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PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1902. NO. 4627

...ON IS ...H TOO LOW

...sting Figures for ...t of the Taxpay- ...atilla County.

...ECT C. P. ...RAIN ON TAXATION.

...rdens Could be Lifted ...Estate by Higher Valu- ...operty of All Kinds— ... Often Cover Entire

...r, Dec. 30, 1902.—(To ...ermit me to express an ... question of taxation, ...me before the legisla- ...e the people soon, in ...t lights. There are ...of the question which ...cussed by the people, ...em are more important ... valuation of property ...od of raising school

...l provision for raising ...e should be repealed. ...are many. Some of

...low assessment of prop- ...ity. Low assessments ... For instance, $300 ...n personal property is ...householder.

... system of taking 30 ...tion results in an ex- ...00.

... finds B in possession ... of personal property, ...30 per cent of its value, ... it stands thus: $1000 ...rty, valued at $300, ...xemption, equals NO ...y.

...ons of 1902 in this ...en at $316,000, but for ... calculation call it ... equals 30 per cent of ... Then it is seen that ...is the actual exemp- ...ting the $300,000 law- ...from the $1,000,000 ac- ... we have $700,000 per- ... escaping taxation at ... real estate owners and ...n both real estate and ...rty.

...on why it makes a low ...ecessity is this: Under ...w, each county court ... levy of five mills for ...

...ent for 1902 is less ... but for convenience ...all it $6,000,000. Five ... sum raises $30,000.

...alues of the county ...g like this:

... at $40,000 ...	$ 8,000,000
...itable land ...	8,150,000
...on-tiliable ...ere	2,050,096
... deeded ...	1,300,000
...lots ..	1,600,000
...atty lots.	2,000,000
...indeeded ...	150,000
...ses and ...machinery	200,000
...stock in ...	1,000,000
...ns, etc. ...	500,000
...	1,500,000
...ents ...	1,000,000
...ures ...	300,000
...les ...	600,000
...	500,000
...	500,000
...t ...	250,000
...	$29,600,000

...on this sum would pro- ...for school purposes, or ...$118,000.

...tutorily requires the as- ...all taxable property at ...alue.

...ic policy seems to for- ...with the law.

... Superintendent J. H. ...his report urges a fur- ...of one mill, making six ...of five.

...ce to his judgment, it ...raise the mills while as- ...the power to reduce as-

...d the only correct way, ...each county court to ...mills to raise a minimum ...a for school children.

Do this and then the assessor can place his values high or low. The county court can run the mills up or down as necessary.

Under such a law there would be no reason for low assessments. Higher assessments would result. Instead of a 28-mill tax levy it would be only six to 10. The evils of low assessments would be no more.

C. P. STRAIN.
Assessor-elect of Umatilla county.

SHORTAGE IN ACCOUNTS.

Office of Police Judge Nelson, of Astoria in Bad State.

Astoria, Dec. 30.—The accounts of Police Judge and Auditor H. E. Nelson, deceased, are found to be from $3000 to $4000 short. The books are not doctored, but a system of "raising" city warrants has been going on for years.

Judge Nelson was serving his fourth term, and no suspicion has ever been attached to his actions. Experts are now engaged in examining the books and accounts.

SPANISH TROOPS READY.

May Be Sent to Morocco to Assist the Sultan to Overthrow the Pretender—Foreigners Hastening to the Coast.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The cabinet at the meeting today is discussing the Morocco situation.

All troops are under mobilization orders and trains are in readiness to convey troops southward.

Reports received her say that the sultan failed to escape from Fez. Rebels are now infesting the city. The pretender himself is only 20 miles from Fez.

Word is being sent to all foreigners in the interior of Morocco to hasten and escape to the coast.

To Maintain Status Quo.

The rebels have cut off the water supply of Fez. Unless the southern Kabyls come to the aid of the town the imperial authorities will be forced to capitulate within three days. The Spanish authorities here are fitting up a wireless telegraph system between Couta Mellita and here in order to keep in constant touch.

Great Britain and France have assured Spain that they desire to maintain a status quo in the event that the pretender is victorious.

STRIKE INEVITABLE.

Jim Hill Will Resist the Trainmen's Demands.

