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PORTLAND OFFICIALS INDICTED

Malfesance in Office Charged Against Mayor, Chief of Police and Others

Portland, Jan. 3.—The county grand jury at noon returned indictments against Mayor George H. Williams, for malfesance in office, in permitting the licensing of gambling; Chief of Police Hunt, for malfesance, in permitting gambling, also in releasing prisoners without a trial; Former City Engineer W. C. Elliott, who resigned last month, and Contractors E. M. and R. W. Biner, for irregularities connected with the construction of sewers, and several other minor indictments were returned. The jury also indicted J. M. Caywood, inspector, of the city engineers' office, and Henry Chandler, surveyor on streets and sewers.

which is added to by an editorial this morning in the Sacramento Record-Union, the recognized Southern Pacific organ, which declared that the only man capable of filling the seat in the senate is Knight, and declared that Flint, who has been looked upon as the Southern Pacific man, is unfit for the office.

SOCIETY BELLE KILLED

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Miss Muriel Bryam, aged 21 years, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Charles P. Bryam, a capitalist, and prominent citizen, shot and killed herself accidentally at noon today while cleaning a rifle, at the family residence on Michigan avenue. She was preparing for a trip to California, which included a hunting expedition. She touched the trigger with her foot, and the bullet lodged in her head. She was a society belle in the upper circles, and was also a noted rifle shot.

SENATE FIGHT TURNS

Sacramento, Jan. 4.—The senatorial situation is still one of perplexity,

OHIO RIVER STEAMER DOWN IN ICY WATER

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 4.—By the explosion of the boilers on the towboat Defender, bound from Cincinnati to Pittsburg with empty coal barges shortly before midnight, nine officers and 38 men were killed or injured. Several bodies are already recovered and a number are missing. Of the five men rescued, they were so seriously burned that they cannot recover. The Defender is owned by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Co., of Pittsburg, and had experienced hard weather, the river being filled with ice.

As a result she had all steam on, and was barely able to cut through the floes. The explosion came without warning, rending the whole structure of the boat and hurling the crew and wreckage into the ice. Most of the crew were in their bunks at the time. Captain James Woodward, who was in the pilot house, was hurled into the river and picked up half dead from exposure, but otherwise was uninjured. Rescue parties were quickly formed and all available craft were hurried to the burning steamer.

THOUSANDS SICK IN PORT ARTHUR

Tokio, Jan. 4.—General Nogi reports that on January 3d the commissioners of both the Japanese and Russian armies concluded their conference. On the morning of January 4th the transfer of war material at Port Arthur as the property of the Japanese commenced. The Japanese took 25,000 prisoners at Port Arthur, and the total number of inhabitants was 35,000, of whom 20,000 are sick.

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Tokio, Jan. 4.—The Ji Ji, discussing the capture of Port Arthur, reviews the price paid in lives, and says: "We ought to keep Port Arthur in our hands as long as our empire exists. It is the key to peace in the Far East, and it is

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The prospectus for the new Russian loan of \$80,000,000 will be issued tomorrow. The price of the issue in Germany is 95 cents.

Cheefoo, Jan. 4.—The cruiser Akitsushima, four torpedo boat destroyers and two torpedo boats form the Japanese guard off this port. Tonight the Russian destroyers withdraw to the south side of the harbor, where they will probably remain until the dismantlement is complete. Eighty thousand tons of coal and two months' rations of rice were taken by the Japanese at Port Arthur. Of 270 naval officers at Port Arthur, since the beginning of the war, 180 were killed or wounded.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 4.—Representative Baker, of New York, in a resolution introduced in the house today quotes the President as saying that in the prosecution of smoke law violations in the District of Columbia, he would go to the very limit of the law, and arrest the head of the company again and again, at the shortest possible intervals, and asks that the house inquire if the President has given instructions to his

attorneygeneral in reference to the prosecution of trusts which are robbing the people.

ADAMS WILL TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Denver, Jan. 4.—The managers for Governor-elect Adams announced that on January 10th Adams will take the oath of office of governor, and that he will be sworn in by Justice Steele, one of the Democrats of the supreme court. This procedure is for the purpose of complying with the constitution, in order that there can be no question raised in case Adams is eventually seated, but Adams will not attempt to make appointments or occupy the state house, or in any way precipitate a conflict.

Governor Peabody today ordered the doors of the state house locked and barred against all police and sheriffs, and the secretary of state is made custodian of the building. One door was left open for use. The supreme court modified the order opening all the ballot boxes in Denver, as requested by Adams, but refused to relieve him of the expense. Adams is likely to ask that the entire order be rescinded, on the ground that he cannot stand the expense.

HABEAS CORPUS TRIAL

New York, Jan. 4.—Nan Patterson was taken before Justice Greenbaum, of the supreme court today on a writ of habeas corpus, secured by her counsel yesterday, directing the district attorney to appear and show cause why bail should not be fixed and accepted. After hearing the arguments, Justice Greenbaum reserved his decision until tomorrow, instructing the counsel to submit their briefs in the meantime.

