

NOTORIOUS ARKANSAS DISPERADO SHOT TO DEATH BY MASKED MEN AT HOT SPRINGS TODAY

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Oscar Chitwood, charged with having led Sheriff Jake Houghton at Hot Springs, Ark., last August, is taken from the county jail at Hot Springs early today and shot to death. Three masked men did the shooting, while about ten other masked men looked on. Chitwood was being taken from the county jail to the police station, preparatory to being transferred to Benton, Ark., today, for trial, when the mob appeared. He was in charge of a single party, and had just left the jail door when the deputy was ordered to throw up his hands. He did so, and almost immediately three shots rang out and Chitwood fell dead. The authorities will investigate to ascertain how it became known to the mob that Chitwood was to be removed from jail this morning.

BATH TUB TRUST BROKEN UP BY SUITS

Four Firms Implicated Withdraw From Their Agreement

Washington, Dec. 27.—It was learned today that at least four of the firms alleged to be connected with the "Bath Tub Trust," charged with being parties to an agreement entered into in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, have sent out notices to the plumbing trade that they are no longer parties to the agreement and in the future will do business independently. The government will probably complete the injunction proceedings, and the criminal proceedings started in Detroit, it is said here, will not be stopped.

FROM A MINING CAMP OF IDAHO Well-Known Newspaper Man Writes for Delta, Idaho

The following letter is from a well-known newspaper man of Oregon, former president of the National Editorial association:

Dear Fisher: The Daily Guard looks mighty good to the little Oregon colony in here. Ben Hammit, over on the Mohawk, who is interested in mining in this locality and who was recently elected justice of the peace, is a Daily Guard subscriber, and the paper is read by several others. Mail comes in but twice a week, the local postmaster, Jesse A. Tehard, son of the discoverer of Idaho in the Coeur d'Alene, rather than see the postoffice discontinued, is out at 4 a. m. on Wednesday and Sunday mornings, takes a mail sack on his back, walks four miles to the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river, gets into a row boat and sails across the river, and there in the darkness of these winter mornings awaits the coming of the Idaho northern train from Murray and exchanges mail and retraces his steps, sometimes he has as much as 50 pounds. This is carried on his back, and for this Uncle Sam pays not a cent. Nor has he received a cent. To tramp through snow in the darkness in the Coeur d'Alene mountains, making two round trips a week in order to supply this district with mail and not to be paid a cent is what we present sap-headed administration permits J. A. Pritchard to do rather than accept two bids tendered for carrying the mail. For seven months Pritchard has performed this labor of love. After returning he waits until noon in order to give people an opportunity to get their mail, then he walks a mile to his work as placer miner. This district is a small one, it is true, but has yielded over 1884 five million dollars in placer gold. The few who remain in the district are entitled to some consideration from the nation, even if it is a head can pull shirt off over his ears without unbuckling the neck band, and wears that soft, silly smile that won't come off.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE NEARLY TWO MILLION

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Taft, who has been deeply interested in the work of the National Red Cross Society for several years, is exceedingly anxious to know the final results of the Red Cross Christmas seal sale. It was stated here today that there is every reason to believe that those who have been interested in the scheme to raise money for the purpose of fighting tuberculosis, have spent a merry Christmas, happy in the thought that the venture is a greater success this season than last. A conservative estimate places the amount to be realized close to \$1,193,929.

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STUART BENNETT LOST WITH YACHT OFF KEY WEST

Believed Also That Wife and Man Named Parker Were Lost

Key West, Fla., Dec. 27.—The body of Capt. Stuart Bennett, of New York, a magazine writer and owner of the yacht Phra, was found today near the western banks. His wife and Herman Parker, one of the men on the yacht are also believed to have been drowned. Bennett sailed from Fort Meyers Friday in his yacht, which collided with the jetties near here Sunday, sinking in a few minutes. Three of the crew were picked up yesterday and report they saw Bennett, wife and Parker clinging to a mast.

WOMEN TO WORK FOR GOOD ROADS

President of Association Makes Address at Tacoma, Washington

Portland, Or., Dec. 24.—Judge J. T. Ronald, president of the Pacific Highway association, recently addressed the Tacoma Business Women's League at their regular monthly meeting held in the Commercial club's headquarters in Tacoma on the subject of good roads. This was probably the first meeting ever held by and for women alone, in the interests of highway work.

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MRS. JAMES OFFUTT PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Had Been Out for Christmas Dinner and Returning Home Becomes Ill and Dies

After having eaten Christmas dinner at the home of a friend, Mrs. Margaret Offutt, wife of James Offutt, a prominent G. A. R. veteran, residing at 856 Lawrence street, took suddenly ill yesterday afternoon and died at 7 o'clock in the evening. She was aged 64 years, 10 months and 18 days. The cause of death was a complication of heart trouble and paralysis. Mrs. Offutt was born in Scotland on February 7, 1846, and had lived in Eugene and vicinity for the past thirty years. She was married to Mr. Offutt on August 10, 1886, but there were no children as the result of this union, although Mr. Offutt has several from a previous marriage. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, pending the receipt of word from relatives at a distance.

Many Important Changes to Be Made In United States Diplomatic Circles.



