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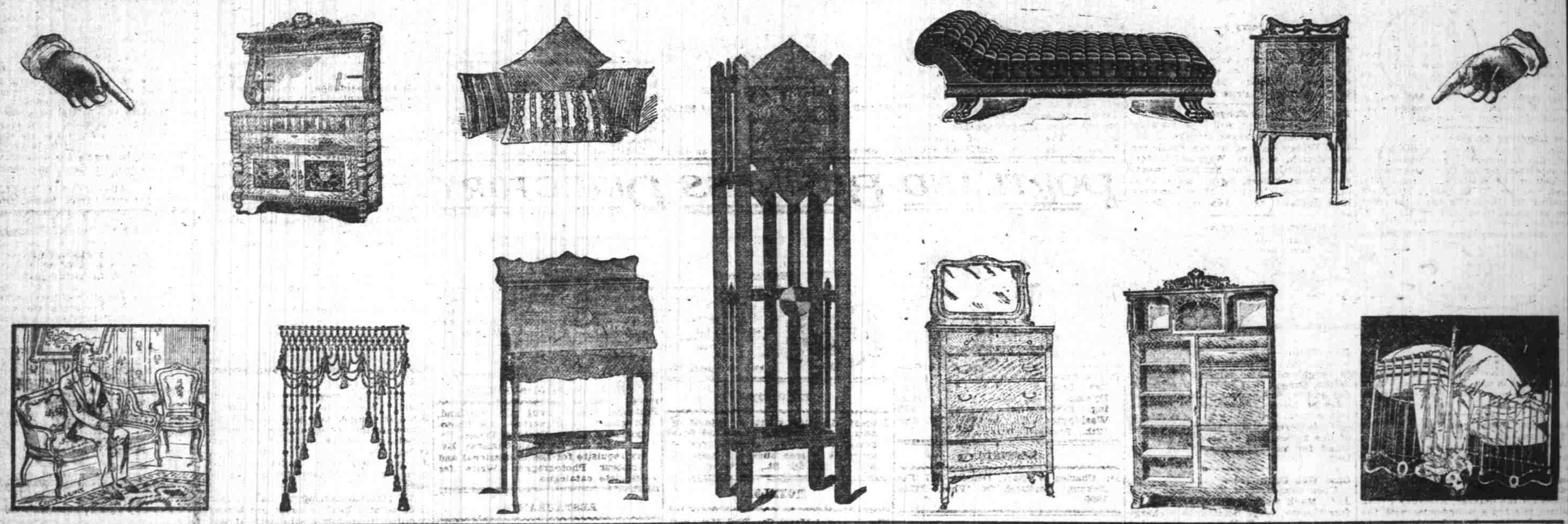

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## ABOUT LIFE IN SOUTHERN SEAS

Three former high chiefs of Samoa tell of their experiences among natives of South Sea Islands:

Three high chiefs of Samoa, B. W. Cole, J. B. Love and J. H. Taylor, are members of the U. S. Naval Recruiting party, lately in Salem. Each of the trio spent two years in Samoa, while attached to the U. S. S. Aberanda, one of Uncle Sam's fleet in the South Seas.

"On being elected high chiefs," said Cole, "we had to conform to all of the customs of the Samoans when on shore. We were obliged to attend all their meetings and feasts, to wear the lava lava (the waist covering) and to talk their language, which we managed to pick up in a few weeks time.

"The Samoan women are beautiful and virtuous. Although not completely garbed from a standpoint of Portland or Salem censorship, they are modest and intelligent. They have their own marriage and divorce laws and their own drink—Cava Cava. When we were made high chiefs it was the Cava Cava that stunned us. Brown in color and disagreeable in taste, it is not a bit palatable. Three glasses full will put a man in a state of intoxication. He goes to sleep, but wakes up the next morning feeling refreshed.

"The feasts were also rather trying after the first two or three. In all they have about forty different kinds of dishes at a feast, the principal one being cocoanut. We got very tired of cocoanut in all forms before we left.

"The Aberanda was the first ship of the kind that ever went to that part of Samoa where we were stationed, and our object was to civilize the native as much as possible. They appreciated this and called President McKinley "The Great White Father." No one really works on the islands. The head chief of every village appoints a sufficient number of young men to cook for the remainder of the populace. They remain on duty for a week, and each meal time distribute baskets of cooked food to every hut in the village. They subsist on cocoanuts and other fruits which abound, and fish. No girl ever does a stroke of manual labor other than is necessary in the beautifying of her person until after marriage, but they may tire of dancing and spend their time making mats, much of the nature of Panama hat straw, which is the legal tender among the islands and a man's wealth is gauged by the number of mats he possesses. Every mat is turned over to the king and he makes the first disposition of it. Their religion is that the king of their island is the Supreme Being and he has control even over the very life of a subject. His orders are explicitly carried out. Their belief in the supernature is that any one disobeying the law will be punished, both in this land and after life by devils."

The recruiting party have seen quite a bit of service, and two are on their third enlistment, the other on his fourth, and their tales of experiences are very interesting and show that they are very much pleased with Uncle Sam's treatment.

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The State Good Roads Convention will begin today (Tuesday) at 1 p. m., at the city hall.

## ISTHMIAN COMMITTEE

### TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE SENATE WITHIN FEW DAYS.

### MITCHELL TO BE AT THE HEAD

**He Says It Is Practically Settled and that He Will Succeed Senator Hanna.**

**Is One of the Most Important Committee Appointments in United States Senate, and Oregon's Senator Is Well Equipped for the Position.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A special to the Portland Journal says: Senator Mitchell when asked today said that the matter of the chairmanship of the Isthmian canal committee was practically settled and that he would be given the chairmanship.

