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WASHINGTON, December 13.—Blair's NORTHWEST NEWS

amendment to the Cooper substitute, which gave Congress power to change, rescind or dissolve pooling arrangements at any time, was agreed to without di- Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Happenings.

Police Court this morning Judge Low TAKEN HOT FROM THE WIRES held Thomas Flynn, editor of the Wasp,

Budget of News for Easy Digestion From ington, Oregon and Idaho-Items of Interest to Pacific Coast People.

Day of the Ute agency has been in-Spokane's Mozart Club is rehearing structed to follow the Utes into Southeastern Utah and bring them back to

About 50,000 bushels of wheat are stored at Helix, Or.

It costs a sneep pelt to be married be fore Judge Goddard of Talent, Or. The corporations of Brownsville and North Brownsville, Or., are thinking of

M. Costello, a Tekon saddier, has received \$3,000 back pension and a perma-All legal work promptly and carefully atnent allowance.

Several well-to-do families, recently from Nebraska, have bought farms near

McMinnville, Or. A term of winter school for farmers will be given at the Pullman Agricultural

College, beginning in the latter part of Mr. Rasmus, who recently filled a pulpit at Palouse City, has gone into the show business, and is rehearing some amateurs in "Damon and Pythias."

Last Friday a deal was closed by which the Hotel Medford became the property of Captain J. T. C. Nash of Corvallis, Or. The consideration was about \$8,000.

The fisheries of San Juan, Wash., are Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, assuming considerable importance for the first time this season. The Friday Harbor cannery, which commenced op-Collections promptly and carefully attended erations last spring, has put up nearly 11,000 cases of salmon.

Medford school district has an indebting arrangements to fund it.

A 1,100-pound horse was sold at anction by the Corvallis Chief of Police Tuesday, and brought the sum of \$1 and no more. The horse has been in the city pound for five days, and the bill for his feed was \$2.50, in which sum the city is duly "horsed."

The Spokane National Bank's affairs cern has already paid about 90 cents on communication on this

The Walla Walla farmers made a mess of their contribution to the Pullman College tests of sugar beets. Instead of sending in those of average size, as in-structed, they picked out the largest. One weighed 136 onnces. The result was that their percentage of sugar and purity was very low.

The Puget Sound Lumberman for December says a Washington cedar shingle company with a capital of \$500,000 is being organized to control the shingle trade in the State numbering 234, the product to be handled by the company.

Persons arriving in valley towns from Newport on Yaquina Bay state that Monday the tide rose to the extraordinary height of twelve feet, sweeping away several sidewalks and cross walks along the water front and doing other damage. The usual tide is about six feet and when it touches the eight-foot mark the inhabitants in that section begin to think a tidal wave of no small proportions is coming.

MEAT AGAINST SUGAR.

The Cattlemen Are to Lock Borns With Havemeyer's Trust.

Washington, December 14.-Word has reached here that the vast cattle interests of the West, representing an invested capital of not less than \$500,000. 000, are about to grapple in a death-lock struggle with the Sugar Trust, and that the direction of the fighting is to be lodged with P. D. Armour, Nelson Morris and E. S. Swift, the Chicago kings of Different Parts of the States of Wash- the meat trade. The United States is to be the battle ground, and unless the programme miscarries the encounter between these colossal interests will furnish the crowning sensation of the short session of Congress. Free sugar is a necessity for the free transportation of meat products to the great consuming markets of Europe. The imposition of a daty on sugar was promptly met by the raising of an embargo against American beef by Germany and Denmark, and the spirit of retaliation is being encouraged by other foreign nations with menacing heartiness.

The merits of this question having been pretty thoroughly acceded, mention is only required in this connection to emphasize the point that Germany has indicated clearly that she does not propose to recede from the position taken with regard to American meats until the discrimination against the beet-sugar enterprises of the German Empire is removed. German commercial intrigue is fanning the flame of hostility throughont Enrope toward American meats, and a renewal of the vindictive and general warfare against the American meat products on the part of the old world nations is not only threatened, but felt A wind storm the other night moved to be imminent. The American meat about several of the buildings at the trade with foreign countries approximission at the Umatilla agency. The mates \$15,000,000 a year, and anything windmill and tower of the water plant that threatens its mighty business in a vital or important way instantly touches the pockets of one of the most powerful combinations in existence.

