

# JAPAN'S CABINET IS IN RESIGNING MOOD



MITSUBISHI, EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The resignation of the entire cabinet was narrowly averted today, and Premier Marquis

Saloni tendered his resignation to the emperor this afternoon, but his majesty declined to receive it, while the alternative resignations of the minister of finance and minister of communications were accepted. The minister of justice will combine the portfolio of finance and the minister of the interior will combine that of minister of communication, thus leaving the cabinet without any new elements and removing the disturbing factors.

The changes were the outcome of a discussion of the budget. Parties from Bray report renewed activity in railroad circles there. Three big Southern Pacific engines are now at work bringing up large quantities of railroad supplies, the principal part of which is iron, although six carloads of rails were brought in Saturday, says the Klamath Falls Herald. It is said there is sufficient equipment now piled up in the yards at Bray to complete the road to Dorris and that additional engines are being brought in daily. Harriman can find plenty of money to spend up there, but none to build elsewhere in Oregon.

## University of Oregon News

The Oregon basketball team meets the Oregon Agricultural aggregation Saturday night in the armory, and a look at the comparative scores seems to make the chances of the local team brighter. Oregon has the best team of basket players in her history, due to the efforts of Coach Murphy, and the training of the men.

The visiting five, on the other hand, seems to have a team somewhat weaker than last year's, and on the home floor the Oregon five should win. The showing made by the University on the Southern Oregon trip is very flattering, and they go into the game with O. A. C. with the experience of seven games on their side.

Just what the lineup will be has not been announced, but it is quite certain that Carrie Loosely, the man who is six feet six, will be pitted against Foster, of O. A. C., who measures six feet four. Captain Hathaway will probably play one guard and Farrington the other. The forwards are slightly undetermined, there being several good men for the positions.

An interesting preliminary will be played between the team representing Company C and the varsity second team. Both fives will be strong, and the contest will be as interesting as many main events.

**Two Speakers This Week.** Rev. Haudenschild delivered an address at the University assembly Wednesday morning on the subject, "The Essentials of Success." While short the address was strong, and pointed out to the audience not alone the way to moral success, but to material success, through keeping the mind clean and definiteness of purpose and method.

**Two More Entertainments.** The Oregon Glee Club will give in the spring a second concert to make up their deficit. Their entertainment was thoroughly appreciated on the club's annual tour, and there is some demand for a second concert. The senior class has decided to give a play at some date in February. There are a number of members of ability in the class. "The Rivals," by Sheridan, may be presented. Professor Glen will direct the acting, while Grover Kestley is manager.

**Campus Notes.** Fred Moulton, captain-elect of the football eleven, was in Portland during the greater part of the holidays. While there he refereed the Spokane-Multnomah and St. Louis-Multnomah games. Fred is a recognized authority on football and an official game general satisfaction. The Portland Journal announces that Dan Kelly, Oregon's premier sprinter, will be a strong candidate for the American athletic team which is to compete in England. The Dorm Club gave a most delightful dance in the parlors Wednesday, January 1, with a large attendance. This dance is becoming an annual event, and is eagerly awaited each year by the students remaining in town during the Xmas holidays.

Gordon Moores received an honorable mention in Walter Camp's all-American football team. Miss Bessie Kidder, who was ill with typhoid fever, has returned from her home at Roseburg to re-enter college. No training was done by the trackmen during vacation. All the men took a complete rest, so as to be ready to begin hard training with the reopening of college. No selection of football coach has been announced. Coach Chase, who did so well with the Willamette eleven and our own second team, may be chosen.

Professor Young and Professor Glen have moved their class rooms into the upper part of Johnson hall. Steward Johnson takes Professor Young's room for his office. Professor Clark and Professor Sheldon will also soon have rooms. Dudley Clarke played in the St. Louis-Multnomah game. The M. C. A. is considering giving a banquet in the near future. Examinations will begin in one month.

**Relay Races.** Bill Hayward announces that the

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAYS HALF EXPENSE**

Washington, Jan. 13.—By an odd freak of legislation the District of Columbia will have to bear \$25,000, or one half of this expense of prosecuting alleged land grabbers in Oregon.

The district revenues are dug into to the extent of \$24,500 to prosecute Hyde, Benson, Dimond and Schneider, because a law passed several years

ago that the court expense in the district should be borne, one-half by the United States and one-half by the district. Consequently the district treasury is out to the tune of \$24,500 through no fault of the district's citizens.

Real Estate Agent Barrett today showed a reporter a potato weighing eight pounds. It was grown by Mr. Rowe, residing on West Tenth street.

## CITY FATHERS HOLD MONTHLY BUSINESS SESSION

VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON LAST NIGHT

**PETITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKING THAT FIRE TEAM BE KEPT FOR FIRE PURPOSES ONLY RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The city council met in monthly session in the council chambers last night and transacted the usual amount of routine business.

