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OSED POLITICAL BOSS OF IN FRANCISCO RECEIVES MAXIMUM TERM.

otice of Appeal Given-Climax of Long Straggle Marked by Dramatic Events,

San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- Fourteen years in the penitentiary, the maximum, was the sentence meted out Tuesday to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, mayor of the city.

Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during proceedings in the courtroom, nor later when Ruef, having entered the prison van in the custody of a deputy sheriff, started in the dusk on his long ride to the county jail.

Before the adjournment of court notice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant and the court had signed a writ of probable cause, which will act as a stay of execution.

In a trial that was prolonged through a period of nearly four months Ruef was convicted, December 10, of bribing John J. Furey, an ex-supervisor, to favor the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads. This was one of 114 Indictments returned against Ruef by the Oliver grand jury.

One of the many incidents that tended to make the trial of Ruef remarkable was the shooting of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney by Morris Haas, an ex-convict, whose past record was exposed by the prosecutor after the would-be slayer had been accepted as a members of the jury. Haas subsequently committed suicide in the county jail.

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#### His Evidence May Bring About Return of \$10,800 to Gas Company.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.-By a ruling of the supreme court, the issuance of a commission was granted, authorizing the taking of the deposition of Harry Orchard, self-consed slayer of the late Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, as to the circumstances surrounding the explosin this city on November 17, 1904, in the house of W. H. Linforth, then thought to have been caused by a leak in the gas main, but which resulted from the firing a dynamite bomb, according to statements made in Orchard's confession.

The issuance of the commission follows the attempt of the gas company to recover \$10,800 paid to Linforth for damages done his house on the finding of a jury. Orchard, who is serving a life sentence in Idaho, stated that he blew up the Linforth house in an attempt to kill Captain

GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH STATIONS FOR MINERS

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Carrying out plans to reduce the number of fatallion in coal mines, the United States Geological Survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields of the country, in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburg. It will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus in rescue work

Government mining engineers will be assigned to the stations and will be ready at a moment's notice to go to the scene of any disaster. They will be equipped with oxygen helmets, which will enable them to enter a mine at once, even though it is filled with gas or smoke.

Every station is to be fitted up with an air-tight room, where gas can be generated, and the coal-mining companies have been invited to send picked men to the stations for training in the use of oxygen helmets.

One of the stations may be established at Salt Lake to care for the Utah, Montana and Washington coal fields

# AFTER BEEF-PACKERS

None of Principals Called Before the Grand Jury.

Chicago, Dec. 28 -Search for evidence to establish the existence of a 'beef trust" clearing-house, by which evidence certain packing interests could be involved in charges of violating both the anti-rebate and antitrust laws, is being made here by secret service men and agents of various departments of the United States government. The Department of Justice at Washington has issued orders to District Attorney Sims and his associates in this city to proceed against all the large packers suspected of being in a combination with reference to prices, control of territory and demands upon railroads

Batches of subpenas were sent to Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and other places for railroad and packers' employes, which Federal officials in those places will serve and to which all witnesses called must respond.

#### Negro Is Champton Pugilist.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27 .- Jack Johnson, the big negro from Galveston, Texas, is the world's heavyweight champion. He won the title Christmas day in the big arena at Rushcutters Bay from Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished it, and after a chase of Burns that led half way around the world. The end came in the 14th round, when the police, seeing Burns tottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his opponent, mercifully stopped the fight.

# OFF TO LOOK AT CANAL

**Congressional Investigators Sail for** Colon From Charleston, S. C. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 28.-The

14 members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, who are going to Panama to investigate the canal work, sailed from here today on the Panama line steamer Allianca. They will reach Colon on Jan. 1 and will spend four or five days on the isthmus. The arrangements for their return have not been made, but they will leave in time to be bach in Washington on Jan. 14.

# A Mighty Stock Reducing Sale!

### NEARLY 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 learance

We think you will think, that it is to your interest and everybody's interest to get busy and attend this sale. 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 bi 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.

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## **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 \$1.00 reduced to 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

NELSONB.LaCOURSE

Oregon

Bradley, who then resided there.

