

If you wish to know how to buy what to buy, when to buy and where to buy holiday goods, read the East Oregonian advertisements.

WEATHER FORECAST. Rain and warmer tonight; Sunday rain, fresh southerly breeze.

PEOPLE WANT NO BANK EXAMINER

Proposed Law Will Be Too Costly For the Good It Will Accomplish.

STATE EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS IS NEEDED.

Proposed Law Creates the Office of State Bank Examiner at \$2400 Per Year—Commission Composed of Governor, Treasurer and Secretary of State Will Appoint the Commissioner—No Dummy Directors Will Be Allowed as Each Must Own \$500 Worth of Stock.

The proposed state banking law which will be presented to the next session of the legislature contains a number of features which are not seemingly necessary, even if the law should be passed. A majority of the taxpayers are opposed to this law entirely and much prefer a law creating a state examiner of accounts, which office could also include that of state bank examiner.

The provisions of the banking law, which has been circulated through the state quite extensively within the past week, are as follows: Bank examiner, \$2400 a year and traveling expenses; appointed by the bank commission—governor, secretary of state and state treasurer; four years' term; at least three years' experience in banking; must give \$50,000 bond.

Each bank director must own at least \$500 par value stock of bank. Of stock subscribed, 50 per cent must be paid in before the bank opens and 50 per cent within six months thereafter.

One-tenth of profits must go to surplus. Bank ownership of real estate limited.

Capital stock not less than \$10,000 and population of city determines the capital required. Total liability of one individual to bank not to exceed 25 per cent of capital, surplus and undivided profits. Fraud, when knowledge of insolvency, to be a felony, to be punished by fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment not more than two years, or both.

No Dummy Directors. No officer or employe of bank may borrow money from bank without approval of majority of directors, executive committee of discounting committee; dishonesty to make each approving director personally liable.

Cash reserve to be 15 per cent of deposits, and one-half of the 15 per cent can be balances due from solvent banks. Examiner must examine every bank at least once a year and when he shall deem necessary.

When capital is impaired the examiner shall require the bank to make good the deficiency. When bank becomes insolvent or capital is impaired, or it fails to comply with the law, examiner shall report facts to bank commissioners, who shall report them to the attorney general, with directions to proceed to stop the bank's business.

In case of bankruptcy, depositors shall have prior lien. Certificate from the examiner that the provisions of the law have been complied with, necessary before opening a bank.

Every bank executive, agent, manager or director shall take an oath to observe the law. Minors may do business with a bank same as adults. Banks shall publish reports in local papers within 30 days after they are called for by the examiner.

A report of the bank commissioners shall be made annually by the examiner showing the banking condition of the state. Every bank shall report to the examiner within six months after the passage of the act, and shall do so annually thereafter.

The law shall apply to all banks other than national.

GAME DISAPPEARING.

Sportsmen and Wardens Worried in California. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 15.—There was an important convention of sportsmen and persons interested in the protection of game in this state here today for the purpose of securing united and intelligent action regarding legislation to be asked for during the coming session of the legislature.

A number of fish and game commissioners were in attendance and from remarks made by Alden Anderson, lieutenant governor, it appears that owing to the extremely lax enforcement of the fish and game laws there is a very serious diminution in the quantities of both fish and game. Resolutions were passed calling for the absolute enforcement of the ex-

isting laws, and pointing out how they could be so amended as to make them more stringent.

M. C. R. R. WILL BURN OIL.

Initial Tests Have Proven a Complete Success.

Tampico, Mexico, Dec. 15.—The oil-burning engines quite recently introduced on the Mexican Central between Rio and from Cardenas to here have proven to be an unqualified success and it is intended to replace all the coal locomotives with them. It is confidently predicted that the installation of the oil-burning engines will make it possible to greatly improve the financial status of the company next year.

From the exhaustive experiments conducted by experts employed by the company it was shown that by the use of oil a saving over coal of 30 to 40 per cent can be made. This saving will materially reduce the cost of operation as coal in Mexico is expensive and the Central has been compelled for years past, on account of the short supply of the native product to import a large portion of its fuel from the United States bringing it as far as from the Pennsylvania fields.

CHINESE WILL OPEN BANKS.

Reform Movement Announced Complete Success.

