

ASTORIA PROSPECTS.

The Old Town Fully Awake to a Sense of the Situation.

REACHING THE FINAL FOCUS.

Will Have a Railroad on a Contract Which May be Signed Today.

SECRECY NEEDFUL TO SUCCESS.

Mistaken as to Portland Influences-- E. L. Dwyer Complimented-- Minor Mention.

PORTLAND, March 8.—It is now believed and firmly settled that "Astoria is to have a railroad." Don't quote this and put it under the heading "chestnuts." Astoria must now be recognized, and she will be. If one proposition does not go through, the next will. The people of that city have become worked up to the fact that a railroad will make a great city of the place. A Telegram representative visited the town yesterday and learned these facts in Astoria. The people confidently believe that it is to take the place of Puget sound, or rather be to Portland what the sound now is to Portland. They, or some of them, think that were a railroad built the wheat would, instead of going to Tacoma and Seattle, be shipped from Astoria, and not only that this would be shipped, but that now coming to Portland would come to Astoria and be shipped from her docks. The capitalists believe, as well as the general public of that city, that it is the mutual wheat-shipping port of the Northwest. The committee of ten recently appointed is working in a quiet way, but its work will tell when made public. The chairman is working indefatigably for a road. Besides this, the trustees are moving in harmony with

THE COMMITTEE OF TEN.

Something will come of it. That is one thing which is very certain. There are now several propositions to build a road from Portland to the city on the Lower Columbia, one of which is occupying the attention of the committee and trustees. It is expected that a contract will be signed in a few days. The Telegram is in possession of the exact stipulations of the subsidy and contract, but cannot at present make them public. Both the committee and the trustees are pledged to secrecy. Other propositions have failed to come to a head and it may be thought that it was on account of undue publicity. In this case no such matter will interfere. It has been said that the Dwyer proposition failed on this account. At any rate, the proposition now being considered will not fail for the same reason. Astoria has a most magnificent harbor. The people want to utilize it. They do not see what can keep the wheat of the valley from coming directly into their port. They say, and it has been the belief of every railroad man who has looked into the matter, that it can be done. One of the most confident of Astoria's wealthy citizens is

EX-MAYOR SAM ELMORE.

He is sure of all these things and has believed them for years. He has given time and property to the work. A great percentage of his land both within and without the town has gone toward a subsidy. There is one belief which is prevalent among the people of that city. It is that to E. L. Dwyer is due the present situation. Nearly every railroad proposition, and there are several; that has been made to Astorians has come at least indirectly, if not directly, through his efforts. It was said yesterday by many of the prominent men that were Mr. Dwyer to come in at the last moment with cash to build a road, that is, just at the signing of a contract, everything would be dropped and his matter would be considered. The Astorians fully appreciate the services Mr. Dwyer has rendered. The Astorians firmly believe, and they probably are much mistaken in the belief, that Portland is at present not in sympathy with a road to Astoria. It was explained to them that this was the position of some well-known bankers here some years ago, and, in fact, may yet be their belief. They seem to think that because this city has not interested itself financially in the attempt to raise funds for the road that it is antagonistic to one. Should this contract, as expected, be signed, great developments may be looked for in the future.

Disagreeable and Dictatorial.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Dr. Henry M. Scudder, who is charged with murdering his mother-in-law, and who is confined in the detention hospital pending examination as to his sanity, seized a heavy chair yesterday afternoon and with a powerful swing brought it down on the defenseless head of a lunatic. The victim dropped as though he had been shot, and the doctor was proceeding to kill him when the attendants rushed up and seized him. It required the com-

binated strength of three men to disarm the physician and put him in his cell. When asked why he assaulted the lunatic he said, "Voices told me to do it, because the man was in league with my wife and the others against me." His son and father called to see him this morning. He seemed pleased to see his son, but would not speak to his father, who, he said, was in league with the people who were trying to ruin him. From the doctor's conversation it seems that he considers that he is a victim of a huge conspiracy which began with his arrest for irregularities in the insurance matter. He appears to class the Dunton family as the chief conspirators. A young woman who has done considerable work as a typewriter for Dr. Scudder, says: "I have had plenty of opportunities to study him, and I believe he is perfectly sane. He is a smart man, but inclined to be disagreeable and dictatorial."

The First Battle.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The first battle over the silver bill today. A resolution to set apart three days for its consideration was read, when the silver men and anti locked horns over the ruling of the speaker; that, notwithstanding the journal had not been read, business could be done. Some warm language was used, but the speaker was sustained by a vote of 194 yeas, nays 81. Tracy moved to recommit the resolution with instructions to the committee on rules to change the date of consideration of the silver bill from March 22 to December 12. The motion to recommit was defeated—yeas 70, nays 202. The previous question was then ordered on the resolution without further objection.

