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Whatever may be the fate of the Czar of Russia in the awful deluge of blood that threatens to engulf the empire, or of the Grand Dukes, who did more than their share in precipitating it, the world will hear with a sense of profound relief of the escape of the Czarina and her children from the red menace of anarchy. King Christian of Denmark stands ready to afford asylum to them, and Emperor William has, it is said, made arrangements to cover their retreat with the guns of German battleships. Fearless for herself, the Czarina is distracted for the safety of her children. May the world soon hear that this safety is assured, though the crown of imperial Russia is lost to the Czar and his heirs forever.—Oregonian.

**EDITOR LEADER:** In your issue of last week appears the following preamble and restitution:

"Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst Brother S. Stidham, an upright and just brother to know whom was to respect and honor.

Resolved, that Cottage Grove Lodge No. 68 I O O F we extend to the bereaved family and friends their heartfelt sympathy."

In my judgment the following would be nearer the truth:

"Whereas Brother Stidham, a worthy and much esteemed brother among us has met with a sad accident in which he lost his life.

Be it resolved therefore, that we the members of Cottage Grove Lodge No. 68 I O O F extend to the bereaved family and friends our heartfelt sympathy, etc."

**Sentence on Meriwether.**

Washington, Dec. 12.—Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., who was tried by court-martial for causing the death of Midshipman Branch has been sentenced to the limits of the Naval Academy for a period of one year and to be publicly reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy. Secretary Bonaparte has ordered that the sentence be carried out, but that so much of the penalties would debar the accused from serving on any practice ship attached to the academy be remitted.

Representative Broussard of Louisiana, who had a conference with the Secretary this morning regarding the case, after reading the findings, announced that he was entirely satisfied with them.

Midshipman Meriwether was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter and found guilty of the other two charges, namely violation of the third clause of the eighth article for the government of the Navy, which prohibits midshipmen from engaging in fistuffs, and conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

**\$100,000 for Federal Building.**

Senator Fulton is very anxious for Senator Gearin to get to Washington to assist him in the furtherance of projects for the state. At present he is working for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the erection of a federal building at Baker City, and for \$15,000 for the completion and improvements of the Salem building.

**Water Works for Drain.**

Articles of incorporation were filed with the county court at Roseburg yesterday by the Drain Water, Light and Power Co. of Drain. The incorporators are Ira Wimberly, Benton Mires, W. C. Edwards and Sam Jones; capital stock, \$5000, divided into shares of \$5 each. The immediate object of the company is to establish a public water system for the town of Drain, and to follow this with a lighting system later on. The water system will be installed as soon as the necessary funds are subscribed.—Guard.

## Our Neighbors

### Mosby Creek.

Dave Resnew went to town on Sunday.

Walt Baker and wife returned from Cottage Grove Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Brumbaugh is on the sick list.

Tom Rawlins went to the city Sunday.

Miss Fay Hampton returned from Goshen Sunday.

Ruffies Rawlins is enclosing his place with a barb wire fence, and expects to have it complete in a few days.

Wellington White and Mr. Powell of Coast Fork was on Mosby Creek hunting their cattle Tuesday.

Harry Castel of Dorena spent Sunday on Mosby Creek.

Jim Louis returned to his home on Mosby Creek after an absence of about four months.

John Gray went to Cottage Grove Friday.

### BUCKHORN.

### Star Items

Mr. John Wicks went to the Grove Saturday.

Miss Elsie Lea of Cottage Grove passed through this vicinity last week on her way to Wildwood where she spent a few days visiting with friends.

Mr. W. T. Hankins has erected a new residence in this vicinity.

Joe Wicks, Ben Hall and John Wicks of this place were transacting business in Cottage Grove Tuesday.

Rev. Barnhart passed through this burg on his way to Dorena where he held services Sunday.

Geo. Smith and Mr. Gliby went to the Grove Saturday.

Jewel and Fairy Wicks attended Sunday School at Wildwood Sunday afternoon.

A number of the young people at Taylor's sawmill attended church at Dorena Sunday night.

### Silk Creek Items.

The S. D. A's are holding meetings every day at the church at 1:30 p. m. It is a week set apart for prayer by the denomination all over the "United States."

While working in the timber Saturday Eugene Miller was struck by a flying wedge above the left eye receiving quite a gash. Mr. Overholzer, who was with Mr. Miller, took some stitches to close the wound and it is healing nicely.

Mr. L. H. Slagle has sold a road below his barn for the use of the public and Mr. Veatch has begun work on the piece.

Oscar Wheeler went to the Divide Tuesday expecting to work.

M. F. Babcock and family visited at John Ashby's Wednesday evening.

Miss Hutchinson was the guest of Alice Wheeler Tuesday.

Mr. W. N. Wheeler made a trip to Saginaw Thursday and was accompanied by his wife and infant daughter.

Several young men from this place attended the Literary Society at Lynx Hollow Saturday evening.