Hellish Bombardment.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—General Stoessel's final telegram to the Czar, dated on Sunday, describes the Japanese fire on Saturday as "a hellish bombardment," and adds "there is only one fort that is not captured, and half of its its defenders are ill, and it is impossible to send them assistance, as our gallant men are mere shadows." In concluding, he said: "The great sovereign will pardon us, as we have done all within human power. Judge us with clemency."

HEYBURN RESENTS SLANDER

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, had a talk with President Roosevelt this morning about the land fraud cases in his state. "They had better look out how they connect me with the scandal," he said, "instead of protecting the rascals out there, I have done my best to smoke them out. More than a year ago, on the floor of the senate, I called attention to the frauds, and urged drastic measures against the perpetrators."

Annual Meeting of the Members of the Oregon Fire Relief Association at McMinnville.

The annual meeting of the members of the Oregon Fire Relief Association will be held at McMinnville on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., at Burns' Hall, for the purpose of electing three trustees, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before it.

BLIZZARD RAGES IN THE EAST

Worst Storm in Seventeen Years Has New York in its Grasp

New York, Jan. 4.—The worst blizzard since 1888 swept over New York and the surrounding country last night and this morning. Traffic is badly tied up, and all trains are late. Surface cars are operated with difficulty, and the

streets are coated with ice. A gale is blowing 50 miles an hour. A milk and wood famine is threatened owing to the failure of trains to arrive. The ferry boat service is crippled, and the departure of ships prevented.

MADE HIS OWN LAWS

Portland, Jan. 4.—It developed this morning that Henry Loomis, who last night shot and killed Frank Fritz, or Dunne, murdered his wife and then suicided by cutting his throat with a razor, appeared recently before the grand jury, in an attempt to get them to take action against his wife and parson. Failing in this he also tried to secure a warrant at the police station, and then, as a last step, took justice in his own hands.

LEADER THOMAS SUCCUMBS

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Theodore Thomas, the worldwide famous orchestral leader, for 14 years the head of the Chicago orchestra died at 5:30 this morning of pneumonia, aged 69 years. Thomas contracted a cold the second week in December while supervising the details of the completion of Orchestra hall, erected by public subscription for his use at a cost of \$600,000. The cold developed into pneumonia, which defied the efforts of a corps of noted physicians.

Telegraphic Brevities.
John M. Wakefield, of Omaha, chief of the department of concessions at the St. Louis Purchase exposition left St. Louis for Portland today to take charge of the same department for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Early this morning, at Johnstown, Pa., Jacob Houser forced his way into the home of his wife's parents, stabbed his wife to death, then killed his mother-in-law, and seriously injured her daughter. Houser had been separated from his wife. He escaped, and has not been captured.

Emperor Francis Joseph formally dissolved the diet at Budapest, in a speech from the throne.

Gives President Power.
Washington, Jan. 4.—Representative Mann, of Illinois, introduced a bill in the house today abolishing the present Isthmian canal commission, and vesting the full power of the government in the canal zone and the construction of the canal in the President.

Letting Asylum Contracts.
The asylum board is in session today for the opening of bids for supplies for that institution, and the contracts will probably be awarded some time this evening.

Train Ran Away.
Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 4.—A coal train of 28 cars, on the Lehigh Valley road, ran away on Weatherly hill during the blizzard this morning. After making a five-mile run in three minutes, the train jumped the track and toppled into the creek. The engineer, fireman and brakemen were buried under the wreck and killed.

Artisans at Jefferson.
The officers of the local lodge of Artisans are going to Jefferson this evening to organize a lodge in that town. They are taking the lodge orchestra, and a first-class "blowout" is anticipated.

Commissioners' Court.
The county commissioners court met this morning in regular January term. The only action was the renewing of the ferry license of George and Susan Jones.

Sick With Pneumonia.
Eugene, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McMahon, is quite sick with pneumonia.

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat 98½@98½; corn, 44½@45; oats, 31¼.

An Old Store With A New Name

The most prominent feature of our business during the past thirteen years has been our

SPOT CASH PLAN

to which we attribute our remarkable success. Wishing to make this feature still more prominent in our advertising, we have decided to change our name to

BARNES' CASH STORE

There will be no change in the policy of the store. Our extremely low prices, due to our CASH PLAN and economical business management, have made us grow. We intend to continue growing along the same lines. Our merchandise is the standard of quality. Our prices are lower than at "regular stores. Formerly The New York Racket, now

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SALEM'S CHEAPEST ONE-PRICE CASH STORE.
E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

Today Only

Special sale No. 209. For today only we offer an exceptionally fine line of regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values.

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With natural wood, silver and pearl handles, steel rod and runners, fine covering. One of the great Wednesday bargains for which we are famous.

\$1.18

Garment Sale

This season's showing of the newest styles in the best fabrics of

Suits, Jackets, Skirts, Waists, Children's Dresses

Are all reduced to

Half Price

Men's Clothing

Exceptional bargains are in store for the economical man who can dress as well "as the other fellow" and at greatly reduced price. Your pick from the whole stock. No reserve.

\$15 to \$16.50 suit or overcoat.....	\$10.50
\$18.50 to \$20 suit or overcoat.....	\$15.00
\$22.50 to \$25 suit or overcoat.....	\$18.50