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Governor May Appoint Democrat.

Salem, Or., Aug. 11.—Proceeding upon the possibility that Supreme Judge R. S. Bean may be appointed Federal Judge, to succeed the late Judge Bellinger, Democrats are taking considerable interest in the probable successor to Judge Bean, if he should secure the place to which he aspires. Though there is no vacancy, and may not be, on the Supreme Bench, leading Democratic lawyers are not ignoring the opportunities that will be open to them if Judge Bean should meet the favor of Attorney-General Moody and President Roosevelt.

It is not often the Democrats see an office almost within their reach, and when one looms up in the distance they are not slow in preparing to occupy it, if possible.

Should Judge Bean be promoted to the Federal Bench, Governor Chamberlain would have the power and duty of naming his successor. Democrats generally take two things for granted—that if he has the opportunity Chamberlain will appoint a Democrat, and a man from Eastern Oregon.

It has long been asserted, even by many Republicans, that there should be a Democrat on the Supreme Bench. It has also been alleged by Eastern Oregon that one of the Supreme Judges should be chosen from that section of the state, for the reason that irrigation and range problems are peculiar to that section, and a man residing there would understand them most clearly.

There has been some talk to the effect that the Governor would probably appoint Thomas Greene, of Portland, if there should be a vacancy, because Greene was once the nominee of the Democratic party for the Supreme Judgeship. Upon the same reasoning, it has been suggested that B. F. Bonham, of Salem, might find favor.

Among Eastern Oregon Democrats, A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, and T. G. Haley, of Pendleton, have been talked of, but it is generally believed that the unfinished task Bennett has in the land-fraud cases would make him unavailable. Haley stands out as a strong possibility, in case of a vacancy, for the reason that he fills the requirement of being both a Democrat and an Eastern Oregon man, and is free to accept the appointment. He is a partner of Judge Lowell, who aided in no small degree in Chamberlain's election.

It has been suggested that Chamberlain might appoint a Republican to fill a Republican vacancy, and that Judge Eakin, of Union, might get it, but the prevailing view here is that a Democrat would be appointed.

China Wants Navy.

Victoria, Aug. 11.—Dr. W. A. P. Martin, one of the greatest living authorities on conditions in China, who has just arrived here, brings word that China is perfecting her military arrangements, establishing a first-class army and navy.

The naval scheme, as reported from Peking, is for a thorough remodeling of China's fighting fleet. The board engaged in working out the details has already arranged for funds for the establishment of the navy, and decided to form a special ministry of marine. The organization and technical language to be employed by the minister of marine will be borrowed from Japan, and it is intended to secure the services of a Japanese naval officer of high rank to act as adviser.

Tientsin has been chosen as the head-

quarters of the Chinese navy, and there the naval department buildings will be established. Subordinate stations will be created at Shanghai, Chefoo, Hanking, Chusan Archipelago and at Tapeng or Mins Bay, the point near Hong Kong whence Dewey's ships sailed for Manila to fight the Spaniards.

The stations which exist at present at Tientsin and Nankin will be taken over and fortified. At each of the six stations naval schools will be established under Japanese and foreign instructors.

Lasting Peace is Edward's Hope.

London, Aug. 11.—Parliament was prorogued this morning after one of the most eventful sessions of recent years. The king in his speech touched several important international questions. On the Russian-Japanese war he said:

"It is my earnest hope that the Russian-Japanese peace negotiations, which have been instituted under the initiative of the president of the United States may lead to a lasting and mutually honorable peace."

Touching Norway and Sweden his majesty said: "I am confident that by the exercise of wise moderation on both sides a satisfactory settlement of the dispute will be reached."

The present session of parliament has been remarkable in showing the constant gains made by the Liberals. It is the first session in many years where the government has sustained such a defeat on any measure as they did on the proposition to reduce the representation in Ireland. Although Balfour has constantly refused to call an election, nearly every measure except those bearing upon the foreign policy, has met with obstruction or defeat, while the conservative losses have been emphasized at all the bye-elections of the year.

One important feature of the session has been the unearthing of army scandals in South Africa and India, resulting in a general reorganization of the army.

Buying in America.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14.—The Chicago Daily News' St. Petersburg correspondent, speaking of the change of sentiment towards America since the negotiations for peace began between Russia and Japan, says:

"America's disinterestedness and fairness are recognized by all. Your correspondent is in a position to say that Russo-American relations have gained greatly by the conference. Already arrangements are under way for many heavy orders for American manufactures, and large railway loans are being arranged in the United States. Count Ignatieff, who is not only one of Russia's most famous statesmen, but who has taken the deepest interest in the present state of the country, said to your correspondent today:

"Failure of the negotiations at Portsmouth will hasten interior reforms. In discussing the Bouligan project at the conference at Peterhof, I told the Czar: "'I am your faithful servant; therefore I warn Your Majesty that the trip which I have just made through the empire has convinced me that procrastination and juggling in regard to the granting of a constitution threatens the existence of the house of Romanoff.'"

"The Czar became pale at my words, and rose from his seat. Then he quietly ordered that the discussion be continued.

"Nobody is against the plan of popu-

lar representation in a national assembly, but only a majority of the council insists that it be unrestricted and democratic. The delay is actually caused by technical difficulties. M. Bouligan is to quit the Ministry of the Interior and devote himself to the organization of the national assembly. General Trepoff will become Minister in his stead, and will be succeeded by General Kleygels as Governor-General of St. Petersburg."

Armistice Now Exists.

Portsmouth, Aug. 14.—It seems to be taken for granted among attaches of both the Japanese and the Russian missions that there will be no general battle in Manchuria while peace negotiations are on. Oyama is prepared to strike the moment negotiations fail and there may be more or less outpost engagement while troops are getting in position, but it is admitted that if either Oyama or Linevitch deliberately brings on a general engagement which might cost 50,000 or 100,000 lives, his country will be accused of bad faith in the negotiations and will inevitably lose prestige in the eyes of the world. In the larger sense, therefore, it can be said that an armistice already exists in Manchuria.

Bold Thievery.

The officers of Crook county have succeeded in capturing one of the horse rustlers who been sweeping the range of cattlemen's cow ponies, and other stock, during the summer. The fellow who was captured is said to be the least inoffensive of the lot, and was only a tool of the brighter minds. The band had been scattered by the officers, and all escaped, temporarily, at least, but the one alluded to.

The same band of rustlers is said to have taken one band of horses into Pendleton and disposed of them, returning for a new supply. On the first expedition they confined their raid to the ranges, but during the latest operations they entered pastures and drove the stock away from the very eyes of owners. A number of well known cattlemen are mentioned as having lost almost their entire band of cow ponies, saddle horses, etc. But in view of the exposure made, and the vigorous pur-

suit of officers, it is likely that the stock was not taken from the country, and will be found later.

The center of operations seems to be in the Beaver creek country, but the field is said to extend well into Grant county.

There was born on Sunday, August 6, 1905, to the wife of Milo (mike) Harbough, in Eugene, a daughter, weight only two pounds. The babe is getting along nicely and the attending physician expects it to live and thrive.—Eugene Guard.

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