

## GRAFT IN PITTSBURG

COUNCILMEN AND BANKERS ACCUSED OF GRAFT THAT WILL RIVAL SAN FRANCISCO.

Flashlight on Outstretched Hand Traps Pittsburg Grafters—Mayor Backs Up Movement.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—A sensational scandal of municipal graft, which, it is intimated, will cause the recent graft revelations at San Francisco to fade into insignificance, and that became known here with a suddenness that was dumbfounding, when seven councilmen and two bankers were arrested, is the main topic.

The nine defendants, by furnishing an aggregate bond of \$178,000, have been released.

Former President W. W. Ramsey and Former Cashier A. A. Vilsack, of the German National Bank, are the accused bankers. The information against Ramsey and Vilsack charges them with giving \$17,500 as a bribe. Bail demanded for each is \$14,000.

A flashlight photograph of a member of the city council in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter" was one of the strongest features of the evidence presented when the seven councilmen and two former bankers were given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery and other illegal acts brought by the Voters' League.

In some quarters it is believed that Mayor Guthrie was back of the project, he having been an attorney for the Voters' League some years ago when it made a fight against a street-car line.

## GENERAL SIMON ASSUMES OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF HAITI

Port au Prince, Dec. 20.—General Antoine Simon, the newly elected President of Haiti, took the oath of office at 10 o'clock this morning at the palace in the presence of foreign diplomats, the officers of the American and Italian warships and the Haitian officials of state. Senator Paulin, who presided at the session of congress which elected General Simon President, officiated and demanded that the President respect the constitution and other laws of the republic.

Later, at the reception which was held, M. Carteron, the French minister, addressed the President on behalf of the diplomatic corps and officially presented the respects of the foreign ministers. M. Claud, minister of foreign affairs, gave assurances of the government's intention to maintain the most cordial relations with all governments.

## NOTED JOURNALIST DIES

Major Orlando J. Smith, Founder of the American Press Association.

New York, Dec. 20.—Major Orlando J. Smith, founder, president and general manager of the American Press Association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry tonight. Major Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach, but throughout his illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Major Smith was a prominent figure in American journalism for 40 years. Few men were better known in the newspaper world. After active service in the Civil War, in which he rose from the rank of private to Major, Major Smith became editor of the Express, Terre Haute, Ind., removing the paper in 1878 to Chicago. In 1882 he founded the American Press Association.

Major Smith possessed the broadest of minds. He was keenly interested in life and its problems in all their manifold phases. He found relaxation from material cares in the study of religion and philosophy and economics. He embodied his views in several volumes which have received scores of attention from the world's thinkers. The most prominent of Major Smith's books are: "Short View of Great Questions"; "The Coming Democracy"; "Eternalism"; "Balance" and "Agreement Between Science and Religion."

Major Smith is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son. The last named, Courtland Smith, is vice-president and assistant general manager of the American Press Association.

## BONAPARTE DELAYS

Has Not Yet Taken Action Against Pulitzer, of N. Y. World.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—Attorney-General Bonaparte, speaking of the suit which the President has filed against Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World, said that it is still under consideration and no definite line of action has been agreed upon.

## Million a Day in Sugar.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Figures by the Bureau of Statistics show that the average American consumes half of his weight of sugar each year and Uncle Sam's sugar bill averages a million dollars a day. The total consumption of sugar in the United States in 1907, as shown by a report issued by the bureau, reached 7,989,877,975 pounds.

## CASTRO'S DEPUTY SETS UP A NEW GOVERNMENT

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—Vice-President J. Vincent Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the country's political history.

Secret advices from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps.

## Biggy's Death Accident.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Examination of half a dozen witnesses before a coroner's jury failed to throw any additional light upon the manner in which W. J. Biggy, late chief of the police department, met his death in the waters of San Francisco Bay. All the witnesses agreed that Biggy was in his usual spirits. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to accidental drowning.

## QUAKE IN MONTANA

Virginia City Rocks and School-house Topples.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 21.—Two earthquakes in ten minutes caused the wildest excitement in this city, the panic-stricken people rushing into the streets in the belief that the buildings were about to topple over. Structures trembled violently, plaster came down, dishes were thrown to the floor, the main school building was badly cracked and the ground rent with seams from one to three inches wide.

Frank Pace, who arrived from the Crater Lakes, the scene of an extinct volcano, six miles south of Virginia City, where 13 old craters have been filled with water, forming a chain of lakes, states that the ground heaved there like the bosom of a lake, causing immense fissures to form in the mountain and rending the cliffs.

