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## INVESTIGATE RULING

WRITTEN PROOF ALLEGED TO EXIST THAT ROOT ACCEPTED DICTATION.

Bar Committee Seeks Documents in Spokane—Decision Reversed Carrier's Liability Law.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 2.—Letters, telegrams, stenographic reports and other original documents alleged to be in possession of certain attorneys in Spokane show that a Supreme Court decision in a case in which the Great Northern was a party was originally written by Judge M. J. Gordon, who represented that company as its attorney. They show further that the decision was by Gordon sent to W. R. Beeg, of St. Paul, general solicitor for the Great Northern, who wired to Judge Gordon that it was satisfactory, after which Gordon sent it to Supreme Judge Root, who procured its publication as the opinion of the court.

Whether Judge Root received any compensation for this consideration shown to Gordon and to the Great Northern Railway Company is a question upon which the committee is not yet prepared to form an opinion.

In all the information thus far collected by the members of the committee, there is no showing whatever that any other member of the court is or has been involved in any unprofessional conduct.

The opinion of the Supreme Court which was written by Judge Gordon is that in the decision of a Spokane case. It reverses a rule of law in relation to limited liability rates laid down in the original decision in the case, which rule was objectionable to the railroad company and vigorously and ably protested by Gordon in his petition for rehearing.

## TREATY MADE KNOWN

Agreement Will Maintain Peace and Integrity of China.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The notes exchanged between the United States and Japan, "declaring their policy in the Far East," which have been the subject of correspondence between Secretary Root and Ambassador Takahira for some months, have been made public at the State Department.

The agreement is based on the idea of encouraging and defending free and peaceful commercial development on that ocean.

It contains not only a mutual guarantee to respect one another's territorial possession there, but defines the attitude of the two countries toward China, binding each to defend by every peaceful means China's independence and integrity, and to give equal commercial opportunity to the Chinese Empire to all nations.

More important still, the agreement, in the event of complications threatening the status quo, binds the United States and Japan to consult one another with a view to acting together.

The agreement reached between Japan and the United States is the culmination of a long line of conventions, treaties and understandings between the two countries, dating back to the controversy over the Japanese school question in San Francisco.

## NO CHINESE IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN TEN YEARS

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 29.—"In 10 years there will not be a Chinese left in the United States or Canada," was the statement made by Lau Sz Kiv, imperial investigator, appointed by the Chinese government to inquire into mining, manufacturing and commercial matters on this continent, with a view to the organization of an era of development in China.

With him are several Chinese capitalists, who are seeking Chinese well versed in their lines of trade and commerce that they may be sent back to China to work for a syndicate which has been formed with a capital of \$3,000,000 to build railroads and steamships, develop mines and farms and engage in banking and general business.

## Married.

Benj. F. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith of this place, and Miss Bessie Johnson, of Veroua, Wis., were married in Hillsboro at the home of Rev. Belknap, and by him, last Saturday. They will reside in this city.

## Cars Will Continue to Run on Fourth Street.

The trouble between the Southern Pacific company and the city of Portland over the use of Fourth street by the railroad and which is prohibited by an ordinance passed in May, last year, was finally reached the federal court. Monday morning Judge Wolverton in the United States circuit court issued a temporary order restraining the municipal judge or any other of the city officials from attempting to enforce the provisions of the ordinance.

The bill of complaint of the Southern Pacific company against the city of Portland was filed in the United States circuit court Monday morning. It is a lengthy document and covers the history of the granting of the original franchise by the city council in January, 1869, and goes into detail of all the city and state laws with reference to the ordinance and of matters having any connection with the questions now involved.

In the temporary restraining order granted the city of Portland is given until December 28 at 10 o'clock to show cause why a writ of injunction should not be issued as asked for by the railroad company. In the meanwhile and until further order of the court the judge of the municipal court, the chief of police, the mayor and other officers of the city of Portland, are restrained from attempting to force the provisions of the ordinance which became effective November 15, or from attempting to prosecute those who are alleged to have violated the laws.

## Died.

Carey Porter, well known in this section of the county, passed away at the Johnson farm in Patton's Valley Sunday evening at nine o'clock. He was born April 7, 1869, and has lived in and around Forest Grove ever since. He leaves one sister, Mrs. C. B. Campbell, and a half-brother, Wm. Rafferty, both of this city. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Porter, who were pioneers and well and favorably known. Mrs. Porter died seven years ago.

