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ALL CHURCHES TO OBSERVE THE DAY

104th Anniversary of the Birth of Christ Appropriately Celebrated.

UMATILLA COUNTY HAS THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT.

Elaborate Programs Please the Public and Profusion of Presents and Beautifully Decorated Trees and Delights to Delight the Children Everywhere—Special Services Will Be Rendered by the I. O. O. F. at the Congregational Church Tomorrow—White Christmas.

Christmas, the day of all days, not the day of a petty nation, but celebrated alike in all countries where the light of civilization illumines the world.

In Pendleton there are scores of young men and old, who are away from their homes. Many of these, if the distance is not too great, will make the journey so as to be at their own fireside when the Yuletide is celebrated.

At Baptist Church. At the First Baptist church the Christmas tree exercises will be held Monday evening.

At Congregational Church. The Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school will be held tomorrow evening at the church.

At the Methodist Episcopal church the children will be treated to an entertainment this evening. A chimney of candy box bricks with a Santa Claus will please the little ones.

Twelve Were Killed. Paris, Dec. 24.—Twelve were killed and 40 injured in a wreck at Lille last night.

will take place at the church tomorrow morning and evening. The Church of the Redeemer Sunday school pupils are present at a Christmas tree entertainment this afternoon.

WILL OPEN RESERVATION. 715,351 Acres May Be Filed on By Settlers Next Spring. Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The president today signed the bill providing for the opening of the Yakima Indian reservation, allotment of lands in severalty and the sale of the residue of the lands, amounting to 715,351 acres.

Ordered to Leave Fez. Tangiers, Dec. 24.—The British minister has instructed the British consul and all British subjects to leave Fez. It is believed the other legations have received similar instructions.

Tipped Alfonso Out. Madrid, Dec. 24.—While driving in an auto yesterday King Alfonso had a narrow escape from injury. The wheel of the car broke and the car was overturned.

GAMBLING TONG OFFERS REWARD. REVENGEFUL CHINESE GAMBLERS IN PORTLAND. The Possibilities of a 'Highlander' War Exist in the Oregon Metropolis—The Tong Has Raised Money to Reward Assassins Who Are Instructed to Murder Seid Back and Joe Sue, Merchants Who Have Informed.

Portland, Dec. 24.—For the death of Seid Back and Joe Sue, prominent merchants of this city, there is a reward of \$500 each, offered by Chinese gamblers whose places have been raided by Sheriff Word and his deputies.

Spies Set on Word's Informants. Since Sheriff Word began his regular raids upon the Chinese gambling houses he has made few mistakes in finding the places where games were operated. The accuracy of his information and the certainty of a raid as soon as a game was opened caused the Chinese to wonder as to his source of information.

DIED AT PUEBLO. Mrs. James Hartnett of This City, Dies at Pueblo While En Route Home. Mrs. James Hartnett died this morning at 7:15 o'clock at Pueblo, St. Louis fair when Mrs. Hartnett was taken sick and they stopped off at Pueblo. Mrs. Hartnett was married in this city about six years ago.

Attention Odd Fellows. All members of the Odd Fellows' lodges and visiting members are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of attending service at the Congregational church.

CONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF PORT ARTHUR BEEN PROPOSED

The Japanese Refuse to Accept Capitulation on the Terms Desired by the Russians.

Japanese Capture New and Important Position in Suburb of Port Arthur, and Hold It Against a Counter Attack—Czar's Conservatism is Obdurate—Mikado Congratulates Admiral Togo—English Fishermen Have Been Approached and Influenced by Russian Emisseries.

Nagasaki, Dec. 24.—A report from Dalny states the Russians at Port Arthur have proposed to surrender to the Japanese under General Nogai on condition the garrisons and ships be allowed to return to Russia. The Japanese rejected the offer.

Did Not Make Peace Overtures. St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The report that the czar has made peace overtures through France, is officially denied here.

Nihilists Will Get Busy. Brussels, Dec. 24.—It is learned that the Russian nihilist committee met here Tuesday and decided to recommence terrorist activity in Russia unless the czar grants certain reforms within a month.

Japs Gain New Positions. Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese yesterday stormed and now hold the heights east of Houyangshukou at Port Arthur. The prisoners reported that the Russian generals Kondratanko and Lima had been killed, and general Fock is among the wounded.

Counter Attack Repulsed. London, Dec. 24.—Baron Hayashi in reporting the capture of Houyangshukou Heights, says the Russians made a fierce counter attack but were repulsed. The Japanese occupation is now nearly assured. The heights are one and one-half miles south of 203 Metre hill. The bombardment caused a great conflagration to the north of Port Heltayang.

