

TAFT AND FORAKER QUIT, LEAVING BURTON CLEAR FIELD

Columbus, Dec. 31.—Definite announcement that Charles Taft had withdrawn from the senatorial race in the "interest harmony," was made today. The backbone of the Taft fight will be delivered to Burton as the successor of Senator Foraker.

FORAKER ALSO DRAWS OUT

Columbus, Dec. 31.—Senator Foraker at noon issued a statement formally withdrawing from the senatorial fight. This leaves the field practically clear for Burton.

CASHIER ACQUITTED, BUT ARRESTED AGAIN

Portland, Dec. 31.—Chris Olson, the cashier of the Scandia bank, closed several months ago, and with publishing false statements of the bank's condition, was not guilty by a jury in the court today. He was immediately re-arrested on the charge of embezzlement on command of the bank's receiver.

WILL NOT CALL ON ROOSEVELT TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Hale, acting as chairman of the committee on appropriations, in charge of the investigation of the methods of the secret service, said today he had no intention, so far as he knew, of summoning President Roosevelt before the committee after his retirement on the fourth of March, as intimated in some of the published reports.



THEODORE E. BURTON.

Who now has a clear field in his candidacy for United States senator from Ohio.

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CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 31.—December, \$1.04 7-8; May, \$1.07 7-8; July, 95 7-8; September, 95 3-8.

The Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Coquille has been organized with a capital of \$25,000.

JACOB MAYER OREGON PIONEER DIED OF OLD AGE

One of the Northwest's Most Prominent Merchants and Masons

Portland, Dec. 31.—Jacob Mayer, a pioneer of Portland of 1875 and a member of the wholesale dry goods firm of Fleischner, Mayer & Co. of this city, the largest wholesale house in the Pacific Northwest with branches in Spokane and Seattle, died today of old age. He was one of the best known Masons in the United States and the oldest on the Pacific coast; was the Pacific coast representative to the grand lodge of England, appointed to that honorable position by King Edward of England, when the King was Prince of Wales. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 7, 1826.

Chester R. Allen, son of James Allen, at Stringtown, an employe of the Condor Water & Power Company, of Medford, was killed near Phoenix yesterday afternoon by a shock from the electric wires on which he was working.

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND IS NOW OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF DEATH LOSSES

Rome, Dec. 31.—The official estimate places the dead in Calabria and Eastern Sicily at 110,000, but there is reason to believe this may be greatly exceeded. No news has yet been received of the Americans thought to be in the devastated district, excepting Rev. David Sessums, of New Orleans, and daughter Alice, who are safe at Rome.

Ambassador Griscom is about to start from Rome for the south to endeavor to secure information concerning American travelers.

HORRIBLE SCENES ENACTED

Messina, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the customs house, where bands of famished persons were groping in the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by the others with knives and revolvers, and forced to divide their findings, and the struggle was fierce. Famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves, and several were disemboweled in defending a handful of dry bones or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his child, for whom he had sought food.

MORE PORTLAND THUGS ARRESTED BY OFFICERS

Officers Keller and Kienlen Continue to Round Up City Desperadoes

Portland, Dec. 31.—The robbers, who last night held up and robbed the moorman and conductor of Rose City Park Car, and then stole the car, are in custody, and have confessed to the crime. They will be indicted this afternoon. The arrested men give the names of Al Miller and Herman Schwartz.

Miller was first taken into custody and confessed, taking the police to the room he had occupied with Schwartz in a cheap lodging house. Schwartz thrust a revolver into officer Keller's face and was shot in the arm for his trouble, and was then taken to the city prison where he confessed. The arrests were made by police officers Keller and Kienlen, the same men who apprehended the three desperate saloon hold-ups last week.

AGED INDIAN WOMAN KILLED

House Burned to Remove Evidence of Ghastly Crime

Port Townsend, Dec. 31.—A search of the ruins of the farm house of the late Edward Turner, a pioneer on the shores of Port Discovery Bay, which burned last night, resulted in the discovery of the charred body of his aged Indian widow. There was a deep ash in the head made by a blunt instrument, and the house was fired to remove evidence of the crime. The woman was inoffensive and why she was murdered is a mystery.

GOVERNOR COSGROVE GREATLY IMPROVED

Paso Robles, Dec. 31.—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, Ill at the springs here, has greatly improved, and without doubt will reach Olympia by January 11.

ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER

Fatis, Dec. 31.—A disguised Corsican fired several shots this afternoon in the direction of the office of Premier Clemenceau. No one was hurt and he was arrested.

RAIN OR SNOW TOMORROW'S WEATHER.
Washington, Oregon—Rain west and snow east tonight or Friday. Northerly winds. Idaho—Snow tonight or Friday; colder southeast.

Abilene has sold \$77,500 of city light bonds at 1-2 per cent. The Tidings says the bond buyers made \$4000 on the deal.

