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GROVER SAYS IT WAS FALSE

EMPHATICALLY DENIES STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN SCOTT

HE DID NOT DINE A NEGRO

Scott Promptly Makes an Apology and Williams Attacks President Roosevelt.

Senator Money Predicts That Japan Will Defeat Russia, Gain Corea, and a Portion of Manchuria and Then Turn Her Attention to the Philippine Islands.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In the House today a letter was read from Grover Cleveland to Representative Webb of North Carolina, denying that C. H. J. Taylor, a negro, dined with him at the White House while he was President, as charged by Representative Scott of Kansas, a few days ago.

A discussion of the race question followed, during which Williamson, the minority leader, criticised President Roosevelt for having invited Booker T. Washington to a seat at his table.

Debate Takes Wide Range. Washington, March 3.—For four hours the Senate, while technically engaged on the naval appropriation bill, discussed a wide range of subjects, including the policy of the United States in the Philippines and the Russo-Japanese war.

Money spoke of the progress of the Japanese and quoted a high authority predicting in a few months the Russian fleet would be overcome.

Army Bill Approved. Washington, March 3.—The Senate committee on naval affairs today completed consideration of the army appropriation bill.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY The Production of "Slaves of the Mine" Said to Be a Meritorious One.

Something very strong, and new, as well, will be given at the Grand Opera House tonight in "Slaves of the Mine," a comedy drama by Daniel L. Hart and C. E. Callahan.

ENROUTE TO ST. LOUIS. Superintendent Wehrung of Oregon Exhibit Ships the Displays to Portland.

Senator W. H. Wehrung came up to this city from Portland yesterday and spent the greater part of the day at the Fair Grounds, where he supervised the packing and shipping of the state agricultural and horticultural exhibits.

AS RESULT OF AN INTRIGUE

BOMBS ARE THROWN AT RESIDENCE OF JAPANESE MINISTER

BUT HE ESCAPES UNINJURED

Was the Work of the Opposition to Japanese-Corean Protocol at Seoul.

Russia Declares the Treaty Is in Contradiction of All Other Treaties Between Russia, France, Japan and England and That It Cannot Have Legal Force.

TOKIO, March 4.—An intrigue on the part of the opposition at Seoul against the conclusion of the Japanese-Corean protocol, culminated in the throwing of bombs at the residence of the foreign minister and his secretary Thursday morning. They escaped uninjured.

Russia Questions Legality. St. Petersburg, March 3.—The government takes the view that the Japanese-Corean treaty is in direct contradiction to the Anglo-Japanese convention, the Russo-French declaration and all preceding international agreements.

Japs to Out Flank Russians. St. Petersburg, March 3.—The landing of 2500 Japanese at Song Chin, Plakskin Bay, Corea, February 19, reported by Major General Plung, is believed here to be the origin of the recent reports of the Japanese landing at Posset Bay, and is considered to be an attempt to out-flank the Russian advance from the Yalu river.

Rebellion in China. Shanghai, March 3.—A dispatch from the province of Kweichow, China, announces that a rebellion has broken out against the Boxer indemnity tax.

Donation to Government. Viteba, Russia, March 3.—General Count Verontzoff-Daskhoff, former minister of foreign affairs, is personally equipping a field hospital to cost sixty thousand.

Martial Law in Seoul. Tokio, March 3.—General Inouye, the Japanese commander at Seoul, Corea, with the consent of the Korean government, issued an order corresponding with the proclamation of martial law.

DEFIED THE LAW

PRESIDENT JOS. E. SMITH OF MORMON CHURCH MAKES CONFESSION BEFORE COMMITTEE

Says He Has Cohabited With His Plural Family Since the Manifesto of 1890 And Took Chances With the Law Rather Than Desert and Degrade His Family.

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OKLAHOMA IS FIRE SWEEPED

PRAIRIE FIRE DEVASTATES THE COUNTRY—TWO LIVES LOST

FANNED BY A FIERCE GALE

It Rages Over a Large Territory And Wipes Out Many Homes.

Loss Is Estimated at Over \$200,000 While Thousands of Acres of Valuable Homestead and Timber Land Are Left Barren and Many Towns Are Attacked and Suffer.

LAWTON, Okla., March 3.—The prairie fires that swept over large portions of Kiowa and Comanche counties yesterday afternoon and last night destroyed hundreds of farm buildings and much live stock, made 1000 persons homeless, caused the death of several persons, threatened a number of towns and swept away scores of buildings in the outskirts of towns.

A LIGHT MONTH

EXPENSES OF MARION COUNTY DURING FEBRUARY LOWEST IN MANY YEARS.

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company Asks Reduction in Roadbed Assessment—Marion County Requested to Make Special Exhibit at Lewis and Clark Fair—Road Petitions.

The Marion county commissioners' court yesterday completed the auditing of claims against the county which had been filed for consideration during the March term and after disposing of some other minor matters, adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning when the different road petitions will come up for hearing.

Also Struck Hill City. Hill City, Kas., March 3.—A prairie fire swept across this city, damage forty thousand. A large number of people narrowly escaped burning to death.

DIX GETS TEN YEARS. BELLINGHAM, Wn., March 3.—H. St. John Dix, convicted of wrecking a railway, was today sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

AFTER BALL PLAYERS. Harry Edmondson who was selected manager of the Salem baseball team on last Monday evening, is now in Portland and he will go on to Seattle before he returns to Salem.

CAPTAIN PETERSON DROWNED. ABERDEEN, Wash., March 3.—The schooner Glens from San Francisco, reports that Captain Peterson was washed overboard during a storm on February 23, and drowned.

THIS WILL BRING THEM. The Low Passenger Rates in Force For the Benefit of the Immigrants.

ATTORNEY CROCKETT DEAD. ROANOKE, Va., March 3.—John S. Crockett, a well known lawyer of Wytheville, Va. died today at that place.

PROSPECTS OF NEW ROAD. BELLINGHAM, Wn., March 3.—The presence of the Great Northern survey crew in the vicinity of Lynden leads to the belief that the road is contemplating entering Vancouver, B. C., by a new route to connect with the Great Northern Kootenai coast line.

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