The funeral took place from the Limber Undertaking parlors Tuesday afternoon where services were conducted by Rev. Hiram Gould. The interment was in the Buxton cemetery.

## The Christmas Entertainment.

"A particularly successful girl makes a specialty of arranging Christmas entertainments for children and clears a neat sum every year," writes Anna Seese Richardson in Woman's Home Companion for December. "She insists upon a contract at a certain figure and then relieves the hostess of every detail. She plans and executes decorations, attends to the refreshments and supplies all favors and entertainment. She has an arrangement with jugglers, magicians and musicians, from whom she receives a commission for all engagements, and she is a splendid hand at decorating the table or arranging games. This year she is filling tarlatan stockings for one huge party tree, using home-made pop-corn, candies, nuts and all sorts of small toys and novelties which she has picked up at wholesale."

## College Forensics.

Debating will now claim the attention of the students at the university. Two questions have been chosen by the Debating Council and forwarded to Whitman College. The other institution in the league is Willamette University. P. U. will have two teams and there will be considerable rivalry among the members of the literary societies to secure representation on the teams that will uphold the university's colors in the forensic contests.

The oratorical contest will also claim the attention of some of the students. The Academy classes are also contemplating a series of debates and the Academy team will hold its annual debate with Pendleton Academy later on.

## ALFALFA FOR OREGON

Experiments Prove Large Crops and Enrichment of Soil.

There is a good deal of milk in the ground that was not spilled and cried over, but it is there nevertheless. At certain seasons of the year the Thousand-Headed Kale pulls the milk out of Mother Earth and the cow pulls it out of the kale and puts it in the bucket. There is a period, however, during the summer when the cows go hungry and the milk languishes in the ground because there is no green thing to pull it out and coax the cow to fill the milk bucket.

Eastern Oregon is one of the best dairy sections of the Union. With mild open winters in which kale flourishes and furnishes green succulent food, the dairy business thrives all the year around with the exception of a short period during the summer. During this period the land is out of commission, the cows barely subsist on the pasture fields and there is no profit to the farmer. Forty cent butter and a scarcity of good fresh milk is the evidence of a lack of green food.

What is needed in the valley is a forage crop that will utilize the soil and furnish green food and pasture during the dry season. Will alfalfa fill the bill? If alfalfa be raised extensively and successfully it would change the face of nature and add immensely to the value of the farms in the Willamette valley. It would increase the dairy products and the poultry products; it would cheapen the production of pork, beef and mutton. A good summer forage crop is the one thing needed.

Alfalfa has been grown for two thousand years in the Mediterranean region. It has been grown successfully in arid America for half a century. A gentleman traveling over what was then regarded as a land unfit for settlement in western Nebraska by reason of its aridity, discovered a thrifty green alfalfa plant growing where no other green thing could be found for miles around. That was a demonstration that satisfied the gentleman and he purchased a large tract of land for a trifle. On the same land he has since fed fifty thousand sheep in one season on alfalfa. Alfalfa goes down into the depths of the soil for moisture and through wireless communication with the atmosphere brings down from above food which feeds the plant and enriches the soil.

Since 1891 the acreage of alfalfa in Kansas has increased from 34,388 to 615,000 in 1906. A recent bulletin from that state says of alfalfa: "The steer feeders and mutton feeders of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska would be lost without it."

At the Kansas station it is stated: "A gain of 800 pounds of pork was made from a ton of alfalfa, and a little less than that amount of gain was made from an acre of alfalfa pasture." Again, "We found that 100 pounds of alfalfa hay saved 96 pounds of corn." Figuring on the basis of these experiments it is stated that "with green alfalfa producing ten tons per acre (20,000 pounds) it would produce 2000 pounds of pork, which, at 4 cents per pound would be worth \$80 per acre." Director Burkett of the Kansas Station says: "By promoting the successful production of alfalfa the Station has not only extended the dominion of an imperial forage crop, but in so doing has discharged its own entire expense, and in addition has added millions of dollars to the wealth of the state."

At the Ontario Agricultural College in ten years 30 cuttings, yielding over 5 tons an acre, were made. An experiment showed its great soil enriching qualities. Wheat grown after alfalfa yielded 61.5 bushels per acre and after timothy 42.1 bushels. In the two succeeding years the alfalfa sod produced 30.2 bushels of barley and 24 bushels corn, while the timothy sod produced 19.7 bushels barley and 17.9 bushels corn. The three crops

on the alfalfa sod were worth about \$58.

