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## HALL IS REMOVED.

Summary Action by the President in  
Land Fraud Cases.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President  
Roosevelt has directed the absolute  
removal of John H. Hall, United States  
district attorney for the district of Ore-  
gon. The action was taken at the re-  
quest of Francis J. Heney, who was  
then in the city, as the nominal assist-  
ant of Mr. Hall, the land fraud cases  
in Oregon.

The announcement of this action was  
made by Attorney General Moody as he  
was leaving the White House after a  
conference with the president. Mr.  
Moody declined to say what the charge  
against Mr. Hall were, if any, but did  
say that it was for the good of the ser-  
vice to dispense with him, particularly  
in regard to the conduct of the land  
fraud cases now being investigated.

## Mitchell and Hermann Indicted.

Portland, Jan. 3.—The Federal grand  
jury fulfilled the expectations of the  
public when it returned indictments  
against Senator Mitchell, Blinger Her-  
mann and George Sorenson. Mitchell  
and Hermann were indicted jointly and  
are charged with having conspired with  
all of the defendants heretofore indi-  
cated to defraud the government out of  
land situated in township 11 south,  
range 7 east. Sorenson is indicted for  
having offered a bribe of \$5,000 to Dis-  
trict Attorney Hall on March 28 last,  
when the indictment against the con-  
spirators who were convicted in the  
recent trial was pending in the Federal  
court.

## New Navy for Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—With refer-  
ence to the report published in the  
United States under a St. Petersburg  
date that Emperor Nicholas has peti-  
tioned the expenditure of \$80,000,000  
for rebuilding the navy, the fact is  
that Russia's naval program has not  
yet been definitely decided or promul-  
gated. All that is positively known is  
that the plans cover a long period of  
years. The absolute necessity of a sea  
power is one of Russia's latest lessons  
of the present war.

## Bay City is Shocked.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—This city  
experienced a number of earthquake  
shocks today. At 3.20 o'clock a severe  
shock, which lasted for six seconds,  
occurred. At 4.25 o'clock and a few  
minutes before 8 o'clock tonight other  
shocks were felt. The plate glass in a  
few buildings was shattered. One of  
the small towers on the city hall was  
twisted. Officials at the hall, how-  
ever, say that the tower was faintly  
constructed.

## Cold Suspends Mobilization.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The intense-  
ly cold weather which prevails in the  
center of Russia has caused a temporary  
suspension of the mobilization and  
movement of troops. Today the tem-  
perature is 40 degrees below Fahr-  
enheit.

## As an additional precaution, all the blank cartridge cases at the Frankford arsenal have been overhauled and weighed, with the result that one half cartridge was found. In that case the person who packed the case was dis- charged.

Toward against the possibility of  
such an occurrence, General Crozier  
has directed that each box of blank  
cartridges shall be weighed before seal-  
ing. The presence of a half cartridge  
can be easily detected by this method.

## WHIP WIFE-BEATERS.

## Washington Grand Jury Adopts the President's Suggestion.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The local  
grand jury in making its final report  
for the present term of the supreme  
court of the District of Columbia today  
recommended the establishment of  
whipping-posts in the district. The  
question has been much agitated ever  
since the president in his last annual  
message recommended corporal punish-  
ment for wife-beaters in the District of  
Columbia. The recommendation of the  
jury was as follows:

"The efficacy of establishing the  
whipping-post as a means of punishing  
wife-beaters and petty larceny offenses  
has been investigated by this body, and  
the majority of the members are of the  
opinion that it would prove very effec-  
tive in reducing the number of these  
represensible crimes."

## Bandits Are Supreme.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The measures con-  
templated by the French government  
for the security of the neighborhood of  
the towns in Mexico have not yet been  
completed, partly owing to the fact  
that there has not yet been the time  
necessary for the purpose since France  
first undertook the task, and partly be-  
cause many matters of detail remain to  
be settled when the French representa-  
tive, M. Saint Rebe, Tallander, meets  
the sultan at Fez at the end of the  
month. Oriental dilatoriness also  
counts for something in the delay.

## Coal for Russian Fleet.

Bombay, Jan. 4.—Russian agents  
here are endeavoring to purchase 100  
tons of coal and to charter vessels to  
carry it. Up to the present no ship-  
ments have been made, but it is be-  
lieved that the British steamer Henry  
Bolkow, of 639 tons net, owned by the  
Bombay & Persian steam navigation  
company, limited, of Bombay, has  
been sold to Russia. She has sailed,  
hence in ballast for Saigon, French  
Cochin China.