The cattle raisers are in a state of perpetual warfare with the great packence of a common enemy, a community of interests is at once formed and a edness of \$8,500, on which it pays \$850 united front presented. Therefore, the interest annually. The directors have cattle raisers, the cattle-killers and the meat distributers are pooling their issues ness at 8 per cent interest, and are mak- and preparing to remove the cause of irritation that is disturbing their estab-lished trade. The duty on sugar being that cause, they will bombard the trust. Nelson Morris, who has been abroad for several months, brings back the report that the prejudice against American mea.s can easily be removed by the repeal of the discriminating duty on sugar. Mr. Morcis furnishes more meat supplies to the armies of Europe than any halfare being rapidly wound up, the last dozen contractors in the world, and his chapter of the settlement being the sale relations with foreign governments are Leaves Ar legion every morning (sunday excerted) at 6 o'clock, is due at Condon at 3 p. M.,
and arrives at 7 p. M.
conformation of the various notes, indy
ments, stocks, furniture, etc. The conconformation on this subject almost spiration-the money bags of all the principal nations of the old world. Morris has also caused the word to be passed down the line that, if the discriminating sugar duty is removed, he has authoritative assurances that the former harmony with American meat importers will be

The condition being thus squarely defined, a line of action was soon agreed upon. The details of this campaign have not been fully matured, but the general outlines have, subject, of course, to modof the State of Washington. The scheme iffication. The purpose is to go against includes leasing all of the shingle mills the Sugar Trust in the Senate at the first opportunity even at the risk of blocking all kinds of legislation and forcing an extraordinary session. The theory upon which this proposition is based is that the meat interests are of more importance than sugar, the Nicaraguan canal appropriation or anything else that can come up, and that Congress must pro-tect them. In this fight the meat men feel that they command the aggressive support of the Senators from every Western and Southern State, and will put up a combination that will be invincible.

Rifles,

WAR IN THE ORIENT

The Japanese Once More Defeat the Unlucky Chinese.

YAMAGATA STARTS FOR HOME

The Fruits of the Victory Were Two Banners, Ten Prisoners and a Large Number of Rifles-Chinese Loss in Killed and Wounded.

London, December 13.-A dispatch to the Central News from Antong says that a Japanese division Monday, December 10, defeated the Chinese near Kin Kwa Hu. The Chinese lost 100 killed, and a large number were wounded. The Japanese, whose loss was only forty killed and wounded, captured two banners, ten prisoners and a large number of rifles. Four thousand Chinese were engaged. The Chinese fled toward Tso Hun Kou. Field Marshal Yamagata has started for home.

AFTER FOO CHOW AND NEW CHWANG. Hівовніма, December 13.—Field Marshal Oyama is still at Port Arthur. The Chinese are concentrating at Foo Chow, and a Japanese brigade under General Noge is marching to attack them. The column of the second Japanese army sent to attack Foo Chow has met with no resistance so far. The column retains communication with the forces of the first army, which is simultaneously advancing on the enemy. It is reported that the Chinese are concentrating at New Chwang. A detachment of the first army is advancing on Hai Ching, east of New Chwang. This detachment has met with resistance, but the advance continues.

FORE: GNEES IN PEKING.

LONDON, December 13.-The Globe this atternoon prints a letter from a British resident of China, who occupies position which brings him in touch with the Mandarins and masses. He says: "A tragedy may occur any day, and when the Japanese come in sight of the capital I feel cer ain every foreigner will be massacred. The foreign Minis-ters will incur a perfectly insane risk in they remain there after ice has closed the port of Tien Tsin. The greatest danger is in the fact that nearly all the soldiers are members of a secret society which is ready to break out at the first

THE ILL FEELING INCREASING. Pering, December 13.-The angry feeling of the Chinese population here against foreigners is increasing. KIN CHOW TAKEN.

December 13.-A Tien the dollar; so depositors will not lose the stamp of official. He is in touch dispatch says that the Japanese have much. captured Kin Chow, fifty miles north of Shan Hai Kwan.

HOHENLOHE'S POLICY.

He Will Not Follow His Predecessors in All Things.

was crowded to-day in expectation of Socialists who refused to respond to the President's call for cheers for the Kaiser last Thursday. President von Levetzow opened the sitting and read the petition of the Public Prosecutor for the prosecu-tion of the offending Deputies. The pe-tition was referred. Chancellor Hohenlohe then rose and read the budget statement. After intimating that he would not follow in all things in the way of his predecessors he dwelt upon the necessity for finance reform and a rearrangement of the relations between the Empire and individual States, and expanded the ideas set forth by the Emperor in his speech. He concluded by calling attention to the necessity of strengthening the common laws against movements designed to undermine the authority of the State. Dr. von Boet-ticher, replying to Richter, declined to divulge the Emperor's reason for accepting Chancellor Caprivi's resignation.

Withdrawal of Gold.

Washington, December 13 .- Gold continues to be withdrawn from the treasury in exchange for legal tender notes. Over \$2,500,000 was taken yesterday and to-day. Since November 13 withdrawals by days have been: December 1, \$46. 082: December 3, 1668.485; December 4 \$827,656; December 5, \$1,862,188; December 6, \$1,188,737; December 7, \$1,318,004; December 8, \$1,794,172; December 10, \$847,922. The gold reserve at the close of business to-day declined to includes the gold reserve, stood at \$135,-453,000.

Fraudulent Pension Swindlers. Washington, December 13 .- The pension bureau has received a report from Special Examiner Stockslager at Fort Smith, Ark., announcing the sentence of Tom Bear to six years in the peniten-tiary and of T. J. Thornton to six months in jail and a fine of \$200. They were connected with fully 500 pension claims said to be fraudulent, and the commission of five special examiners under the supervision of Examiner Stockslager is still at work on the conspiracy.

