

SICK OF THE SYSTEM.

"Rats Leaving a Sinking Ship" is a Tame Comparison.

JAY GOULD INTENDS TO LEAVE IT.

Omaha tired of its Festering Presence, Begins a Casting out Suit.

PORTLAND HAS LIKE GRIEVANCES.

Will Dalles People, Who are Held By Strings of the "System" Heed the Lesson.

PORTLAND, March 31.—There is something louder than "whisperings in the wind," concerning franchises granted by this city to the Union Pacific which the "system" has failed to comply with, and the possibility that Portland may soon take action similar to that of Omaha, is freely talked about in influential circles. The subject has been brought up again by a press dispatch from Omaha yesterday which says: "War between the Union Pacific railroad and Omaha city has again broken out. Years ago the city decided the railroad a number of valuable lots in consideration of having the eastern terminus of the line in Omaha, there being a revisionary clause in the deeds. The eastern terminus has been in Iowa for years. By re-creation these lots, being on the river front, hand grown to include 200 acres, valued at \$1,500,000. On other lots the road was given a right of way only, but claim them now by reason of being in undisputed possession more than ten years, and has sold and leased to other parties. This morning Street Commissioner Windspear and a force of men began fencing in the lots, and the railroad officials began hustling for an injunction. Judge Dundy being in Cuba, the railroad officials have to go into the state courts, but the land in controversy will be fenced before papers can be issued. This is the beginning of a long and costly litigation." Following the above came a dispatch to the effect that Jay Gould, himself, will soon abandon the "system." The same authority declares that the entire management will be affected even to petty officers. The resignation of Charles S. Mellen as general traffic manager is said to be the first tangible evidence of this gigantic turning over in railway circles. The resignation takes effect tomorrow. Mr. Mellen has accepted the general management of the New York and New England road. The near approach of the annual meeting of Union Pacific stockholders and the rumors of a probable change in the management lead some railroad men to conclude that Mellen has improved the opportunity to anticipate a big revolution in the company's affairs. A Union Pacific official who has closely followed the tend of the road's affairs for many years, and knows of the new deal, expresses the opinion that the traffic managership will be abolished as a distinct office by the new faction. The road, it is alleged, will remain in control of Boston capitalists, but will be operated in the interest of the Northwest.

"The Sun Shines for all."

NEW YORK, March 30.—The Sun this morning has the following editorial: "We have asked for the name of the statesman who composed and directed the arbitration treaty with England respecting the questions that have been raised in Behring sea, and we are not surprised that no one has yet arisen to answer the question. All our rights in Behring sea are effectually given away by that party. The tribunal of arbitration is so constructed and the questions to be put before it are so expressed that it is just as certain now that the whole case will finally be determined in favor of Great Britain as it will be after the decision is rendered. On every several count the United States will be turned out of court, a defeated party. Nothing will remain to us but the mere Pribyloff islands, whatever that may be worth. Under such circumstances, it is astonishing that President Harrison should have thought it necessary to send armed vessels to Behring sea to keep poachers away. What is the good of preserving the seals a few weeks longer, more or less, when they are bound to enter upon the process of rapid extinction as soon as the tribunal shall pronounce its judgment. The whole case of the United States is given away in advance by this treaty. The arbitration tribunal is constituted as if for the express purpose of deciding against us. Who is responsible for this? Is it anybody but Benjamin Harrison?"

Howling Down the Truckee.

RENO, March 29.—The wind is howling down the usually quiet Truckee river, and the air is heavily laden with mountain dust. The weather is cold and disagreeable, and if one can go by the judgment of the oldest inhabitant, the worst storm of the season is following.

Aid Speedily Required.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The reports from American agents in the distressed provinces contradict the statements circulated in the United States that the peasants are in no further need of assistance. They are in urgent need of corn, especially seed corn. Murphy, one of the American agents, will issue an appeal to the German-American people for aid. He says there are in distressed provinces 300,000 German colonists in distress, who appeal to their kinsmen in the United States for aid. The crops have failed for several years, and there was not a drop of rain for ninety-two days in 1891. The colonists have been decimated by spotted typhus fever. Aid must be speedy to be effective. If German-American citizens will send a shipload of unground Indian corn, the peasants will be enabled to grind a part and sow the remainder. Charles Emery Smith, United States minister here, will see it is properly distributed.

