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Writ of Review Denied. SAN FRANCISCO, November 14.—The Supreme Court to-day denied a writ of review applied for by the attorney for the Blythe Company.

Did Not Do as He Advertised. SANTA CLARA, Cal., November 14.—George Weston, a balloonist, was mobbed yesterday afternoon at Cedar Park for refusing to go up in his balloon and come down with a parachute, as he had advertised.

Smuggled Cigars Seized. SAN FRANCISCO, November 14.—The schooner Aloha from Honolulu was boarded by custom-house searchers on her arrival yesterday, and a thorough search of the vessel resulted in the seizure of over 8,000 cigars that had been smuggled on board.

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NORTH PACIFIC

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Happenings.

TAKEN HOT FROM THE WIRES. Budget of News for Easy Digestion From Different Parts of the States of Washington, Oregon and Idaho—Items of Interest to Pacific Coast People.

"Parkhursting" is not unknown in Tacoma. Spokane pays \$1,700 monthly for its electric lights.

The Bucoda-Tenino Enterprise is going to move to Cosmopolis. A stage is to be run from Fort Klammath to Crater Lake next summer.

Spokane's City Council proposes to pay only \$8 a month for arc lights. The first pile has been driven for a new cannery Sam Elmore is going to build at Astoria.

A threshing hand in Wallawa county, Or., has spent \$56 trying to collect \$27 due him for wages. Representative Belts is shipping 200 Oxford grade bulks from Pendleton to a Montana purchaser.

The Spokane bureau of immigration has decided to repeat the fruit fair next year, the date selected being the first week in October. A lot of nursery stock shipped from New York infested with woolly aphis was destroyed by State Inspector Tonneson at Winlock recently.

Work has begun at the Cascades on the job of raising the State Portage railroad to higher ground, so as to get it out of the way of the canal work. St. Joseph's Hospital of Aberdeen has issued a neat pamphlet commemorative of two years of very successful work on the part of the Sisters of St. Dominic.

It is thought now that the county seat will remain at Snohomish, as a three-fifths vote was required to change it and this, it is believed, Everett failed to secure. The questions of special tax levies for light, water, fire protection and street improvement purposes are to be submitted to the voters of Port Townsend on Wednesday of next week.

The attendance at the Cheney Normal School continues to increase, and now the enrollment in the normal department is ninety-eight, the largest number ever enrolled at this season of the year. Klamath and Lake counties, Or., will sell in all this fall about 15,000 head of cattle. Will some local statistician let us know whether the increase in sight is sufficient to make up for this drain upon the herds?

Many of the farmers around Spangle are going into hog-raising quite extensively. There will be a large number of hogs ready for market next year. The farmers are anxious to see a large packing-house in Spokane, so as to have a home market. John W. Clinton is logging opposite Coquille City on an extensive scale this season, employing about eighteen men and two teams. He has six acres of low ground completely covered with logs, waiting for high water to run them out.

In the cases of the State against Potts and against Parker, charged with murder in the second degree, tried last week in Harney county, the verdicts were guilty. Parker was sentenced to seven and one-half years and Potts to twelve years in the penitentiary. Oakesdale's water and electric light projects have finally come to grief. Judge Sullivan has sustained and made permanent the injunction against the proposed bond issue. The bonds exceed the town's legal indebtedness, and the electric light plant, the court finds, has decreased in value.

JAPAN IN NO HURRY.

No Answer Received as Yet to Our Offer to Arbitrate. WASHINGTON, November 16.—It is stated here in official circles that Japan has not yet accepted the invitation of the United States to submit the question of peace with China to our mediation.

While the statement is probably literally correct, there is reason to believe that Japan has requested as a preliminary to action upon our invitation that she be informed explicitly just what terms China has to propose as a basis of a treaty of peace. Up to this moment China has not submitted any definite proposals, so that the delay appears to be rather on her part than on Japan's.

It could not fairly be expected that the Japanese would halt in their triumphant march and perhaps afford their opponents a very potent opportunity to rally from their disorganized condition, unless Japan is furnished with some satisfactory proposition by China that may be binding beyond question upon the latter. No such satisfactory proposition has yet been made by China, but on the contrary the Chinese tenders so far have been on a basis that could not be accepted with safety and consistency by Japan.

For instance, a Chinese proposition was that Corea be evacuated by both Chinese and Japanese troops. Inasmuch as the principal cause of the war was Japan's contention that the entire Korean administrative and financial system must be reformed on modern lines, and that Japan must undertake the task, a temporary occupation of the country at least by Japan was a necessary condition. And consenting that the Japanese troops evacuate Corea immediately would also violate all precedent, for it is customary in such cases for the victorious nation to remain in possession of the captured territory as a pledge until the payment of the war indemnity. But, disregarding these points of difference, it is becoming more evident that the interference of European powers is a stumbling block in the way of a settlement of the war through the medium of the United States, nearly all having interests in the East which they regard as paramount to our own.

