

LABOR UNION FIGHT.

The Rochester Boycott Resisted by the Federation.

AN ILL OMEN OF BROTHERHOOD.

Second Days Proceedings of the California Earthquake.

DREAD APPREHENSION REALIZED.

Ireland's Appeal to America an Important One--The Mushroom of Oklahoma, etc.

New York, April 21.--At a meeting of the executive committee of the federation of labor which is to be held in this city next week, a plan of campaign will be marked out for a fight, which means "the survival of the fittest" so far as the American federation of labor and the Knights of labor are concerned.

California's Earthquake. SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.--A singular impression possessed many residents of Vacaville yesterday to the effect that they had not passed all danger, and this dread apprehension was realized, when, at three separate times, from 2:02 to 6:40 a. m., shocks of an earthquake were repeated, and if a building was only slightly injured yesterday, today the wreck is complete.

An Appeal for Aid. NEW YORK, April 21.--The friends of Ireland in America are appealed to by the committee of National Federation, for aid to carry home "rule" for Ireland at the elections soon to follow the dissolution of parliament.

A Mushroom Town. OKAUCHE, O. T., April 20.--Yesterday morning Okauche was a lonely depot on the Rock Island road. This morning it was a town of 1,500 inhabitants, including twenty women. There is a grocery store and a lumber yard, both doing a rushing business.

Very "Prominent" Citizens. MONTREAL, April 20.--A tremendous sensation was created in St. John's, Quebec, by the arrest of five prominent citizens, including lawyers and officials of the provincial government, on a charge of the most revolting nature.

A Big Land Sale. DUBOIS, Pa., April 20.--The Pennsylvania railroad company has bought the Dubois estate, comprising 28,000 acres of coal and timber land in Clearfield county, for \$17,000,000.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Report of Term Examination, School District No. 40.

TYGH VALLEY, April 18. Editor Chronicle: I send you, herewith, my term examination report, hoping you will have the kindness to publish it.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Percentage. Lists students from Fifth Reader Class, Fourth Reader Class, Third Reader Class, and Second Reader Class.

THE MASSILLON TRAIN. Quickest Time and Largest Train Load To Cross the Continent.

The Russell train of thirty-two cars from Massillon, Ohio, which passed through The Dalles Sunday, carried forty traction engines; forty-five separators; five saw mills; one car load of saws, one car load of advertising matter; forty water tanks; in all, goods valued at \$100,000, upon which the freight amounts to \$13,000.

The firm of Russell & Co. make a specialty of threshing machinery for the Oregon and Washington trade. They have their own branch house for the coast at Portland, employ a number of expert machine men, and every year make a study of the requirements of the coast trade in this line.

The Russell threshing outfit for this season will certainly be the best in the market. The engines are equipped with Russell's patent friction clutch, which has for the past five years kept this engine at the head of the procession.

One of the most sensational and remarkable international transactions known in many years, and one which will make a great stir in England and Germany, consists in the virtual sale of the island republic of San Domingo to private parties for the United States for \$3,500,000 in 5 per cent debentures, secured on the revenue from tobacco, etc.

Herr Jaeger, who for twenty years has been in the service of the Rothschilds, at Frankfurt-on-Main, is a fugitive and an embezzler of nearly 2,000,000 marks. No event within many years has created a greater sensation in the financial circles of Germany.

The Oregonian says: "When in the legislature Mr. Veatch objected to every appropriation." This is not correct. There was at least one notable exception. Mr. Veatch made a rousing speech in favor of the Raley bill and voted with the majority when it passed the senate.

A pamphlet containing the new Australian ballot law adopted by this state is for sale at the Chronicle office at ten cents a copy.

BIG NEW YORK STEAL.

A Gang of Crooked Custom House Employees Detected.

IMPORTERS CHEATING UNCLE SAM.

The Stealings of Seventy-Five Persons Aggregate \$300,000.

NUMEROUS ARRESTS TO BE MADE.

A Clan of Importers, Brokers and Custom Employees Pull Together for Years.

New York, April 21.--For some weeks past Collector Hendricks has been quietly working upon a clue, which has at last unraveled a proceeding which has been carried on in this port for years, between a clan of importers, brokers and customs employes, by which the government has been defrauded of large sums of money.

San Francisco Ringsters.