The late Senator Hanna was formerly the chairman of that committee. Since his death Senator Platt of New York, has been in the direct line of promotion to the chairmanship and in the ordinary run of things would get the billet. But Senator Platt has been disinclined to give up his chairmanship of the committee on printing. Besides this his health has not been robust. It was generally believed that the managing men of the Senate were not favorably disposed to letting the chairmanship of the inter-oceanic canal come to the Pacific coast.

In all the Senate there was no more important appointment for there are no other stupendous undertakings now before the people. It is a position that carries with it much work and great responsibilities, but at the same time great prestige. And so it was not considered desirable that it should go at this time, when its importance is at its zenith, to a Western man.

Ever since the death of Mr. Hanna it has been freely stated that pressure would be brought to bear upon Senator Platt to remain nominally at the head of the committee if he did nothing else. Evidently he has declined to do this, judging from the expression of Senator Mitchell.

The Oregon Senator should be well equipped for the chairmanship of this important committee. He has been a consistent advocate of an inter-oceanic canal for years, and has made many speeches on the subject and spent much time in collecting data. It is true that he was an advocate of the Nicaraguan route and strenuously upheld that position upon every reasonable occasion. But when Panama was fixed upon beyond all recall the question of a canal became of more importance than the mere question of which of two routes should be chosen for it, and Senator Mitchell bowed to the will of the majority.

Owing to the amount of attention which he has devoted to the subject of canals he is generally regarded as unusually well qualified for the position of chairman of the inter-oceanic canal.


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## HE ATTACKS GOVERNMENT

### SOCIALIST RESENTS GERMANY'S FRIENDSHIP FOR RUSSIA.

### DEMANDS ACTUAL NEUTRALITY

**Says It Would Be Crime to Advise the Lending of Money to Russia.**

**Herr Von Vollmar Expresses Amazement that Any One Can Call Struggle Against Russian Despotism a Crime—Speaker's Remarks Loudly Applauded**

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—At the opening of the Reichstag today Herr Von Vollmar, Socialist, attacked the government for its display of friendship toward Russia. Among other things Von Vollmar in repelling the imputation that the Socialists wished Germany to interfere in the Far Eastern war, said: "The situation at the theatre of war in the internal state of Russia is not yet ripe. Therefore we demand a neutrality not formal but actual." Von Vollmar then took up the statement that Russia intends to raise a great loan in Germany, and that Germany will get the lion's part of orders for war material and for building the new Russian fleet and said "It would be a serious crime to advise Germans to lend money to Russia under the present circumstances and it would be a breach of neutrality if Germany allows the new Russian fleet to be built here."

Referring to Von Buelow's words in reply to Herr Von Vollmar he expressed amazement at the fact that "anybody can call the struggle against Russian despotism a crime. It is only explicable through our deep-seated subservance and objection to Russia." The Socialists loudly applauded the speaker's remark that the "Chancellor's policy toward Russia is the re-insurance against democracy."

### CORTES IS SAME MAN.

By a shrewd method employed by Sheriff W. J. Culver, John Cortes, a prisoner in the Marion county jail, awaiting the action of the circuit court upon a charge of larceny from a dwelling, has been induced to confess that he is the identical person who, on the night of April 15, 1894, broke jail here and succeeded in evading capture. At that time Cortes, under the name of Fried Neibold, was awaiting the action of the grand jury upon a charge of burglary, and every effort possible was made by John Knight, who was sheriff of Marion county at that time, to recapture the man.

According to his own story, Cortes, alias Niehold, after breaking jail went to Boone's ferry, four miles north of Aurora, where he worked on a farm during the following summer. He refuses to tell where he has been since that time but it is believed by the officers that he is guilty of many burglaries committed throughout the Willamette valley during the past ten years, and every indication taken from the prisoner's general demeanor and his story while undergoing the "sweating" process strengthens the belief.

The belief is also borne out by the fact that when arrested at Mt. Angel on the night of December 4, while in the act of burglarizing the home of Paul Fuches, for which crime he is now being held, he had in his possession a bunch of keys stolen from the saloon of B. Oswald, in the same town, when the place was burglarized about nine months ago. The prisoner is 61 years of age.

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## HE LOST HIS ADMIRATION

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN A BAD FIX ACCORDING TO WHITE.

### ASKS PARDON FOR NEGRO

**Lost All of Admiration of Ex-Minister to Germany by His Liberal Spirit.**

**White Declares High Crime More Frequent in This Country Than Anywhere Else in the World Except Sicily, Where They Kill for Fanaticism.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—"Much as I admire President Roosevelt as a true man, we have seen today a sorry example of the mistake a strong man can make. The President was appealed to by a colored Baptist minister to save the latter's son from the gallows for the murder of a farmer in Canada. The President listened to the appeal and succeeded in securing commutation of the sentence. I do not admire the president for that."

This is the statement made today by Andrew D. White, formerly United States Ambassador to Germany, in the course of an address on "Evolution vs. Revolution in Politics," before the League for Political Education. White declares that high crime is more frequent in this country than anywhere else in the world save Sicily, and there the widespread superstition is that it is the duty of the people to protect criminals. Calling attention to what he termed this mistaken leniency, White referred to the President as quoted.