The street committee reported that the matter of the cement walk in front of the Fraser property on Willamette street had been looked into and presented a contract between Mr. Fraser and the Warren Construction Company, in which the latter is to build the walk, but not before the weather settles in the spring. The matter was allowed to go at that.

The street commissioner was directed to begin the work of building the sidewalk on the west side of Willamette street from Fourteenth street to the foot of College Hill.

The street committee was authorized to buy what lumber is necessary for present needs and to bring in an estimate as to the amount of lumber needed for the next year at the next meeting.

The fire and water committee was directed to ascertain by scientific test whether the city is getting all the light it is entitled to under its contract and report the same.

Chairman Anderson, of the health committee, asked that \$1500 be paid Contractor Soleim for work on the Fifteenth street sewer contract, and the money was ordered paid.

Chairman Fisher, of the street committee, reported that the assessment for grading and graveling on street in front of Allen Eaton's property was exorbitant, and by motion he was allowed to pay for it at 50 cents on the dollar of the assessment.

The treasurer read his quarterly statement for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, showing \$4,439.36 the balance on hand in the general fund and the sum of \$135.43 the balance on hand in the sewer fund on



CAPTAIN RICHARD WAINWRIGHT. Popular officer who takes the battleship Louisiana to the Pacific.

that date. The report of the library committee was read, showing a balance on hand of \$924.66 at the end of the year, also that there are 2750 books on the shelves.

**Yoran Failed to Qualify.** The board of fire delegates, through its secretary, reported the position of fire chief vacant on account of the failure of W. C. Yoran to qualify, and the matter was referred back to them to take action themselves.

**Charter Amendment.** A petition to amend sections 108 and 112 of the city charter with reference to the bonding matter, containing 19 sheets of names, was presented and Councilman Calkins introduced a resolution to the effect that it be recorded and city attorney take such steps as that the matter be properly brought before the voters for their franchise at the coming municipal election.

The petition of the requisite number of signers on the amendment of the city charter with reference to burial of dead bodies in cemeteries and the extension of cemetery limits was presented and a resolution like the former one was presented with reference to having it brought before the voters at the coming city election. Fisher called for the yeas and nays, and when they were called he was the only one who voted against submitting it to the people.

The petition of City Treasurer Frank Reiser to have his salary raised to \$30 a month was referred to the finance committee.

A petition for an arc light at the corner of West Sixth and Blair streets was referred to the fire and water committee.

**Fire Team Matter.** The petition of the fire department asking that the fire team be kept in the house for fire purposes only, that the driver be made subject to the fire chief, and also that said fire chief have his salary raised to a sum commensurate with his services, was referred to the fire and water committee.

**Franchise Extension.** The petition for the extension of

the time of the franchise for building of the electric line was read and by motion the company was to be informed that if they complete without delay the line to the intersection with the S. P. Co.'s track the council will grant the extension of time asked for.

## GOVERNMENT KEEPS NEGOTIATIONS SECRET

Washington, Jan. 13.—With a full comprehension of the fact that the Japanese emigration question is being made an important issue in the political campaign now in progress in Japan, and the consequent desire to avoid in any way embarrassing the Saloni ministry, and perhaps causing its overthrow at the approaching election, the state department is resolutely declining to publish any information respecting the progress of negotiations with Japan on that subject.

## JAPANESE MAY BUILD NEW FORTIFICATIONS

Washington, Jan. 13.—The war department is not informed as yet of the reported construction of fortifications for the alleged reason that Japanese are the lowest bidders. The officials say they see no reason why the line should be drawn on account of the nationality of those who are to do the work, the nature of which cannot be concealed.

## YOUNG MAN DELIBERATELY SHOT 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Chehalis, Jan. 13.—At Alpha, 20 miles east of Chehalis, yesterday, Victor Smith, 18 years old, shot Etta Fink, aged 16. Smith had declared his intention of killing Mrs. Fink's dog, but when the little girl ran from the house it is alleged he changed his aim toward her and shot her. Smith escaped to the timber, with a posse of farmers and Deputy Sheriff King in pursuit. The girl may recover.

## A CALM WITNESS

A lawyer was cross-examining a witness with a view to getting him muddled in his testimony. The following questions and answers occurred: "Did you see the plaintiff faint a short time ago?" "Yes, sir." "People turn pale when they faint, don't they?" "No, sir, not always." "What, do you mean to tell me that a person can faint and not turn pale?" "Did you ever hear of such a case?" "Yes, sir." "Did you ever see such a case?" "I did, sir." "When?" "About a year ago, sir." "Who was it?" "Twas a negro, sir." The lawyer excused the witness.

