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## Huerta's Plans Are Seriously Upset by the Mikado Japanese Emperor Refuses to See Diaz Officially

### CLERICAL ERROR NECESSITATES A REFUND OF \$17,280.45 TO THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RY. CO.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ORDERED TO REPAY NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS**  
Special Meeting of Directors Held Monday to Consider the Matter. But No Action Was Taken Regarding Refund—Mistake Came About Through an Error in Using Decimal Point in Figuring 1912 Tax Roll

As a result of an error in using the decimal point in figuring the 1912 taxes of the Southern Pacific, that company overpaid Klamath county by \$17,389.45.

The company has asked for a refund of that amount, and this has been taken up by the county court, following the statement of the assessor's office that it was at fault in the matter, and the statement of Charles Parrish, who experted the county's books.

In this regard, Parrish made the following report:

"In regard to the application of the Southern Pacific railway for rebate or refund of taxes, which same is hereto annexed, I beg to state: That the same was referred to me, and I have carefully checked the assessment of said company on the 1912 tax roll, and find the same agrees with the statement of Mr. Eddy in their application for refund.

"I have examined the schedule furnished by the said company to the assessor of the personal property, upon which refund is asked, and find that the clerks in the assessor's office made an error in the valuation of same, one hundred times greater than the amounts set out in said schedule, thereby increasing the net taxes on the property named in the sum of \$17,280.45.

"That said taxes have been paid and turned over to the county treasurer by the sheriff, and distributed to the several funds, as noted on the tax roll and distribution ledger in custody of the sheriff.

"That the said Southern Pacific Railroad company is entitled to a refund of said amount of \$17,389.45, as requested in their application hereto annexed, provided that the law governing the county board of equalization does not make it incumbent on them to appear at the session of said board and then there make application for a reduction in the assessment value of property listed. This being an extraordinary case, however.

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### MUST CUT WEEDS OR PAY A FINE

### HERALD GIVEN CREDIT FOR A WHOLESALE WEED HARVEST THROUGHOUT THE CITY—PENALTY IS \$5 TO \$100

In order to make it compulsory for residents of the city to keep the weeds cut, the council at last night's meeting amended the nuisance ordinance to make failure to remove the weeds an infraction. Violations of this ordinance are punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$100.

Under the provisions of the amendment, any owner, agent or occupant of the property is held responsible for the removal of weeds from the property line to the curb.

"Since the Herald stated last week that there was such an ordinance coming up," said Councilman Matthews, "there has been much activity on the part of property owners in cutting down the weeds. The measure's effect is felt already."

### Admiral Badger of Atlantic Fleet



Admiral Badger, in charge of the naval demonstration of the Atlantic fleet against New York city, which is now going on off Long Island Sound, must endeavor to show that he forts at the head of the Sound which protect the metropolis, are not sufficient. If he succeeds in getting his ships past them in the war maneuvers it will mean that much money must be appropriated by congress to strengthen the forts protecting Long Island Sound.

### MASON THREATENS A DAMAGE SUIT

### SAYS HE WILL SUIT CITY IF ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO MOVE OR LEAVE THE PARTLY BURNED STRUCTURE ON 7TH AND MAIN

What is to become of the ruins of the frame structure at Main and Seventh streets? Ever since it was damaged by fire last winter, the building, or the remnants thereof, has been the cause of much controversy between the city and W. H. Mason, owner of the building. The extent of the damage has been the bone of contention.

Shortly after the fire Mason applied to the council for permission to repair the building. This was referred to a committee, which refused the permit on the ground that the building was damaged more than 50 per cent.

The city charter provides that a frame structure damaged to the extent of 50 per cent of its cost must be razed or removed. Mason was ordered to comply with this ordinance. Mason refused to comply with this order, claiming the building was not damaged to that extent. At last night's meeting of the council Mason reiterated his stand, and further threatened a damage suit.

"The council erred in the first place," he stated. "The building is not 50 per cent damaged. I offered to repair it, and prove by the bills for material, etc., that the damage will not exceed 30 per cent.

"Now, however, I don't intend to do anything. If the council attempts to remove the building I'll sue for damages, and if the building is left there to rot, I'll do the same."

### CHANGE MAY GET MAIL DELIVERY FOR THE CITY

### SIDEWALK OBSTACLE IS REMOVED

Council Is Now Empowered to Order Wooden Sidewalks Without the Necessity of Ordering the City Engineer to Give a Grade—This, It Is Believed, Will Get in the Walks Asked for by Postoffice Department

In order to hasten more sidewalks for the city, as required by the postoffice department before the city will be granted free delivery of mail, the council last night adopted an ordinance amending the sidewalk ordinance, making it possible for the council to order in wooden sidewalks on unimproved streets.

Heretofore the council has been unable to do this without being compelled first to give the sidewalk grades, etc. This has delayed matters in all parts of the city, and for this reason the advent of free mail delivery has been held up.

The amendment adopted last evening follows: "Before the common council shall order or require any new sidewalk to be constructed or built on any street which has been improved under the direction of the common council, either by paving, macadamizing, graveling, filling or other improvement upon a street grade established by the city engineer, it shall cause the grade for said sidewalk to be established and staked out by said city engineer, and when the sidewalk on any such improved street is constructed or built, it shall be put on the sidewalk grade so established and staked out.

"Provided, however, that the common council shall have the right when it deems it expedient, to order by resolution, board sidewalks constructed, or built, on unimproved streets which have not been brought to the established street grade, without causing the grade for such board sidewalk to be established and staked out by the city engineer."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION SOON

### WINNAMA IS CHARTERED FOR UPPER LAKE CRUISE ON THURSDAY—BUS SERVICE ARRANGED ALSO

The third Sunday school picnic of the season will be held Thursday, when the steamer Winnama visits Upper Lake points, carrying the children of the Grace M. E. Sunday school and their parents and friends.

