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G. C. BLAKELY,
County Judge.
The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 30, 1894.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

New Banking Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—The programme for the speedy consideration of the financial plan proposed by the president and Secretary Carlisle was arranged by the house committee on banking and currency today. Three resolutions were passed.

The first specifies that Secretary Carlisle and Comptroller of the Currency Eckels shall be invited before the committee at 10 A. M. Monday, and the hearing to close Saturday, December 15. The sentiment among the Democrats was for proceeding as fast as possible and reporting a bill before the holiday recess.

The second resolution authorized Chairman Springer to invite the members of the committee next week to give their views. It was carried, although Walker and Johnson, Republicans, opposed it.

The third resolution adopted authorizes the call of the committee at any time and makes five a quorum. This is to prevent delay in the speedy presentation of the bill. The meeting disclosed that there will be no factious opposition from Republicans toward getting the bill before the house.

Nearly Burned to Death.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7—Abram Jones, a homesteader living alone on a claim on Breitenbush river, near Detroit, was horribly burned last night. He went to bed as usual about 10 o'clock, but was soon awakened by his house burning. The fire had caught from the chimney and spread to his bed, completely surrounding him. He attempted to escape at the window, but failing, was compelled to rush through the flames and break down a burning door, which he succeeded in doing, but was burned frightfully. Clad only in a nightshirt, he walked a quarter of a mile through six inches of snow to the nearest neighbor, where help was given and a physician summoned. The ends of his fingers were burned off. His back and thighs are blistered and his face terribly disfigured.

Will Result in War.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 7—The latest reports from the Guatemalan frontier state a Mexican colonel, member of the staff of General Lullane, has been assassinated by Guatemalans, and from unofficial sources it is learned a company of 170 Mexicans had a skirmish with 400 Guatemalan guerrillas, in which two Mexican soldiers were killed. This particular body of mounted Guatemalans are reported still hovering about the vicinity of the Mexican troops, but it is believed, after making the attack, they retired to the Guatemalan side of the international line. Should official information confirm these reports it is highly probable the Mexican government will at once demand reparation in a satisfactory manner for the outrages.

A New Law Point.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7—The text of the Connecticut supreme court opinion ordering a retrial of Dr J E Lee, after an acquittal by a jury for murder, the first record of the kind in the state, is given out today. Its main argument is the point that the old English common law was so cruel that the judges then wisely held that an accused, after a jury acquittal could not be put in jeopardy a second time for the same offense, but now that the old law has been relaxed a criminal ought not to benefit by former practice and justice be thwarted. The judicial ruling of the court of five judges was unanimous in the opinion, which was written by Judge Hamersley, of Hartford.

Tacoma's Lexow.

TACOMA, Dec. 7—The several local branches of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union today held a union meeting at the Methodist church and drafted an open letter to the mayor and city council, demanding that the city authorities stop all gambling, close the saloons on Sundays, and suppress prostitution. The action is the result of a movement toward reform started by the ministerial alliance and one or two ministers, who have been sending agents into the gambling places and houses of ill fame to secure reports of the wickedness of the doings therein.

Newspaper Change.

SEATTLE, Dec. 7—A bill of sale of the Seattle *Telegraph* to the *Post-Intelligencer* was filed with the auditor today. The consideration is specified as $1 and other valuable considerations to assume a debt of $10,283 on typesetting machines, otherwise the *Telegraph* is to be delivered free of all incumbrances. The *Post-Intelligencer* agrees to carry out the city printing and advertising contracts as far as possible, but reserves the right to reject any. A mortgage was also filed today by the *Post Intelligencer* for $100,000 to Jacob Furth, banker, as trustee, on the *Post Intelligencer* and *Telegradh* plants. The *Post-Intelligencer* will issue bonds for $100,000.