Portland Live Stock Market.

PORTLAND, March 31.—The following prices of live stock in this market are furnished by A. Fargher & Co.: Cal. steers, average 1,150 to 1,250 lbs., \$3.98 @ \$4.00; Grass fed steers, average 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$3.25 @ \$3.85; Grass fed cows, average 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$2.50 @ \$3.25; Hogs, block, average 125 to 200 lbs., \$6.15; Stock, average 80 to 125 lbs., \$5.50 @ 5.90; Grass fed sheep, valley, 80 to 95 lbs., \$4.50 @ 4.85; ditto average 100 to 110 lbs. \$4.90 @ \$5.00; Grass fed sheep, Eastern Oregon, average 95 to 110 lbs., \$4.90 @ \$5.00. The market is strong, especially for sheep and hogs.

Earthquake at Arica.

VALPARAISO, March 30.—A severe earthquake occurred at Arica this afternoon and caused great alarm among its inhabitants. It was accompanied by a heavy tidal wave. The shock was felt at both Valparaiso and Santiago.

Not True.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—No confirmation is obtainable here of the Indianapolis dispatch saying the government will pay \$100,000 indemnity to the families of the Italians killed in New Orleans.

Poacher's Notified.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 30.—The collector of customs at Victoria has been notified by telegraph from here not to allow any more clearances of vessels going to Behring sea.

Cheap Fares Coming.

BOSTON, March 31.—The West Shore line, via the Fitchburg railroad, will announce a \$50 rate from Boston to all California points today.

Secretary Blaine at his Post.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Secretary Blaine resumed the discharge of his official duties today.

A BILL THAT MEETS A PRESSING NEED.

A postal fractional currency is provided for in Senator Kyle's bill No. 2531, now before the committee on post-offices and post-roads in the United States Senate. It provides that on and after Jan. 1, 1893, the issue by the post-office department of postal notes shall cease, and in their stead shall be issued a postal fractional currency in denominations of 5, 10, 25, 50 and 75c. This currency is to be furnished to all postmasters in such sums as the postmaster general shall deem proper, having due regard for the amount of business transacted. It shall be legal tender for sums less than \$1, and shall be redeemable at any postoffice in the United States to the amount of \$1, at any money order postoffice of the fourth class, to the amount of \$5, and in any postoffice of the first, second or third class to an amount not exceeding \$10 in any one payment. Such postal fractional currency is to be furnished to the public on payment therefor at its face value in lawful money of the United States without other cost or charges. In this way fractional currency could be distributed in any part of the country where most needed. We trust that this bill will be enacted, for it is one of the great conveniences that people living in the country must have. It is a better and simpler measure than the fractional silver certificates which the house provided for in 1888, which was killed in the senate finance committee by the then secretary of the treasury, Charles S. Fairchild.

Wapinitia Items.

WAPINITIA, March 28.

Editor Chronicle: You had an article in your paper last week about McD Lewis of this precinct having made "his first haul in politics" out of a bear pig. Your's way off mister. You forget Me voted for John H. Mitchell.

A. DEMOCRAT.

Outcry against gerrymandering is not honest from either party. In Massachusetts 178,000 republicans elect ten congressmen, while 150,000 democrats elect but two. On the other hand, 100,000 republican voters in New York city never have a representative in congress. The truth is, both parties will gerrymander when they have it in their power, the only difference being that possibly the democrats can generally do the business up in neater shape.

Eugene Guard, (Dem). Miller, Geer, et al are not in the congressional contest with Hermann. The wily Binger holds the top hand and will secure the prize at Portland next week.

AS BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Canadian Adaptability to Heathen Chinese Tricks.

A NEW LOOPHOLE DISCOVERED.

Under an Oath of Allegiance Celestials May Come in Armies.

A NICE SCHEME TO BE ABATED.

Ottawa Sends a Delegation to Interview Cabinet Ministers on the Situation. Other Interesting News.