There is a belief that water of the Crater Lakes has found its way through subterranean passages to the remnants of the fires of the old volcanoes, although the Yellowstone Park is only 75 miles from here.

## Plan for Golden Spike.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—The golden spike on the Pacific Coast extension of the St. Paul railroad will be driven at one of three places—the St. Paul Pass Tunnel, the Johnson Tunnel Creek in Washington, or on the stretch of track between Missoula and Garrison. Such is the statement of President H. R. Williams, of the Washington and Idaho corporation of the St. Paul.

President Williams states that the indications are that the line will be connected up clear through to the coast at least 30 days prior to the time the officials had planned, or some time before the first of next May.

## CARNEGIE SAYS STEELMAKERS REQUIRE NO PROTECTION

Washington, Dec. 22.—Andrew Carnegie, famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, was an entertaining, if not instructive, witness at the House ways and means committee tariff hearing.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection; that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions.

## Man Missing, Note Found.

Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—A note pinned on an overcoat found lying on the Willamette river bridge Tuesday morning indicates that man giving the name of Tom Sullivan and claiming 1110 North M street, Tacoma, as his home, committed suicide by jumping from the bridge. He called at the Salem Y. M. C. A. several days ago and told Secretary Forbes that while in Portland recently he had been swindled out of all his money on the purchase of land located near Woodburn, but did not say by whom the swindling operations were conducted. He was about 60 years old.

## Jail for Cattle Baron.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—S. C. Lillis, the wealthy Lemoore, Cal., banker and stockman, was sentenced by Judge Welborn, at a special session of the federal court, to spend six months in the local county jail and to pay a fine of \$1000. Lillis was convicted at the last session of the federal court on a charge of illegally inclosing large areas of government land. The case will be appealed and Lillis has been released on bond.

## Steals Ship's Silver.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 23.—George Terrey, a fireman on the torpedo-boat-destroyer Rowan, was arrested by the police with practically all the silverware from the cabin of the commanding officer in his possession. Terrey claimed that he had merely borrowed the silverware. He will be tried by courtmartial.

## Bullet for Aerial War.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—A Göttingen gunsmith named Schraeder has invented and patented an expanding bullet adapted for the destruction of dirigible balloons. The bullet can be fired from the regular infantry rifle.

# A Mighty Stock Reducing Sale!

**N**EARLY one whole month of Bargain Giving Beginning Monday Morning, Dec. 7, and lasting throughout the entire month of December.

More dollars worth of new up-to-date and reliable merchandise offered at this sale for smaller prices than was ever offered the people of Washington County, at one time in our history. Just now we find our stock of goods, larger than we want it, and in order to reduce it we have inaugurated this

## Mighty Clearance Sale

We think you will think, that it is to your interest and everybody's interest to get busy and attend this sale. Its a money-saving event for the purchasing public. You will find throughout the whole big store rare bargains in all lines of merchandise carried in a big General Store.

We don't figure on profits in this sale. Our object is to reduce our stock. These goods must go and they will go, because we will make the prices that will make them go.

THE GRAND OPENING DAY will be worth coming miles to attend. We are going to make a superhuman effort to sell more goods, give bigger and better bargains, take in more dollars, turn out more well-pleased customers, wait on more people, reduce our stock more on this Grand Opening Day than was ever done in one day by any store in this county, or any other county in this great state of Oregon.

## Ribbon! Ribbon!! Comforts! Blankets!!

Fifteen miles of ribbon go on sale Monday, December 7. Every known shade, New fancy Dresden and floral patterns. You will find any kind of ribbon here that you may want. Our big Ribbon Stock is at its best and during this sale all the choicest and newest things go along with all staple kinds, at a big reduction in prices.

Some borken lines of underwear at bottom prices.

One line high cut Shoes regular \$5 Sale price \$3.95.

We also have many other bargains in our Shoe Department.

A limited number of boys' long pants sale price 50 cents to 99 cents. One large corduroy vest free to any man whom it will fit.

Sweeping reduction on all Comforts and Blankets. We overestimated our wants when purchasing our comforts this year, and in order to reduce them we are offering the following prices:

\$7.25 value, one only	\$5.75
6.50 " reduced to	4.75
3.50 " " "	2.75
2.25 " " "	1.75
4.50 " one only	3.39
2.75 " reduced to	1.99
2.50 " " "	1.95
3.85 " " "	2.85

Big Reduction on Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

Boys' pants, 75c and \$1.00 - \$ .50  
" Vests, values 50c to \$1.00 .25

2000 yards of calico going in this big Reduction Sale at 5 cents per yard.