Another Break at Cleveland.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7—President Cleveland has sent a cable message here, saying he has reconsidered his decision not to send an American delegate with the Turkish commission appointed to inquire into the Armenian outrages, and will allow the American legation here to nominate a delegate. The Turkish government is manifesting a great desire to show the powers that the United States was first asked to send a delegate with the Armenian commission but declined. The Earl of Kimberly, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, was also requested to nominate a delegate, and immediately assented.

Old Treaties Supplanted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—The convention between the United States and Japan, sent to the senate yesterday, supplants the treaty of 1858, in which Japan was dealt with as a barbarous nation, and that of 1886, by which the United States, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands established Japan's customs tariff for her. It stipulates that the United States will recognize the exclusive power of the Japanese government to adjust its customs tariff and taxes, and establish regulations appertaining to foreign commerce in open ports of Japan.

Dynamite Explosion.

BOSTON, Dec. 7—This afternoon while excavating near Elm Hill avenue and Severy street, six men were badly injured by an explosion of dynamite. A train of dynamite had been fired for blasting rocks. Some exploded, but one or two sticks failed, and the workmen were digging out the cartridges when one exploded.

At Port Arthur

LONDON, Dec. 7—A Shanghai dispatch says the Chinese at Port Arthur are making presents to the Japanese who recently captured that place. They are giving dramatic performances for the entertainment of the visitors. The same dispatch says the Chinese merchants engaged in the shipping trade are transferring their vessels to the protection of foreign flags. A strong anti foreign feeling still exists in Peking, but despite that fact the families of the British and Russian ministers are returning.

In Utah.

WASHINGTON, Dec, 7—The secretary of the interior has received a telegram from Governor West, of Utah, asking for troops to drive out the Southern Utes now in Utah, and saying there is likely to be trouble between them and the white settlers. The request has been sent to the war department.

The Czar and the Clergy.

WARSAW Dec. 7—It is stated here the czar has informed General Gourko, governor of Warsaw, that he must not interfere with Catholic clergy. General Gourko, who tendered his resignation on the 1st inst., is to be succeeded by Count Puschkin, now governor of Odessa.

After the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Holman, chairman of the house Democratic caucus, said today he did not think a Democratic caucus would be held until after the holidays.

SUICIDE OF COBLENTZ.

The Ex-Warden of the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla Takes His Own Life to Save Himself From Disgrace.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 8—The entire community was thrown into a fever of excitement about 6 o'clock tonight, when rumors were afloat that J H Coblentz, ex-warden of the penitentiary, had ended his life rather than face the humiliation of answering to the charge of theft of the state's property. He reached the city at 3 o'clock, and met the governor and directors, who confronted him with accusations that he failed to answer. It is understood that the governor reproached him for his actions. After the meeting, he seemed crestfallen and was not in his usual mood. Tears could be seen and his general actions proved that he appreciated his position. He thought of the wife and four children who would suffer the disgrace. His wife was undoubtedly suspicious and watched him. She, too, realized the disgrace that was to be heaped upon the family. Coblentz had sent to the bank for $1000 cash, which Convict Chandler brought him, and he (Coblentz) handed it to his wife, asking that she take it, and, with the children, go to their old home in Arkansas. He said there would undoubtedly be trouble; that he would be disgraced, and that it would be best that they should be away. It looks as though he premeditated his awful deed. It was a complete surprise, for not a person here thought he was the man to carry out such a deed. When Deputy Sheriff Ellingsworth called at the penitentiary and asked for Mr. oCblentz, the ex warden, who was dining, was notified by one of the guards. Coblentz came into the office, which is part of the warden's dwelling, where he found the officer. He said to him:

"Hello, Ellingsworth, have you a warrant for me?"

"Yes, Mr. Coblentz, I have."

"How much are the bonds?"

"Five thousand dollars."

"Well, I don't know, Bill, whether I have a friend in Walla Walla or not."

"You have more friends than you think you have."

"Well, can I have about 15 minutes to finish my supper?"

Certainly, take all the time you wish, Mr. Coblentz."