A Will Contest Settled.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 8.—The suit begun in April, 1888, contesting the will of the late Benjamin Berkeley Hotchkiss, the widely-known inventor of the Hotchkiss rifle and cannon, has been settled, and the case has been withdrawn from court. In the amount involved and in complications resulting, the case was perhaps one of the greatest of the kind ever brought in this state. The litigants are the brothers and sisters of the dead inventor. By agreement, the terms of the settlement are withheld from the public.

Foster Made a Bad Break.

LONDON, March 8.—Some of the English papers have reproduced the substance of the interview with Secretary Foster, cabled to New York, in which the expression "clam-mouthed" as applied to Irish emigrants created much discussion. Mr. Foster reiterated his statement that the expression was not his. "I used," said he, "the familiar phrase 'flannel-mouthed' to denote a raw emigrant, whose children become assimilated with good American type."

A New Comet Discovered.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 7.—Professor Swift, of the observatory here discovered a bright telescope comet this morning at daylight. As read from the circles it was in right ascension 183.59 deg., degree of declination south 31.20. It is large and for a telescope comet very bright. It can be seen with an opera glass moving slowly in an easterly direction. No tail is visible with the big telescope.

"Jonah and the Whale."

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 8.—C. B. Reynolds, secretary of the Washington secular union, has applied to state superintendent Bryan to reinstate in the public school at Davenport, a boy who was suspended because he recited a sacrilegious poem entitled "Jonah and the Whale." Supt. Bryan replies that he can only act in such cases upon appeals from decisions of county superintendents taken within the statutory time, and that the parties interested must look to the courts for redress.

Why Teller Opposes.

DENVER, Colo., March 8.—Senator Teller's opposition to the renomination of President Harrison, he says is simply because he don't agree with him on his financial policy as applied to silver, and not because of any personal feelings. He trusts that Colorado will send a delegation to Minneapolis who will vote for a candidate favoring the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Sunday Law Fight.

PITTSBURGH, March 7.—Robert McClure, agent of the law and order league, who has been waging a war on the newsdealers, carriers and newsboys for selling newspapers on Sunday, was arrested today for perjury. He has given bail for a hearing.

Flashes of Lightning.

A Washington dispatch says that Mr. Springer rested easy last night. The spread of erysipelas has been checked and his condition very much improved last night.

The English house of commons' debate yesterday was upon a measure for the defense of Esquimalt harbor, Victoria. The motion was defeated without division.

The Linn county, Or., democracy, and the prohibition delegates are in session today, in Albany. Both will put tickets in the field. The county farmers' alliance met at Lebanon Saturday and nominated a full ticket. These tickets threaten to make politics of Linn rather mixed this year. The republican convention meets March 30.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

Cleveland Credited with Unalterable Hostility to Hill.

THE PROTESTING MAY CONVENTION.

Will Not Refuse the Nomination, But is Not a Candidate.

THE SILVER BILL ALL THE TALK.

Gen. Alger is Willing--Democratic Uphaval in Maine--Other News.

BUFFALO, March 7.—It is asserted by Francis D. Locke, that Grover Cleveland expresses himself as unalterably opposed to the methods employed by the Hill faction, and while he is careful not to express his feelings to any one connected with the press, he does not hesitate to denounce the February convention in no uncertain language, to his intimate friends. Mr. Locke said tonight the president not long ago said to him he was in thorough sympathy with the protesting May convention to be held in Syracuse, and asserted that in his opinion it was the only way in which the democrats of New York could properly manifest their opposition to the methods employed by Hill's friends. "Mr. Cleveland said to me a few days ago," said Mr. Locke, "I am not a candidate for the presidential nomination, but if the convention sees fit to take action in my favor, I cannot refuse to accept." This statement, coming as it does from a bosom friend of the Ex-President, is regarded as correctly representing his position.

Significance of the Silver Issue.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The silver men made a great inning yesterday, and men in both parties who have been hoping it would be postponed until after the elections are convinced the issue must be disposed of by the house before the date of the national convention. The free-coinage men of both parties are, of course, highly elated. The gold men in the democratic party are filled with dismal forebodings, while the anti-free coinage republicans, who comprise 85 per cent of the republican membership in the house, are disposed to view the situation with complacency. It is now possible that the presidential election will turn upon the question of free coinage of silver. The issue was squarely made by the vote to fix a day for a vote on the Bland bill. The eastern democrats mustered all their strength against the report of the committee on rules and could command only 84 votes. Ten of these were republicans. The vote to fix a day to consider the bill was 190, five-sixths of it democratic.