MONTREAL, March 30.—The recently discovered loophole in the United States exclusion law has already begun to show its effects in the arrival of Chinese from western points to take out papers as British subjects. Three Chinese who had taken the oath of allegiance to the queen have gone to Boston from here. United States officers on this side of the line tried to stop them, but had to let them through when papers of citizenship were exhibited. As the treaty between the United States and Great Britain provides that the former shall admit within its borders, with the right of residence, any British subject, it is not apparent that anything can now be done to stop the Chinese who wish to go to the United States as British subjects. A prominent United States treasury official, now in the city, said there was nothing to prevent the "British" Chinese from being flooded with, before some plan could be adopted to put a stop to it. The Canadians also view the situation with alarm. The trade and labor council sent to Ottawa delegates who saw the cabinet ministers, and a bill will come in the house this week asking that the head tax on Chinese be increased from \$50 to \$100 each, and that further restrictions be put on vessels carrying them. The bill will be framed so that only one Chinese shall be carried to every 100 tons.

Deeming the Demon.

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 30.—Deeming is guarded night and day aboard the Ballarat, by seven watchers. It has been discovered that he has plucked the hairs of his mustache out by the roots in order to baffle identification. A detective hints that he possesses evidence showing that Deeming committed some of the murders attributed to "Jack the Ripper." The police believe they have discovered proofs that Deeming murdered a man named Keays, with whom he went to Cape of Good Hope, from Australia in 1888.

An Insane Crank.

CLEVELAND, O., March 31.—Frank R. Draeger of Fort Wayne, Ind., murderously assassinated his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. O. Fitch, at her residence last evening. When arrested he said he came here for the purpose of killing her and her son. He is evidently insane. Draeger hung around the neighborhood of the Fitch residence all the forenoon and got two boys to enquire at various houses until he found the right one. A dispatch from Fort Wayne says that he has acted queerly for some time.

An Indian Claimant.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Senator Mitchell today, introduced a bill for the relief of the legal representative of Chief Wintumbenoot, of the Umatilla tribe. It proposes to appropriate \$1235 for property destroyed in July, 1872, during the Bannock Indian war.

Good for the Northern.

PORTLAND, March 31.—A. D. Charlton, of the N. P. R. Co., has notified the fraternity here that fares from Missouri river points and St. Paul, to the meeting of the Sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows, in Portland next fall, will be \$60, for the round trip. Tickets to be sold from September 1st to the 6th, inclusive, good until September 20, for the going trip, the return limit to be placed at sixty days from the date of issue. Passengers may come west over one line and return over another.

The Wool Act.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Springer free wool bill was denounced in the house today as a conspiracy between the cotton raisers of the South, and the wool manufacturers of the north to enrich themselves at the expense of the prosperity of the nation. This charge was made by Representative J. D. Taylor, of Ohio, and will doubtless be the subject of some vigorous retorts from the democrats.

Another Lick at the "System."

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Justice Brewer, of the supreme court, sitting as judge of the circuit court of the district embracing Nebraska, has rendered a decision declaring illegal the contract under which the telegraph lines of the Union Pacific railroad are operated by the Western Union, and direct that the road hereafter operate its own lines.

Republican County Convention.

The republican county convention of Wasco county, met last Saturday in this city. At 10:30 a. m. the meeting was called to order by chairman of the county central committee, M. T. Nolan, who opened the proceedings by reading the calls for the state and county conventions.

Mr. Nolan then thanked the republicans of Wasco county for the honor they had done him in appointing him for two terms in succession chairman of the county central committee.

M. J. Anderson, of Dufur, then placed in nomination for temporary chairman of the convention Hon. W. H. H. Dufur, of Dufur. T. A. Hudson moved to amend by substituting the name of M. P. Isenberg. Anderson said, "We want no substitute."

M. A. Moody moved that the chair appoint two tellers to collect the ballots on the vote for chairman. The chair appointed Hon. Robert Mays and M. A. Moody. Mr. Dufur was elected by a vote of 38 to 35. The election was made unanimous on vote of Mr. T. A. Hudson.