At the Oregon Agricultural College alfalfa has been growing successfully for several years, and tests are being made by the agronomists with different varieties to determine which will suit the conditions best in this state. The station men are glad at all times to answer questions in regard to its cultivation.

A few miles from Corvallis, Mr. W. H. Hamlin cut this year 200 tons of alfalfa hay. It yielded about 2½ tons to the acre in two cuttings. Before seeding to alfalfa the land had been "cropped out." In fourteen years grain crops had been taken from the land, and Mr. Hamlin explains that on richer land the yield is much heavier. He further explains that the oldest stand yields the best, showing that it takes several years on certain classes of soil for the alfalfa to make a good growth.

It looks as though an alfalfa campaign would be worth millions to this state.

## Re-Elected President.

H. C. Atwell, of this city, was re-elected president of the State Horticultural Society which met in Portland the forepart of the week. He was also selected to present the demands of the horticultural interests at the next session of the legislature in an effort to secure an appropriation of \$1000 for the support of the society.

C. E. Hoskins, of Newberg, Ore., known to many of Washington county's fruitmen, and father of the cherry that bears his name, has bequeathed to the state society a goodly amount of his estate estimated at \$20,000, as a trust fund.

W. K. Newell, of Gaston, president of the state board of horticulture, was also among the speakers. His theme was "Prune Evaporating."

## Killed in Attempt to Clear Fence.

In an attempt to get out of the enclosure in which it was kept, the fine mule deer recently secured by State Game Warden Stevenson, killed itself one day last week. It seems that the animal chose to clear a fence probably seven feet high. The start the animal took was sufficient to get its fore legs safely over the fencing but one of its hips landed on a post and the deer was suspended there for some time. Mr. Stevenson, who was in the house heard the crash as the deer went tumbling down, its weight and efforts to free itself having broken the post. The deer was obtained from a party in Gaston but originally came from Baker City.

## PROBATE COURT

Estate of Hannah Purser, incompetent. Petition filed asking appointment of Chas. Johnson as guardian. Dec. 8th time set for hearing.

Estate of G. H. Baker, deceased. Semi annual report of trustee examined and approved.

Estate of P. W. Chandler, deceased. Estate closed of record.

Estate of Martha J. Mizner. Ordered that guardianship be closed on filing receipts from heirs-at-law for money in possession of guardian.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Earl C. Morton and Zoa A. Mercer. Wilbur H. Hayes and Mary Tappin. Claude I. Williams and Mabel L. Northrup.

Benj. S. Smith and Bessie Johnson. Walter C. Heaton and Emma E. Hesse.

## Artisans Elect.

Diamond Assembly No. 27, Order of United Artisans held its annual election Tuesday evening, with the following results: M. A. Archie Bryant; Supt., Mrs. W. Moore; Inspector, Will Vanantwerp; Secretary, W. K. Curtis; Treasurer, Dr. C. E. Geiger; Sr. Conductor, Mrs. Lauren Watkins; Junior Conductor, Mrs. Archie Bryant; Master of Ceremonies, Rollie Peterson. The new officers will be installed January 5.

## Forest Grove Wins Again.

Once again the football warriors of the Forest Grove High school showed their mettle on the gridiron by defeating the clever team of the Barclay High school of Oregon City on the college campus here last Saturday afternoon, by the score of 11 to 0.

It was an ideal day for football and the local field was in splendid shape, yet the crowd was rather small and the expenses of bringing the visitors were not met by the receipts of the game.

There was considerable punting, both sides booting the pigskin at critical times to save the enemy from getting too dangerously close to the goal line. Forest Grove scored once in the first half and once in the second.

There were no particular stars for the visitors though their punter did better work than the local man doing the same stunt. For Forest Grove, Devlin and Moore did brilliant work. The game was free from wrangling and the game was clean throughout. The line-up follows:

Draubaugh ..... Gillette  
Markee ..... Avison  
Perry ..... Tridon  
Ballard ..... Bowen  
Doane ..... Ott  
F. Moore ..... Caseday  
Rau ..... Welsh  
Clark ..... Hart  
L. Moore ..... Moore  
Mowe ..... Logeson  
Devlin ..... Strogmeyer

## PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Thanksgiving is over and we are at work again.

The boys of room 10 have started a harmonica band.