### Good Progress on Canal.

New York, Dec. 14.—On the steamship Mexico, in yesterday from Panama, came Fred Maltby, division engineer; L. E. Dubois, superintendent of construction; Samuel Settoon, of the labor department; James Jester, disbursing officer, and Ira Giles, supervisor of labor. All spoke well of present sanitary conditions on the isthmus. Mr. Maltby said, "The work is going ahead in the most satisfactory manner. We have taken out on an average of 5000 cubic yards a day since July." Mr. Dubois, too, declared that the work was going ahead.

### Eugene Commercial Club is to Have New Quarters.

The Eugene Commercial Club adopted the plans presented for the new club rooms in the building to be built by Dr. D. A. Paine on the site of the present quarters. The rooms will be all large and finely finished allowing much more room and convenience. There will be the general reception room, 32x47 feet, a ladies parlor 20x20, a billiard room 17x28 feet and a card room of the same size as well as a gymnasium 34x40 and a bowling alley 15x100. The club is very enthusiastic over the prospects now and are going to work for a larger membership. The new building to be erected will cost about \$10,000.

## Church Notices

Methodist Episcopal Church, Pastor Rev. S. E. Meminger, morning services at 11, evening 7:30, Epworth League 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

Christian Church, Rev. D. E. Olson Pastor. Services at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Subject, 11 a. m., "The One Thing We Must Have." Subject, 7:30 p. m., "How the Holy Spirit Beareth Witness With Our Spirits That We are the Children of God."

Rev. Olson will preach a "String Sermon" at 3 p. m. to the children, to which all the children of Cottage Grove are invited to come, bring a string just as long as you are high and hear something interesting.

Presbyterian Church, Pastor R. C. Grace. Morning service, 11, evening 7:30, Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m. All strangers and sojourners welcome.

Episcopal Church. Services held the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 in Masonic hall. There will be services every fifth Sunday of a month.

Catholic Church, Father Carroll. Services the second Sunday in each month.

### Coal Strike Imminent.

The situation in the coal districts is far from reassuring. President Mitchell is authority for the statement that 90 per cent of the anthracite mines are paying duties into the union and will stand by the decision of the January convention. It is practically agreed that the mines, will at that time, demand a slight increase in wages equal, at least to the cut made three years ago, an eight-hour day and recognition of the union. They do not anticipate much difficulty in effecting a compromise on the two former propositions.

The breach will probably occur over the demand that the operators recognize the United Mine Workers of America.

Indications point to one of the greatest strikes in history, involving both the anthracite and bituminous fields. The industrial world for two years past has been moving in the direction of the open shop. Employers are organized as never before in favor of this principle and if the miners insist in their demand they will find the operator, more strongly entrenched than ever behind public opinion. While the mine owners have unquestionably treated their employes in an arbitrary manner in the past and have been freely criticized for their unfair attitude, in the matter of the open shop there is little or no division outside of the unions. Courts all over the land are agreed that a man is entitled to conduct his business as he sees fit, as long as he observes the law and does not interfere with the rights of others, and pre-eminence of his privileges is the one that permits him to hire whom he pleases. If that question has yet to be settled, then the earlier the conflict the better. If our much vaunted human liberty means nothing, if a body of citizens can contravene the spirit as well as the letter of our famed Declaration, then we much mistake the temper of the country.—Blade.

Mayor Veatch returned from Eugene Monday afternoon.

### Alaska's Contribution.

It is exceedingly opportune just at this time, to consider in a general way what Alaska is contributing to the world's wealth. Logically there should be few subjects of greater interest than this to the people of Portland. Telling the story even in a cursory manner reveals to us the richness of the prize in which Portland business interests might share if they would. We can gather therefrom an approximate idea of the advantage that will accrue when closer trade association is once established with this marvelously productive territory of the far north.

So far, as every one knows, the Alaska product of chief value is gold, although the indications are that in course of time coal and oil and possibly copper will in annual output aggregate a greater value than the more precious metal. But gold holds the lead now, and American Alaska is producing by far the greater volume of the yellow metal. The remarkable yield of one district, that of Tanana Valley, in which the town of Fairbanks is located, sufficiently illustrates the enormous enhancement of wealth production in the American territory. For 1905 it is estimated that the output from this district, with its score of mining camps will be

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within \$2,000,000 of the entire Alaska output for last year. The gold output for the Nome district will exceed last year's total for the entire territory by approximately \$1,000,000. The total from these two districts for this year will foot up \$17,000,000, and from all American territory will be close to \$20,000,000.

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of Oregon. As the case now stand, Alaska will show for this year a total production, gold included is close to \$40,000,000. All of the great volume of wealth finds its way to Pacific Coast ports for distribution. From these same ports there is also shipped the material that serves the Alaska industry which this wealth represents. These are facts the more worthy of our consideration, in view of the efforts now being made in this city to secure a fair share of the Alaska trade.—Telegram.