

CAN NOT LIVE IN OREGON

An Obsolete Provision of the State Constitution Prohibits Negroes Living, Voting, or Owning Real Estate Here.

Salem, Sept. 24.—Governor Geer is in receipt of a communication from David Millburn, of Parsons, Kan., making inquiry as to the rights of the negro and mulatto, under the constitution of Oregon. It seems that Kansas politicians are making capital of the obsolete section of Oregon's constitution, prohibiting the colored man from voting.

It is claimed in Kansas, so Mr. Millburn states, that the condition of the negro in Oregon is worse than it is in the south, and that a colored man is prohibited from voting, living in or passing through the state. As similar inquiries have been received from the east recently, the governor today answered Mr. Millburn.

No free negro or mulatto, not residing in this state at the time of the adoption of the constitution, shall come, reside or be within this state, or hold any real estate, make any contracts, or maintain any suit therein.

The free negro section of our constitution is as imperative as the tariff law of 1828, and was from the beginning. It was never enforced nor was any attempt ever made to enforce it.

There you see the difference between the condition of the negroes in Oregon and in the southern states where Mr. Bryan will get most of his electoral votes in the contest where his heart bleeds every day for a government which derives its powers from the consent of the governed.

the nearest point in Skyhill county to Hazleton, early this morning. Lieutenant-Colonel Hutchinson, in command, said he was ordered to make a demonstration by marching his men through McAdoo and the surrounding towns. Each man carried twenty rounds of ammunition. Troops were received by inhabitants with evidences of enmity.

Edward G. McGehee, the Burgess of the town, declared the action of General Gobbs in sending soldiers there was an outrage, as the town was peaceable.

GEER POURS IN A LITTLE HOT SHOT

Answer to a Frantic Kansas Negro Bryanite Editor.

Salem, Sept. 26.—Oregon's obsolete section of the constitution relative to colored people seems to be a burning issue in the Kansas state election. Governor Geer is in receipt of another letter, enclosing him a copy of the Colored Citizen, a democratic paper published at Topeka, by a negro, which has kept standing the obnoxious section from Oregon's constitution with the heavy black-letter heading: "Oregon's Black Law, Worse Than Disfranchisement, or Tillmanism. This State gave McKinley 10,000 majority, and Refuses to Repeal the Following Law."

Your letter of the 21st inst., with a copy of the Colored Citizen, of Topeka, is at hand. I had just received a similar letter from a gentleman in Parsons, Kan., calling my attention to the desperate straits to which the democrats of Kansas are reduced for campaign material. I will enclose to you a copy of my answer to him.

In addition to that letter I wish to say that the mental depravity of the negro who will, for any reason, justify the treatment of his race in the Southern states by what this editor calls 'Tillmanism,' is past comprehension or characterization.

Sad Accident at Baker City. BAKER CITY, Sept. 26.—The 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marcus died this morning from injuries received yesterday afternoon in a very peculiar manner.

Feeling is Bitter. HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 24.—Battalion F, Eighth regiment, arrived at McAdoo.

BLOODSHED IS FEARED

Fewer Men Working Today Than Any Time Since The Strike Began.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Sept. 25.—Sixteen thousand more mine operatives are idle in what is known as the Mahanoy valley, which extends fourteen miles along Broad Mountain. The action of the men is a surprise to the military and the mine owners.

The situation is extremely critical. One overt act may precipitate a crisis. The strike leaders are taking every opportunity to add to their numbers.

The authorities have received warning of impending trouble around Hazleton and desire to move some of the troops in that direction. It is now admitted that the number of soldiers called out was not too many and the Ninth and Thirteenth regiments have been ordered to be ready to march at a moment's notice.

In Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and other places the foreign element are out in the streets in full force, most of them wearing their Sunday clothes.

SALISBURY GIVES A SURPRISE

His Reply to Germany Identical With That of the United States.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Lord Salisbury has replied to the German note in terms identical with those of the United States.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—The foreign office officials here inform the Associated Press that Russia and Japan have forcibly answered the German note, particularly emphasizing their agreement to the proposition to have the ministers designate the guilty.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—According to a dispatch received here from Berlin, the Russian and Japanese replies to Germany's proposal, received yesterday, asserted that Russia "assents in principle," while Japan's answer is an "emphatic approval."

TIEN TSIN, Sept. 23, via Taku, Sept. 24.—Li Hong Chang will proceed for Peking in a few days. He remains under close Russian guard and access to him is difficult.

Assumes a More Sensational Phase. S UMMER, Sept. 24.—Another and equally plausible story of the recent tragedy near the Bonker Hill mine is Kane's version, which he has just given.

where he was found. The man was masked, but his description fits a neighboring prospector, who has not been seen since that day, and has been trailed up the mountain.