An official who has given much attention to the subject is of the opinion that Russia will never consent to anything which looks like an indefinite occupation of Corea by Japan, unless she is herself allowed to take possession of a portion of Corea for the Eastern terminus of the Siberian railroad. France is reported to have demanded a coaling station on the island of Formosa, and Great Britain has reached out for the island of Chusan.

JAPAN'S OUTLAY. TOKIO, November 16.—Japan has not yet received any peace overtures from China. If Japan accepts America's offer of mediation, she will do so only upon certain conditions concerning the question of indemnity. It is understood that Japan's actual outlay for the war up to the present has been about £30,000,000.

FROM THE FRONT. WASHINGTON, November 16.—The Japanese Minister to-night received the following cablegram from the Japanese government: Our army occupied Taitien Wan the afternoon of the 8th instant, having destroyed the Chinese torpedo-boats are fleet, anchored in the bay. The torpedo station with ignition equipments, charts of submarine torpedo-boats, eighty cannons and telephone line were captured.

YAMAGATA'S ARMY. TOKIO, November 16.—Dispatches from Field Marshal Yamagata say that he is continuing his advance on Manchuria. His left division is marching upon Sin Yon Ching, where a force of 20,000 Chinese under General Ma is encamped. The right division recently routed a large force of Chinese cavalry on the road to Lin San Kwan, which was occupied later without opposition from the Chinese. The division is now advancing upon Wo Tin Tang, where the Chinese under General Tso have taken a position.

RATES TO SPOKANE

Advance in the New Commodity Tariff to the Interior.

AVERAGE OF THE ADVANCE. An Increase Which Will Put the Coast Terminals on a Better Basis—List of the Commodities on Which the Rates Are Unchanged.

PORTLAND, November 15.—Commodity rates from Chicago, the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to North Pacific terminals were advanced October 20. Rates to intermediate points have been adjusted, and advance will be made to-day. This will put the Coast on a better basis with the interior. Out of 109 commodities, however, only forty-two have been raised. Among the commodities on which rates are unchanged are the following:

Agricultural implements, apples and cider, axes, beer, glass bottles, pressed brick, broom corn, butter, buttermilk, eggs, cheese, dressed poultry, canned goods, cereals, cereal products, lamp chimneys, coffee, condensed milk, crockery, earthenware, fresh fruit, furniture, nails and spikes, horsehoe nails, linseed oil in tank cars, starch and syrup.

The table below shows a comparison of the old commodity rate to Spokane, the new rate to Spokane and the rate to Coast terminals from Chicago and common points—carload lots:

Table with 4 columns: Commodity, Old Rate, New Rate, Coast Rate. Includes items like Baking powder, Candles, Coffee, etc.

OF the commodities mentioned in only a few instances are the rates lower to Portland than to Spokane—fence wire, for instance. The average advance on other articles over the former rate is 11 per cent. On candles, coffee and plate glass the rate to Spokane is made the same as to Coast terminals.

ROBBED BY COOK'S GANG.

Passenger Train Held Up by Fifteen Unmasked Villains. FORT SMITH, Ark., November 15.—Train No. 2, southbound on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, was held up and robbed at 10 p. m. at a little siding, Blackstone, five miles north of Muskogee. There were fifteen men in the gang, all unmasked. The switch was thrown and the train run into a track on which were several box cars. An attempt was made to enter the express car, but it was unsuccessful. The robbers, finding themselves foiled in this, commenced robbing the passengers, who up to this time had been merely kept under guard by men stationed in either door of each coach. Two hundred and sixty dollars in money and eight gold watches were secured. The robbers then withdrew. One of the train crew claims to have recognized Bill Cook as one of the bandits. The reason that more money was not secured laid in the fact that, while the robbers were endeavoring to get into the express car, the passengers disposed of much of their valuables. The scene of the hold-up is in the midst of the Cook rendezvous, all that country lying between the Arkansas and Verdigris rivers being particularly suited to the purposes of lawless bands. Almost the entire force of Marshals are now in that country.

CHLORAL FOUND IN THE STOMACH.

TACOMA, November 15.—Chemist Davidson to-night reported to the Coroner that he found chloral in quantity sufficient to kill in the stomach of Madison M. Bartlett, whose dead body was found on the sidewalk the morning of November 5. Some thought Bartlett had been murdered, but this clears up the mystery and leads to the conclusion that he took an overdose of the drug before closing his cigar store to go home early that morning. At the inquest several witnesses testified that Bartlett sometimes used chloral and morphine to produce sleep, and the theory is that he took the drug that night downtown in order that he might sleep as soon as he reached home. The Coroner's jury, which adjourned awaiting the chemist's report, will hold its final session to-morrow.

DIPHTHERIC MUCUS IN THE EYE.

