

INTERESTING STATE OF AFFAIRS

In San Francisco the Number of Divorces Was 30 Per Cent of the Marriages.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Divorce and marriage statistics just compiled by the Scripps News Association from the official records of this city, show an interesting state of affairs. The figures prove conclusively that the number of divorces in San Francisco during this year will almost reach 30 per cent of the marriages for the same period.

There were 1272 divorces and 4308 marriages. The predominant cause for divorce, in the order mentioned, were desertion, failure to provide, cruelty, intemperance, infidelity. There was one for lack of money and one for incapacity.

January showed the lowest number of divorces, 84, and October the highest number, 127.

In the number of marriages, November was the highest month with 448. February was the lowest, with only 253.

On account of the alarming increase in divorces here, the last session of the California legislature passed a law prohibiting divorced persons from marrying again in the state within one year after divorce, and this law takes nearly 500 marriages away from the city every year. These go to Reno, Nev., the nearest point to wed again.

Leaders in War and Politics.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 20.—The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce has made elaborate preparations for its 54th annual dinner tonight. President Harvey D. Gould will act as toastmaster and among those who have accepted invitations to respond to toasts are Senator M. A. Hanna, Governor Nash, Major-General Henry C. Corbin, Hon. John G. Milburn, of Buffalo, Major-General Samuel B. M. Young and Major-General Ada R. Chaffee.

Louisiana Flag Day.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—The 99th anniversary of the formal transfer of the Louisiana territory to the United States at New Orleans, on Dec. 20, 1803, was observed with appropriate exercises today at the World's Fair grounds.

CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED.

THE ANTHRACITE BILL HAD NO OPPOSITION.

Awards \$4000 Per Year to Members Not in Government Employ—Philippine Currency Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Only 35 senators were in their seats today. The conference bill of the anthracite coal strike arbitration, was laid before the senate and it was agreed to award a compensation of \$4000 yearly for members not government employees.

The Philippine currency bill was favorably reported. The house bill, granting \$50 per month as a pension to the widow of the late Admiral Kimberly was passed. The eight-hour labor bill was reported with an amendment.

Morgan addressed the senate this afternoon on the Panama canal. Adjournment took place at 2:40.

The anthracite conference report was placed before the house by Cannon, and was adopted without debate or opposition. The house adjourned at 12:30 until January 5.

Was Fond of Corn.

There was once a man in South Dakota, who, accidentally or otherwise was sent to the legislature.

This gentleman being of an ignorant nature felt highly honored over his position and being situated in an ignorant neighborhood was looked upon by others as an important man and was called upon to settle all questions of vital importance as naming the babies, etc., etc. There was a gentleman who had received a letter from a friend in Kansas. The letter explained that corn was not plentiful because of many immigrants coming into the country and devouring it.

At the word of immigrant the gentleman faltered. He could not grasp its meaning. He decided to call upon the distinguished citizen for assistance, which he did. That worthy gentleman not caring to expose his ignorance, explained after some hesitation, that he had thought much upon the subject and had found that an immigrant was a cross between a possum and a coon. At least the animal was very fond of corn.

Greatest Crops.

The most valuable crop in the United States in 1902 was Indian corn, \$28,000,000; then hay and forage, \$484,000,000; then cotton, \$324,000,000; wheat returned \$370,000,000, oats, \$217,000,000. The animals sold and slaughtered during the year were valued at over \$900,000,000, the products of the dairy gave \$472,000,000, while poultry and eggs returned over \$281,000,000. The statements of the secretary of agriculture is that results in the work of the government for agriculture are justifying expenditures, and "the future will still further show the value of science applied to the farm."

The Portland Baseball Association has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$5000.

ASK ROOSEVELT TO ARBITRATE.

The Allies Desire That the President Shall Act as Judge in Their Dispute With Venezuela.

BLOCKADE OF VENEZUELA OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

Names All the Ports of Entry and the Mouth of the Orinoco—All Vessels That Violate Blockade Place Themselves Liable.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The following statement was issued at the state department today:

"The allies desire that President Roosevelt shall arbitrate the differences between themselves and Venezuela. Roosevelt desires that the arbitration shall be made by the Hague tribunal."

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt's reply to the powers, while not a positive refusal, diplomatically suggests the Hague tribunal as he wishes to strengthen it. A second consideration is that America has claims of its own in the premises. The state department communicated the president's attitude in a long cipher message this afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cable advices this morning report trouble at the Margarita Islands.