Czar Uncompromising. London, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Central News is assured by high authority that the czar rejects all peaceful advices that are being tendered him. The czar, it is said, has sent to Paris through the French ambassador at St. Petersburg, an important letter favorable in tone with certain reservations, to the acceptance of mediation.

Japanese at Doggerbank. London, Dec. 24.—The publication in St. Petersburg of the statement that Hull fishermen have voluntarily deposited their foreign torpedoes were among the trawlers off Doggerbank when the latter were fired upon.

DEMURRER OVERRULED. Certain Defendants Must Stand Trial for Responsibility. New York, Dec. 24.—Judge Thomas of the United States circuit court, today overruled the demurrer of F. A. Barnaby, president; J. K. Atkinson, secretary, and F. G. Deftter, director of the company which owned the steamboat Slocum, and who were indicted for a share of the responsibility in the disaster. They demurred on the ground they were not owners of the craft.

STILL WORKING ON DEMOCRATS. Another Batch of Sentences Ground Out at Denver. Denver, Dec. 24.—For participating in election frauds in the recent election, the supreme court today sentenced Isaac Goldman and Edward Sweeney, democratic election judges, to four months in jail, and to pay a fine of \$100; Clarence Dixon, a democratic election officer, gets four months and a fine of \$250; W. H. Hunter, a democratic judge, has jumped his bonds and disappeared.

Need Another Judge. Astoria, Dec. 24.—A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature providing for an additional judge for the Fifth judicial district. The business of Judge McBride is growing, and it is almost impossible for one judge to attend to it satisfactorily. At the session of the legislature in 1908 a bill was introduced to divide the district, but this met with opposition from Clackamas and Washington counties, as they did not want to lose the valuable services of Judge McBride. An additional judge is necessary to facilitate the business of the district.

New Hotel for Astoria. A meeting of the "hotel committee" was held last evening and G. W. Lounsbury was appointed to interview the financial interests of the town and make an effort to interest them in a project that has the best interests of all in the city at stake. The project, as put forth, has in contemplation a hotel to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, to be up-to-date in all its appointments and such as will be advertised abroad as a place where those seeking rest, domestic during business, or a place to stay during regattas, etc., is all that can be asked.—Astoria Astorian.

Home From Denver. A. D. Stillman returned last night from Denver.

OREGON HISTORIAN DEAD.

H. S. Lyman of Astoria, Dies After a Lingering Illness.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—Horace S. Lyman, one of the foremost educators in Oregon, and a historian of note, died at the Portland Sanatorium at 7 o'clock Thursday night, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Lyman was born in Polk county, near Dallas, in 1853, and knew Oregon as few other men do. He was an active and energetic student all his life, and the author of "Lyman's History of Oregon," a comprehensive work in four volumes.

Coming from a family that had settled in Oregon in the forties, his father, Rev. Horace Lyman, being pastor of the Congregational church in Portland at an early date as 1849, he studied from the practical side of life. He prepared himself for the ministry, and filled several pulpits, but the greater part of his life was spent in the public schools of the state.

Through his efforts the present text-book system was adopted, but not until he had made a campaign for superintendent of public instruction, and aroused the people to the necessity of a change.

He was for several years superintendent of the schools in Clatsop county, and had been in good health until he went to St. Louis, several months ago, to take charge of the educational exhibit at the fair. He returned in failing health, and passed into a comatose state some time ago, and could not be rallied from the stupor.

NAN PATTERSON IS DISCOURAGED

She Regains Her Spirits Under Assurances From Her Counsel That She Will Be Granted a New Trial Which Will Result in Acquittal—She is Receiving a Large Number of Letters and Telegrams Expressing Sympathy.

New York, Dec. 24.—Nan Patterson spent a restless night in the Tombs, and is quite depressed in spirits today. After she arose at 8 o'clock she was seized by a severe attack of nervousness. A physician was summoned and after being given a sedative she became more quiet. Lawyer O'Reilly, of Miss Patterson's counsel, visited her this morning and told her a new trial would soon be granted, and acquittal is assured. This had a controlling effect upon her. She has received a large number of letters and telegrams expressing sympathy.