New York, Dec. 15.—Great activity prevails at the headquarters of the Chinese reform association in Mott street, during the past few weeks. At a largely attended meeting of Chinese in the association rooms tonight Ten Luen announced that the association organ, the Chinese Reform News, was a great success and it was decided to extend its operations and produce editions of it in all the principal cities in the states.

It was also announced that the construction of the Chinese bank in Mexico was being rapidly proceeded with and that steps were being taken to open branches in all parts of the United States and Canada. The capital stock is \$1,500,000, but over half of it has already been subscribed by Chinese merchants.

CAR SHORTAGE INVESTIGATION

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION SESSIONS.

Will Hold First Meeting at Minneapolis December 17 and Subsequent Sessions in Other Cities and May Come to the Pacific Northwest—Members of Commission Claim That Relief Must Come From Congress Direct.

Washington, Dec. 15.—December 17 the interstate commerce commission will open an investigation of the car shortage problems at Minneapolis. The hearings to be continued in sittings by the board at Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, with possibly one session in the Pacific northwest.

For some time the commission has had agents gathering information and in addition numerous letters have been received from persons who have suffered. It is said by the commission that final relief for the situation must come from congress, which has not given the commission authority over the movement of trains nor the furnishing of equipment.

The complaint of shortage, it is said, is not necessarily based on discrimination by the railroads, although this may be the case in some instances, but on delays in moving trains and on the part of shippers in handling freight. Commissioner Lane left today for Minneapolis. Commissioner Prouty will conduct the hearing at St. Louis December 18 and at Kansas City, December 20.

CALIFORNIA NEEDS LABOR.

Fruitgrowers' Association Invites All Nationalities.

From the tenor of the following resolution just passed by the California Fruitgrowers' association, it would be inferred that the outcry from that state concerning President Roosevelt's stand on the Japanese question, comes from a few agitators who do not have the true interest of the state at heart.

The resolution passed by the association is as follows:

Whereas, farm labor is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain and in California especially the great fruit and vine industries are threatened with disaster unless some remedy be found to get more labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the fruitgrowers of California in convention assembled, favor such amendment of the Chinese exclusion law as will permit the enactment of laws making possible restricted immigration of laborers irrespective of nationality.

The largest and best equipped veterinary college in the world is to be established as an annex of the University of Illinois.

MRS. ADAMS WAS BROWN'S FIANCEE

Mother of Actress, Maud Adams, Engaged to Mrs. Bradley's Victim.

BROWN HAD CAST OFF MRS. BRADLEY.

His Marriage to Mrs. Adams Was to Have Been Solemnized on New Year's Day—After All His Disgraceful Conduct With Mrs. Bradley He Spurned Her and Became Engaged to the Adams Woman.

New York, Dec. 15.—Before leaving for Washington, Mrs. Annie Adams, mother of Maud Adams, the actress, made a written statement in which she said that she, Mrs. Adams, was to have been married on New Year's day to former Senator Brown, of Utah, who was shot last Saturday in Washington by Mrs. Annie Bradley, of Salt Lake City and died at midnight yesterday. Part of the statement is as follows:

"Before leaving for Washington I wish to make a statement which now seems necessary. Senator Brown and I were to have been married. When the news of the tragedy came I was expecting him to join me in New York. We had planned to go to Boston to see my daughter, Maud Adams, to acquaint her with our engagement. We were then to have journeyed to his son and daughter and tell them. We had hoped to have a union of the two families at the celebration of the ceremony on New Year's day.

"I was Mrs. Bradley's best friend," Mrs. Adams continued. "When the senator first proposed marriage to me I plainly told him it was his duty to marry Mrs. Bradley. But he gave me every assurance that a marriage alliance with Mrs. Bradley was impossible. He refused positively to marry her and told me that if he could not marry her he would not marry any one.

"Under these circumstances I consented to be his wife if he would arrange matters satisfactorily to Mrs. Bradley. He told me that he would do this and I knew that he had communicated with her and asked her how much money she would need."

Mrs. Adams' name was connected with the tragedy through letters found in Senator Brown's desk, compelling her to make public explanation.

HERMAN THE FAVORITE.

Odds With Him for the Fight at Tonopah in Two Weeks.

Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 15.—With the Gans-Herman fight but little over two weeks distant and expressed the hope the situation could be relieved. Townsend says: "The difficulty is to place the blame where it belongs. Hill says there are plenty of cars. Reputable business men say the country is suffering for the necessities of life and that the Great Northern refuses to move fuel and grain."