A fleet of pearl shell fisheries there has been terrorized by the British and German men of war. One was sunk by fire from a Hotchkiss gun for venturing too near the threatening fleet. It is also reported that the allies have been taking soundings there.

The state department regards this as a possible indication of a renewal of an old plan of Germany to obtain a place for a naval station or as a preparation to seize the pearl fisheries to secure indemnity.

It is understood that negotiations are now being conducted with Castro to secure for this country permanent possession of those islands. The state department hopes that a nominal price will be made in consideration of America's friendly offices in the present dispute. Admiral Dewey cabled this morning that he had sent Lieutenant Johnson on the Albany to La Guayra to assist Minister Bowen.

To Advance Chaffee.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The announcement was made at the war department this afternoon that as a reward for his Philippine services, General Chaffee will be appointed to succeed General Young as lieutenant general commanding the army. Young succeeds Miles next August and retires the following January.

Effective Today.

London, Dec. 20.—The blockade of the Venezuela coast is to be effective after today. So it was officially announced this morning in a supplement of the official gazette. It names all the ports of entry and the mouth of the Orinoco River and allows a few days of grace to vessels sailing before the date of notification as follows: From West Indian and East American ports, 10 days for steamers and 20 days for sailing vessels; all other ports, 20 days for steamers and 40 days for sailing vessels; all vessels now in blockaded ports are given 15 days. All vessels which attempt to violate the blockade will render themselves liable to all measures authorized by the law of nations and the respective treaties with the different neutral powers.

Since the announcement was made well informed circles here say that there is but small hope left for arbitration.

A Great Future.

The Lake country in Oregon, embracing Klamath and Lake counties, is one of the few remaining spots on earth where rapid growth and quick rise in values will make fortunes for investors in a short time. To its present condition it has developed slowly, but the introduction of railroads, now coming, places the country on the eve of a gigantic growth, says the Klamath Republican. A few more cities will yet be built in the United States and those who have reason to express themselves declare that Klamath Falls will be among the few.

Recovering Rapidly.

Mose Elliott, Thomas Matlock's herder, who was shot last summer by unknown parties, and who has been suffering from the wound ever since, returned Thursday evening from St. Vincent's hospital where he had been under treatment for three weeks. An operation was performed and a fragment of the bullet which had lodged in a rib was removed. Since the cause of the trouble has been removed Mr. Elliott is recovering rapidly.—Heppner Gazette.

MORMONS ARE PROGRESSING.

Annual Address of the First Presidency Issued to the Latter Day Saints Throughout the World.

ADMONISHES MEMBERS TO HELP THE POOR.

Says Persecutions Only Hasten Good Results—Church Buildings Erected—Mission Active and Extension of Church Work Very Satisfactory.

Salt Lake, Dec. 20.—The first presidency of the Mormon church today issued the annual address to the Latter Day Saints in all the world. The address exhorts Mormons to keep out of debt and look after the poor and sick. In closing, it says:

"It is with gratitude that we note the growth and increase of the church at home and abroad. Some persecution has been suffered, but it has only the effect, as usual, of accelerating the work. The spirit to improve their church buildings and to erect new ones seems to be upon the people. Even in some of the missions, the saints have their own meeting houses, and the tendency is to build more."

ASK INCREASE OF WAGES.

Committees Representing All Railroads West of Chicago, Present Their Demands.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Forty grievance committees, representing the employees of 40 different railways west of Chicago, including all reaching the coast, arrived at Chicago this morning and presented their demands to the railways for a 20 per cent increase of wages. An answer is asked to be made before January 5. The committees represent 150,000 passenger and freight conductors and brakemen.

In Justice Gray's Memory.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—A memorial in honor of the late Justice Horace Gray was held today by the bar of the United States supreme court. Senator Hoar presided and eulogistic addresses were delivered by a number of prominent representatives of the bench and bar throughout the country.

WILL CLOSE AT SIX.

Pendleton Merchants Sign Agreement to Close Business Places at 6 p. m. During January, February and March.

Beginning with the first of the coming year the dry goods houses and groceries will close in the evening at 6 o'clock.

