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PHASES OF THE PROBLEM Believe There Will Popular Invasion of Japan.

AS RAISED OCEAN INSURANCE. Trying to Raise a One Twenty-Five Million in Paris and Has Made to American Financiers Soldiers and Sailors Try for Japan.

Dec. 19.—Papers to the press, and express fears of aggression are at any time, and on the Korean coast declaration of war.

Trying to Borrow. Dec. 19.—A dispatch from this morning states inquiries are being made capital as to the possibility of a new Russian loan. It is understood some have been addressed to bankers. Financiers are reluctant as it is a war loan.

Trying to Enlist. Dec. 19.—The admiralty secret orders to the Asiatic fleet.

Officers Elected and Installed Last Night. Commandery No. 7, met last night in the election and installation of the officers for the ensuing year.

AT LARGE. Confirmed That They Surrounding. Dec. 19.—Alvord and bandits, are still in the mountains.

Woman Dead. Dec. 19.—Mrs. Martin of the oldest pioneers died at the home of Mrs. W. T. Grider yesterday evening.

Wheat. Dec. 19.—Wheat opened



Eastern Oregon Weather. Tonight and Sunday cloudy, with showers tonight; brisk and possibly high southerly winds.

Will Stop Prizefighting. Columbus, Dec. 19.—Governor Nash today instructed the attorney-general to bring to punishment all the principals, promoters and witnesses in the prizefight between Rubin and Green, pulled off at Akron last night.

BAD TRAIN WRECK ON SHORT LINE. ENGINEER AND FIREMAN FATALLY INJURED.

Caused by Freight Train Breaking Apart and Allowing No. 2 to Collide With Rear End—No Passengers Injured. Mountain Home, Dec. 19.—There was a sensational wreck this morning on Medbury hill, 15 miles east of here.

MURDER AND ROBBERY. Tennessee Desperadoes Then Make Their Escape. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Three masked highwaymen last night killed and robbed Corbin Rowe, entered the office of the Proctor Coal company.

The Governor a Woodman. Portland, Dec. 19.—Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain was initiated into Wolfcamp of the Woodmen of the World last night, with a special program for the occasion.

Injured in Sawmill. Elgin, Dec. 19.—D. N. Conklin, an employe in McDonald & Fisher's sawmill near here, had his right hand severed in the machinery last evening.

Drank Concentrated Lye. La Grande, Dec. 19.—Guy Carroll, of Summerville, through mistake, drank a cup of concentrated lye yesterday evening and may not recover.

Lynched a Negro. Ripley, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Joseph Brake, a negro murderer, was taken from jail last night, hanged and the body riddled with bullets.

SEVENTY-FIVE FUNERALS ARE TIED UP IN CHICAGO

Fabulous Prices Offered by Wealthy People for Hearses and Carriages to Attend Upon Funerals.

Riot at a Funeral at St. Procopius Church. Guarded by Heavy Details of Police Who Were Compelled to Charge the Mob—Scenes Altogether Unique, Even in the History of a Most Unique City—Necessary to Hold One Funeral at the Home Only.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The livery strike continues unabated. Fabulous prices are offered today for hearses by relatives of the late Frederick Otis, millionaire, and Judge James Hutchison, one of the most prominent Illinois jurists.

Will Leave for Salem. Legislators From Umatilla County All for a Short Session.

Representatives W. H. Blakley has gone to Portland and will be on hand when the legislature meets on Monday morning. Senator C. J. Smith will leave in the morning for Portland.

SENATOR HOAR REBUKED EDITOR SCOTT

The Oregon Daily Journal's special correspondent at Washington, D. C., says: Senator Hoar and Editor Scott, of the Oregonian, had a lively talk at the capitol last evening.

GRANDE RONDE SEEKS ARTESIAN WATER

La Grande, Dec. 19.—At a mass meeting of farmers, held in this city last evening, a company was organized for the purpose of boring for artesian water in Grand Ronde valley.

New Paper at Tacoma. Tacoma, Dec. 19.—The Tacoma Times, an evening paper owned and managed by E. R. Wells, formerly editor of the Seattle Star, made its first issue today.

DIXIE RAILROAD SOLD TO O. R. & N.

OLD NARROW GAUGE CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

Was Originally Built by Mill Creek Railroad Company for Purpose of Hauling Wood from Blue Mountains—Much of the Dixie Flat Wheat to Hauled to Market Over It. Walla Walla, Dec. 19.—A deed was filed in the county auditor's office this morning transferring the narrow gauge railroad from Walla Walla to Dixie and the branch to Dudley.

THOMPSON TO WASHINGTON. Will Go Before the Secretary of the Interior in Clearing Up Charges.

A. B. Thompson left last night for Washington, D. C., where he will go before Secretary Hitchcock personally. In defense of himself and will clear up the alleged charges against him as receiver of the La Grande land office.

Died Game. San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Bert Ross was hung today for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Ward at San Diego. He died game.

ROGERS VS. PLATZOEDER.

Defendant Claims That Goods He Purchased Were in Bad Condition. The case of Judd S. Rodgers vs. Henry Platzoeder, was tried this morning at 10 o'clock in the justice court of Thomas Fitz Gerald.

FINAL ACCOUNTING.

Its Terms Are Determined by a Decree Filed This Afternoon. The decree in the final account of the estate of Kush-ne-wa Wilson was filed in the office of the county clerk this afternoon.

DEMOCRATS MAY TIE UP TREATY

Gorman is Rounding Up the Possible Opposition to the Measure.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

Supporters of the Canal Held a Conference at the President's Private Office to See What Might Be Done—Some Democratic Votes Are Necessary to Ratification—Peru Has Recognized Panama.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Rumor reached the president this morning that Senator Gorman is lining up his forces against the canal treaty, and although assurances had been previously brought to the executive that at least 12 democrats were sure to vote for the measure when the time came, the report was sufficiently unsettling to cause a hurry call to be sent to several republican leaders.

Moody, Loomis and Cortelyou joined the consultation. Spooner and Lodge came together, and when they left the latter was gesticulating forcibly, showing great earnestness. Kean, Dryden and Pratt, of Connecticut, were closeted with the president a long time.

VISITING INDIANS.

They Begin Their Celebrating on the Train From Pasco. Many a tribe of big-squaw and the rest of his tribe to the extent of about a dozen, reached the city this morning on the Hunt line to spend the holidays with relatives and till-ems on the reservation.

DEED FROM GERMANY.

It Transfers Interest in Pilot Rock Realty. A deed was filed in the office of the county recorder this morning that has traveled for some distance over the world.

DR. LANTZ IN WRECK.

Describes Accident in a Private Letter to W. S. Bodley. W. S. Badley, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from Dr. M. S. Lantz, who left here Wednesday night for Salt Lake City, describing the wreck which happened on the Oregon Short Line yesterday.

TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS.

Below Are the Dates for All in Umatilla County During 1904. County Superintendent J. F. Nowlin has received from the department of public instruction at Salem a letter setting the dates for the examinations during the coming year.