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FUEL FAMINE GRIPS THE NORTHWEST

With farmers suffering from the intense cold in Minnesota and Dakota, with Seattle schools and business institutions on the point of closing for lack of fuel, with coal mines rushed to the limit and the demand not half supplied, and with railroads unable to deliver coal where it is needed, the fuel condition throughout the country is more serious this month than ever before in the history of the northwest.

Actual suffering is recorded in Minnesota, where no kind of fuel is obtainable. The prairies of the Dakotas are also on the verge of a fuel famine, even with lignite mines plentiful in parts of the two states.

JOINT BUILDING AT JAMESTOWN

Jefferson Myers Recommends That Northwest States Unite.

"OLD OREGON" TERRITORY SHOULD BE AS ONE.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana Will Be Asked to Appropriate Jointly for a Magnificent Building at Jamestown Exposition—The East Expects Something Extraordinary From the Northwest and Should Not Be Disappointed.

That Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana should join in the construction of a beautiful joint state building at the Jamestown exposition, is the candid opinion of Commissioner Jefferson Myers, of the Jamestown exposition commission of Oregon, who has just returned from the east.

Mr. Myers selected a delightful site for an Oregon or northwest building at the Jamestown exposition grounds and an active campaign will now be begun to interest other northwest states included in the old Oregon territory to join with Oregon in a magnificent joint building.

It will be impossible for the northwest states to make an adequate individual exhibit and if the four states will join, Mr. Myers says that a building can be built and an exhibit assembled from the northwest which will capture the east. With a small appropriation from each state and a thorough co-operation in gathering exhibits and making a display of the resources of the northwest, this section of the union can present such a showing at the exposition as will flood this part of the country with home-seekers and investors within a year or two after the close of the exposition.

Oregon will be asked to appropriate a sum for the state building, the amount to depend altogether upon the co-operation of the other northwest states.

The people of the east are anxious to see what Oregon will present at the Jamestown exposition. Many of them visited the Lewis and Clark fair and saw the wonderful resources of the west and are now anticipating a splendid display at Jamestown.

BUSINESS MEN DISPUTE HILL.

Claim Great Northern Refuses to Move Fuel and Grain. Washington, Dec. 15.—The president today discussed the shortage of cars in the northwest with a number of congressmen and expressed the hope the situation could be relieved.

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DAM TREATY RATIFIED.

Insures Completion of the Elephant Butte Project.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—The Mexican government has ratified the treaty with the government of the United States referring to the great Elephant butte irrigation dam at Engle, 60 miles above El Paso.

This action brings to an amicable settlement a bone of contention between the two republics and litigation that has been pending for 10 years and settles the claim for \$20,000,000 which the Mexican government filed for damages on account of deprivation of water rights in the upper Rio Grande river. Thus is removed the last obstacle in the way of the completion of the great dam by the United States.

PERMIT FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

French Cabinet Shows Signs of Becoming Lenient.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The cabinet today prepared a bill with six articles, providing for the enforcement of the law of associations without depriving the Catholics of means to continue public worship. The Eclair today says official denial is made that Cardinal Richard held a consultation with prelates and authorized laymen to apply for permits to hold religious services.

Council of ministers has decided that clergymen who do not conform to the laws will be deprived of their annuities and their property will revert to the state.

Otto Young's Will Filed.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Otto Young's will, filed today, leaves \$460,000 to charity and the balance, estimated at \$20,000,000, is placed in trust for the benefit of the widow and children and grandchildren. The trust extends over a period of 50 years.

Admiral Doubasoff Injured.

Moscow, Dec. 15.—Two men threw a bomb at Admiral Doubasoff, governor general, while riding in a carriage. He was slightly injured. Two arrests were made.

ANOTHER BANK AT HERMISTON

M'NAUGHT, OLDAKER AND RICE ARE INCORPORATORS.

The Hermiston Bank & Trust Company Begins Business With a Capital of \$25,000—Leading Spirit Will Be J. F. McNaught, Manager of the Maxwell Land & Irrigation Company—Will Be Ready for Business in a Short Time.

The Hermiston Bank & Trust company is the name of another banking institution that has been organized for the thriving town in the west end of the county. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk. The capital stock is stated to be \$25,000, divided into 250 shares. The incorporators are J. F. McNaught, S. R. Oldaker and Gonzalez M. Rice. It is understood that the last named incorporator is but a nominal member of the corporation, the leading spirit being J. F. McNaught, manager of the Maxwell Land & Irrigation company.

