DECLARES GOD-FEARING ARE FED

The revival meetings now in progress at Union avenue and Multnomah street are being largely attended, and the sermons of Evangelist Law are attracting wide attention.

Every man chooses his death," he said last night, "whether it be one of hope, or whether it be a leap in the dark. He can do it just once, so far as the physical death is concerned. Hope may be killed a long distance this side of the grave."

MISSIONARY CONVENTION INSPIRES DEEP INTEREST

Deep interest is being shown in the missionary convention at the Central Free Methodist church, which has been in session since Wednesday.

CLEVELAND'S CABINET SURVIVORS TO MEET

New York, March 18.—Grover Cleveland's birthday will be observed tonight with a banquet at the National Democratic club.

Native Riot in Mauritius

Marseilles, March 18.—A Madagascar newspaper that arrived here today by steamer states that 15,000 natives are in revolt at Port Louis, the capital of the island.

Tells Friends in East to Come to Oregon

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Coming from Lorain, Ohio, to Eugene, where he has gone into the chicken business, H. W. Dresser likes Oregon so well that he is trying to bring out a number of his former associates in Ohio and will likely start a colony of them at Eugene.

Practice for Men of Thomas' Fleet. Relation of Program to "Invasion" Is Reassuring; Western Coal Disparaged.

San Diego, March 18.—Whatever the original purpose of the assembling of the United States cruiser fleet here, the announcement made by Admiral Thomas through the United Press precludes all expectation of any immediate war move.

The West Virginia and Maryland men have more to do than those on the other cruisers, on account of having lost time during the cold tests that have been occupying them for two months.

Damaging facts about the value of Pacific coast coal were brought out in these tests, the official report declares. The sister cruisers Maryland and West Virginia up to the time of their arrival here last week were steaming under the conditions at the same time.

Collier Prometheus Sails. Seattle, March 18.—The United States collier Prometheus sailed for San Diego today, after having coaled up at the Puget Sound navy yard.

APRIL JURY LIST FOR MARION COUNTY DRAWN. (Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 18.—County Clerk R. D. Allen has drawn the jury list for the April term of the circuit court.

CLOUDBURST REVEALS RICH GOLD LEDGES

Melbourne, March 18.—A remarkable mineral discovery has been made in Tasmania, following a cloudburst. Near Launceston the terrific rush of waters cut a gorge a mile long and of considerable depth along the side of a mountain.

Retirement of General Ward. Washington, March 18.—Brigadier General Frederick K. Ward, whose last command was that of the post at Fort Riley, Kan., will be retired from the army tomorrow on account of age.

Pindar's Wife Wants Divorce. San Francisco, March 18.—Suit for divorce has been filed here against John W. Beauchamp Pindar, a wealthy mine owner of Alaska and Mexico.

Flying Meet at Havana. Havana, March 18.—The first competitive aviation meet to be held in the western hemisphere outside of the United States began here today and will continue through the coming week.