Minera Versus Rattroads.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 13 .- Cali fornia miners are working for the enactment of a law similar to that in force in Idaho and Montana. This is to prevent subsidized railroads taking possession of mineral lands arbitrarily.

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The Horrible Crime Committed by a Missouri Maniac.

RIDGEWAY, Mo., December 13 .- The most horrible human butchery ever recorded in this section was committed five miles southwest of this city to-day. David G. Spragg in a fit of insanity murdered his wife and two children and mortally wounded his two stepchildren, and then took his own life. The weapon which the maniac wielded with such appalling results was a large butcher knife. The nearest neighbor of the Spraggs lived almost a mile distant, and it was some time before the news of the crime spread. In a few hours numbers of people arrived from town, and an investigation of the scene was made.

A most sickening sight met their gaze. Lying in the yard near the gate was the remains of Mrs. Spragg, mutilated almost beyond recognition. In the little dwelling in one corner of the sitting coom lay the lifeless body of little Caley, 6 years old, and in the other Albert, a lour-year-old boy. On the kitchen floor, with blood besmeared all over his hands and face and still clinching the terrible instrument of death, lay the author of the awful crimes. Two stepchildren of Spragg, both under 6 years, were taken to the home of a neighbor, where they are dying from dozens of cuts that cover their little bodies. Evidences of a terrible struggle were plainly visible in the Spragg home, where the walls and fur-niture were spattered with blood. The particulars of the butchery are learned from Dora, the eleven-year-old step-daughter of Spragg, who, eluding her -tepfather's murderous grasp, escaped to a neighbor's and gave the alarm.

Spragg had been complaining all morning of his head, and the nearest neighbor, Mr. Meyers, was sent to Ridgeway for a doctor. Soon after Meyers left spragg tied Caley's hands behind him and deliberately cut his throat. Mrs. spragg rushed into the room and attentional to interfers when Socram and attention of the control of the contro tempted to interfere, when Spragg made for her. She ran into the yard, around the house and then into it again, closely followed by Spragg. In the house he caught her, and a desperate struggle re-sulted. He literally backed her head and face to pieces, and then, cutting her head almost from the body, dragged her by the hair into the yard. Covered with gore, the human monster returned to the nouse to continue his work.

Dora, who was sick in bed, had climbed ont of a window in the meantime and scaped. When the people first began o arrive they were kept from entering y Spragg, who stood in the door with a oaded shotgan. Finally he locked the loor, and it was then that he butchered is stepchildren. Just as the crowd was preparing to break into the house two -hots were heard, and when the door was finally forced open Spragg was dead and the scene as described was presented to view. The two stepchildren cannot re-

ABOUT A LITTLE WORD.

Negroes Wish to be Admitted to Labor Organizations. PHILADELPHIA, December 10 .- A vigor-

ous effort will be made by leading colored men at the labor conference to be held Berlin, December 13 .- The Reichstag in Denver this week to have the word 'white" stricken from the constitution seeing exciting scenes over the motion of the labor organizations. To day's of Chancellor Hohenlohe to proceute the issue of the Christian Recorder, the organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, contains an open letter to John Burns, who has come to this country from England for the purpose of attending the conference, to espouse the cause of the colored men in the light for equal

rights. The letter says in part:
"In the name of the rights of labor we ask you to make some notes for your countrymen at home concerning more than 8,000,000 workmen in this country, who suffer the greatest injustice at the hands of organized labor in the United States. In the name of these colored works en we urge you to report upon the conditions which exist in this country and to recommend that there be no co operation on the part of the British trades unions until the American trades unions shall give all workmen in this broad land equality of opportunity.

"Mr. Powderly made a magnificent stand for justice at Richmond, and his influence began to wane from that moment. Mr. compers has attempted to do something, but he stands almost alone. There are a few leaders like these, who, unable to inaugurate an agitation for equality, would welcome from you a fraternal word or warning to the effect that they who would demand their rights must respect the rights of others."

Bailey Bond Resolution.

Washington, December 13 .- The Judiciary Committee at its meeting this morning authorized Chairman Culhertson to request the Committee on Rules \$106,621,428. The general balance, which includes the gold reserve, stood at \$135,-453,000. to bring in a special order setting aside a date as soon after the holidays as possible for the consideration of the Bailey bond resolution.

> Granted Dollars, Denied Amnesty. Colon, December 13 .- Ex-Chief Clarence, the former ruler of the Mosquito Territory, has been granted a maintenance of \$22 per day by the British gov-ernment. The Nicaraguan government has issued a decree granting amnesty to all of the members of the defunct Mosquito Territory government, with the ex-ception of ex-Chief Clarence.

> Moqui Ringlenders Arrested. WASHINGTON, December 13 .- Captain Williams, the Indian Agent at the Navajo agency, Arizona, reports to the Interior Department that he has arrested

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