J. M. Patterson was elected secretary and H. C. Rooper assistant secretary. On motion a committee of five on credentials was appointed by the chair, consisting of Hon. Robert Mays, R. Sigman, C. L. Gilbert, C. V. Lane and W. D. Richards.

On motion a committee of five on order of business was appointed consisting of M. J. Anderson, J. E. McCormick, F. C. Sexton, H. Rice and F. Menefee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was again called to order by Chairman Dufur at 1:40 p. m. The committee on credentials reported, as duly elected, the delegates whose names have been already published in the CHRONICLE, as follows:

East Dalles precinct. Frank Creighton, J. W. Koozts, W. J. Roberts, Frank Connelly, H. L. Kuck, Emory Campbell and Fred Grummond. Biglow precinct. Frank Menefee, M. T. Nolan, Hugh Chrisman, C. J. Crandall, Robert Mays, and Thomas Joles. Trevett precinct. J. M. Patterson, Judd Fish, William Mitchell, C. L. Phillips, P. DeHuff, J. G. Koozts, A. M. McLeod and W. H. Jones.

West Dalles precinct. J. W. Marquis, George Runyan, G. B. Halvor, A. N. Varney, and A. A. Urquhart. Mosier precinct. L. Devenport, Frank Phillips.

Hood River precinct. M. P. Isenberg, J. W. Baker, T. R. Cook, E. S. Olinger, C. L. Gilbert.

Falls precinct. Robert Black, E. P. Ash, Dr. Candiani, A. Watt, P. Moran, Baldwin precinct. W. R. Winans, — Ross.

Eight-Mile precinct. W. E. Campbell, J. E. McCormick. Columbia precinct. H. Gilpin, W. D. Richards.

DesChutes precinct. H. Rice, A. S. Roberts. Nansene precinct. Henry Hudson, J. Easton.

Dufur precinct. H. H. Dufur, Willard Vanderpool, M. J. Anderson, R. Sigman, Geo. W. Johnston.

Kingsley precinct. F. C. Sexton, E. Williams, H. Mahew. Tygh precinct. W. M. McCorkle, J. H. Sherar.

Wainie precinct. A. E. Lake, T. J. Driver, P. W. Knowles. Oak Grove precinct. S. G. Blackerby, Frank Gabel, W. H. Davis.

Bake Oven precinct. H. C. Rooper, H. Jordan, Lem Burgess. Antelope precinct. W. Kelsay jr., J. C. Murphy, D. S. Kimsey, C. V. Lane, Grant Mays.

The following persons were admitted to the convention by proxies: M. A. Moody by proxy of Emory Campbell, C. P. Head, by proxy of J. W. Baker, T. A. Hudson, by proxy of L. Devenport, F. C. Sexton by proxy of Emory Williams.

Fred Grummond's proxy was voted by C. F. Beers. Hood River was allotted five delegates instead of four.

The committee on the order of business reported as follows: We recommend that your body proceed to nominate the candidates for the respective offices as follows:

Sheriff, Clerk, County Judge, Assessor, Treasurer, Superintendent, Commissioner, Surveyor, Coroner and last, the delegates to the state convention.

We recommend that the temporary officers be made permanent. Signed: W. J. ANDERSON, Chairman. FRANK MENEFFEE, Secy.

Mr. Mays moved to amend by restricting the county for the state representation, as by the caucus of country delegates last night. Adding that the line between Biglow and Trevett precincts be the line between the four city precincts, dividing them into two districts.

delegates be permitted to caucus as to the division of the city, as the country delegates did last night for the county. The amendment to the amendment was carried, and the convention adopted the report of the committee.

On motion of C. L. Phillips the convention resolved to ballot for candidates by precincts. The tellers collecting the ballots from each precinct as its name is called.

H. Gilpin moved the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. Resolved: That the republicans of Wasco county, in convention assembled, do instruct our delegates to the state convention to pledge the candidates for the legislature that they work for the passage of a law that shall cut off the 33 1/2 per centum from the salaries of clerk and sheriff of this county, or otherwise place these officers under a reasonable fixed salary.