BOER DEFEAT IS COMPLETE

Final Struggle at Komatiport Was Bloodless—Fighting Spirit Gone—Burned All Property and Flew to Neutral Territory.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lourenco Marques says: The Boer defeat is complete. By dint of hard riding from Barberton your correspondent overtook first General Hamilton's division, then that of General Pole-Carew, and finally entered Komatiport. Not a shot was fired nor was a Boer seen during the march.

Evidence of the enemy's destructiveness was everywhere to be seen. The bridges had been dynamited, the stores, buildings and homesteads looted and burned, as had been also the railway property, all the chief stations being smoking ruins, among them being Ksapp Muiden Hectorspruit and Koomatipoort. At the last place there is an enormous area over which the Boers have wrought destruction.

The devastation includes hundreds of wagons, trucks and carriages, which have been burned, together with all kinds of stores of clothing, ammunition, forage and provisions, such as sugar, coffee, rice, flour and stationery. Thousands of tons are still burning.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The following statement is posted at the war department:

The instructions of the secretary of war were cabled to General Chaffee today that, pending negotiations for settlement, a legion guard of a regiment of infantry, four troops of cavalry and a light battery, under the command of General Chaffee, will remain in Pekin for the protection of our minister and American interests, and that the remainder of General Chaffee's force, along with the staff officers not required, stores and material, will be sent to General MacArthur at Manila.

MURDERS IN SHAN SI. LONDON, Sept. 25.—The China inland mission has received a cable announcing the murder of eleven missionaries at Sih Cheo Taining Yeh Yang, in the province of Shan Si.

The American missionaries, J. H. Roberts, Mark Williams, William Sprague, Mrs. Sprague and Miss Virginia Murdock, who escaped from Kalgan, Province of Chi Li, China, in June last, and were chased by the Boers across the Gobi desert, traveling thence by way of Siberia, will sail on the Anchor line steamer City of Rome, which is to leave Glasgow, September 27th.

FARMERS FOR MCKINLEY. CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson arrived in Chicago today enroute to Topeka, Kan., where he will address the Good Roads convention next Thursday.

I have just concluded a week's speaking tour in Ohio," said the secretary, "and I found the agricultural district favorable to McKinley. The farmers want no change in national policies. The only source of doubt is the cities. I may tour Kansas and Nebraska before my return to Washington."

BOERS WILL HARASS THE BRITISH. LONDON, Sept. 25.—Messrs. Steyn and Reitz, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenco Marques, "will remain with the fighting burghers, and it is estimated that a force of Boers aggregating from 7000 to 12,000 is planning to harass the British lines of communication."

Native Christian Women Butchered. HONG KONG, Sept. 24.—Advices from Canton say that a boatload of native Christian women at Kum Chuk (on West river) was fired upon, and that the women were then taken ashore and butchered in cold blood.

Millions Given Away. It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering.

They Seek Freedom. MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—Three Molkan delegates from Southern Russia have arrived here from Ottawa, accompanied by Frank Pedley, the superintendent of immigration for the Dominion government.

THE SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS

Boxer Leaders in Control of the Chinese Government, and Heretofore Pro-Foreign Viceroys Make Haste to Get in Line with the Government.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Shanghai says: The situation in China is now more serious than ever before for those who are interested in preserving the integrity of the empire.

There is danger that the friendly viceroys will be replaced. Shung, the friendly Taotai of Shanghai, has been ordered north, and that practically means his death.

Russia is holding all the forts and strategic points from Taku to Peking. Russia's possession of the Railway shows by the permanent arrangement which her officers are making that she intends to swallow the north of China. No one here believes that Russia will ever move out except under overwhelming pressure from the other powers.

Germany's assurance that she does not desire territory in China, if the latter be able to pay an indemnity, is misleading. Her demand for the punishment of the leaders of the Boxers as a condition precedent to peace negotiations means continued war and perhaps the complete disruption of the Chinese government.

Friendly feeling between Russia and Japan is increasing. France is hand in glove with Russia.

Vice-Admiral Seymour's attempt to undertake the isolated British occupation of Shanghai and to patrol the Yang-tze Kiang has weakened the British position, while losing a definite agreement for non-partition of the empire with Japan.

The United States is consistent but powerless. Lu Li Chuan Liu, who, it is unofficially announced, is to be the new viceroy of Canton, is anti-foreign.

Unless the allies protest the friendly viceroys are likely to have no friends left in China. The only method for dealing with the situation not involving the division of Chinese territory is through the friendly viceroys, gradually removing the throne from the power of the Boer leaders.

Americans on the spot believe that the settlement of the present question will decide the fate of an enormous and increasing American and Chinese trade.

Brave Men Fall. Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters brought the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at Blakeley's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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