Portland Upside Down.

PORTLAND, Maine, March 7.—The election here was a great triumph for the democrats. They gained control of the city government by electing a majority of the city council and a mayor. The common council gives the democrats 15 out of 28 votes and practically turns out all the city officers. The city is turned upside down tonight and the democrats are parading the streets with bands and torches. This is the first time in years the democrats have gained control of the city government, electing a majority council on joint ballot, and the mayor.

Gen. Alger Coming.

DETROIT, March 8.—Gen. Alger will leave for California this evening on purely private business. Being asked to say something in regard to his attitude towards the suggestion of his name for the republican presidential nomination, he said: "Until recently I have been undecided as to whether I would enter the contest for the nomination, but in view of the expressions from earnest republicans throughout the country, I have concluded to enter the field."

Stock Breeders Association.

WALLA WALLA, March 9.—A call has been issued for a convention of stock breeders, to be held at Ellensburg on the 22d to perfect a state organization of live stock breeders. There are many matters of importance to be considered. One member from the Big Bend country says he will endeavor to have the association take measures to prevent the cattle stealing from which so many breeders have suffered in eastern Washington of late years. This is only one of the many subjects that will need attention.

Timothy Hopkins Withdraws.

SALEM, Mass., March 7.—Judge Endicott, of counsel for contestant in the Searles will case, this morning filed a formal waiver in behalf of Timothy Hopkins and wife, of an appeal from the decree allowing the will of Mary Searles.

Shoe Factories all Closed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—All the shoe factories in the city are closed this morning, employers having locked out their employes because of a refusal to raise the boycott on several firms.

A High Stepping Duchess.

LONDON, March 8.—There is a decided disagreement of the most intense character just at present between the Duchess of Edinburgh and the queen. The duchess was delighted to hold drawing-rooms this season in place of the queen and the Princess of Wales. The usual presentation lists were submitted to the queen, and were found to contain several Americans. Suddenly the duchess declined to preside at the receptions unless the lists were also submitted to her for approval, and she positively refused to accept any Americans except those who belong to the diplomatic circle. This determination caused much surprise, and an explanation will probably be demanded. The duchess is also furious against her husband, who favors the suggested union of their eldest daughter, Marie, with the Marquis of Blandford, the Duke of Marlborough's heir. She says that no child of a niece of the Russian emperor shall mate with the beggarly descendant of Jack Churchill. The duke, on the contrary, thinks it is an excellent match for his daughter, in view of the English dukedom and the superb heirlooms at Blenheim palace. The Duchess of Marlborough is delighted at the prospect of becoming stepmother to a niece of the czar. She says she will leave all her savings to the Marquis of Blandford if a marriage occurs. When this declaration was made to the Duchess of Edinburgh, she exclaimed: "The insolent woman! One thing is certain, my daughter shall never know her." Princess Marie inherits one-third of her mother's great fortune.

Utah Democracy.

PENDLETON, March 9.—The democratic county convention yesterday nominated the following ticket for Utah county: For representatives, Michel Toner, J. M. Stone, Henry J. Taylor; for county judge, Thos. J. Tweedy; for commissioner, A. L. Gordon; for sheriff, W. J. Furnish; for clerk, Walter M. Pierce; for treasurer, William H. Jones; for assessor, W. W. Brannin; for school superintendent, D. W. Jarvis; for coroner, Dr. Plimell. The usual platform was adopted, with additions endorsing the administration of Gov. Penoyer, and urging upon our senators and representatives in congress the great importance of a speedy completion of the improvements of the Columbia river; also, demanding the passage of the legislature of a memorial to congress asking the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of the United States senators by a direct vote of the people. The following gentlemen were elected as delegates to the state convention: Clark Waller, J. H. Clifford, T. B. Wells, Donald McRae, L. B. Blante, J. L. Killian, E. DePeatt, N. H. Sitton, R. G. Thompson, W. F. Matlock, R. B. Beattie, H. R. Sibley, J. H. Raley, Chas. H. Carter.

Exciting Election in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 8.—The municipal election took place today and was close and exciting. The new ballot received another trial, and the people were pleased with it. It worked to perfection, and the political workers had little opportunity for the usual methods of corruption. The principal fight was for chief of police, John S. Rodgers, an independent, was elected over D. W. Higgins, republican, with a plurality of 112. Just after the polls closed a San Francisco politician called "Big Neck" Smith shot and killed Patrick Brannigan, a plasterer, during a quarrel about the election. Smith shot Brannigan twice, and as the latter fell Smith placed the pistol to his head and fired the third shot. Brannigan died instantly.