The steamer will leave Suena Vista landing at 9 o'clock, and will make stops at various points. A basket picnic will be enjoyed at Rocky Point or Harriman Lodge. The steamer will return to the pier at 1 o'clock.

Buses will leave the M. E. church from 8 to 8:30.

Winama Encampment.—The Encampment branch of I. O. O. F. meets tonight in regular session. All Partarchs are requested to be present.

So keen is the elephant's sense of smell that he can scent a human being at a distance of 1,000 yards.

### John Lind, President Wilson's Envoy, Who Is Now In Mexico



Dispatches from Mexico City following the announcement of the appointment of John Lind, former governor of Minnesota, as unofficial envoy of President Wilson in Mexico, make it plain that Huerta will have little to do with him. While the instructions of President Wilson to Mr. Lind were not published, it was understood that he was to suggest that Huerta get out and permit the fall elections to go on, so some men, acceptable to all the factions, could be chosen president. Huerta has announced that he will not get out, and will deal with the rebels only with bullets. In fact, he seems to resent the appointment of any one with the powers Mr. Lind is said to have been given by President Wilson.

### WANT KLAMATH ACREAGE AGAIN

### TRADE OR HOLDINGS HERE FOR LAND IN PLACER COUNTY IS REGRETTED, AND LEGAL ACTION IS STARTED

Suit to have set aside a deed for a tract of land near Fort Klamath has been started in the circuit court by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anway, through C. C. Brower. The complaint was filed this afternoon.

In the action the Anways assert that they traded their Klamath county property to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Smith of California for a tract of land in Placer county. This, they say, they have found to have been falsely represented, and they ask for their deed to be annulled.

### SELLS PROPERTY A SECOND TIME

### A SWAN LAKE RANCHER, THE SECOND PURCHASER, LOWERS \$800—SALESMAN IS SOUGHT BY WIFE

Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, George M. Clay is being sought by the authorities, following a complaint by Steve Babo, a Swan Lake rancher.

Babo a few days ago purchased a team and wagon and some other articles from Clay, paying him \$200, and receiving a bill of sale. Clay left the city right afterwards.

Babo then learned that prior to this Clay had disposed of the same property to another man.

### ADMINISTRATION SAYS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

### THE REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL

Anti-American Talk Has Increased in Mexico City—Mexican Official Says Work for a Month Has Been Done Toward Getting Relations Straightened for Fulfillment of Treaty

United Press Service. MEXICO, Aug. 12.—The American government today refused to believe news from the city of Mexico that the treaty was being fulfilled.

It was officially stated that the treaty was being fulfilled, but on account of the difficulty being met at a meeting here.

By James B. Stewart. I Shall Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—The Secretary of State today reported that the treaty with Mexico has been made no progress, and that the ultimate outcome is uncertain.

There is much speculation as to the dispatch from the Japanese embassy that Felix Diaz' visit was not treated as a success.

The reason assigned here is a diplomatic manner of saying that American friendship is not particularly bright at this time.

It is thought that the embassy's welcome extended at Mexico City to the Japanese ambassador was a record of Huerta's attitude.

### Lake County Rancher Shows the Success There Awaits the Man Going for Diversified Farming

That diversified farming can be successfully and profitably practiced in this valley has been thoroughly demonstrated by Walter M. Paxton, who owns an ideal country home a few miles north of Lakeview. Mr. Paxton and family have been living at their present home but a comparatively short time, but the many improvements that have been made emphasize the fact that energy has been the chief factor in bringing about these developments.

Their original holdings consisted of forty acres, but they have since acquired eighty more, giving them 120 acres of land, which lays both above and below the main road leading north of town. Mr. Paxton this year has twenty-five acres of oats, a sample of which measures 5 feet 8 inches from root to tip. In addition to this he is raising wheat, alfalfa, potatoes, garden stuffs and is experimenting with bald barley, which gives indications of producing a fair yield and of becoming a staple product of this valley.

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### Weird Experiences of Young Woman in Los Angeles Keeps Alienists in a Deep Struggle

United Press Service. LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—A "ridiculous" personality" because of strange and unexplained series of mishaps and misfortune which have followed her in the past six months, pretty Marika Walters, 30 years old, today was put under observation by alienists employed by the state, and a dozen nerve specialists of state-wide reputation.

Miss Walters, called "the girl of mystery," is apparently a normal, healthy girl. During the past six months she has figured in six sensational incidents. The experts are going to test her to see if she does not sometimes lose her real personality and inflict injury on herself for the effect it has on other people. Here are some of the incidents which have brought about the examination of the girl:

January 1.—Miss Walters' home was burned, her two brothers injured and she herself badly burned. This was the fourth time in three weeks the house caught fire.

January 3.—Found unconscious in a dark street; claimed two men had attacked her.

January 15.—Found in company near her brother's home, unconscious; her body and face showing marks of a terrible beating.

February 1.—Disappeared from home to the police station, where she was found; returned to her home, found it in ruins.

March 4.—Miss Walters' back yard of her home, previously claimed she had been hit and injured terribly mistreated while her brother was in her room.

June 15.—When Miss Walters was not shown around at her home, neighbors assumed she had been killed, and had been found in a rooming house near the city center.

Detectives from the city police department, who have been assigned to watch the girl, reported that she was found in a rooming house, where she had been living for some time.