This is the final settlement of all early closing movement which has been agitated for the past year, but heretofore some hitch has caused a break and the thing went to naught. The present agreement is signed by all the dry goods houses and it is understood that the grocery stores will close also. It only asks for the business men to close for three months, January, February and March.

Following is the agreement signed and the list of names now on the agreement:

"We, the undersigned merchants of Pendleton do hereby agree to close our respective places of business at 6 o'clock p. m., on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and at 3 o'clock on Saturdays, commencing January 1, 1903, and continuing through January, February and March, or until the 1st of April, providing all others in my line do the same. R. Alexander, Lyons Mercantile Company, The Peoples Warehouse, Baer & Daly, Lee Teutsch, the Boston Store, Golden Rule Store, Fair Store, H. H. Wessel, Dindinger & Wilson, Ed Eben.

WILL FEED THE POOR.

The Local Salvation Army Preparing Dinners for 100 Needy People.

As is the custom of the Salvation Army wherever it has a corps, the local army will prepare dinner for 100 of the needy of Pendleton on Christmas.

Usually the army prepares dinner and invites the poor to the hall to partake, but in this way many are missed who are really deserving. Others take advantage of the free dinner who have the money to pay. For this reason the army has adopted the plan of sending out the dinners this Christmas. For several weeks a committee has been at work gathering the names of those who are in straitened circumstances. Each family is visited and the number in the family is secured.

While this dinner will be nothing elaborate, it is to be of substantial food and will be sufficient to cheer the homes of those who have none of the luxuries in their home.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coo Commission Company—J. C. Major Local Manager, Room 4, Association Block.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Wheat conditions were very favorable for a good up turn this morning, but the approaching holidays prevented the usual buying under such conditions. Cables closed 1/4 to 3/8 higher. Receipts here, 453 against 36 last year. Duluth, 24 against 147, and Chicago reports 41 cars. Weather very bad, with no indications of a let up. The may, while very narrow, is very firm; offerings being exceptionally light.

Corn—Corn was also very firm, although trade is very light when conditions are considered. Receipts here were 343 cars, seven of which graded contract. We cannot hope for more than a light recession under present conditions.

Oats—Oats were about in line with other grains, except nothing much more than a narrow scalping market, until after the holidays.

Provisions—Receipts, 21,000 hogs, at Chicago, 6500 at Kansas City, and 2500 at Omaha. Prices 5 to 10 cents higher. Offerings were very scarce, resulting in firmness throughout the list.

Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
December	73 3/4	73 1/2
July	73 3/4	75 3/4
May	75 3/4	74 1/4

Chicago, Dec. 20.—	Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
December	73 3/4	74 1/4	74 1/4
July	74	74 1/4	74 1/4
May	77 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4

Corn—	Opened.	Closed.
December	46 3/4	45 3/4
July	42 1/4	42 1/2
May	42 3/4	43 3/4

Oats—	Opened.	Closed.
December	31 3/4	31 3/4
May	33 1/4	33 1/2

Port—	Opened.	Closed.
January	1665	1660
May	1577	1595

New York, Dec. 20.—	Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
December	83 3/4	83 3/4	83 3/4
July	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4

Corn—	Opened.	Closed.
December	60	60
May	48 3/4	48 3/4

SPENDS SUNDAY IN VIRGINIA.

PRESIDENT AND FAMILY GO TO RAPIDAN.

Will Be the Guests of Joseph Whitmer and Family—News Was Kept Secret Until the Last Moment.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt and his entire family, with the exception of Alice, left at noon today to spend Sunday at Rapidan, Culpepper county, Virginia, visiting with Joseph Whitmer and family. They went on a special of three cars. None but secret service men accompanied them.

Secretary Cortelyou remains in Washington. The news was kept secret until the last moment when they made a rush to the disappointment of the press representatives, who were at the depot when the train was pulling out.

FIRST ARREST.

Two Young Men Violating the Curfew Ordinance Are Taken Before Judge Fitz Gerald.

The first arrest under the curfew ordinance was made by Chief of Police Blakley this morning.

About 6:30 Chief Blakley came down town and dropped into the Last Chance saloon. Ora Holman and Robert Summers, 16 and 17 years of age, were sitting in the saloon by the stove. The chief arrested the young men and took them to jail. This forenoon they were taken before Police Judge Fitz Gerald, who after giving them a forcible lecture, let them go on their own recognizance pending good behavior.