A general shakeup in the diplomatic service is said to be scheduled for Feb. 1. It is stated that President Taft has decided to leave all diplomatic selections save one to Secretary Knox and his departmental advisers. The one personal appointment which the president will make is that of J. G. Schmidlapp of Cincinnati to be ambassador to Russia to succeed William Woodville Rockhill. Mr. Schmidlapp, who is a prominent banker and a man of great wealth, is a warm personal friend of President Taft. Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, will be made ambassador to Turkey, according to the report. Thomas J. O'Brien of Michigan, ambassador to Japan, will be transferred from Tokyo to one of the important European posts. Former Vice President Fairbanks of Indiana will garner one of the ambassadorial plum and may be named as the successor of Mr. O'Brien, although it is understood that he prefers to go to Europe. Senator Reveridge of Indiana, who is one of the more prominent senatorial lame ducks as a result of the recent election, is talked of for a diplomatic appointment, but it is understood that the president has not waxed enthusiastic at the suggestion, and it is altogether improbable that more than one ambassadorship would be given to Indiana.

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EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The expulsion of Jews asserted to be hiding illegally in St. Petersburg has begun. As a preliminary step, 101 have been deprived of membership in the Artisan Guild, thereby losing the right of residence in the capital.

MAYOR MATLOCK IS VERY CLEVER WITH HIS FISTS

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Mayor J. D. Matlock has not only demonstrated his ability to protect the city's interests in various matters that have come up during his administration, but he is fully able to protect himself in a personal encounter, as was evidenced Sunday morning when he was put to route a drunken hoodlum, after he had viciously assaulted the mayor.

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ITALIAN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES VOTE TO STRIKE

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Rome, Dec. 27.—More than ninety thousand railway employees in Italy completed a referendum as to what attitude they would assume for the amelioration of their condition. By a great majority, they declared in favor of the instrument of strike and Sabotage.

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EXPERT YEGGMEN BLOW UP SAFE IN HEILIG THEATRE AND SECURE TWO THOUSAND

Portland, Dec. 26.—The safe at the Heilig theatre, the finest theatre in Portland, was blown open by yeggmen last night who secured \$2100. So expert was the manipulation of the nitro-glycerine by the robbers that the manager of the theatre, who slept in a room above the office, was not disturbed, and did not know of the robbery until he opened the office today. Windows within six feet of the safe, were not broken. The robbers entered the theatre through a window, and the detectives are of the opinion that the men are experts from the east, but they left no clue. The money stolen represents the receipts incident to several performances since Saturday noon, when the banks closed, and the loss will fall about equally on the theatrical troupe and the management of the theatre.

BILLY PAPKE LOST BOLD ROBBERY TO DAVE SMITH OF TRAIN BY YOUNG MAN

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—Billy Papke, who claims the middleweight championship of the world, lost to Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight champion, on a foul in the tenth round today. Smith led through out the fight.

LANGE BEATS BURNS

London, Dec. 26.—The referee in the fight between Bill Lange, of Australia, and Jack Burns, of California, stopped the fight in the twelfth round, awarding the fight to Lange, to save Burns from unnecessary punishment.

BRIBERY GENERAL IN OHIO COUNTY

Selling of Votes Common and Indictments May Reach Total of Two Thousand

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 25.—With a total of 1433 indictments and 114 pleas of not guilty to charges of not guilty to vote selling during the recent election, Adams county, Ohio, presents a condition unique in political history. A vigorous campaign of investigation carried on by a grand jury acting upon the investigation of common Pleas Judge A. Z. Blair, of Portsmouth, has resulted in the indictment of nearly ten per cent of the voting strength of the county, and today predictions were made that the number of indictments would reach 2000. Judge Blair says vote-selling in every township will be proved.

SOME NEW EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE INCREASED PASSENGER BUSINESS

Two Ticket Windows May Be Used at S. P. Depot During Rush Hours

The S. P. ticket office has just received two of the most modern ticket cases to become part of the equipment of the office. The new cases make the old ticket holders look like dolls' furniture, and make much easier the work of handling the tickets when the window is crowded. It is the same kind of arrangement that is used in the Portland offices. In one case the small cardboard ticket for points on the S. P. line in Oregon are held in small chutes, and as soon as one is taken another drops in place. The other case holds some 60 or more complicated and lengthy tickets for eastern points.

NEWS OF COBURG AND VICINITY

Miss Kate Van Duyn who has been visiting friends in Portland and Salem for the past several weeks, returned Tuesday evening. Miss Van Duyn and family left this morning for a visit to Newport where they left the house in charge of a trusty person and expect to be away several months. George Ditto and wife were to Eugene Monday in consultation with several physicians in regard to the advisability of an operation upon the little one to remove a tumor upon its thigh. An operation was thought to be useless so they returned home. Last Tuesday H. R. Nollett and George Cox took a trip down the country to get some ducks which they were lucky enough to get; and in returning had the experience of the season. It was very dark and the horse got into a deep mud hole, which resulted in the dog at once jumping out in order to avoid being tipped out. Out went the guns into the mud, and then George rolled out and was hanging by his rubber coat, which Nollett was sitting on. Finally, after dangling in the mud with his fingers and toes for a short time, H. R. raised and let him down so he might get on his feet. After considerable trouble they got the horse and buggy out of the mud and came home safely. —Coburg Journal.

YOUNG HEIFER COMMITS SUICIDE BY DROWNING

Gaston, Or., Dec. 26.—A few days ago, on the ranch of F. H. Stoffenback & Co., near this place, a fine 2-year-old heifer, called "Beauty," walked into a small brooklet, 12 inches wide and only four inches deep, laid down with her head in the water and was drowned, it appears being a case of suicide. A 2-year-old colt browsing in the same pasture came near, took fright at the dead heifer, turned and ran, slipping on the soft ground and breaking a leg.

LONG MACHINISTS' STRIKE SETTLED

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—After being idle for eight months, the striking machinists of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad today reached an agreement with the company and will return to work.