## As a Last Resort.

"Well, doctor," said the patient who was an incessant talker, "why in the world don't you look at my tongue, if you want to, instead of writing away like a newspaper editor? How long do you expect I am going to sit here with my mouth wide open?" "Just one moment more, please, madam," replied the doctor; "I only wanted you to keep still long enough that I could write this prescription." We looked at our dear daughter with tender solicitude. "Have you and Julius quarreled?" we asked. "Oh, no," the fair girl answered calmly. "It is getting too near Christmas for me to quarrel with Julius."

"They say he married her for her money." "And what did he do when she lost her wealth?" "He lost his reason."

"Father," said little Rollo. "I have discovered why Santa Claus is depicted as driving reindeer." "Have you, my son?" "Yes. He is too wise to take any chances in an automobile."

Lillie—Her husband may be rich, but he doesn't dress her well. Billie—He's more used to dressed beef.

## IT DOES THE BUSINESS

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Me., says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve: "It does the business; I have used it for piles and cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25 cents at W. A. Kuykendall's drug store.

## NEVADA LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION

Carson, Jan. 14.—A special session of the Nevada legislature met at noon today.

## IF YOU KNEW

The merits of the Texas Wanderer, you would never suffer from kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble. \$1 a bottle (two months' treatment). Sold by O. J. Hull, by mail, Send for testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive street, St. Louis.

The homestead contest case of Eva V. Hunter vs. Geo. Kroff, involving land near Lorane, was heard before United States Commissioner W. W. Calkins today. L. Blyren appeared as attorney for the contestant and S. P. Ness for the contestee.

During the long, dreary winter months mothers become tired, worn out, can't sleep or work. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the greatest blessing for mothers. Makes them happy and well. 35c. Tea or tablets. Linn Drug Company.

# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY LIVES LOST IN THEATRE FIRE AND PANIC BEREAVING EVERY HOME IN BOYERTOWN

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—At 3:30 o'clock 145 bodies had been removed from the ruins. The coroner places the number of dead at 150.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—When daylight dawned the full extent of last night's fire, when the Rhoades opera house burned, was fully apparent. The death list is placed at 150, injured, 75. Exactly how many were killed will never be known for among the victims were a number of visitors who may have no relatives to trace their untimely fate. It is estimated that four hundred were in the playhouse when the explosion of the gas tank occurred. The tank was being used in connection with pictures for an amateur performance of the "Scottish Rites" for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school. Instantly after the explosion some one yelled "fire!" and almost in less time than it takes to tell it the centre of the opera house was a blazing furnace. The rapidly spreading flames were spread by the upsetting of coal oil lamps used as footlights by persons on the stage in their eagerness to allay the alarm and quiet the audience. Pandeemonium reigned. Even men lost control and fought with women and children to escape to the street.

## DRY-FARMING CONGRESS MEETS IN ZION CITY

(Special Correspondence.) Portland, Ore., Jan. 13, 1908.—The second session of the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 22nd to 26th. The proceedings of this Congress are of especial importance to the vast area of Oregon and Washington, and every commercial body in the two states is asked to appoint at least one delegate. The whole territory east of the Cascades should be represented, and both Governor Chamberlain and Governor Mead are anxious that large delegations should be present at the convention. The Executive Committee-men from the Pacific Northwest are Hon. R. G. McCroskey of Washington. President Fisher Harris of the organization requests that delegates be appointed and names sent to him at once at Salt Lake City.

Hon. Ed. H. Wester, chief of the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, has notified W. L. Crissey, Secretary of the Oregon State Dairy Association, that he will arrange to have one or more Government representatives in attendance upon the state dairy meetings of both Oregon and Washington, during the present year, 1908, December 10th and 11th have already been chosen as the date of the Oregon meeting.

The somewhat disturbed financial situation in the East and South is causing industrial institutions in the older states to investigate the opportunities for a more advantageous home in the great Pacific Northwest. The crowning feature of the official entertainment program is to be a dinner given by President Penna in honor of the American admirals. Dr. Alfonso Agusto Moreira Penna has been president of Brazil something more than a year. He is dignified, scholarly and a man of simple manners. His chief characteristics are said to be modesty and a love for hard work. He has had a thorough and extensive classical education, being a graduate of the famous college at Caracas. He is a lawyer by profession, but has spent much of his life in the public service. Under the empire he held at various times the portfolios of war, agriculture and state. It was while he was minister of state that the law was passed which gave freedom to all slaves over 60 years of age.

The immigration to Oregon and Washington this year ought to be double that of last. In no other two states has every character of crop yielded so enormously and commanded such a high price. People in the older communities are disposed to move, and the Pacific Northwest should get more than its proportion or at least this would be indicated by the fact that the Portland Commercial Club has had more correspondence on this subject within the last sixty days than during the previous twelve months.