At that Coblentz retired and passed through a double door, closing it, and at that instant a pistol shot was heard. Mr. Ellingsworth and Charles Berg, who were the only persons present, rushed in to find Coblentz dead. The gun was a 44-caliber Smith & Wesson. The ball entered just behind the right ear, came out of the left temple and struck the ceiling and fell on the floor. They immediately gave the alarm, and summoned the proper authorities. Coroner Stewart held an inquest over the remains. In the testimony, Richard Lee stated that he was visiting Coblentz and family. Coblentz asked him to take a walk over to the prison. Lee waited outside while Coblentz talked with Acting Warden Cameron. Cameron says Coblentz bid him good-bye and left. Upon returning to the dwelling, Coblentz refused to dine with his family, saying that he did not feel like it. It was about this time that the sheriff called. The family of Coblentz is prostrated.

The Chicago Crime.

CHICAGO, Dec 7—John B Kersey today confessed that he with Edward Jordan, murdered A D Barnes, whose mutilated body was found in a shipping case yesterday. Both Kersey and Jordan are under arrest. They were employed by Barnes, and the motive for the crime is thought to have been rivalry between Jordan and Barnes for the chief janitorship of the Hiawatha building, which position the mudered man held, Jordan being first assistant. Jordan has exhibited remarkable coolness throughout, having been the first to identify the body.

Kersey said Jordan on the afternoon of the murder gave him some money and told him to get a few drinks and be back to work at 8 o'clock that night. When he reappeared Jordan asked him to carry out the shipping case, and in so doing some blood from the box ran out on Kersey's sleeve. He asked Jordan what that meant and the latter told him there was a dead man in the box, and he had better keep quiet. He was badly scared. He kept silent until the terrors of the "sweat box" wrung the story from him.

Colonel Taylor Dead.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 8—Colonel James Taylor, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of this city died today at the residence of his son-in-law, J W White, in Oakland, Cal., at the advanced age of 86 years. Colonel Taylor's demise was entirely unexpected, his son, ex-Judge F J Taylor, and F A Taylor, having received a letter from him only an hour before the arrival of the dispatch which announced his death. In his letter Colonel Taylor said he felt much stronger than he had for many month past, and spoke hopefully of the future.

Armenian Outrages.

VIENNA, Dec. 9—It is reported here that the Armenian Catholics will go to St. Petersburg to do homage to Nicholas II and to confer with M. de Giers, as to the massacre in Armenia. A W Terrell, the United States minister in Constantinople, has been instructed to protect the Protestant missionaries in Armenia. He has asked them to pacify the Armenian Christians as much as possible.

PARIS, Dec 6—The Armenian community of Paris will send delegates to the massmeeting to be held by the Armenian Society in London to protest against the Turkish outrages.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Murder Confessed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 8—Adray Hayward has confessed that Harry T Hayward planned the murder of Miss Catherine Ging, and that C Blixt, engineer of the Ozark flats, committee the deed. Blixt was arrested early this morning, and locked in the central station. After committing the bloody deed, Blixt returned to the city and disposed of some of his clothing to a workhouse prisoner named Ericson. Ericson left the next morning for Iowa Falls, Ia., where his wife is employed in a hotel, and there had the clothing washed. He returned to Minneapolis and sold of the clothing to a pawnbroker on Washington avenue south. The remainder of the clothing was undoubtedly burned in the furnace at the Ozark flats. The motive for the crime was securing the insurance on Miss Ging's life.

Home Again.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8—Governor-elect Lord and wife returned today from their extended trip east, both in excellent health. The governor, in speaking of his visit, said that the principal cities he visited were San Francisco, Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and Wilmington. With the exception of San Francisco, Denver and, probably, St. Louis, he thought there was a manifest improvement in business. He was not in St. Louis during the trans-Mississippi convention, but met the San Francisco delegate, who had been in attendance for the purpose of offering a resolution upon the annexation of Hawaii, which the delegate said had been adopted. Beyond this the governor did not know what was done at the convention, except what he saw stated in the newspapers.

