

## JAPAN'S CABINET IS IN RESIGNING MOOD



MITSUHILO, EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

Saionji 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 these. Three big Southern Pacific engines are now at work bringing up large quantities of railroad supplies, the principal part of which is steel, 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 supplies are being brought in daily. Harriman can find plenty of money to spend up there, but none to build elsewhere in Oregon.

## TRYING TO PROVE INSANITY IN THAW FAMILY

New York, Jan. 14.—The defense began the presentation of its case in the trial of Harry Thaw today. Physicians who had attended insane members of the prisoner's family were called upon, but, invoking the rule of confidential relations between doctor and patient, District Attorney Jerome succeeded in blocking some of the expected testimony. One witness, a former teacher of Thaw at Wooster University, declared the boy's conduct so long ago as 1886 irrational.

## NEVADA LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION

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

By the annual report of County Clerk Frank Salling just made to the secretary of state, it is shown that the total expenses of the county for the last year were \$123,434.83. This is an increase of about \$16,000 over the total expenses of a year ago, when the figure ran up to \$107,806.03.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

## HALL TRIAL WAS AGAIN POSTPONED

Portland, Jan. 14.—In the Hall-Stelwer case today the prosecution announced that it was not ready to proceed with the case, and it went over until tomorrow.

## 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 the expense of prosecuting alleged land grafters in Oregon.

The district revenues are dug into to the extent of \$24,500 to prosecute Hyde, Benson, Diamond 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.

A name on a The Dalles hotel register is O. Olepolsen, a collector. The owner should be charged about \$17 a day.

Douglas county has levied an 8-mill tax for this year, which will raise \$189,442.20.

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

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—At 2:30 o'clock 165 bodies had been removed from the ruins. The coroner places the number of dead at 180.

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 180. 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 Reformation" for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school. Instantly after the explosion some one yelled "fire!" and almost in less than a minute it takes to tell it the centre of the opera house was a blazing furnace. The rapidly with which the flames spread was caused by the upsetting of coal oil lamps used as footlights by persons on the stage in their eagerness to ally the alarm and quiet the audience. Pandemonium reigned. Even men lost control and fought with women and children to escape to the street.

The mad scramble at the exits was indescribable. The weaker ones were pushed aside and in many instances trampled to death. Scores of persons on the second floor, after witnessing the horrible scenes on the ground floor, risked their lives by jumping from the windows. Several were fatally injured in this manner, and scarcely a house in the little town is not afflicted by last night's catastrophe.

The fire was not brought under control until early this morning, after the arrival of assistance from Reading and Pottstown. Physicians and nurses were also sent from other towns to care for the injured.

About fifty members of the state constabulary have come here to maintain order. The work of recovering the bodies is unusually tedious and hazardous owing to the fact that in the rush to escape the floor gave way, precipitating many persons to the basement, and the bodies of these are buried with the charred timbers under tons of brick from the collapsed walls.

In addition to the opera house the Farmers' National Bank, Erhan's hardware house and three dwellings were burned. Loss, \$75,000.

# JANUARY UNLOADING SALE

This unloading sale continues to attract crowds of foresighted shoppers. It is the buying time of the year—reductions from every department, Goods underpriced all over the store. Look which way you will, goods on display with prices reduced. Wise buyers will make this time a money-saving event. Some goods are marked one-fifth off, others one-third off, while many are sold at one-half price; others even less than half price. Spring goods are arriving and we must have room.

## Children's Worst Dresses at One-Half Price



Children's dresses of brown, blue and red cashmere, navy serge, black and white checks and fancy plaids, worth from \$1.50 to \$6.00; sale price 75c to \$3.00

## Ladies' Wool Waists for 1-2 Price

Our entire line of ladies' wool waists underpriced. Red, brown and blue serges, black and white mohair bias plaids; many combinations of colors; all new goods, worth from \$1.50 to \$3.50; sale price 75c to \$1.75

## Ladies' Coats at 1-4 Price

In the coat and suit department prices are just irresistible; spring goods are coming; we must have room. \$12.50 to \$15.00 coats of black, tan or red broadcloth for about 1/3 their value; your choice, each, \$3.50

You can buy any Coat in stock for less.

## Ladies' Suits at 1-3 Price

Hesitant women will avail themselves of this price-cutting sale to get their suit at a great saving; \$15.00 to \$22.00 suits, sale price, each \$7.00

Every suit in the store reduced.