## TAKE POWER FROM LANE COUNTY STREAM

**RELIEVED ELECTRICITY WILL BE USED IN OPERATING EUGENE & EASTERN TRAINS OVER CASCADE RANGE**

Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—On behalf of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company Attorney John H. McNary today filed notice of appropriation of 2900 cubic feet per second of water from the McKenzie river, in Lane county. The point of diversion is about four miles above the mouth of Gate Creek.

The Portland, Eugene & Eastern is a company whose affairs are managed by A. Welch, who promoted the Oregon electric line, which has just been completed between Portland and Salem. It is not known who is back of Welch in the new undertaking, but it is apparent that money for the enterprise is plentiful. He has franchises in Salem, Albany and Eugene, and presumably his line between the Cascade mountains will be an extension of the Oregon Electric, though there is said to be no business connection between the two companies at present.

The team of J. C. Baker, a merchant of Jasper, who was in the city today, became frightened at a passing car while standing in front of J. Goldsmith's cigar store this afternoon and started to run away. They ran into a light pole and one of the horses fell on the slippery sidewalk. It was unable to arise and it became necessary to unhitch it. There was no damage.

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## EVANS' FLEET NOW AT BRAZIL'S SPLENDID CAPITAL

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 13.—The fleet of American battleships under Rear Admiral Evans reached Rio Janeiro last night, thus completing the second lap in the long trip to the Pacific coast. Rio Janeiro is by far the largest and most important city that will be visited by the fleet on its long trip. It now has a population of nearly 1,000,000, and ranks as the fifth city of the Western hemisphere. The fleet cast anchor in the harbor that has been pronounced the largest and most beautiful in the world. During the last few years the Brazilian government has expended millions of dollars in the construction of docks, basins, piers and other harbor improvements that are capable of accommodating the steamships and sailing craft of the world. Forty rooms in the best hotel at Petropolis were reserved for the use of the American visitors. Petropolis



CAPTAIN HUGO OSTERHAUS. Commander of the flagship Connecticut on the cruise to the Pacific.

is the fashionable residential suburb of Rio Janeiro. It is located about 30 miles distant from here and 3000 feet higher, easily accessible by rail. The crowning feature of the official entertainment program is to be a dinner given by President Penna in honor of the American admirals. Dr. Alfonso Agusto Moreira Penna has been president of Brazil something more than a year. He is dignified, scholarly and a man of simple manners. His chief characteristics are said to be modesty and a love for hard work. He has had a thorough and extensive classical education, being a graduate of the famous college at Caracas. He is a lawyer by profession, but has spent much of his life in the public service. Under the empire he held at various times the portfolios of war, agriculture and state. It was while he was minister of state that the law was passed which gave freedom to all slaves over 60 years of age.

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## CLERK LEE FIRST TO FILED PETITION

County Clerk E. U. Lee is the first candidate for office to file his petition for nomination at the primary election on April 18, he having filed his petition this afternoon. Clerk Lee states in his petition that if he is nominated and elected county clerk he will "try to improve on the past."

There was once a maiden, young and gay, She'd laugh and sing the whole long day, For I am so happy and well, said she, Now that I take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Linn Drug Company.

## BITTER ATTACK ON POLICY OF LICENSED GRAZING

Helena, Jan. 14.—The first day's session of the National Woolgrowers Association was characterized by a most bitter tirade against the government regulation of the public range by Thomas J. Walsh, a Helena stockman and lawyer, late Democratic candidate for congress, whose wrath apparently knew no bounds against the action of the administration in putting into effect what is known as the license system of grazing in forest reserves.

The attendance at the convention is very large, the greatest, in fact, in the history of the association. After an invocation there were formal addresses of welcome by Governor Toole, Acting Mayor Lindsay and President Pickett, of the Commercial Club; response by Frank J. Hagenbarth, of Spencer, Idaho. The usual committees were then appointed.

## ROOSEVELT THREATS SHAKE ENTIRE WORLD

Berlin, Jan. 14.—In the course of an interpellation in the Reichstag today in reference to the high rate of discount charged by the Imperial Bank Count Von Kanitzze, a conservative, suggested that President Roosevelt's "threats against the trusts" were responsible for the critical financial situation throughout the entire world.

Lowell Items (Special Correspondence.) Lowell, Jan. 10.—Victor Sharp, now mail carrier from Lowell to Beardsell.

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NEWS NOTES San Francisco dispatches state that Abe Ruef has at last consented to all he knows about graft matters. It is believed that the prosecution will be promissed him immunity.

At Ogden, Utah, last night, B. J. Nelson, of Chicago, scored a knockout over Jack Clifford, of Grass Valley, California, at the Grand theatre, putting Clifford to rest for many seconds over the course of the fifth round of the scheduled round contest.