## Two Cruisers Return.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A report  
that the cruisers Orzel and Lennard, of  
the second Pacific squadron, have been  
ordered to return is current here, but  
lacks official confirmation. If the re-  
port should prove true, Vice Admiral  
Rojstvensky may be obliged to search  
reinforcements from the Third Pacific  
squadron.

ingly to work under the supervision of  
W. T. Perry, of Portland, in the develop-  
ment of the property. The land en-  
compasses much good timber, water right  
and quartz and placer diggings. The  
quartz ledges will be given especial at-  
tention by the Michigan company, as  
the veins give promise of unusual  
worth. Buildings and quarters for the  
workmen will be erected at once, and  
the opening up of the claims will pro-  
ceed with the best possible dispatch.

## Coming Events.

Inland Empire Sunday school insti-  
tute, Pendleton, January 30.

Animal shows, Polk County Goat,  
Poultry and Sheep association, Dallas,  
January 19-20; poultry show, New-  
berg, January 10-13; poultry show,  
Albany, January, 18-21.

State Horticultural society, Portland,  
January 10-11.

Prohibition Oratorical-League con-  
test, McMinnville, April 14.

National American Woman Suffrage  
association, Portland, June 22-28.

Lewis and Clark Centennial ex-  
position, Portland, June 1-October 15.

## Diphtheria Under Control.

Grants Pass.—The health officers of  
the city have the diphtheria epidemic  
manifest here for several weeks past,  
well under control. The original 13 or  
14 cases have now been reduced to five  
or six, and most of these are on the  
way to recovery. Five deaths occurred,  
strict quarantine regulations have been  
enforced upon those afflicted, and upon  
the inmates of residences where the  
disease has been. Coming at Christ-  
mas time, the dread caused a consider-  
able falling off in the anticipated holi-  
day shopping.

## To Enlarge Brick Plant.

Eugene.—After a year or more of  
planning and experimenting, Messrs.  
Martin & Mack, who own the brick-  
yard on Wallace street, near this city,  
have finally completed arrangements  
to enlarge their plant to a great ex-  
tent. They intend to put up a large  
building, a new mud mill to be secur-  
ed, and several other pieces of machin-  
ery, which will make their plant com-  
plete. The new plant will be a great  
addition to Lane county.

## Reserve Land Restored.

Oregon City.—By the recent order of  
the Interior department there is rein-  
stated for public entry substantially  
the same acreage in the Cascade forest  
reserve that was withdrawn about one  
year ago, pending an investigation by  
the department. Much of this land,  
having been restored to settlement,  
will be open to settlers within three  
months through the Oregon City land  
office.

## Road to Sweetstake.

Cottage Grove.—John Brund and  
Alex Lundberg have built 600 feet of  
road from the Sweetstake group to a  
point near the Venus mine. When  
completed the road will be two miles  
long and will be of great advantage to  
the Sweetstake locality.

## Line Into Nehalem.

Astoria.—While no information of an  
official nature can be obtained, there is  
an authentic report that the Astoria &  
Columbia River Railroad company has  
purchased the six miles of logging road  
built by the Benson Logging company  
at Clatskanie, and is preparing to ex-  
tend it into the Nehalem valley, as an  
excellent grade can be found in that  
section. The road, which is of stand-  
ard gauge, was built and equipped for  
conducting logging operations. Re-  
cently all the logging trains were taken  
off, and the line is now used exclusiv-  
ely by the railway in hauling freight to  
Clatskanie and vicinity.

## Power for Trolley Roads.

Eugene.—Chief Engineer Diers, of  
the Willamette Valley Electric Rail-  
way company, is now preparing to put  
a force of men at work at Martin's  
Rapids, on the McKenzie river, where  
the waters are to be taken out by  
means of a flume and conducted to the  
site selected for the power station some  
distance below. The engineer's esti-  
mates that 5,000-horsepower will be  
developed, which, he thinks, will be  
sufficient for operating the entire sys-  
tem of electric roads as planned at the  
present time.

## Bores for Artesian Water.

Baker City.—W. L. Vinson, manager  
of the Emma mine, a few miles east of  
this city, has begun to bore an artesian  
well to obtain water for the mine.  
The work is being watched with a great  
deal of interest by a number of people  
who own land in the vicinity of the  
mine. If Mr. Vinson succeeds in pro-  
ducing water it will demonstrate the  
fact that perhaps other land can be  
brought under cultivation by boring  
wells for irrigation.