A Banquet for Claggett.

BOISE CITY, March 8.—There is talk of tendering Hon. W. M. Claggett a banquet when he returns to Idaho. He may pass through Boise, and if he does his friends in this city will give him a welcome. While Claggett has been defeated in the senatorial contest, he is still a very prominent man in Idaho politics. Claggett men here say that, now the contest has been settled they will join with Dubois' supporters for the good of the party.

Is Chandler "Loyal?"

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Senator Chandler is somewhat pronounced in the matter of the candidacy of Ex-Senator Blair. He says: "New Hampshire will be found in earnest in presenting his name at the convention, if the strength we expect from the south be forthcoming. Ex-Senator Blair is our candidate, and we expect he will prove a formidable candidate."

Becoming an Old Story.

CHICAGO, March 9.—A letter was received by the sheriff today from Juneau, Alaska, from J. C. Howard, informing him that Tascott, the alleged murderer of Millionaire Snell, is now in the Yukon river country.

Boundary Dispute.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 9.—A dispute is threatened between North Dakota and South Dakota as to the boundary line between the two states. The trouble arises through the seventh standard being a crooked line to the eastern boundary of the states, which makes one tier of townships in Roberts county north of the seventh standard parallel.

Ed. Wilson, son of the ferry boat man at Arlington, has been arrested on suspicion of burning the opposition ferry boat Lizzie Linn.

JAY GOULD'S CHARITY.

Mr. Springer no Longer Chairman of His Committee.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ATTEND.

Location of the Proposed Gun Factory for the Pacific Coast.

APPROPRIATION BILL REPORTED.

Claims of Oregon for the Factory at Astoria, Or On the Columbia River--Other News.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Jay Gould has given \$25,000 to the university of the city of New York. The gift was made a few days after he gave his check for \$10,000 to the Presbyterian church extension committee. It was Jay Gould's desire that the gift should be kept a secret. The Rev. Dr. John Paxton, the pastor of the church which Mr. Gould and his family attend, let out the fact last night unintentionally to a reporter. When pressed for further information concerning it, he said the matter was a secret. Chancellor McCrauen confirmed later the fact that the gift had been made.

Mr. Springer's Illness.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Mr. Springer's important chairmanship of the ways and means committee is practically at an end. Dr. Vincent, who came from Springfield, Ill., to take charge of Mr. Springer's case, said today that, even should his patient begin to rally at once and continue to improve from this time on, it would be impossible for him to attend to any business for the next two months. Dr. Vincent says that under the most favorable circumstances Mr. Springer could not leave the house within the next three weeks. After that the doctor will insist that Mr. Springer go to Fortress Monroe, or some other health resort, for a stay of four or five weeks. According to Dr. Vincent's program, therefore, Mr. Springer has practically concluded his services as chairman of the ways and means committee for this session of congress, for the tariff bills will be entirely disposed of by the end of April.

The Big Gun Factory.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate committee on coast defenses has made a report to accompany the bill reported last week. The committee says that, in view of the difference of opinion existing as to the exact place on the Pacific coast where the factory should be located, the committee is of the opinion that its location should be left to the decision of a board of competent experts, to be appointed by the president, as provided for in the bill. It appears from the statement of the chief of ordnance that if there be no large establishment of this kind on the Pacific coast there will be need of two small establishments for repairs, one to be located at Benicia, and the other further north, on the Columbia river, or on Puget sound. The bill appropriates \$1,000,000 for the erection of suitable buildings, the purchase of suitable machinery and other materials. The making of a big gun requires the best kind of steel, and the material has to be very carefully made. It can be made on this coast by converting fuel into gas. Oregon has the metal free from sulphur and phosphorus, and as soon as a market for "billets" is created such as the government has sought we shall have no difficulty in handling all the crude product that comes.

Two Sources of Power.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 9.—The Jenne Electric company today shipped to Michigan a fifty horse-power motor to be used in the submarine torpedo-boat which is being built for the United States by Chicago capitalists. It will be tested by the government in about three weeks. It is cigar-shaped, and has two sources of motive power, steam and electricity, the first generating the power for the second. In case of emergency, a storage-battery system will operate the motor when the vessel wishes to submerge. The failure of nearly eleven submarine torpedo-boats has been due to the inability of the inventor to keep the cigar point from fastening in the bottom, but in this point the submerison is accomplished by water ballast, and, so far, the horizontal position of the vessel has been maintained in several experiments.

