

## CULTURAL EXPERIMENTS

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## VALUED VALUE DRY LAND ALFALFA.

Prospects for Athens Center of a Corn Belt the Government Stock the City En Route to Mr. Judson Anxious to

the industrial agent N. was a visitor in short time today. He, Lantz and Dr. E. N. government stock Portland, were at the this morning, talk things that should be of the country.

of Corn Growing. was here in the interior, and left on the morning, where he will situation with T. C. men of that section, a practice to grow summer-fallow fields. rushes these gentlemen from North Dakota for and is now on his with his own eyes what the center of a corn

the center of a corn recently encouraged by the received, and thinks of time until all of that part of the county at large and do away with the old system of

Shipment of Sheep. started on his vacation a dispensation on headquarters, and calling his home, called back to inspect of sheep for the Carsten will go out over the this evening. As the his vacation he Hutchinson along to do he does the bossing, leave this evening for he will spend his De. Hutchinson will and this evening.

men are greatly in development of this the advancement of block, and of the agri- Both Mr. Jud- Hutchinson in their trav- a great many things to be tried in a state, and none more of the cul- alfalfa on the waste the practically useless big wheat fields.

Idaho and Utah. Utah both the stock- the value of the fields are now yield- from land that was useless for anything. In Hutchinson saw 1,000 growing from which taken one crop and 14 cents a pound. all around were where they their taxes before

willing to show the who what the result give him a chance. set aside for his use an acre or more, on the hills near the city, be able to point the interest, he will seed and by the testi- teach the farmers of the county what by not adopting the their fields.

Experimenting. thousands of the seed if he were to need would be glad to fur- who would try his very enthusiastic and thinks that applied in a short time double in popula- can double in wealth in his estimation the any have no idea of and should be are missing. return to Portland Athens.

## TO DEATH.

ment Oileans Per- Their Home. Mr. and Mrs. Her- and prominent in their home

No Exhibit From Spain. Madrid, Dec. 17.—The cabinet today decided to send an official notification to America that Spain was not participate in the St. Louis Exposition. The alleged reason is shortage of funds. The real reason is the Spanish merchants' hatred of America.

## BESIEGED THE ENTIRE NIGHT

### A LONG ISLAND MAN STANDS OFF A POSSE

Barricaded His House and Holds the Fort Until He is Shot in the Face With Buckshot—Killed a Deputy Sheriff Who Tried to Serve Papers.

Riverside, L. I., Dec. 17.—Alonzo Reeves, who shot and killed a deputy sheriff yesterday when the latter attempted to serve papers, and then barricaded himself in his home, surrendered this morning after defending the house the entire night. Fifty deputies surrounded the house and when Reeves refused to surrender kept up a fire with rifles and shotguns. This morning the officials made a sally and attempted to smash the door. Reeves appeared above and fired a shotgun on the invaders. No one was seriously injured. Reeves received a charge of buckshot in the face. A few minutes later he gave up.

## ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL

### Threats to Wreck a Train on the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railway.

New Haven, Dec. 17.—Heavy guards have been placed on the special express on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway as the result of a letter received by the officials in which the writer threatens to wreck and rob the train unless a specific sum is put in a place he designates.

## CHINESE BURNED.

### Fire in Portland Destroys Sherlock Building—Several Celebrities Missing.

Portland, Dec. 17.—Fire in the Sherlock building at Second and Oak streets last night, occupied mostly by Chinese, caused a loss of \$10,000, insured. Three bodies were found and half a dozen Chinese are missing. The building was located across from the police station. The officers helped many escape.

## DECLARED INSANE.

### Easy Come-Off for Man Who Attempted to Murder.

London, Dec. 17.—George Robinson, the engineer who made a murderous attack on Secretary of the Bank of England Graham, nearly a month ago, was today adjudged insane and sent to a hospital.

## Solves Nothing.

London, Dec. 17.—Renter's agency says Russia's reply to Japan has not resulted in solving the Eastern dispute, and further negotiations will be necessary.

## GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Pendleton, Dec. 17.—Liverpool wheat closed quiet and unchanged to 1/4 higher. There was some good buying of wheat at the opening, causing a little advance. This advance, however, brought out some selling, resulting in an easier market. Minneapolis May was comparatively easy compared with Chicago. Receipts, Minneapolis and Duluth, 381, against 571 a year ago. Winnipeg, has 148 against 165 a year ago. We look for more activity in wheat as soon as the December contracts are closed up; in the meantime a good scalping market is perhaps all we can hope for.

The stock market opened steady, but inactive, which was the ruling feature during the forenoon session. A dull market is usually a dragging affair with an easier tendency and this morning's market is no exception to the rule. The active stocks are all fractionally lower, but any buying of importance would rally prices very quickly.

Wheat—	Opening.	Close.
May	81 1/2	81 1/2
July	76 3/4	76 3/4
Corn—		
May	43 1/2	43 1/2
July	43 1/2	43 1/2
Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—		
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July	80 1/2	80 1/2
Liverpool closed, wheat,		1/2 higher; corn, 1/4 higher.
Chicago Wheat.		
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat opened 78 1/2, closed 79.		

## MITCHELL MAKES A GREAT SPEECH

### Advocates His Bill for an Appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

## CITES TO PROGRESS MADE ON EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

### Nine States Have Appropriated Nearly \$1,250,000 — Proposed Measure Provides for \$2,125,000 of Federal Funds—Not a Dollar of Government Money Has Ever Gone into an Exposition in the West.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Most of the senator's time today was occupied by an eloquent and forcible argument by Mitchell, of Oregon, in behalf of his bill appropriating \$2,125,000 for the participation of the general government in the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland.

He showed that work is well under way, the site being graded and landscaping, macadamizing and a finished water and sewer system well advanced.

Nine states have already appropriated \$1,250,000—Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri.

## PARKER CAPTURED.

### He is Arrested at Livingston, Montana—Will Be Taken to Portland.

Spokane, Dec. 17.—I. C. Parker, the ex-convict for whom the officers of Portland have been hunting several weeks, has been arrested at Livingston, Mont., and will be taken back to Portland to stand trial on a charge of forgery.

Parker is the man who attempted to pass forged paper in Walla Walla shortly after his release from the state penitentiary. He went to Portland, where he followed the same practice, and after a hard chase by the officers he escaped. He finally reached Montana, where he resumed his old tricks, but was apprehended by the officials.

## CHRISTMAS MONEY.

### Cash Presents Sent from America to Europe.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Chicago's Christmas gift to Europe this year in money amounts to about \$1,500,000, Great Britain, particularly Ireland, gets more of this than any other country. Germany comes next on the lists in the money order division of the Chicago postoffice, then Sweden and Italy.

## IDAHO MAN IN JAIL.

### Claimed He Made Fraudulent Sales in New York.

New York, Dec. 17.—Frank Hobbs, of Idaho, is in Ludlow jail, ordered arrested by Edward Tustin, treasurer of the Green Copper Company, who claims he advanced \$7,500 to develop a mining property to which Hobbs had no title, but which he called the Cumstock Mining Company.

## W. H. BABB MAY BE NEXT CITY MARSHAL

W. H. Babb may be the next marshal of Pendleton. It is the desire of the incoming mayor, and it is understood that several of the councilmen have agreed to support Mr. Babb for the place. The rumor gained the air this morning that Mr. Babb would be recommended for the position by Mr. Matlock, and the latter gentleman affirmed the story.

When asked this afternoon if Mr. Babb would be the next marshal of the city, Mr. Matlock said that he hoped so. "Of course, I am not able to say," said the mayor-to-be. "The council may not see it that way. Mr. Babb and I are good friends, and I think he would be a good man for the place. I would like to see him get the appointment, and will recommend him to the council as my choice. Of course, they may not think as I do. Of course, they will. You can bet I hope that they will. You can bet if you want to, that I am in favor

## RECIPROCITY BILL SIGNED

### Cuban Low Tariff and Free Trade Bill Will Go Into Immediate Effect.

## GEN. BLACK NOMINATED TO CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

### Hanna Will Keep Up Fight on General Wood—Fraud Order Against Maxim & Gay—Nicaragua Recognizes Panama—Senate Postpones Action on General Wood's Appointment Till January 4—Colombian Troops Seen.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt signed the Cuban reciprocity bill at 1 this afternoon with the same pen used by Frye and Cannon. The pen will be sent to Havana at the request of the Cuban minister, where it will be placed in the Cuban museum.