## Big Reduction in Outing Flannel

2500 yards of Outing Flannel go on sale Monday, Dec. 7. This is the time of year when you need this class of merchandise and it will be to your interest to come while the assortment is good. Regular 12 1-2 and 15c outings go during this sale at 10c per yard.

Ladies', Misses and Children's Coats greatly reduced in price. It will cost you nothing to call and get our prices.

Big Sale on umbrellas, large assortment, new, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 reduced to - - \$1.00

Just received a new assortment of dishes. Suitable for Xmas presents. 10 to 25 per cent off on Ladies' hosiery.

33 1-3 off on one lot of Dress Goods. Come while the assortment is good.

Don't forget the place.

THE BIG BRICK CORNER STORE

# NELSON B. LaCOURSE

Forest Grove

Oregon

It rests entirely with Senator Fulton to determine whether John C. Young shall become postmaster at Portland, or whether some other man shall be chosen. But it is entirely beyond the power of Senator Fulton to pick the new postmaster. He is not entitled to make a selection, but he has every right to pass upon the selection made by his colleague, and his approval is necessary before that choice can become effective.

To make the amount of money which each school district shall receive from the state and county school funds dependent upon the number of teachers employed in each district instead of upon the number of children of school age was the radical change in the manner of the appropriation of school funds urged by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman at Pendleton last week. He was addressing the second annual meeting of school officers of Umatilla county.

Details of another reclamation project for Umatilla county became known at Pendleton last week when it was learned that a syndicate of Spokane capitalists had contracted for several hundred acres of river bottom land along the Umatilla river about 20 miles west of Pendleton. This section is noted for its fine fruit, heretofore produced on a small scale, and it is the purpose of the promoters of the project to divide the land up into small fruit tracts, the land up to be developed is mostly subirrigated, water will be taken from the Umatilla river to reclaim portions that may need it.

The total amount of revenue to be raised for state purposes for 1909 will be approximately \$1,675,000, of which about \$400,000 will be derived from indirect sources, leaving \$1,275,000 to be apportioned among the several counties. This amount is \$125,000 greater than the levy last year and \$250,000 greater than the levy two years ago. The increase this year is due in part to the holding up of the University of Oregon appropriation bill last year, by reason of which the levy for 1908 was at the rate of \$47,500 per year. The 1909 levy will include \$100,000 for

the purchase of the Oregon City locks. Should the legislature repeal the locks appropriation bill, this \$100,000 will be in the treasury subject to appropriation for other purposes. One installment of \$100,000 has already been levied.

## Carrie's Maneuver.

Miss Harryup—Ah, George, you cannot tell what troubles a girl has who is receiving the attentions of a gentleman.

Mr. Holdoff—Troubles, Carrie? Of what nature, pray?

Miss H.—Well, one's little brothers are always making fun of one, and relatives are always saying, "When is it to come off?" as if marriage were a prizefight. But that is not the worst. There is the inquisitiveness of one's parents. They want to know everything. There's pa, now; he is constantly asking such questions as: "Carrie, who are Mr. Holdoff's intentions? What does he call upon you so regularly for and stay so late when he does call?" And he sometimes looks so angry when he asks these questions that I act up tremble.

Mr. H.—And what answer do you make to his questions, Carrie, dearest?

Miss H.—I can't make any answer at all, for, you see, you haven't said anything to me, and—of course, I—I—

Then Mr. Holdoff whispered something in Carrie's ear, and next time her father questions her she will be ready with a satisfactory reply.—Boston Transcript.

## A Comparison.

In a certain store there is a salesman named Green. Small Clarence learned his name and said, "Say, Mr. Green, there's a man living two doors from us who has a name the same color as yours!"

## The Whale's Blow.

Porpoise—What is the whale blowing about? Dogfish—Oh, he got so many notices for his feat in swallowing Jonah he's been blowing ever since.—Exchange.

Progress is the real cure for an over-estimate of ourselves.—Macdonald.

## Helpful Suggestions

For the Christmas shopper we would ask your attention to the line of Xmas goods we are displaying, such as

Toilet Sets Shaving Sets  
Hand Bags Pictures  
Perfumery Stationery  
Xmas Post Cards  
Kodaks and Supplies

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Forest Grove, Oregon

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Write for Estimates on  
Windows, Doors, Hardware, Paints  
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