Although this was the first arrest under the curfew ordinance, it is not likely to be the last one. For several months, especially since school begun, complaint has repeatedly been made of youngsters roaming the streets at all times of the night. The officers have made no arrests but have ordered them off the streets time and time again. These warnings have been heeded by some and unheeded by others. The police declare they are going to see that the curfew ordinance is not wantonly broken in the future and will arrest every offender. The city ordinance plainly states that no person under the age of 18 shall be on the streets later than 7:30 in the evening without the written consent of parents or guardian unless with parent or guardian.

First Count Correct.

At the special meeting of the council last night to pass on the vote for the sewer question, no change was found from the number announced the day after the election. The special meeting was called for the purpose of getting the thing out of the way so the work of drawing plans and making estimates for the placing of the sewer pipes could be begun at once.

N. E. Sargent, of Portland, shot a burglar who was trying to enter his home Friday night.

MRS. GRANT LAID TO REST.

Brief Services Held in Washington Attended by Many Friends and Government Officials.

COMMITTAL SERVICES AT RIVERSIDE TOMORROW.

President and His Cabinet in Attendance—Jesse Grant Unable to Reach City—Other Two Sons Were Present—Bishop Andrews Will Conduct Last Services.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The funeral of Mrs. Julia Dent Grant occurred here this morning. A brief service for the immediate family at the Grant home preceded the public service in the Metropolitan M. E. church. Her son Jesse was unable to reach the city, but the other two sons were present. The church was crowded. The honorary pall-bearers were Henderson, Root, Wilson, General Dodge, Senators Cullom, Keam, Allison, Foraker, Platt, Hon. Bancroft Davis and John McLean.

President Roosevelt, the members of his cabinet, the diplomatic corps and all the army and marine officers stationed at Washington, in full uniform, were in attendance. An immense representation of the different veterans' patriotic societies departed over the Pennsylvania at 11 o'clock. The special funeral train will arrive at Jersey City at 5 o'clock, where it will be met by a distinguished delegation on the steamer Meigs, which will convey the body to the Grant tomb, at Riverside drive. It will lie in the tomb tonight and the committal services will occur at 11 o'clock tomorrow, conducted by Bishop Andrews, assisted by Bishop Mackay Smith.

Military Features of the Exposition.

World's Fair, St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Military men and journals everywhere express much concern about the military features of the exposition of 1904. The plans contemplate not only a great parade grounds, but a large camp where a regiment may be comfortably quartered during the stay at the exposition. Military organizations in several states are planning to attend. The "Texas Volunteer Guard" for September will urge the legislature to make an appropriation sufficient to send at least two or three companies to the exposition. The company of which Henry B. Carter, World's Fair commissioner for Connecticut, is captain, will attend the exposition. This is a Waterbury organization and said to be one of the best military organizations in New England.

The Arizona World's Fair commission has applied to the United States government for permission to take from petrified forests of that territory such specimens as will give a proper idea of the beauty and value of the petrified trees, to be a part of the Arizona exhibit.

To Aid Herr Most.

New York, Dec. 20.—There is going to be a great round-up of the local anarchist colony tonight at a hall in Harlem, where a dance is to be given in aid of the Herr Most fund. Herr Most is now serving a term in the penitentiary for writing defamatory articles in his paper at the time of the assassination of President McKinley. Though at one time fairly well off, much of his wealth has been wiped away by the efforts he has made to keep out of the clutches of the law. It is the purpose of his followers to raise a fund of \$1000 to present to him on his release from prison several months hence.

Employees Will Divide \$30,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Fifteen hundred motormen and conductors employed by the Pittsburg Railway Company received bonuses of \$20 each, an aggregate of \$30,000. Six months ago the company announced that it would give a bonus of one cent an hour to every motorman and conductor who did not have an accident during the year. Just half the conductors and motormen closed the designated period with clean records, and these shared in the division of the money.

CRACKER CREEK FACTS

North Pole mine was offered for sale three years ago for \$500,000. It has 5000 feet on the mother lode. It is now worth twenty million dollars.

The South Pole mine adjoins, has 4941 feet on the same lode, has six tunnels, amounting to 2200 feet, all in ore. We expect within less than three years' work to have a mine as valuable as North Pole is today.

South Pole stock is selling at 15 cents until about January 1st. Buy before the price raises. See Cahagan at Hartman Abstract office, Pendleton, Ore.