Chil's New Cabinet.

VALPARAISO, March 9.—It is expected that arrangements will be perfected today for forming a new cabinet. A meeting of the liberal members of congress was held Monday night to discuss the situation. It is probable that Eduardo Matte will be minister of foreign affairs and Augustine Edwards minister of finance, as Valder Vergera, who held the latter office, will not accept the portfolio again.

Something new—Pabst's Bohemian Milwaukee Beer only one bit a bottle. Hot clam broth after 5 p. m. at J. O. Mack's. Call and try them. 2-23tf

Imprisoned His Successor.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 9.—Advices from Guatemala state that Gen. Reyna Barrios, who was recently declared elected president of Guatemala, has been made a prisoner by order of President Barrillas. There is great excitement in the Altos district and the people are arming. It is rumored that Senor La Infesta, who was announced some time ago as having been chosen president, will be arrested, as Barrillas is determined to occupy the presidency or to give it to L. Larent, one of his henchmen.

Will go to an Asylum.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Judge Levy today issued a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Sarah Althea-Sharon-Terry, and she was taken to court, where she will be examined by the commissioners of insanity, who will pass upon the question of confining her at some asylum. The warrant was issued on the application of Mamie Pleasance, Mrs. Terry's friend and nurse.

England's Naval Condition.

LONDON, March 9.—Lord Hamilton, first lord of the admiralty, made his annual naval statement in commons last evening. The statement shows an increase of \$125,000 over the estimated expenditures. Hamilton admits the annuity of nearly \$7,500,000, which was granted under the naval defense act on the distinct pledge that it would only be for seven years, will become a permanent charge.

Moscow Just Escaped.

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 9.—Fire broke out last night in a building which was completely consumed and others with it. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. The total loss amounts to \$8,500. But for the fire department the town would have been destroyed.

Sol Hirsch Heard From.

LONDON, March 9.—The Daily News today prints articles praising the energetic action of Mr. Hirsch, American minister to Turkey, in protesting to the porte against the decree ordering all schools to procure a license from the government or else close.

To Fill Decobain's Seat.

DUBLIN, March 9.—The election to fill the seat for East Belfast, made vacant by the recent expulsion from the house of commons of Edward H. Decobain, on a charge of gross immorality, has resulted in a victory for Wolf, the dissenting candidate.

Some Funny Business.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 9.—The Cherokee Land company has gone into the hands of a receiver with assets of \$600,000 and liabilities less than \$40,000. The assets are so much in excess of the liabilities that the receivership will be only temporary.

Cost Against the Co-Respondent.

LONDON, March 9.—In the divorce court today in the case of Gilroy against Gilroy, Mr. Gilroy was granted a decree with costs against the co-respondents. Gilroy formerly owned a ranch near San Francisco, Cal., and while there married Miss Ella Frances Kellogg.

Sentenced to Hard Labor.

LONDON, March 9.—Mrs. Osborne today in the central criminal court was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at hard labor in connection with the jewel robbery from her cousin, Mrs. Hargreaves.

Official Slaughter of Cattle.

GLASGOW, March 9.—The market is closed against cattle, sheep and pigs in consequence of the prevalence of the mouth and foot disease. A number of cattle and swine have been slaughtered at Paisley by the authority of officials.

Cossacks Massing.

BERLIN, March 9.—The Thorer Zeitung, published at Thorn, in West Prussia, says an extensive movement is in progress among the Russian troops on the frontier, and every place of importance is filling with soldiers, chiefly Cossacks.

Between New York and Brooklyn.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 9.—The governor has signed a bill incorporating the East River Bridge company, to build two bridges between New York and Brooklyn.

Lost With Her Crew.

LONDON, March 9.—A telegram from Port Said says the German steamer Messena foundered off the Sicilly islands during a gale February 19. It is believed that the crew, twenty-four in number, are lost.

Rioting in Montevideo.

MONTEVIDEO, March 9.—A serious riot took place during the recent carnival. The police are making arrests of the ringleaders. The United States warships Chicago, Bennington and Atlanta have sailed for La Plata.

A Counterfeiter Captured.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, March 9.—Deputy United States Marshal R. M. Dryden and Deputy Sheriff Joe Warren made another haul of a counterfeiter at Sucker Lake, Kootenai county, today.

Held for Trial.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—N. F. Evans, ex-director of the Spring Garden National bank, was arrested Monday for embezzlement, and today held for trial.