The Japanese Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—The full text of the new treaty between the United States and Japan, published today, has been the main subject of comment in diplomatic and official circles. It was scanned with great interest, as it gave the first exact details of the instrument by which the United States formally recognizes Japan as a first-class power in the sisterhood of nations. The provisions of the treaty, that it must be ratified within six months, makes it incumbent for the senate to act on it at the present session, or the treaty will fail. There is every probability, however, that the senate will act promptly. Minister Kurino has forwarded a copy of the treaty to his government, where it will be considered and ratified by the privy council of Japan.

Newfoundland Finances

ST JOHN'S N. F., Dec. 10—The Commercial bank of Newfoundland, having headquarters in this city, suspended payment this month, owing to the failure of several of the largest fish exporting houses to respond to liabilities to the bank. This has involved other banks, and has crippled some concerns here. Four have closed their premises, and others will close tomorrow. Small depositors are demanding gold from the union and savings banks, and the gold reserve is being steadily drained. If they are able to meet the run, everything is safe, but the chief danger is the difficulty in getting more gold into the country. At present the people are very peaceful, and some are unable to appreciate the gravity of the situation. Business men are trying to effect an arrangement with London bankers or with Canadian concerns which will be urged to extend business to this center.

Stephen Girard's Fortune.

TOLEDO, O, Dec. 10—Mrs. Josephine Ritz, an aged woman of this city, has discovered what is believed to be conclusive evidence that she is the nearest of kin, and therefore, heir, to the immense estate of Stephen Girard, now held in trust in Philadelphia. Her father and Stephen Girard were first cousins, and her brothers and sisters are all dead, most of them dying without issue. The matter has been placed in the hands of leading attorneys, who, upon investigation, declare that the chain of heirship is indisputable, and can be established. The estate ranges in amount from $5,000,000 to $8,000,000, and would be divided among only six or eight heirs.

A Fight With Robbers.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 10—Four men implicated in the Ben Brooks' train-robbery by the confession of Sam Evans, nephew of Captain Sam Evans, of this city, are now in jail here and the officials claim to have a sure case against them all. The four prisoners are Sam Evans, of this city, who is highly connected; John Ward, Walter Sullivan and Walter Gardiner, all young farmers, who live within a mile of where the robbery was committed. Evans claims his share of the plunder was large enough to fix him all right after he got through with the trouble.

A Weak-Kneed Murderer.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10—Claus B Blixt, the confessed murdered of Catherine Ging, is a pitiable object today. He weeps continually and says he wants to die. He says Harry Hayward controlled him, as he did Miss Ging, by hypnotic power. A large crowd assembled in front of the municipal court today expecting Blixt would be arraigned, and ominous mutterings were heard. It was decided Blixt should be taken directly before the grand jury. After reading Blixt's confession, Hayward said the story was a fake, concocted by Blixt to save his neck.

An Injustice to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Representative Wilson, of Washington, which state is most seriously injured by a clerical error in the surveying provision of the sundry appropriation bill of the late session, has obtained from Chairman Sayres a promise the error will be corrected in the next bill. It has been the custom to allow increased rates for surveys that have not been made at the close of the fiscal year. Several western states are interested in the surveys affected by the error.

The Wairapa Wreck.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 10—A court of inquiry has found that the steamship *Wairapa*, bound from Sydney, N. S. W., to this port, which was sunk on the night of October 28, on Great Barrier island, with a loss of over 80 lives, was lost through the fault of Captain McIntosh, who was among the drowned. The court also found the boat drill on board the steamship was a farce, and the crew failed to do all which might have been expected of seamen in such an emergency.

A Rifle in Constantinople.

VIENNA, Dec. 10—All foreign diplomatic relations at Constantinople have been suspended on account of exchange of views on the initiative of Great Britain proceeding with a view to taking joint action with the king on the Armenian question. The porte is very anxious at this new turn of affairs. The Turkish ministry, assisted by Kiamil Sed and Chakir Pasha, sat continuously from noon Saturday until noon yesterday.