The new company is to commence business at once and apparently there is a race on between it and the recently organized First Bank of Hermiston as to which shall enter the field first.

BRANDON AT WALLA WALLA.

O. R. & N. Improvements Are Now in Progress at the Garden City.

The Walla Walla Statesman says of the O. R. & N. improvements which are now in progress at that place, in charge of Engineer Brandon of this city, who has charge of the construction of the Pilot Rock branch of the O. R. & N.:

H. A. Brandon, of the engineering department of the O. R. & N. at Pendleton, is in the city making arrangements for the filling of the ground surrounding the new depot now under construction. Mr. Brandon states that he has secured a steam shovel for the work and as soon as a suitable place from which to secure the material is found the work will be started. It will require 10,000 cubic yards of dirt to make the fill from Alder to Rose streets, and the ground will be filled during the winter so that by spring it will have settled.

The grounds are to be finished in good shape with a gradual slope to the streets. Later on the grounds will be planted to trees. Five hundred feet of concrete walks 30 feet wide will be constructed to connect the handsome structure with the adjoining walks.

The construction work on the depot is being rushed with all possible haste and the brick work will be completed within 10 days. If the weather is favorable the ornamental work will be commenced as soon as the brick work is completed.

JAPANESE BUYING CALIFORNIA OIL

Steamship Company Closes Contract for 20,000,000 Barrels in Ten Years.

2,000,000 BARRELS PER YEAR DELIVERED.

Crude Petroleum Which Will Be Refined in Japan—An Enormous Proportion Will Be Used as Steamship Fuel, the Remainder, and By-Products to Be Put Upon the Oriental Markets—All Will Be Put On Ship-board at San Luis Bay, End of the Pipe Line.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Trade relations with Japan will certainly be advanced, while social relations ought not to suffer, by purchase for Japanese consumption of 20,000,000 barrels of California crude petroleum. How much of an emollient such an enormous quantity of the oleaginous mineral may prove to be, politically and socially speaking, remains to be seen.

General Manager Shirashi, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship company, and representatives of the California Petroleum refiners, have put their signatures to a contract by which the petroleum company undertakes to deliver to the steamship company 20,000,000 barrels of liquid fuel over a period of 10 years.

The contract calls for crude oil to be delivered at the rate of 2,000,000 barrels a year. The high tariff on refined oil in Japan makes its shipment from here prohibitive. The oil will be refined in Japan, where a large plant is to be erected for the purpose of handling the California petroleum. While a large part of the shipments will be used as fuel on the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamers, quantities will be refined and placed on the market in the Orient. Shipments will be made from Oilport, on San Luis bay, where a pipe-line reaches the tidewater, and where a large wharf is being constructed.

DEMURRERS FILED.

Dilatory Tactics in Progress of San Francisco Cases. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Demurrers were filed today in the case of Supervisor Nicholas, indicted for accepting a bribe per Duffy. The demurrers are based on the ground the indictments are not technically correct. The hearing is set for Thursday.

Chicago Wheat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat opened 7 1/2, closed same; corn opened 4 1/2, closed same; oats opened 34, closed same.

German Elections January 25.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—It is officially announced today the elections will be January 25.

Three Vessels Safe.

Duluth, Dec. 15.—Reports show the steamers Manistique and Ireland and the tug Crosby, supposed to be lost, are safe.

Arkansas Bank Robbed.

Fayetteville, Ark., Dec. 15.—Robbers at Lincoln, Ark., this morning escaped with \$1800. The safe and building were wrecked.

THE SUN RIVER PROJECT.

Government Appropriates \$500,000 for Montana. According to the According to the Illustrated Northwest, great rejoicing is reported in the Sun valley, Montana, over the fact that the secretary of the Interior has apportioned the sum of \$500,000 for beginning a great irrigation work in that section. For the past two years the engineers of the reclamation service have been making surveys and completing plans for one of the largest of the national projects in the west.

The preliminary investigations of the Sun river project indicate that 265,000 acres are reclaimable in this valley at a cost of about \$30 per acre, or a total expenditure of nearly \$8,000,000. A large percentage of this area is public domain, and its reclamation will result in a very great increase in the population of the state.