#### Stockbuyers Complain.

Grangeville, Idaho, Dec. 28 .--- The action of the Northern Pacific in refusing to accept shipments of stock over the new Grangeville line is causing great inconvenience to stock shippers. A number of buyers have been feeding and buying cattle and hogs with a view of shipping out on the new line. An effort is being made to have the road suspend the order and receive shipments in January.

The only reason given by the officials of the road is that the cattle sway the cars and cause the newlyba lasted roadbed to shift. Stock shippers assert that the ruling is unjust to them, as all other freight is accepted. Several large shipments are to be made about the first of the year.

#### Fleet Enters Red Sea.

Suez, Dec. 30 .- The American battleship fleet under Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed Perim at the entrance to the Red Sea at noon Tuesday. All on board the fleet are well. The vessels are due here the morning of January 3.

It is expected that they will make a quick passage through the canal and then will disperse to the various Mediterranean ports, according to their itinerary, with the least possible delay. Christmas was fittingly observed on board the 16 vessels of the fleet.

#### Change in German Postal Rates.

New York, Jan. 1 .- From today on the postal rate on letters between the United States and the German empire wil be 2 cents. This rate applies onl to leters carried on vessels sailing direct between American nd Germa ports and not to those that are trans-shipped by way of other count les. Agitation has been farted to make the new rate applicable to all letters between Germany and the United States, without regard to route.

#### Deprive Negroes of Vote.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 30 .--- Several of the leading Democrats of Oklama met here for the purpose of paring a bill to be introduced in legislature next week to disfranne the negro. Governor Haskell as represented by J. E. Wyand, of 37e per ID.; ranch, 24e per ID. luskogee

#### VIRGINIA CITY, MONT., HIT AGAIN BY SEVERE SHOCK

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 28 .-This city was shaken by the severest of the series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for more than a week, at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon

The electric power and light plant was put out of commission. This plant is located 10 miles distant from Virginia City, and as telephonic communication with it has been interrupted, it is impossible at this time to ascertain the extent of the damage done. During the past week this city has experienced more than 39 earthquakes, in which the earth movements have been very pronounced.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.

Barley-Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28 @ 22

Oats-No. 1 white, \$32; gray, \$32.

Hay---Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.50; clover, \$12. Butter-Extra, 36@37c; fancy.

33 @ 34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c. Eggs-Extra, 40@43c. Hops-1908, choice, 6@7c; prime, 5@6c; medium, 4@5c; 1907,

2 @ 4c. Wool-Valley, 14@15%c; 1b.;

Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as shrinkage.

Mohair-Choice, 18@19c.

#### SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem, \$1.01. Oats-\$39 @ 34 Barley--\$26.50@ 27.50. Hay-Eastern Washington timothy. \$16 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$10 @ 11 per ton; wheat hay, \$12 per ton; alfalfa, \$9.50 @ 10 per ton. "Butter - Washington creamery, Eggs-Selected local, 42@43e,

Forest Grove

is now enforced as against state and

.................. county employes. DOINGS IN OREGON

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

#### New Laws Proposed

Portland-Various measures of

proposed legislation will be considered by the Multnomah county legislative delegation.

Members of the legislative committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will appear before the delegation to urge the amending of the pilotage law to conform to the Port of Portland towage law. ' The same organization will ask for a law repealing that provision of the insurance law which requires foreign companies to deposit \$50,000 before heing allowed to engage in business in this state. In the same connection the Chamber will propose another law creating the office of State Insurance Commissioner.

Oregon Humane Society, The through its officers, will ask for the indorsement by the delegation of a bill providing for an appropriation of society.

#### Union Labor Advocates New Bills.

Portland-At least three measures of legislation will be proposed at the coming session of the legislature by organized labor. They are an employers' Hability law, a measure proiding a general eight-hour workday and a law that will pu' an end to the employment of convicts in competition with union labor. The bill for the employers' liability law has been prepared and the two other | against Dunbar for \$103,926. bills are being drafted. These three measures have been indorsed and will be supported by the State Grange. legislature.