CHICAGO, April 20.--Government officials this morning resumed their search for contraband tobacco, sent here and to other cities by the San Francisco ringsters, who have been defrauding the customs. The treasury agents received dispatches from San Francisco and New York this morning, and on information contained therein an inspector was sent hurriedly to a city in Ohio, where it is believed 100 bales of the tobacco were sent for disposition.

Union Pacific Affairs.

NEW YORK, April 20.--Capt. R. S. Hayes has consented to take the presidency of the Union Pacific when Sidney Dillon retires, at the coming election. Jay Gould and Russell Sage will be dropped from the board of directors, and Mr. Dillon retained only as a concession to his long service to the company.

Building Accident.

NEW YORK, April 21.--A building on State street, Schenectady, fell in yesterday with a terrific crash. Workmen were excavating alongside of the wrecked building, for the foundation of a new building adjoining, and they just had time to escape.

Senator Mitchell was feeling very good over having a convert in John Sherman to his opinion that the present Chinese exclusion act did not expire until 1894. Senator Dolph believes that the end will come May 6, this year, and Senator Sherman said he too was of that opinion until he read all the amendment carefully.

Five hundred men are now at work on the Astoria and Transcontinental railway.

MARKET REVIEW.

Trade for the past week has moved along more brisk without any changes in prices in any one line, save in flour which has declined twenty cents per barrel in the past few days. There has been a decline of thirty cents per barrel in Portland within the past three days, and is quoted there at \$4.30 for standard and \$4.20 for Walla Walla. This decline and quotation is 60 cents lower than that of a month ago, and is nothing more than was expected owing to the weak condition of the markets.

The egg and butter market is steady. Butter is more plentiful and the surplus above home demand is being shipped to the metropolis. The vegetable supply is good, and prices are looking downward. The fruit market is very fine with an increased scarcity of offering.

The grocery trade is brisk and no changes are noticed in quotations. Coffee, beans and rice are fine. Sugar is steady, with an easy feeling that there will be no advance. There is nothing to note in the wool market, save that it is moving freely. One lot has been shipped to San Francisco as a feeder. What the result will be is to be determined by the returns.

WHEAT--We quote 55 to 60 cents per bushel. Corn in sacks \$1.40@1.50 per 100 lbs.

OATS--The oat market is in good supply with a limited demand. We quote 1.20 cents to 1.25 cents per cental.

BARLEY--The barley supply is limited good with a limited inquiry. Brewing \$1.00 per cental. Feed barley at 80 to 90 cents per cental.

FLOUR--Local brands wholesale, \$4.10 @ \$4.25 per barrel at the mills, retail. MILLSTUFFS--We quote bran at \$20.00 per ton. Retail \$1.00 per 100 lbs. Shorts and middings, \$22.50@25.00 per ton. Chop corn at \$28.00 to \$30.00 per ton. Rolled barley at \$28.00 to \$30.00 per ton.

HAY--Timothy hay is in good supply at quotations \$14.00 to \$15.00. Wheat hay is quoted at \$12.50@13.00 per ton, and scarce, baled. Wild hay is quoted at \$12.00@13.00 per ton. Alfalfa \$12.00 baled. Oat hay \$13.00.

POTATOES--Abundant at 50 to 60 cents a sack and demand limited. BUTTER--We quote \$1.40 @ .65 cents per roll, and more plentiful.

EGGS--Are not coming in freely and the market strong, we quote 12 1/2 to 14 cents. POULTRY--Old fowls are in better supply at \$4.00 to \$4.50 per dozen.

Apples--1.75@2.00 per box and scarce. Vegetables--Cabbage, turnips, carrots and onions, 1 1/2 cent per pound. HIDES--Prime dry hides are quoted at .08 per pound. Culls .04@.05. Green .02 1/2 @.03. Salt .03 @.04. Sheep pelts 1.00 to 1.75. Butchered, 75 to cents; bear skins \$6 to \$8; coyote, 60; mink 50 cents each; martin \$1.00; beaver, \$1.75 @ \$3.00 per lb.; otter, \$2.00@5.00 each for A1; coon, .30 each; badger, .25 each; fisher, \$2.50 to \$4.00 each; Red Fox, \$25.00; Pole cat, \$2.25; Wild cat, \$5.00; Hedghog, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

BEEF--Beef on foot clean and prime 2 1/2 c. for ordinary and 3c. for prime. Mutton--Choice weathers 4 @ 4 1/2 cents, and scarce per lb in carcass.

HOGS--5c. dressed, and quite scarce. VEGETABLES--6 to 7 cents per lb. Country bacon in round lots 10c. Lard--5 lb cans .12 1/2 c; 10 lb 40 lb. 8 1/2 c @ 9 1/2 c.