## All Dress Goods For Less

42-inch to 56-inch crayonette goods, mixed tans, blues, grays, olive, black and white; worth from \$1.00 the yard to \$2.50 the yard; sale price, the yard 80c to \$2.00



## Dress Silks at a Great Saving

500 yards of heavy but soft dress silks in gray, blue, red and green, plain, checks and stripes; regular price \$1.50 the yard; sale price, the yard 80c

250 to 350 Mackintoshes \$1.50; Ladies Crayonette \$7

35c Corset Cover Embroidery 25c

## Hampton Bros.

Where Cash Beats Credit

## Domestics Underpriced

Everybody knows cotton goods are higher than they have been in over 40 years, but we are selling them at or near old-time prices. We are unloading.

- Lonsdale Muslin, the yard ..... 11c
- 8 1/2 Apron Gingham, the yard ..... 7c
- Twilled Toweling, the yard ..... 5c
- 12 1/2c Cream and White Outing Flannel, the yard ..... 10c
- Clark's O. N. T. Thread, the spool ..... 5c
- 12 1/2c Flannelettes, all colors, the yard ..... 10
- 35c Table Linen, the yard ..... 25c

## Bargains Here and There

Now is the time to buy. It is economy.

- All-wool tricent flannel, the yard ..... 20c
- 35c Scotch flannel waisting, the yard ..... 25c
- 10c and 12 1/2c laces, the yard ..... 5c
- Dress Trimmings ..... HALF PRICE
- 20c ladies', girls and boys' hose, the pair ..... 15c
- Umbrellas, good strong ones, each ..... 95c
- Heavy fleeced lined vests, each ..... 25c
- 50c ladies' union suits, each ..... 25c
- 12 1/2c and 15c embroidery, the yard ..... 10c
- Ladies' wool hose, the pair ..... 25c
- 50c Outing Flannel Dresses for Children ..... 25c

## Clothing Department

We are ever ready to show you the best, biggest and newest stock of Clothing between Portland and Sacramento. Our Overcoats have the style, the fit, they are the look well and wear well kind. Everyone from \$8.50 to \$30.00 at a reduced price.

- \$8.50 Coats, sale price \$6.80
- \$10.00 " " 8.00
- \$15.00 " " 12.00
- \$20.00 " " 16.00
- \$30.00 " " 24.00

We carry the celebrated

Hart Shaffner Marx

Clothing for men.



\$1.25 Gloves 60c

## 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 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

## 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 livestock 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. In the annual address of Western Vice President Wilson, of Douglas, Wyo., he congratulated the association upon the prosperous past and bright future of the wool growing industry. The session closed with an address by Governor Brooks, of Wyoming, on "The Open Range."

## 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 Kanitz, a conservative, suggested that President Roosevelt's "threats against the trusts" were responsible for the critical financial situation throughout the entire world.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER FORECAST BY WIRE

Portland, Jan. 14.—Western Oregon, Western Washington, fair, slightly colder tonight; Wednesday occasional rain; northeast winds. Eastern Oregon, Southern Idaho, rain or snow tonight; Wednesday, probably fair. Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, fair, slightly colder tonight; Wednesday, fair.

## NEWS NOTES

San Francisco dispatches state that Abe Ruef has at last consented to tell all he knows about graft matters. It is believed that the prosecution has promised him immunity.

At Ogden, Utah, last night, Battling Nelson, of Chicago, scored a clean knockout over Jack Clifford, of Grass Valley, California, at the Grand theatre, putting Clifford to the floor for many seconds over the count in the fifth round of the scheduled 20-round contest.

J. L. Sparston, of Bonanza, who is a firm believer that oil fields exist in Klamath county, is in Klamath Falls to organize an oil company to develop the industry. The Standard Oil Company had representatives there recently, looking the field over, and samples of oil were sent to headquarters.

Chicago Wheat Market. Chicago, Jan. 14.—May, \$1.04 1/2; July, 97; September, 92 1/2.

Congressman O. J. Greene will be a candidate to succeed himself as congressman at large from North Dakota.

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



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. Affonso Augusto 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.

With the construction of the many cement walks in Albany and the consequent tearing up of the old wooden walks the number of rats in the city have greatly decreased. Formerly the rats were very numerous under the old wooden walks and pedestrians would frequently see large rodents running from one walk to another, apparently unafraid of any one. Now that the cement walks have come into vogue in place of wooden walks the rats are not so numerous and have seemingly disappeared to other quarters.—Herald.

The Griffin Hardware Company received a carload of buggies from the east yesterday.