He Turned on the Gas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10—Charles Johnson and Gustav Wennerberg, owners of a cigar stand on Fourth street, were smothered to death this morning at their lodgings on Stevenson street by illuminating gas. When they retired late last night one of them accidentally turned on the gas, after extinguishing the light, the gas fixture being defective. Both men were prominent in athletic circles, having participated in many tug-of-war contests.

Border Troubles.

OAXACA, Mexico, Dec. 10—Reports have been received here of a number of skirmishes between Guatemalans and Mexicans on the border, and people are aroused to the highest pitch of excitement. The Mexican troops are anxious for the war to begin, as they are confident of an easy victory over the Guatemalans. The volunteer troops of this state are being drilled daily and are ready to march to the front.

He Succeeded in Dying.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 10—Joe H Conrad, a former Helena merchant, who sought to commit suicide by taking strychnine, succeeded in dying at his hotel where he has been under the care of the city physicians since his attempt to take his life Friday last. His wife was in the city at the time of his death.

Hotel on Fire.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 10—The Southern hotel, one of the leading hotels in the city, is on fire and will be a total loss. The fire was caused by the bursting of a gas meter. There were 75 guests, all of whom escaped. O S Todd, ticket agent of the Southern railway, was perhaps fatally burned. The building cost $75,000; partially insured.

A Battle With Burglars.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 10—Burglars robbed the Burlington depot at Batavia last night, and taking a hand car started towards Ottumwa. Detective Harrison and other officers pursued on an engine. A battle was fought and one of the burglars was killed and two escaped. Harrison received a flesh wound.

District of Columbia Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Today being the second Monday in the month, under the rules, the house devoted its time to consideration of District of Columbia business. On motion of Heard, of Missouri, chairman of the District of Columbia committee, the house went into committee of the whole.

Inferior Oil.

BERLIN, Dec. 10—The government has instructed the Hamburg chamber of commerce to inquire into the complaint of the inferior quality of recent importations of petroleum by the Standard Oil Company. It is charged that the Pennsylvania oil fields are exhausted, and the oil recently imported came from Indiana and Ohio.

They Celebrated.

BERLIN, Dec. 10—All Protestant Germany celebrated the 300th anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus, the king of Sweden who, in 1630, took his army to Germany to help the Protestants in their struggle with the Catholic league.

A Job for Black.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Representative John C Black, of Illinois, ex commissioner of pensions, has been nominated United States district attorney at Chicago, vice Sherwood Dayton, deceased.

Nez Perce Indians.

One of the most powerful tribe of Indians in the northwest was formerly the Nez Perces of Northern Idaho. They were well developed physically, and very intelligent. Several of their chiefs were educated and had adopted the customs of the whites. In 1878, after being driven from the Wallowa valley, under Joseph, their war chief, they inaugurated hostilities against the whites, and the battles of White Bird and others fought in the neighborhood of Lewiston are still fresh in the minds of the people. The troops under General O. O. Howard followed them through the Bitter Root valley, and finally overtook and defeated them. Joseph and a few of his braves were sent to the Indian territory, and since that time the numbers have materially decreased. The last report of Captain J. Robinson, agent for the Nez Perce, shows that the present number of Indians, is 1803. This year 350 cultivated 10,000 acres of wheat, 1000 acres of flax, 1000 acres of oats, and 500 acres of barley, besides corn, potatoes, fruit, etc. These Indians also own considerable herds of horses and cattle, and are altogether contented and prosperous. The first payment on their lands will give each one of them about $400 in cash, which will amount to from $1200 to $2000 to every head of a family, and in some cases where multiplication has proceeded diligently, to several thousand dollars.

Immigration.