LUMBER--The supply is fairly good. We quote No. 1 flooring and rustic \$26.00. No. 2 do. \$21.00. No. 3 do \$16.50. Rough lumber \$9. to \$12. No. 1 cedar shingles \$2.50@2.60. Lath \$2.85. Lime \$1.85@1.75 per bbl. Cement \$4.50 per bbl.

COFFEE--Costa Rica is quoted at 23 cents by the sack; Sugars--Chinese in 100 lb mats, Dry Granulated, \$6. 1/2; Extra C, 5 1/2 cents C, 5 1/2 cents.

AMERICAN SUGARS--Dry Granulated in barrels or sacks, 6 1/2 cents; Extra C, in do., 5 1/2 cents; C, 5 1/2 cents. SUGARS--In 30 lb boxes are quoted: Golden C \$1.80; Extra C, \$2.10; Dry Granulated \$2.25. SYRUP--\$2.25 to \$2.75 per can, kegs 1.90 to \$2.00 per keg.

RICE--Japan rice, 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2 cents; Island rice, 7 cents. BEANS--Small white, 4 1/2 @ 5 cents; Pink, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 cents by the 100 lbs.

STOCKS--Is quoted at \$17.50 per ton. Liverpool, 50 lb sack, 70 cents 100 lb sack, \$1.25; 200 lb sack, \$2.25.

Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal has made a strong plea for Russell Young. No action.

Senators Squires and Allen have argued to a sense of their duty in the matter of Columbia river improvements, and ask for an appropriation for an improvement below Vancouver.

A SUGGESTIVE PICTURE.

Effect of and Open River on the Cost of Transportation.

From the Vancouver Independent. Linus Hubbard of The Dalles is sending out handsome photographs of the whaleback steamers Wetmore and Colgate Hoyt passing through the Sault Ste Marie locks. Accompanying them is the following verse:

If our senators and congressmen heed the signs of the hour, These steamers and more by many a score Will pass the Cascade locks in '94. The photos with the verse, are highly suggestive, and nothing has yet transpired to show that the whalebacks will not be the coping grain carriers of the world. There is but one place between Cape Hancock and the Cascades with insufficient water for these steamers, and that is the bar a short distance below Vancouver, and a comparatively insignificant sum will be needed there to furnish a sufficient depth of water for the largest vessels that enter the river.

The weather is cool with frosty nights. Wheat that is sown is making plenty of root, but is not growing much on the surface. Mr. Brigham, of Dufur, preached a very able sermon to a large congregation at our school house last Sunday, and the Rev. Mr. Baker, of Dufur, preached Monday and Tuesday nights to very attentive audiences. So you see our people are a little inclined to be religious.

Kingsley Correspondence. KINGSLEY, Or., April, 16.

Editor Chronicle: I thought I would send a few items from our little burg where the farmers are through seeding, and the weary are at rest.

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Our school started on the first Monday of April, under the management of Prof. Merrill, a man well qualified to teach and train the mind of our youths. Our Sunday school is a grand success, under the able management of Supt. J. D. Whitten, assisted by our able school teacher.

TAM O'SHANTER.

GRACIOUSLY DECLINES. But He Has Treated the Boys to a Box of Cigars at the Expense of the Party.

WAMIC, Or., April 18.

Editor Chronicle: I see from the report of the proceeding of the democratic county convention, as published in the CHRONICLE, that I have been honored with the nomination for county surveyor. Please allow me space to thank the members of the convention for this expression of their confidence, respect, etc. I regret very much that my present engagements are such as to forbid all thought of accepting the nomination.

I decline with the very best feeling for every member of the convention. I am even with my old friend, Mr. Sanford now, as I have "treated the boys" here to a box of \$60 per thousand cigars; charging the same to his account. Very truly yours, F. S. GORDON.

ABOUT THOSE CIGARS. Mr. Gordon Must Withdraw His Resignation or Buy His Own Cigars.

THE DALLES, Or., April 21, 1902.

Editor Chronicle:

Tell Mr. Gordon that I am not in the habit of putting a man in nomination and letting him decline and then set up the cigars at my expense. If he will stay in the stall and stand our currying in June, the cigars will be paid for.

A. C. SANFORD.

A large aerolite fell about three miles northeast of Palermo, Cal., last night. The aerolite was green in color. It left a long train of fire in its wake, and its striking the earth was accompanied by an explosion audible several miles.