An effort will be made to extend inust be sworn to before a notary

Pian to Cut Up Lane County. Eugene-A movement has been set on foot by the people of Cottage Grove to form a new county with

that city as the county seat. It is proposed that the line should cross the Middle Fork of the McKenzle, run near Goshen and thence west to the present boundary of the county. This would leave the Blue River mining country in Lane, while the present Bohemia district, in both Lane and Douglas, would be included within the boundaries of the new county.

From the Bohemia district in Douglas the line would run west to the coast and include within the limits of the proposed Bohemia county the towns of Yoncalla, Drain and Gardiner, all of which are at present in Douglas county.

#### Cannot Collect From Dunbar.

Salem-On the ground that the state has no right or title to the fees and perquisites exacted by the defendant under the statutes referred to in the complaint and that the defendant is not accountable to the state therefor, the supreme court, in \$3000 annually for two years for this an opinion written by Justice Eakin, reversed the decree of Judge William Galloway, of the circuit court,

and dismissed the suit of the state against former Secretary of State F Dunbar, which was brought to compel him to reimburse the state for the amount of fees and perqui-

sites collected by him during his two own use. The suit was brought by Attorney J. H. McNary and a decree was obtained from Judge Galloway

Salem-The three state land fraud The trades unionists and cases pending against S. A. D. Puthe Grange have appointed legisla- ter were dismissed Monday on motive committees, which will have tion of District Attorney McNary. charge of the proposed bills in the The statute provides that applications for the purchase of state lands

the provisions of the eight-hour law public or a county clerk. The applito apply to all classes of workmen. Such a regulation of hours of labor

were alleged to be fraudulent were sworn to before the State Land Board. Mr. McNary said that after investigating the question he is convinced that this affidavit does not constitute perjury and therefore he would dismiss the case.

#### Mother Shot by Young Son.

Corvallis-Mrs. J. G. Morris was accidentally shot and killed at her home near this city Sunday after-A charge from a shotgun in noon. the hands of a 9-year-old son, who did not know the gun was loaded, severed the large artery of the right leg and the woman bled to death in a very short time. It is said that Mr. Morris is all but insane over the tragedy.

#### Oregon Professor Married.

Portland-The wedding of Miss Elsa von Madderscheid, of Berkeley, Cal., and Samuel Ellot, professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, took place at the Sedenborgian church, San Francisco, on Monday. They will make their future home at Eugene.

#### Insane Italian Commits Suicide.

Ashland-Giuseppe Fazio, an Itallan who was a passenger out of Portland Saturday night and ticketed to Sacramento, shot and killed himself in the toilet of the depot wallingroom here Sunday afternoon. He was about 40 years of age.

#### A Winner.

Tommy-Ma, may I play make b'lieve terms of office and converted to his that I'm entertainin' another little boy? Ma-Certainly, dear. Tommy-All the state upon relation of District right; gimme some cake for him then Philadelphia Press.

Forest Grove. Ore.,

## **OREGON BRIEFLETS**

The first car on the electric line between Portland and Forest Grove was run Christmas day.

A new \$70,000 high school building in Albany next year is assured by the action taken at the annual school meeting last week.

Canby poultry-raisers are preparing to organize an association and to hold a poultry show the latter part of January.

The Mothers & Teachers' Club of Milwaukee expect to open a reading room and library shortly after New Year. Books for use of the room are expected from the state library.

The First State Bank of Milwaukee has filed articles of incorporation with the clerk of Clackamas county, the capital stock being placed at \$10,000.

It has cost the people of the city of Portland over a million and s half of dollars to make Christmas merry for others and to bring good cheer to themselves.

Rodney L. West, of Portland, died of ptomaine poisoning after cating his Christmas dinner. None of the family were affected and just what portion of the food contained the poison germs is unknown.

The family of Walter Johnson, now at the Salem penitentiary awaiting execution by hanging, as a penalty for the murder of Elmer Perdue, will make every effort to have Governor Chamberlain commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

-We'll buy your wool and mohair. Bring it in. Bailey.

Pacific Ave.

JAMES RASMUSEN Dealer in

FLOUR and FEED

Puter Case Dismissed.