A resolution by M. P. Isenberg, was heartily adopted, declaring that the convention is in favor of an open river.

Another, by A. S. Roberts, was also adopted, declaring that the convention is in favor of having congress extend the time for the payment of the price of the railroad lands lately forfeited.

The convention proceeded to ballot for sheriff, after the following persons had been put in nomination: C. P. Balch, H. W. Steel, C. W. Rice and C. L. Phillips.

On the first ballot the candidates received the following vote: C. P. Balch, 34; H. W. Steel, 13; C. W. Rice, 11; C. L. Phillips, 15; Blank, 1. Necessary to a choice, 38.

On the second ballot Balch received 39 votes, Steel 10, Rice 11, and Phillips 14. Mr. Balch was therefore declared the choice of the convention for sheriff. Nominations for clerk were now in order, and the following candidates were put in the field:

Alex McLeod, E. N. Chandler, J. M. Huntington and J. M. Patterson. The first ballot resulted as follows: McLeod 16; Chandler 23; Huntington 30; J. M. Patterson 5.

On the second ballot for clerk McLeod received 11 votes, Chandler 24, and Huntington 39. Mr. Huntington was declared the nominee of the convention.

For County Judge only one name was brought before the convention, that of the present incumbent Hon. C. N. Thornbury, who was nominated by acclamation.

For Assessor three candidates were put in the field, the present incumbent John E. Barnett, A. A. Urquhart and J. W. Koozts.

On the first ballot 12 votes were cast for Barnett, 17 for Urquhart, 32 for Koozts, 12 for Cockerline and one blank. The name of Mr. Barnett was then withdrawn from the race and the convention proceeded to the second ballot. The result was Urquhart received 19 votes, Koozts 41, and Cockerline 14. Mr. Koozts was then declared the nominee of the convention.

For County Treasurer William Michel, E. Jacobsen and I. C. Nickelsen were placed in nomination. On the first ballot Michell got 30 votes, Jacobsen 29, and Nickelsen 15. The second ballot stood 36 for Michell, 32 for Jacobsen, and 6 for Nickelsen.

On the second ballot Mr. Michell received 38 votes to 33 for Mr. Jacobsen and 3 for Nickelsen, and was therefore declared the nominee of the convention.

Troy Shelley was then nominated for School Superintendent by acclamation. S. D. Fisher, H. A. Leavens and E. P. Ash were nominated for county commissioner.

H. A. Leavens received the nomination by a vote of 46, to 15 for S. D. Fisher, and 12 for E. P. Ash. One blank.

E. F. Sharp was nominated by acclamation for surveyor and N. F. Eastwood in like manner for coroner. This closed the county nomination and a recess of half an hour was then taken before balloting on the delegates to the state convention.

When the convention came to order after a recess of half an hour, the chairman asked: "Are the districts ready to report their choice of delegates to the state convention?" when the following names were presented and indorsed: M. P. Isenberg, H. Rice, W. M. McCorkle, G. W. Johnston, N. B. Sinnott and M. A. Moody. The following gentlemen were selected to serve as committee men for their respective precincts for the ensuing two years. East Dalles: Will Roberts; Biglow, B. S. Huntington; Trevett, Jud Fish; West Dalles, J. W. Marquis; Mosier, S. D. Fisher; Hood River, E. S. Olinger; Falls, C. F. Candiani; Baldwin, W. R. Winans; Eight Mile, E. M. Harriman; Columbia, W. D. Richards; Deschutes, A. S. Roberts; Nansene, Henry Hudson; Dufur, Willard Vanderpool; Kingsley, E. P. Williams; Tygh, J. H. Sherar; Wainie, A. E. Lake; Wapinitia, O. L. Paquet; Bake Oven, Lem Burgess; Antelope, D. S. Kimsey.

It was moved by M. T. Nolan and carried: That if any delegate to the state convention be unable to attend his vote shall be cast by a majority of the other delegates in attendance.

On motion the delegates were instructed to support the nomination of W. H. Wilson for prosecuting attorney. On motion B. S. Huntington was chosen chairman of the county central committee and J. S. Fish its permanent secretary.