"Are Your Taxes Paid?"

Tax paying citizens of Oregon have frequently appealed for redress of the tax grievance. Not that the levy is always considered unreasonable, but from the fact that tax payers never know when they are through paying. A system such as they have in Brooklyn, N. Y., is most devoutly wished for in Oregon. In Brooklyn all the taxes are paid for the year at one time, to one man, city, school, county, state, and any special assessment that may be levied. Recounting his experiences in Oregon, a resident of Brooklyn says: "I used to write to the tax-collector to send me my tax bill for the current year. He did so. It was all itemized, the regular from the special assessment, and the total carried out. I would, upon its receipt and examination, mail him a check attached to the bill, and next day my tax bill returned receipted; and I had no doubt whatever after that all my taxes were paid. In this county, beside the trouble of running to the different places and the expense of keeping three sets of books and three sets of clerks, it requires an expert to know when all his taxes are paid. This system is liable to make mistakes, and often when a man thinks his taxes are paid he finds they are not." It seems possible that a remedy for these difficulties might be easily applied.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Astoria Herald. The salmon catch is very small, many boats coming in without any fish, and in other instances only one or two to the boat. The run, even for this season of the year, is considered exceedingly poor, and unless a marked improvement is noted, the pack will be smaller than ever in the history of the salmon canning industry.

Spokane Review. Jay Gould may not be much of a sportsman, but when he goes west he usually bags big game. His recent trip into Texas is understood to have proved quite successful. He captured only one railroad, but with ditches and irrigating canals he had better luck. Jason loses no sleep over the extinction of the American bison, but if the American railroad should become extinct existence would become very dreary for him.

Grants Pass Courier. Cap. Henderson is about to erect a hotel at the mouth of the famous Josephine county caves, and those romantic fastnesses will soon become a famous summer resort. They are distant twenty miles southeast of Kerby, within three miles of the California line. The subterranean passages have been explored for about ten miles and they seem to run away into California. The captain says there is tolerable good footing most of the way, but the chambers are up and down, necessitating the use of ladders at various points. In one place there is a deep pit into which rocks have been thrown, but have never been heard to strike, so it is considered pretty nearly bottomless. They will be more fully explored in the future.

Assotin Sentinel. The following novel plan of ridding farms of squirrels is being tried in Assotin county. Several rows are plowed in the field nearest where the squirrels are thickest, and at a distance of about every thirty feet holes to a depth of twenty inches are sunk, with a post hole digger. The squirrels take possession of the furrows as a play ground and while running after one another, will tumble into these holes from which they cannot again emerge, but die. Several farmers who have tried it, say it works admirably.

Excursion to Hood River.

The Idlewild Odd Fellows Lodge of Hood River will give a grand picnic at that place on April 26, in honor of the seventy-third anniversary of the introduction of old fellowship into the United States. Invitations have been extended to the lodges and members in the surrounding country and it is expected that quite a number of odd fellows from The Dalles, Goldendale, Dufur and other places will attend. The Regulator has put the return rates for the trip at fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children, and to accommodate the excursionists will leave here at 7 a. m. and await their convenience for return, to Hood River if necessary.

Portland Live Stock Market.

PORTLAND, April 21.--The following prices of live stock in this market are furnished by A. Faragher & Co.: Cal. steers, average 1,150 to 1,250 lbs., \$4.00 @ \$4.15; Grass fed steers, average 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$3.75 @ \$4.00; Grass fed cows, average 900 to 1,100 lbs., \$3.00 @ \$3.80; Hogs, block, average 125 to 200 lbs. \$6.00@6.25; Stock, average 80 to 125 lbs., \$5.75 @ 6.00; Grass fed sheep, average 100 to 95 lbs., \$4.75 @ 4.90; ditto average 100 to 110 lbs. \$5.00 @ \$5.10; Grass fed sheep, Eastern Oregon, average 95 to 110 lbs., \$5.00 @ \$5.10. The market is strong, or good stock.

Stoneman and Fiege call attention to their new stock of ladies fine shoes, in all widths, and their full assortment of lawn tennis shoes, with perforated inner soles which they offer at prices as low as goods of the same quality can be sold for anywhere.

A lively time is expected in political circles at New Orleans today. The election is for state, parish and city officers, and besides two democratic tickets in the field, there are two republican tickets, a farmers' alliance ticket, and a peoples' ticket. Some broken noses may be looked for.