A Salem man wants a law to hang hold-up men.



C. P. TAFT. Who has announced his withdrawal in favor of Burton.

STARVATION'S HORRORS ADDED TO MISERY OF THE SITUATION

Rome, Dec. 31.—To the terrifying spectacle of death scenes by Monday's earthquake has been added the horror of starvation and fear of the spread of pestilence. As yet it is impossible to obtain any news of the fate of the little villages along the coast, many of which are believed to have been entirely wiped out. In some small towns, the suddenness and completeness of the catastrophe was overwhelming. Of 14,000 living in Palmi, only a few score are alive today and yesterday. Twenty-two hundred bodies were buried there. Reggio remains isolated in ghastly desolation and the railroads and roads throughout the surrounding country have been utterly destroyed.

The visit of the King and Queen to Messina and Reggio has aroused widespread enthusiasm in spite of the universal mourning and distress, and the sovereigns were saluted when they disembarked by the firing of guns of Italian and foreign warships at Messina. Troops are distributing rations wherever possible to them to get into touch with the stricken people. The waters of the strait of Messina are covered with floating bodies of men, women and children, and all kinds of wreckage.

BATTLESHIP FLEET MAY RENDER AID

Washington, Dec. 31.—The matter of dispatching the American battleship fleet to the stricken city of Messina and other Italian ports, is now under consideration and a speedy decision in favor of such employment is expected. The sixteen warships are now making their way through the Red Sea and should reach Port Said at the eastern entrance of Suez canal by Sunday. Owing to the fact that full supplies of coal and provisions must be secured, the fleet could hardly reach Messina before January 15. With fifteen thousand thoroughly disciplined American sailors and a splendid corps of medical officers and surgeons, with abundant supplies of medicines and food, it is believed the American fleet would be a welcome visitor to the shores of Sicily, even a fortnight hence.

PEOPLE FLEE FROM STRICKEN VILLAGES

London, Dec. 31.—A special dis-

patch from Palermo says it is estimated that one hundred thousand persons have embarked on warships and other vessels in the straits of Messina, or have otherwise left the devastated district, all towns and villages along the straits rapidly becoming depopulated as there are widespread fears of further convulsions.

BURNING BODIES OF MANY VICTIMS.

Reggio, Dec. 31.—As a precautionary measure against an outbreak of pestilence, the bodies of persons killed by the earthquake are being burned and strong disinfectants are being strewn among the ruins of the city. Troops have set up field kitchens and are baking bread in the streets.

ENTIRE REGIMENT PROBABLY DROWNED.

Reggio, Dec. 31.—There is reason to believe one entire regiment of Infantry was drowned in the tidal wave at Palmi. The bodies of three soldiers have already been recovered.

AMERICAN RATIONS WILL FEED ITALIANS.

New York, Dec. 31.—The United States supply ship Coltic, will sail today for Messina with 1,500,000 navy rations for the Italian earthquake sufferers. The rations were intended for the American fleet but the navy department authorized their delivery to the destitute Italians and Sicilians.

AMERICANS ARE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS.

Arthur S. Cheney, Consul at Messina and his wife, O. Elger, Jr., Charles A. Logan, Paul Farber, T. A. Griffin, Jacob Bauer, Miss Madeline Henry, Philadelphia; Miss Mary Mose, Miss Louise Wood, Miss Frances Bockius, Miss Bessie G. Brockius, Miss Estelle Pagan, Miss Blanche Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Martha C. Kittredge, Misses Ethel and Clarissa Kittredge.

CONTRACTOR BLAKE GIVEN FOUR YEARS

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—E. A. B. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Reef bribery trial, to vote for acquittal, was sentenced by Judge Dwyer today to four years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

WILBUR WRIGHT MAKES LONG FLIGHT.
Lemans, France, Dec. 31.—Wilbur Wright broke all aeroplane records with a flight of two hours and nine minutes, covering 73 miles, official record. He carried one passenger.

Taxpayers of Multnomah county next year will be obliged to pay taxes to the amount of over \$1,000,000 greater than were collected in 1908. Official figures for the city, Port of Portland and School District No. 1, together with reliable estimates of the other tax levying bodies aggregate 15.73 mills, as against 14.2 mills for this year.—Oregonian.



JOSEPH B. FORAKER. Who withdraws from the race for re-election as Senator from Ohio.

Big January Stock Reducing Sale

As has been our custom for years past to hold a gigantic January Sale, we will make no exception this year. The annual sale will be a money-saving opportunity for the people of Eugene and surrounding country, and for us it will reduce our great stock and enable us to better handle the spring goods when they arrive. From day to day different goods will be added to the list of sale, making the last day as interesting as the first. For lack of space we can tell you only a few items. The better way is for you to come to the store and look around. It will pay you.