We received a pleasant call today from Capt. Crane, editor of the Arcadia, Neb, *Courier*. He is here with the intention of publishing an immigration paper in this city, and will issue the first copy at an early date. There are now six or seven families from Arcadia who have made homes in this vicinity, and 500 or 600 families are expected to immigrate to this state very soon. This immigration scheme is favored by the railroad companies, and by this means they expect to increase their business. During the last season drouth has prevailed throughout Nebraska, and farmers have become discouraged. They are looking elsewhere for homes, and very many have a preference for Oregon. We will extend a hearty welcome to these homeseekers, and believe we can offer them many opportunities of making a living and accumulating riches not found elsewhere.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.
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Terrible Fate of a Young Man.

A La Grande dispatch dated Dec. 10th furnishes the following particulars of the suicide of Oliver Hearing:

News has just reached La Grande of a strange happening in the mountains about nine miles north of Summerville. Last July a young man named Oliver Hearing, left home near Elgin, taking a horse, rifle and other personal belongings and started for the mountains. Shortly afterward his horse returned riderless. This was not considered strange, as his brothers supposed he had found employment somewhere and had turned loose his horse so that it might come home. Time past and nothing was heard of the absent man, inquiry started on foot by friends and relatives proving of no avail. A few days ago a party of hunters ran across Hearing's hat, axe, cartridge pouch, rifle barrel, etc. But could find no sign of his remains. They returned to Elgin and reported the discovery. A searching party was immediately organized at Elgin, and the scene thoroughly explored. The result solved the mystery. Hearing had cut down some trees, cut off a big fallen log of pitch, and built a tremendous fire. He then, it is supposed, shot himself and fell over into the fire, having had the deliberate purpose of destroying every vestige of his remains. He nearly succeeded. A few charred bones, enough to half fill a hat, and some remnants of clothing were all that were found in the fire, which covered a space of six by ten feet in dimensions and had burned into the ground. Hearing was 28 years old, although he looked much younger, and was a strong healthy man, standing six feet two inches high. He was a hunter and trapper by profession and of a gloomy, taciturn disposition, loving to hunt alone in the mountains. The spot chosen for the deed was a desolate one on a wooded ridge far from human life. Hearing lived a long time in Union county and was well known. The news has caused a great sensation. No reason can be assigned for the terrible deed.

County Institute.

The county teachers' institute convenes Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., and continues in session until the Saturday following. There will be three evening sessions, each well worth attending. President Chapman, of Eugene university, is to lecture Thursday evening and State Superintendent McElroy Friday evening. Both these sessions are to be held in the opera house, and a crowded house is expected. There are also many other interesting items on the programme. The cantata on Friday evening rendered by forty children, representing the different nations in costume, is a fine entertainment. Besides this the school book question is to be discussed on Wednesday evening in the court house, and a lively interest in the subject is expected, as the vote on the text books is soon to be taken which decides them for the next six years. The day sessions will be held in the Court street school building, and will consist of interesting papers and discussions of the many phases of school work. All the meetings are free, and the public is cordially invited. The people of The Dalles and surrounding country should attend and show the interest in education which all of us, at least, ought to have.

Thousands Coming.

Editor Hofer, of the Salem *Journal*, who recently returned from the middle west, speaks in the following emphatic manner:

"The press of the state is speaking quite freely of the growing tide of immigration from the east to Oregon. The forerunners of an army of several hundred thousand people are now arriving on every train. The hundreds of thousands undoubtedly are to come in the next two years. No one can doubt the population of the Willamette valley will double within five years and contain a round half million of people.

"The *Journal* speaks from positive knowledge when it says thousands of families in the Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas will come to Western Oregon in the next six months. These states have all been afflicted more or less with drouth, short crops and intolerable suffering from hot weather the past year. In some of them vast areas were literally burnt up by the heat and drouth, causing great suffering, destitution and depopulation. The people in those sections have food for neither themselves nor stock, and have no water or fuel."

Terribly Burned.

Albany Herald.

Abram Jones, a homesteader, living on his claim on the Breitonbush river near Detroit, was horribly burned Thursday night about 10 o'clock. He went to bed alone as usual and was awakened by his house burning. The flames had caught in his bed and had