CINCINNATI, November 15.—Dr. Emanuel Schwab of Madison Pike, Walnut Hills, is suffering from an affliction of the eyes, resulting from a peculiar cause. He has among his patients one who is suffering from diphtheria. While visiting his patient he was in the act of examining the throat when the sufferer coughed. As he did so a piece of mucus from the throat struck the doctor in the eyes. Dr. Schwab finished his work. In a few hours one of the eyes began to burn, and soon became inflamed. He realized that the poisoned mucus had affected the tender lining of the eye, and when it refused to yield to simple treatment he called an oculist. An examination developed that the poison had impregnated the muscles of the eye, and that it was a serious case.

THE ACT INVALID.

The Obligations of the Arizona Counties Cannot be Enforced. PHOENIX, A. T., November 15.—The Republican will publish to-morrow the substance of a recent decision by the Supreme Court of the United States, which invalidates the Territorial indebtedness, amounting to \$750,000. The decision was in the case of Charles Edward Lewis vs. Pima county to enforce the collection of 2,250 coupons attached to 150 bonds issued by the defendant county in 1883 under an act of the Legislature of that year directing the Board of Supervisors to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 in favor of the Arizona Narrow Gauge railroad. The Legislature construed its authority to enact such a law in spite of the restriction which confined its appropriation of public money to "the necessary administration of its internal affairs." Suit was brought against the county three years ago, and the verdict was rendered for the defendant, Judge Sloan holding that the legislation creating bonds was special and contrary to the Harrison act. The United States Supreme Court takes no account of this view, but declares that the Legislature was restricted by a clause which confines it to this species of legislation only in favor of improvements of internal affairs. The decision closes in the following language: "We are compelled to hold that the bonds in question create no obligation against the county which a court of law can enforce."

This decision affects an issue of \$200,000 by Maricopa county in favor of the Maricopa and Phoenix railroad and an issue of \$250,000 by Yavapai county in favor of the now defunct Prescott and Arizona Central.

FOR THE DELEGATES.

Instructions Agreed Upon by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. SEATTLE, November 15.—The Chamber of Commerce to-day agreed upon the instructions to the delegates to the Trans-Atlantic Congress to be held at St. Louis November 28. The delegates will be instructed to oppose free coinage of silver; favor the building of the Nicaragua canal; favor appropriations for the Lake Washington canal; favor transferring government lands to the State; favor giving Alaska local or territorial government; favor the removal of the bonding privilege to foreign railroads.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

Simon Rumpf, formerly a jeweler in this city, who defrauded his creditors and left the country, had three more suits commenced against him and Joseph Mayer to recover on goods sold. W. and S. Blackinton charge conspiracy on the part of Rumpf and Mayer to defraud all persons and corporations that would trust them. REQUISITION PAPERS REFUSED. Governor McGraw to-day refused to give Chief of Police Rogers of this city requisition papers for Matt Rie, a notorious bunco man arrested in Los Angeles last week. The Governor held that the Sheriff was the proper person, as the State would thereby save \$5 a day. Rie is under a three years' sentence to the penitentiary for operating in this city, and while his case was being heard on appeal to the Supreme Court jumped his bond.

HIS COFFEE DRUGGED.

Deputy United States Marshal Outwitted by His Prisoner. ST. LOUIS, November 15.—Deputy United States Marshal Henry Miller of San Francisco reached St. Louis to-day. He left San Francisco last Thursday with Henry Smythe accused of using the mails to defraud Chicago merchants. Monday afternoon at Little Rock, Ark., Smythe disappeared from the train so mysteriously that Miller has not yet recovered the prisoner. Smythe's wife and daughter were on the train.

"When we reached Toxarkana Monday," said Miller, "Mrs. Smythe made coffee in the car and prepared the meal. An hour and a half afterward I had a dreadful pain and was almost overcome by a drowsy feeling. My head felt as if it was in a vise. None of the others were taken sick. The inference is obvious. Early in the afternoon, when the train reached Little Rock, I walked along the platform to the front car, and when I got on board I did not see Smythe. I noticed that while I had been on the platform the waterman had unlocked the rear door to supply the drinking tank, and Smythe had evidently skipped by them."

NORTHERN PACIFIC CONNECTION.

TACOMA, November 15.—It is announced that an English syndicate has contracted to build the Fraser Valley and Burrard Inlet railway, fifty-one miles long, from Sumas, Wash., to Vancouver, B. C., providing the city of Vancouver gives the promised subsidy of \$550,000 and grants an extension of one year's time, or to December 31, 1895, in which to build the road. The line was to be finished by December 31 next, but the business depression prevented. The arrangement made is that the Englishmen shall take the subsidy and then build, own and operate the road. By a traffic agreement already provided the line will be in reality a branch of the Northern Pacific running into the Canadian Pacific's territory, as originally intended. The Northern Pacific's object, it is said, is to cut rates to Vancouver, if the Canadian Pacific cuts rates into its territory. If the extension of time is granted, the line will be built early in the summer. Over \$60,000 has been spent on it to date.

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