

DATE FOR RECIPROCITY. IMPORTERS INTERESTED.

Cuban Treaty Takes Effect at 12:01 a. m. December 27.

Washington, Dec. 21.—At 12:01 o'clock on the morning of December 27, 1903, the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty will become operative.

Importers are manifesting the deepest interest in the interpretation to be placed on the law by the Treasury Department, for its decision in regard to merchandise remaining in bond on which the duty has been paid will mean the saving or loss of large amounts to the importing interests of this country.

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A curious complication now arises in the interpretation of the law. Importers having goods in bond at any port of entry can request the government to permit their withdrawal for exportation.

Of course, where importations are held in bond and the duty has not been paid, the importer, by withdrawing the goods after September 27, will benefit by the reciprocity concession.

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A NEW TARIFF FOR CUBA.

Bill to Supply the Losses Created by Reciprocity.

Havana, Dec. 21.—Senator Sanguly informed the Tribune's correspondent to-day that he will introduce on Wednesday a bill providing for an increase of tariff rates on goods from the United States to cover the amount lost because of reciprocity.

Interviews with several Senators gave the impression that the bill would pass. They say that such a measure is necessary owing to the amount which Cuba will lose monthly, and which is needed for the expenses of the government.

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LAND RING BROKEN UP.

Order Suspending Entries for Big Tracts Revoked.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Secretary of the Interior has revoked the order under which final action on entries under the Timber and Stone act was suspended, and all such entries, aggregating a large number, will now be acted on in the regular order by the General Land Office.

The Interior Department received a dispatch to-day from Inspector Greene, at Portland, Ore., saying that Albert Harrington, of Falls City, Ore., had been held under \$1,000 bond for impersonating assistants to Special Agents Patterson and Hobbs, who have been investigating land frauds.

It was intimated at the Interior Department that no further arrests were expected until about the time of the hearing in the Benson case which is set for December 30, unless something demanding immediate action should be revealed in the investigation of the Land Office records now in progress in connection with the cases in the West.

Although under arrest for bribery, with many future charges of defrauding the government to face, John A. Benson, sometimes called "King of the Land Grants," was apparently undisturbed yesterday, when he was seen at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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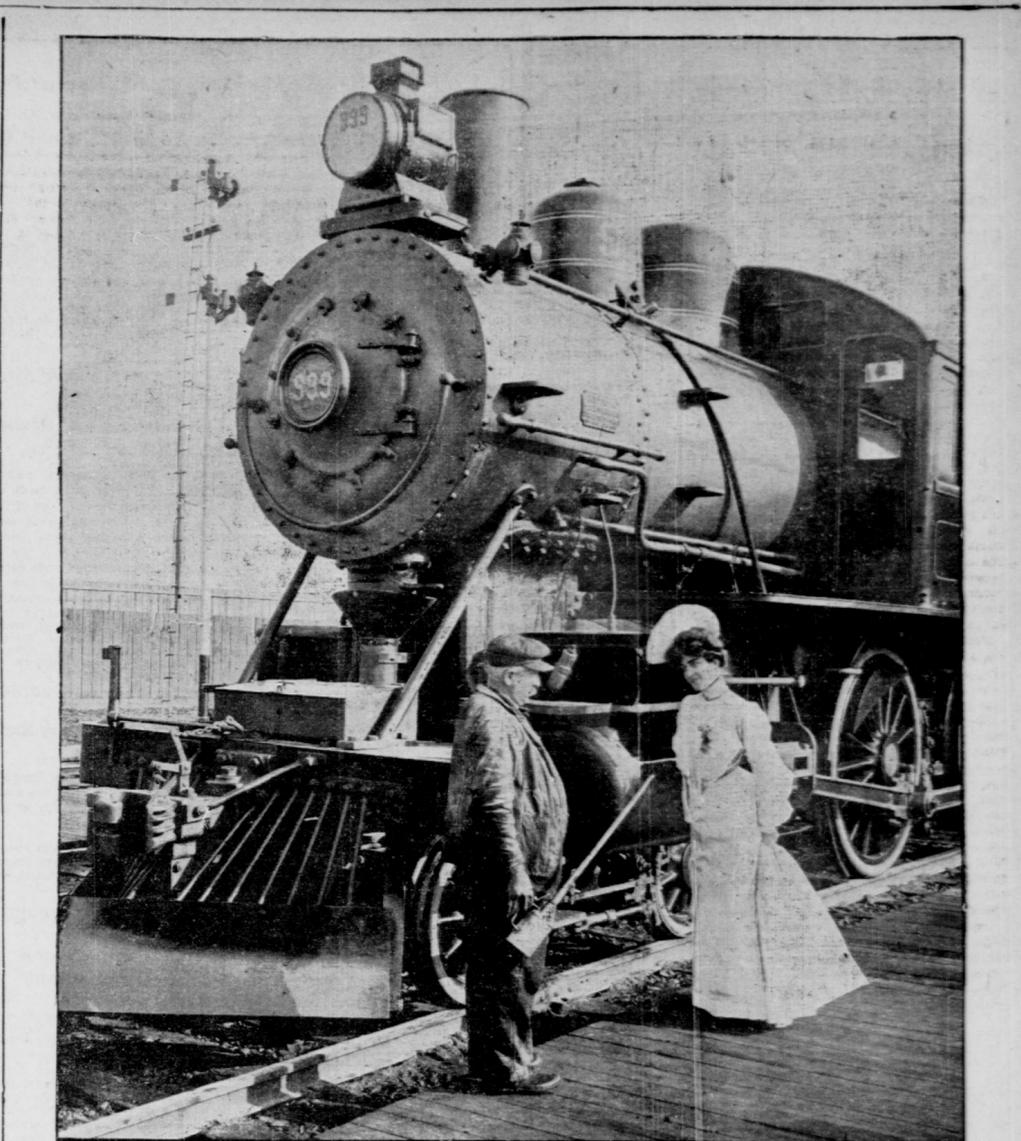
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Lackawanna Railroad. BEST WAY TO BUFFALO. Says Phoebe Snow, about to go Upon a trip to Buffalo: "My gown stays white from morn till night Upon the Road of Anthracite."

Panorama of the Rockies. That is only one of the grand scenic features of the trip across the continent via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Why not take The Overland Limited to California via Omaha, and return via St. Paul and The Pioneer Limited? You will enjoy all of the trip, and find that it can be made quickly, comfortably and at slight expense.

STARCH FACTORY BURNED. President Roosevelt Started Machinery of Big Independent Concern. Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 21.—The main buildings of Hubinger Brothers' starch factory were destroyed by fire to-day. The plant was the largest independent starch factory in the country, and its opening last April was attended by President Roosevelt, who, by pressing a button, started the machinery in motion. One workman is believed to have perished in the flames. The financial loss is placed at \$250,000, with \$100,000 insurance.

Dr. Lapponi Physician to the Late Pope Leo XIII., and Now Physician in Ordinary to Pope Pius X., Finds BUFFALO LITHIA WATER Of "Marvellous Efficacy in Gout, Rheumatism, Gastro-intestinal Dyspepsia, and in all the Various Forms of Uric Acid Diathesis."