Quosada notified his government the bill was signed. Upon receipt of a reply that Cuba is prepared to carry out its provisions, Roosevelt will issue a proclamation putting the law into immediate effect. President Palma will issue a similar proclamation.

## In Effect December 27.

### The Cuban reciprocity bill goes into effect December 27.

## Havana Rejoices.

Havana, Dec. 17.—When the official news reached here last night of the passing of the reciprocity bill by the senate, President Palma had a national salute fired from the Cuban fortress. As the gun belched the stars and stripes fluttered over Moro, while the bands over the city took up the national anthem. Immense crowds cheered America wildly.

## Another Fraud Order.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A fraud order was issued today against Maxim & Gay, the turf tappers, who are charged with having caught many suckers through extensive advertising.

## Nicaragua in Line.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Nicaraguan minister, Meyer cables the state department Nicaragua has recognized Panama to the extent of appointing a consul at Panama City.

## Colombian Troops Seen.

Panama, Dec. 17.—The cruiser Atlanta, returned to Colon, reports it saw about 500 Colombian soldiers north of the Atrato river.

## Vote on General Wood Postponed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate military committee has decided to postpone action on Wood's nomination until July 4.

It is announced at noon the president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner, vacated by the death of Proctor, to General John Black, of Chicago, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The war department confirms the news that Tait and the Philippine friars have reached an agreement as to the sale of the lands.

## Cannot Enforce Open Door.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The Nova Vremya today says America will not find it easy to keep an open door in Manchuria, as it has been shown beyond the possibility of doubt her navy is too weak and her mercantile fleet too small.

## Three Burned to Death.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and her two children, 12 and 16 years old, were cremated in a fire at their home this morning. Mrs. Shelmer, a policeman's wife, while trying to rescue the Smiths, was seriously and perhaps fatally burned.

## ARRANGING FOR THE TOURNAMENT

## COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

### January 21, 22 and 23 the Big Shoot Will Take Place—The Association Expects a Large Attendance and Indications Are Excellent.

The sportsmen's association met last night in the office of the city recorder to make arrangements for the general tournament to be held here in the near future. The date of the shoot was set for January 21, 22, 23, and special committees were appointed to make arrangements for the event.

The committee on general arrangements was designated as follows: Otto Boetcher, James Means, James Spence, C. C. Berkeley and J. C. Sewell. This committee will work in harmony with the executive board of the association, which is composed of F. F. Wamsley, Otto Turner, H. J. Stillman, William Hoch and T. W. Ayres, and will have general charge and management of the tournament.

A soliciting committee was appointed consisting of Otto Boetcher, James Spence, James Means and Frank Frazier who will meet with the business men of the city and arrange with them for the prizes which will be presented to the participants by the club.

The club will offer a prize of \$25 for one of the events, and this, in addition with the entrance money, will make a purse of something like \$100 for the winner of that event. This same plan will be adopted in the other events, so that good purses will be assured to all those competing. The club will also offer a medal for the highest average made during the tournament.

The members of the association are enthusiastic concerning the success of the tournament, and it is assured that the city will see some very good shooting during the three days that the event is in session here.

## GOING HUNTING.

### Kaiser Wilhelm Feels the Need of a Vacation.

Potsdam, Dec. 17.—The kaiser, accompanied by Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, left for Cherden today on a two days' hunt. He will attend the literary festivities at Hanover.

## Reject Russia's Terms.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—It is generally believed the Eastern situation takes on a graver aspect. A meeting of elders and statesmen yesterday was unable to come to any conclusion, as Russia's proposal is not acceptable.

## WILL OPEN SUNDAY.

### Improvements on the Golden Rule Hotel Nearly Completed.

Manager Bickers, of the Golden Rule hotel, expects to have his dining room ready to open by Sunday morning. He has the rest of the work well under way, and by the first of the year will be able to open the house throughout.

The upholsterers have been at work for some time overhauling the furniture and putting all that was good into the best of shape, and in a few days all the work will be finished and the job of putting things in shape over the house will begin.