Emma Dixon of the fifth grade will enter the Hillsboro school.

Harold Rogers, of Portland, has entered our eighth grade department.

Five classes of girls have been organized to take manual training work.

DeWitt Perry has accepted a position in Hillsboro and thus severed his connection with our school.

The eighth grade has organized a literary society with Jean Sloan, Pres.; Ruth Haines, Vice Pres.; Zola Kerry, Secretary.

The first and second grades gave a splendid program last Wednesday. The little folks enjoyed the work as did also the visitors.

The third, fourth and fifth grades rendered a Thanksgiving program last Wednesday which did them credit and was much enjoyed by the children and by the visitors present.

The football team played a good game last Saturday, and defeated the Oregon City High school. Next Saturday they are to play the J. P. C. T. of Portland. The game promises to be an interesting one.

The High School organized a literary society last Wednesday, with the following officers: Pres., Ralph Mills; Vice Pres., Evia Shaffer; Secy, Anna Doane; Treas., Nellie Johnson; critic, O. M. Gardner. They will render a program every two weeks.

## Soldiers Are Rewarded.

The Commissioner of Pensions has advised Congressman W. C. Hawley, that pension and increase of monthly pension has been granted to the following persons residing in this county: George W. Proctor, Forest Grove, \$12; J. R. Carnahan, Gaston, \$15; Byron M. Giles, Hillsboro, \$12; William Norton, Hillsboro, \$15; Henry M. Pitman, Laurel, \$15; Mary M. Pettinger, Hillsboro, \$12; John F. Sanders, Forest Grove, \$15; John Williams, Forest Grove, \$20.

## Election of Officers.

The I. O. O. F. lodge elected officers Monday evening for the ensuing year as follows: E. H. Brown, N. G.; A. E. Gardner, V. G.; R. M. Taylor, Secy; W. W. McEldowney, Treas. The installation ceremonies will occur the first Monday in January.

## HIS DEATH MYSTERY

CHIEF OF POLICE BIGGY, OF SAN FRANCISCO, DIES MYSTERIOUSLY.

Disappears After Visit to Alcatraz Island—Figures in Bay City Graft Trials.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Although numerous boats have patrolled and searched the bay from the Golden Gate to Hunter's Point, the body of Chief of Police W. J. Biggy has not yet been recovered. It is feared that the body of the late chief has been carried out to sea by the tide.

Mr. Biggy had been at Belvedere, a suburb, to call on Police Commissioner Kell, Monday evening. He boarded the police launch patrol to return to the city about 10 o'clock and when the boat was out on the bay, complained of feeling cold to Engineer Murphy, the only other occupant of the launch. Mr. Murphy advised him to go to the cabin at the stern of the boat.

Mr. Murphy then went below to attend his engine and did not see the chief again. He came on deck as the boat neared the city and noticed that the chief had disappeared. A search of the boat failing to locate



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him, Mr. Murphy made all speed to the dock, where he reported the accident and went out into the bay again to search for the missing officer.

Ever since the suicide of Morris Haas, the man who attempted to kill Assistant District Attorney Heney, the relations between the chief of police and the graft prosecution have been strained to the breaking point. Charges of incompetency and dereliction of duty have been filed against the chief, and in return he filed similar charges against Captain of Police Duke, who searched Haas in the courtroom, and against Detective-Sergeant Burke, who was in charge of Haas at the jail.

Among officials of the department there are two theories to account for the disappearance. A number incline to the belief that worry and grief over the newspaper criticisms of his official and private demeanor impelled him to end his life, while others affirm that he fell from the slippery deck during an attack of vertigo or a fainting spell.

Commission Will Investigate Navy. Washington, Nov. 30.—President Roosevelt, it is understood, soon may appoint a commission to investigate the entire system of the Navy Department, looking toward a reorganization and the establishment of a general staff to act in an advisory capacity to a civilian secretary.

It is authoritatively learned that Secretary Root has been asked to accept the chairmanship of such a commission.

Beyond admitting that plans had been discussed, and reiterating a denial formerly expressed that Mr. Root had been asked to head the commission, William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the President, declined to discuss the matter.

## Football.

There will be a football game Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. on P. U. field, between the Third Presbyterian church team of Portland and the Forest Grove High School. Everybody is urged to come out.