Portland, Or., Dec. 30.—It is believed here that Jim Hill will resist the demands of the trainmen and operators of the Northern Pacific, and that a strike is inevitable. Employes of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern are conferring in Seattle today on the situation.

DEED OF A LONE ROBBER

HOLDS UP A TRAIN IN SUBURBS OF LOUISVILLE.

In a Fight With Conductor Both Are Wounded—Secured Only a Small Sum of Money—Jumped From Car and Escaped.

Louisville, Dec. 30.—A lone robber, masked and heavily armed, boarded the Louisville & Nashville train at the juction outside of the city limits at 1 o'clock this morning. When within four blocks of the residence section he jumped out from concealment in a Pullman and ordered the train conductor, Keene, to throw up his hands.

Keene sprang forward and struck the robber in the face. The robber fired at Keene, who received a bad scalp wound. He then ran into the express car, the robber firing after him.

The robber then marched the Pullman conductor and porter through the train into the day coach and started to robbing the passengers. He secured only small sums.

Conductor Keen reappeared carrying a shotgun and the robber jumped from the car. The conductor pulled the cord and shot both barrels at the robber, who was wounded. A special train and patrol wagon brought a large number of policemen, who failed to capture the bandit.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat—74⅝@73¾ per bushel.

Wheat in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Wheat—$1.38@1.38¾ per cental.

Conscience Money.

St. Paul, Dec. 30.—The Hamline Methodist University has been endowed with $300,000. Jim Hill, the railroad magnate, Mark and John Morton gave $50,000 each.

HERMANN QUITS BY REQUEST

Commissioner of Land Office Resigns at Demand of Secretary of Interior.

IRREGULARITIES EXIST IN SUBORDINATE'S OFFICE.

Assistant Commissioner William A. Richards Will Take Charge—Mr. Hermans Will Return to Roseburg and Resume His Practice—May Enter Senatorial Race.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, has resigned, and will be succeeded by William A. Richards, now the assistant commissioner of the general land office.

Mr. Hermann's resignation was requested about two weeks ago by the secretary of the interior, and was immediately presented. Charges have been preferred against two of the subordinate officials in the land offices involving alleged irregularities, and they have been given a specific time in which to make answer.

His resignation will take effect the 1st of February or 1st of March. He will be succeeded by present Deputy Commissioner Richards, of Wyoming. In confirming the announcement, Mr. Hermann said:

"I have wanted to return to Roseburg to resume the practice of my profession, and have contemplated resigning for a year or more. I have held this office longer than any of my predecessors, except two, since the office was created in 1812 ,having entered upon my duties soon after the first inauguration of the late President McKinley, nearly six years ago. I have endeavored to administer the affairs of the office so as to do injustice to no one, whether he be homesteader or corporation seeking public land.'

Mr. Hermann would not say whether he would enter the senatorial race in Oregon, nor would he say that he would allow the use of his name in connection with the senatorship.

OPPOSITION INCREASING.

Cuban Reciprocity Treaty in Danger—Sugar Senators Merg With New England Senators.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The opposition to the Cuban reciprocity treaty is increasing. It must be ratified before February or it will be lost.

President Roosevelt is very anxious concerning the matter. An effort is being made to form a coalition between the sugar senators who oppose the Cuban treaty, the New England senators who oppose the Newfoundland and French treaties together with the Florida and California senators, who oppose the importations of cheap fruits from the British West Indies with which a treaty is also pending.

HOLY WAR FEARED.

Morocco Rebels May Have to Be Dealt With as Chinese Rebels Were.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Many foreigners, especially Spaniards, Germans and English, are cooped in Fez and will be imperiled if the rebels wage a holy war, which is feared. A possibility of the repetition of the Pekin expedition is being discussed in diplomatic circles here.

London, Dec. 30.—The British minister has been instructed through all consuls to request the British subjects to hasten to the coast, as a religious war is feared.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT.

Thirty Injured in Marion, Ind.—Car Was Derailed.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 30.—Thirty people were injured, two fatally, in a street car accident this morning. The car, running at a high rate of speed, was derailed, rolled down an embankment and crushed the occupants.

To Succeed Dickey.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—Charles Horton, assistant superintendent of the Western Union, will probably succeed Superintendent Dickey, who died last night.