Domestic Department

BEST CALICOES, 5c
7c and 8c Calicoes; every piece stock during this sale, at the yard..... 5c

OUTING FLANNELS AT REDUCED PRICES
12 1/2c Heavy Twilled Outing Flannel, the yard..... 10c
6 1/2c Outing Flannel, light and dark colors, the yard..... 5c

LONSDALE MUSLIN CHEAP
1000 yards Lonsdale Muslin, 4 1/2 inches wide; the yard..... 9c

WIDE SHEETING
5-4 Sheeting during this sale, the yard..... 22c
8-4 Sheeting during this sale, the yard..... 23c

Dress Goods Department

DRESS GOODS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SALE
Every piece of Dress Goods in this big stock will be cut in price during this stock-reducing sale. It makes no difference what the price was—now you can buy for less.

25c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 20c
40c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 32c
50c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 40c
75c Dress Materials will be sold at..... 60c
\$1.00 Dress Materials will be sold at..... 80c
\$1.25 Dress Materials will be sold at..... \$1.00
\$1.50 Dress Materials will be sold at..... \$1.20

SOME MATERIALS WILL BE SOLD EVEN LESS
85c Wool Suitings, 45 inches wide; all dark colors; sale price, the yard..... 55c
50c Plaids and small Checks, dark colors for winter wear; make good school dresses; the yard..... 30c
\$1.25 All-Wool Plaids, 42 inches wide, in bright and medium colors; the yard..... 87c

Japanese Goods

WOMEN'S LONG KIMONOS
\$15.00 Quilted Silk Kimonos, black, blue and pink, with silk lining; excellent home or lounging robe; January sale price, each..... \$8.00

JAPANESE CREPE
25 Japanese Crepe in dark blue, light blue and lavender, with suitable figures; special, the yard..... 20c

CHILDREN'S COLLAR AND MUFF SET
White Collar and Muff Sets, from \$1.25 to \$7.00, at half price; sale price..... 65c to \$3.50

TRIMMING BRAIDS
About 500 yards of colored Trimming Braids in almost every conceivable coloring; worth from 25c to 35c; sale price, yd. 15c

WOMEN'S CORSETS FOR ALMOST NOTHING
R. and G. and Royal Worcester Corsets, worth regular from \$1.00 to \$1.50; this is a broken line; closing out at, each..... 25c

Clothing Department

MEN'S SUITS ALL REDUCED
This is the time you have been waiting for when you could buy that suit at a bargain price. Come before the week is gone—the earlier the better, as you get more to pick from, because they will surely go fast at the prices we name on them. Are you ready? Read:—

\$10.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$ 8.00
\$12.50 Suits you now can buy for..... \$10.00
\$15.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$12.00
\$20.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$16.00
\$25.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$20.00
\$30.00 Suits you now can buy for..... \$24.00

NOTE THE SAVING IN THE PRICE
BOYS' OVERCOATS AT A SAVING OF ONE-HALF
Boys' Overcoats of good materials, well lined; all good colors, worth from \$2.50 to \$10.00, at 1/2. Priced at, each \$1.75 to \$5.00

Underwear Department

CHILDREN'S UNION SUITS
Heavy Fleece Union Suits for Children, each..... 25c

WOMEN'S VESTS
White or Ecru Vests or Pants for women, each..... 25c

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS
Heavy fleeced Union Suits for Women; perfect fitting, each..... 50c

Art Department

PILLOW COVERS, LAUNDRY BAGS, ETC.
50c Fanny and Scrum Pillow Covers, sale price..... 25c
25c Lithographs and all other at the same price, each..... 13 1/2c
\$1.50 High Art Japanese Pillow Covers, with Marine and Land-scapes views; sale price, each..... 75c
25c and 50c Laundry Bags, made of fancy creton or art canvas; sale price, each..... 12 1/2c and 25c

Notion Department

NOTIONS AND FANCY GOODS SPECIALS
\$3.50 Mirror, Brush and Comb Sets, fine goods; closing out price, the set..... \$1.75
\$2.00 Mirror and Brush Set, special, each..... \$1.00
Dolls, Hand Mirrors, Twist Bags, Purse Pictures, Post Card Albums, Pin Cushions, etc. all at half-price.

Coat and Suit Department

MISSSES' COATS FOR RAIN AND COLD WEATHER
\$5.00 and \$9.00 Cravenette Coats for Misses on sale now at 1/2 price, or, each..... \$2.50 to \$4.50
Misses' warm Winter Coats, made of a variety of good materials, worth from \$3.50 to \$10.00; during this January sale at 1/2 price, or..... \$1.75 to \$5.00

WOMEN'S SHORT COATS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY
\$12.50 to \$20.00 Short Besadcloth Coats, Skinner's Satin lined, past season's goods, but high quality; while they last, ea..... \$3.00

Misses' Dresses
to 14 years, worth \$1.00 to \$6.00 at One-Half Price or..... 50c to \$3.00

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