## SUIT ON NOTE.

### Principal is \$100 With Interest and Costs Added.

A suit was filed this morning by Cordelia Maloney against R. H. Simpson and Cora I. Simpson to recover on a note issued by the defendants to the firm of Goedecke & Maloney, which note has since been transferred to the plaintiff.

The note was issued October 2, 1900, and was for \$100. The plaintiff asks for the face of the note with interest at 8 per cent, together with the costs and disbursements of the action. Reeder & Perry are the attorneys for plaintiff.

Appraisers Appointed. On the application of Lee Moorhouse as the guardian of the person and estate of Kush-ne-wa Wilson, a minor on the reservation, J. W. Maloney, T. J. Mimms and F. G. Schmeer were appointed by the court as a board of appraisers for the estate, which consists of land and other personal property on the Umatilla reservation.

## PROBLEMS OF THE WOOL POOL

### Amendments to the Present System Needed to Increase Its Efficiency.

## MANY OF ITS BEST AIMS ARE OFTEN DEFEATED.

### Amendments and Suggestions Are Offered by a Woolgrower Who Belongs to the Organization, and Who Enumerates Some of the Drawbacks Encountered in Its Administration.

A. H. Sunderman, one of the prominent woolgrowers of Echo, is in the city today and reports the stock in that vicinity doing well, considering the "soft" weather and unfavorable conditions for feeding. Mr. Sunderman will attend the meeting of the woolgrowers and the National Livestock Association convention at Portland in January, and thinks every Oregon stockman should be in attendance.

Mr. Sunderman is especially interested in seeing the sheepmen attend the meeting of the National and State Woolgrowers' Association and prepare to make those organizations more effective in assisting the individual members in the struggle against the combinations.

## For Better Organization.

He believes one of the most vital topics to be discussed by the Oregon woolgrowers is the more thorough organization among the members for a fixed sales day at which all the wool grown by the members must be offered for sale, after being graded by the growers.

He believes that the woolgrowers' organization should make it binding on the members to save their wool for this sale day, and prevent individual members of the organization from selling choice lots of wool in advance of the sale day, thus making it more difficult to sell the remainder of the clip, after the buyers have picked out the choicest.

## Present System Weak.

In the present method of conducting the sales days, Mr. Sunderman thinks that very little good is accomplished for the individual sheepmen. The buyers go among the woolgrowers before the date of sale, pick out all the choice wool, and when the day of the sale comes the growers are left with the bulk of the poorer grades on hand and the buyers, having skimmed the cream from the market in advance, are independent and offer whatever they feel disposed for the wool in the southern pool.

Mr. Sunderman thinks that the constitution of the woolgrowers should provide for a sales day, and a pool of all wool clips of the members, which would be binding on all the members alike, and make a sale day a benefit to every individual member. The force of the organization should stand behind and protect every member, in selling his wool. The wool should be graded before being sold, and all the different grades from the various clips should be put together and sold together, thus making the wool pool a pool in fact, and making the organization a direct benefit to every individual member.

## For a "Binding" Sales Day.

If members are at liberty to sell out the choice clips in advance, it takes away the interest in the pool. It spoils the strength of the organization for the pool is not binding, and all the money spent in maintaining the organization is wasted.

He thinks the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association should take up this vital question and decide to make that portion of the constitution which provides for the sales day, binding on the members, so not one pound of wool belonging to members will be sold outside of the pool on the sales day. To this end he will labor and if this is not accomplished he feels that the aim of the organization fails of fruition.

## SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

### Plaintiff Alleges Desertion—is Willing to Relinquish the Child.

A suit for divorce was filed this morning by Carter & Raley in the case of Robert Vinson vs. Armilda Vinson. It is an action for divorce, and the plaintiff alleges that he was married to the defendant at Milton on December 10, 1895. There is one child, Myrtle Mabel Vinson, aged 6 years, as the issue of the marriage, and this the plaintiff is willing to remain in the care of the defendant, where she now is.

The plaintiff alleges desertion as the cause for action and asks for a decree of divorce and for the costs.

Tom Reilly, the Portland pugilist, was knocked out in the sixth round at San Francisco by Billy Woods.