STOCKMEN READY FOR SHEEP MEN

Grant County Cattlemen Preparing to Keep Out the Invading Hordes of Sheep.

SETTLERS ARE AGITATING A TWO-MILE LIMIT LAW.

The Prospective Establishment of the Blue and Strawberry Mountains Forest Reserve Has Stirred Up the People of Grant Who Look Upon it as a Scheme to Rob Them.

John Day City, Ore., Dec. 30.—Grant and Baker county cattlemen and settlers are agitating for a two-mile limit law, similar to that in operation in Idaho and California, by which sheep ranging is not permitted within two miles of any settler's habitation.

This puts a new phase on the bitter and bloody range feud that exists in this county between home and foreign stockmen, for while the move in Grant county is apparently one of settlers against sheep owners, it is really a step against the invading hordes of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook and other county sheep which pour in here annually for summer range.

Simultaneously comes the tidings that Grant county stockmen are preparing for organization sufficiently strong to keep out these sheep and reserve next season's range for home stockmen. It makes the outloook for trouble in the spring brighter than ever, though the brilliant outlook for range war in 1902 was more than fulfilled.

Organized Resistance.

Active, organized resistance to the annual campaign of outside sheep against Grant county range, a campaign so successful that of late years the range has had no show at all, is precipitated this season by the general stirring up caused by the prospective establishment of the Blue and Strawberry Mountain forest reserve, whose temporary lines embrace 3,200,000 acres of mainly summer range territory in Grant county and vicinity.

The settlers of Grant look on the forest reserve proposition as a scheme to rob them. They regard it as a "colossal steal." They regard it big outside sheep men who range here in summer was partly—probably unjustly—blamed for inspiring the reserve. This was before the guilt, in the eyes of Grant settlers, was finally laid on school land grafters, but it served to make the stern prejudice against foreign sheepmen fiercer than ever, and to rouse a sentiment whose result has been preparation for early and concerted opposition.

Stockmen Ready.

That the stockmen of the county intend to make a clean and thorough job is evidenced by the fact that they are getting ready to resist both through the state law and through themselves. If the legislature this winter passes the two-mile law, as is hoped, it will be made very uncomfortable for visiting flocks, which would then have the law against them in addition to the menace of the settler's rifle.

If the law does not pass, the settlers do not propose to let the summer season sheep get in at all, taking the question of keeping them out in their own hands. Last year they were all let in, but the intermittent spit of the long Missouri rifle served as a partial deterrent for the alleged range destroyers.

FEMALE MIDGET DEAD.

Smallest in the World—Weighed Only 15 Pounds.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 30.—Fatma Hopoo, the female Bermese midget, one of the smallest in the world, 28 years old, weight 15 pounds, died at Beaumont last night. She was taken sick on the stage and died almost instantly. She was world famous. Her twin brother is living.

Diphtheria Aboard.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The training ship Buffalo put into Pensacola today. The commanding officer reports diphtheria aboard and two youths dead. The patients were taken to the marine hospital.

GRAIN MARKETS.

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

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Wheat—The market opened at last night's closing prices. Liverpool came a quarter lower for both wheat and corn. Receipts again show signs of dropping off, Minneapolis reporting 231 cars against 381 last year, and Duluth 44 against 56 last year. The market seems to be in a waiting position for any decided news, either of a bearish or bullish character, which would probably cause quite a flurry. The only thing that seems to be against the bulls is the absence of any concentrated shortage in the market. The market certainly shows great strength to hold so firm in the face of the prevailing dullness.

Corn—Market opened unchanged from yesterday's close. Liverpool closed ¾ lower than yesterday's close. Receipts are heavy, 672 cars being reported. All reports from the corn belt indicate a large amount of corn to come forward as soon as cars can be secured. Of course the market would at once feel the effects of continued large receipts which are liable to come as soon as the railroads can furnish the cars, but should we get a break from this cause it would be largely sentimental, as the quality of corn is very poor and there is liable to be a grand scramble for contract corn next May.

Oots—Market opened dull, very little doing on either side of the market, although it seems to require very little buying to advance prices. Receipts, 238 cars.

Provisions—Opened easier on a heavy run of hogs and a fractional decline at the yards. Provisions have a very good advance and it would probably be well to be cautious about making purchases around present prices; think they are a purchase.

Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
December	73½	73¼
July	75½	75½
May	75⅛	75

Chicago, Dec. 30.—

Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
December	74½	73¾
July	73⅞	73⅝
May	76⅞	76⅝
Corn—		
December	45¼	44¼
July	42⅞	42½
May	43⅝	43¼
Oats—		
December	32⅝	32½
May	34¼	33⅞
Pork—		
January	1720	1727
May	1645	1645

New York, Dec. 30.—

Wheat—	Opened.	Closed
December	84⅜	84⅛
July	78⅝	78½
May	80⅞	80⅝
Corn—		
December	59½	59
May	48¾	48⅜

MANIPULATE COAL MARKET

ENORMOUS QUANTITIES HELD BY RAILROADS.

Much Suffering in Chicago Especially Among the Poor People—$7.50 a Ton Clear Profit at Present Price.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—An investigation into the reputed combine of railroads and mine operators to manipulate the coal market began this morning.

Attorney-General Hamlin is questioning many witnesses. One testified that it cost $1.50 a ton to mine and lay down the soft coal of the Illinois fields in Chicago.

Proof was offered that enormous quantities of coal are now being held on suburban side tracks, although the city is suffering.

Coal today sells at $9 a ton, causing much suffering among the poor.

The main line of investigation is to show whether the railway officials and railways own the stock of the coal mines.

THE PENSION PLAN.

Scheme Used by Standard Oil Company to Keep Employes From Striking.

New York, Dec. 30.—Employes of the Standard Oil Company in all parts of the world are promised much benefit by the pension plan, to take effect New Years. Any employe reaching the age of 64, after 25 years service may retire at one-fourth salary. It applies to the highest officials down.

$800,000 Loss.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Panama canal company was held this afternoon. The report showed that $800,000 was lost last year.

ALBA ROBBER IS CAPTURED

Herbert Mundell, a Mere Lad, Acknowledges Robbing the Postoffice.

NOW ON HIS WAY TO PORTLAND FOR SENTENCE.

Had Been Spending Money Too Freely Which Drew the Suspicion of Postoffice Inspector Clark—Boy is Only 15 Years Old—Came to Alba From Washington.

Alba, Dec. 30.—Herbert Mundell was arrested here at 10 o'clock last night on the charge of robbing the postoffice here on Christmas night.

Mundell is only 15 years of age. He and his mother came here from the State of Washington about six months ago. He has the reputation of being of unsavory character, but it was his own fault that he was arrested.

Since the robbery the young man has been spending money a little too freely and this caused suspicion to fall upon him. He would go into the store here and spend a few dollars and always had several dollars in sight, which was something unusual. Postoffice Inspector Clark, of Walla Walla, who has been here working on the case, became convinced that it was young Mundell who took the money and he at once began to ferret out evidence to warrant an arrest. Monday evening he went to the home of the lad and accused him of the crime. He broken down and acknowledged to being the thief and was immediately placed in custody.

Inspector Clark left on the stage this morning for Pendleton and from there will take his prisoner to Portland, where the boy will receive his sentence.

PAWNED THEIR JEWELS.

Tageblatt Reports That Princess Louise and Her Brother Are in Need of Money.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The Tageblatt today reports that the crown princess of Saxony and her brother were in financial straits. The archduke tried to borrow $20,000 from a Jew money lender, but was refused. Their jewels have been pawned.

KING ORDERS ACCOUNT.

Will Deny the Story of Ill Treatment to Princess Louise.

Dresden, Dec. 30.—A full account of the actions of Princess Louise has been ordered prepared by the king of Saxony, who is anxious to dispel the unfavorable sentiment toward him and the crown prince. He will deny the stories of ill treatment and will show that the flight was caused by the discovery of the Giron amour.

WRECK ON MONON.

Three Trainmen Killed—Many Cattle Also Killed—Caused by an Open Switch.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 30.—A freight on the Monon railway ran through an open switch this morning and rolled over a 16-foot embankment. The engineer, fireman and brakeman were killed. Eight cars of livestock were in the train and many cattle were killed. The others were trampled upon and mangled.

Premier Resigns.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Premier Koerber today resigned in consequence of a hitch between himself and the Hungarian premier. The emperor has not accepted the resignation as yet.