## Price-Packed Fruit.

La Grande.—The Oregonian Produce  
company, of La Grande, has been  
awarded first honors by a committee of  
over 50 commission men and dealers in  
San Francisco, for the best packed  
fruit, competing with Colorado, Cali-  
fornia, Washington and Idaho. A. A.  
Gust, manager of the company in this  
city, has just returned from San Fran-  
cisco.

## Year's Work Shows Progress.

Cottage Grove.—The year that has  
just passed finds the Bohemia mining  
district in advance of the years that  
have gone by. There has been no  
boom, but lots of good hard work that  
showed when the books were closed at  
the end of the year. The quantity  
and quality of the ores are satisfying  
to the owners.

## THE MARKETS.

Wheat—Portland—Walla Walla,  
85c; Bluestem, 84c; valley, 87c.  
Tacoma—Bluestem, 85c; club, 85c.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 31c.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c; 27c.  
Hops—Choice, 29c; 30c; prime, 27c;  
28c.  
Wool—Valley, 19c; 20c; Eastern Ore-  
gon, 10c; 17c; mohair, 25c; 26c.

## President is Making Several Changes Among Ambassadors.

on, Jan. 3.—President  
devoting some time at  
consideration of important  
in the diplomatic and  
vice, which are to be made  
him at the beginning of

Secretary Hay had a  
with the president today be-  
ing of the cabinet, and  
and that the matter of ap-  
in the diplomatic service  
of the subjects discussed.  
Final announcement of the  
attention regarding the po-  
yet been made, it is known  
is decided upon several  
Joseph H. Choate, ambas-  
sador of St. James, has indi-  
he does not desire to con-  
tinue in office. He will be suc-  
ceeded by Francis  
Horace Porter, American  
to France, will retire from  
office after March 4. He  
was the late President Me-  
ad with the expiration of his  
will have served the  
at the French capital.  
The president has decid-  
ed on the successor, but at  
announcement of his de-  
cision.

John K. Gowley, American am-  
bassador to Germany, and Robert S.  
American ambassador to  
continue at their respect-  
ive posts.

Storer, American ambas-  
sador to Hungary, will continue  
in place until the president  
appoints him to another post.  
The ambassadorship to Italy  
will be filled by the appoint-  
ment of a new ambassador.  
It is expected that Mr.  
Meyer will be succeeded by  
at Paris, but it can be  
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John K. Gowley, who was appointed  
by President McKinley American  
consul general at Paris, will be succeeded  
by F. H. Mason, who is now consul  
general at Berlin. In succession to  
Mr. Mason, John Lewis Griffiths, of  
Indianapolis, will be named.

It is expected that some other changes  
will be made in the corps of American  
ministers, but at this time they are not  
obtainable for publication.

## New Fraser River Mill.

New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 3.—A  
large sawmill on the Fraser river that  
has been closed for 15 years will open  
in a few weeks to cut 250,000 feet of  
lumber a day, under American capital.  
The mill was purchased by Lester W.  
David, for years manager of the Mon-  
arch lumber mill in Blaine. The  
company will be known as the Fraser  
River Lumber Mills company and will  
employ nearly 300 men. It will ship  
both by rail and vessels. In the ma-  
rine shipping, E. J. Dodge, the million-  
aire lumber man of San Francisco, will  
use his own fleet of lumber vessels.  
Already a market has been opened in  
Australia and the first cargo sent by  
water will go there.

## Cunning of the Japanese.

Mukden, Jan. 3.—Irrefutable evi-  
dence has been obtained at head-  
quarters that the Japanese are not only  
hiring Chinese bandits to operate on the  
Russian flanks, but that they are en-  
listing Chinese under Japanese officers.  
The Japanese are adopting cunning ex-  
pedients to defeat surprise attacks of  
the Russian scouts, from which they  
have suffered so much. They cover  
the steep approaches of their trenches  
with water, which freezes, forms ice  
slides and makes the scouts slip and  
fall in confusion.

## Good Health on Isthmus.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Commissioner  
Greene and Examiner Snyder, of the  
civil service commission, returned here  
today from a three weeks' visit to the  
Panama canal zone, where they went  
for the purpose of introducing the  
commission's rule for the employment  
of people connected with the canal.  
There has been an average of 1,500  
Americans on the isthmus for the past  
eight months, and not one death has  
occurred among them.

## Chicago is Not Liable.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Charles M.  
Walker today decided that the city of  
Chicago is not liable for damages grow-  
ing out of the loss of life in connection  
with the Iroquois theater fire. This  
was the last day in which, under the  
law, claims for damages could be filed.  
In the last hour of the court today 49  
suits aggregating \$490,000 were filed  
in the circuit and supreme courts.