DEFAULTERS CAUGHT. While the Dogs Are Fighting the Others Make Way With the Bone. San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Ted Murphy, Eddie Santry, manager and trainer respectively of "Battling" Nelson, were brought to this city from Stockton by detective today, and locked up on a charge of felony and embezzlement. A \$9000 draft on Murphy, which Nelson claims belongs to him, was turned over to the bank on which it was drawn. Murphy admits that a portion of it belongs to Nelson, and says he never intended to embezzle the fighter's share. The court will decide how it shall be divided when the charge against Murphy and Santry is decided.

Chadwick to Face the Music. Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—Governor Herrick today issued requisition papers on the governor of New York for Dr. Chadwick, who is indicted in connection with financial operations of his wife. Chadwick is expected to arrive in New York from Europe next week.

Mother Wants Her Children. Berlin, Dec. 24.—Former Crown Princess Louise left Leipzig en route to Florence. It is reported from Rome that she has engaged rooms for her children, whom she says she intends to have brought to Florence at all costs.

King Alfonso to Marry. Madrid, Dec. 24.—It is anticipated the announcement will shortly be made of the marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, King Edward's brother. The wedding, it is said, will occur in June.

Dinners for the Poor. Dinners for the poor are at the Salvation Army quarters, 410 West Railroad street this afternoon, and will be delivered this evening by expressmen.

Marriage Licenses. Frederick W. Beck and Luis Edna Hankin; Peter De Young and Myrtle Waters.

NEW RACE TRACK SCHEME ON FOOT

Responsible Business Men Stand Sponsor for Practical Working Plans.

LARGE THE IMPORTANCE TO BUSINESS INTERESTS.

All Branches of Agriculture Would Be Benefitted Equally With That of Raising Horses—A Mass Meeting of Citizens Will Be Held December 31, at Parlors of Commercial Association to Discuss and Adopt Plans—Signers Have an Option on Suitable Location.

To the Citizens of Umatilla County: We have been requested by many of the citizens of Umatilla county who are interested in promoting the growth of our stock and agricultural resources and encouraging the raising of the stock, fruit and vegetables to select a suitable location for a county fair grounds and race-track.

After considerable trouble and expense we selected, in close proximity to Pendleton, the best location for that purpose that can be procured. A preliminary survey has been made, and a sufficient water supply arranged for. It now remains for the people interested in such an enterprise throughout the county to raise the necessary funds to make it a success.

We have thought it best to call a mass meeting of citizens of the county for the purpose of discussing the proposition.

This is the only location left, and if this opportunity is permitted to slip the county will probably never be able to secure another location without the expenditure of a great deal more money.

Now is the time to act. If we all work together and for the best interests of the county we will be able to secure this beneficial enterprise so essential to the proper encouragement of our stock and agricultural industries. Therefore, we have selected Saturday, December 31, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., as the time for holding the meeting, and the Commercial Association rooms in the city of Pendleton as the place.

Come one and all, and express your opinion. Every one is requested to be present. This means you, and your neighbors and friends. Don't fail to come. You are personally interested. Don't leave the work to some one else.

FRANK FRAZIER, J. A. FEE, GEORGE PERRINGER, TOM THOMPSON, J. W. KIMBRELL.

Shoplifters Discovered. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—Three women shoplifters were arrested here yesterday with great quantities of stolen goods in their possession after the police department had made a systematic hunt for them for three weeks. They are Mrs. Stevens, who keeps a corner store in Union park; Mrs. Rachel Stevens, aged 19, her daughter-in-law, and Miss Magdalen Stevens, her daughter, aged 15. The store was searched and revealed stolen articles, from axes and hardware to silk skirts and children's underwear. The women admitted their guilt. The women did the stealing by going into crowded stores together. Two would wear raglan coats, full at the bust, and would stuff plunder into it, while the other engaged the attention of the clerk.

School District Will Borrow. The county school superintendent has been notified by the clerk of the school board at Pilot Rock that they have secured authority to solicit a loan of \$1200 for the erection of a school house.

In Police Court. In police court this morning Henry Pond and Francis, two Indians, were sentenced to three days each for drunkenness. Thomas Claire was sentenced to three days for vagrancy.

A Handsome Souvenir. The Pendleton Savings Bank has gotten out one of the handsomest New Year's greetings that has come to our desk.

Sheriff Arrested. Butte, Mont., Dec. 24.—Warriors for the arrest of Sheriff Charles Benner of Cascade county have been issued for uttering numerous forged checks. Benner has gambled heavily. A number of Spokane people are said to have been victimized. Benner's official records will be exported.

Weather Forecast. Tonight and Sunday rain or snow.