A vote of thanks was tendered to M.

T. Nolan for his able services as chairman of the county central committee for the past four years, and to the officers and committee-men of the convention for services rendered during the convention.

Chairman Dufur then expressed his gratitude and thanks for the kindly treatment extended to the chair and officers of the convention. On motion the convention adjourned sine die.

New Tactics.

The Union Pacific still maintains its determination to fight the people's boats, but the company has changed its tactics and the new tactics are not a whit less dangerous than the old while they are infinitely more annoying. The difference between the old and the new is the difference between competition and stealing. Last fall the company placed river transportation below living rates and hired a pilot tool in this city to buy up wheat that naturally would have been shipped by the Regulator. But the merchants stood manfully by the new boats and starved the Baker out. Now the company has adopted the infamous principle of charging through rates from Portland to The Dalles and points west of here on all freights consigned to the new line at Portland from San Francisco or eastern points or shipped on the people's boat to The Dalles, for reshipment to towns east, by the Union Pacific line. George Smith, a prominent merchant of Arlington, shipped a carload of salt from Portland to The Dalles by the people's boats. The salt was transferred to the cars and shipped to its destination, but the company demanded the full rates from Portland—\$24.90 extra. Fortunately they tackled the wrong man when they tackled George Smith, and the company backed down. The result is, Smith got his back up and now he vows he will ship every pound of freight he can by the Northern Pacific. A car load of sugar consigned to "McFarland and French, Portland," care of the Oregon transfer company and shipped by the people's boats to The Dalles was charged through rates all the way, making a difference of \$70 on the shipment. Through rates to Heppner have also been charged on goods similarly shipped to Henry Blackman and Gilman & Bisby. Surely there is sufficient justice yet left in American courts of law to stop this damnable imposition and the D. P. and A. N. company will fall in the duty it owes to itself as well as to the people of eastern Oregon if it does not immediately bring this whole business before the proper tribunal.

Astoria and Big Things.

When Astoria does do anything she does it on a big scale. For years, says the Astorian, she has caught and canned more salmon, and bigger and better ones, than any other place in the world. Now she is going to try her hand at building railroads. Some places, where they think they are great people, make a great ado over the driving of a "first spike" only six inches long. But Astoria drove a "first spike" for the railroad yesterday that was forty feet long and twenty inches in diameter. This is mentioned just to give people an idea how we do things here.

Coquille Herald. Klamath county sends a solid delegation for Hermann. Douglas is moving in the same direction. At a meeting of citizens the other day at Olalla, resolutions thanking Mr. Hermann for his able services and pledging themselves for his return, were unanimously passed. This, too, at a meeting where "both political parties were represented." There now.

Eugene Guard. Will the Salem Journal and other newspapers that have been fighting Hermann's nomination cheerfully accept the inevitable? Binger is certain to secure the nomination as the result of the convention held Saturday.

Senator Dolph evidently struck a popular cord in the speech which he delivered in the senate relating to tariff matters. Already there has been ordered from the government printing office 25,000 copies, many of which will be sent to Oregon. Many thousands are also being taken by other senators to circulate in their states. Every republican club in Oregon which will send a list of names to Senator Dolph, will receive for each member a copy of this speech to be used for campaign purposes.

The English sparrow may not turn out to be such an evil after all. A correspondent of the Oregonian assures its readers that he saw them busily engaged in feeding on the woolly aphid with which his apple trees are covered. If the little pests would only stick to woolly aphid for steady diet, Oregonians could stand a whole lot of them.

Met His Match.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 29.—A bull fighter was killed at a fight at Tula, near this city, Sunday. He was gored and ripped by the infuriated animal in a most terrible fashion. Finally the bull caught him on its horns and tore round the ring several times.

A State of Anarchy Prevails.

LONDON, March 29.—A Times dispatch from Montevideo says: Refugees from Rio Grande do Sul declare a state of anarchy prevails there.

Charity for Jay Gould.

EL PASO, Tex., March 29.—Certain citizens will give Jay Gould a lot for a residence. He announces that he will build a summer residence on it.