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ANOTHER TRAIN HELD UP

Safe in the Baggage Car Blown Open Contents Taken.

Observer Special

Davenport, Ia., Sept. 13.—A report from Letts, Ia., says a Rock Island train in which left Chicago at 8:05 p. m. last night was held up on a sharp curve at mile post No. 220 at 12:10 a. m. The safe in the baggage car was blown open and its contents taken. The messenger says no money was in the safe. There were five masked men engaged in the holdup according to the conductor. Passengers were not molested. Posses have been sent from Muscatine, Davenport and Rock Island.

Large Cattle Deal

(Observer Special)

Pendleton, Sept. 13.—J. C. Lonergan has completed the purchase of 2925 head of cattle—a deal of between \$55,000 and \$60,000. These animals are to be delivered for shipment in Pendleton about October 15, consigned to Frye-Bruhn of Seattle.

Attention Factorymen

All men employed by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. at the close of the 1903 campaign desiring their old positions again this year and all those who have made application for work in the 1904 campaign will please report at the factory on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 1904 as positions will be assigned on that date, for the coming campaign Amalgamated Sugar Co. by Chas. Woodhouse, Supt.

Roosevelt's Letter

On Sept. 13, President Roosevelt sent to the Speaker Cannon as chairman of the notification committee his formal acceptance of nominations. It is Roosevelt's from start to finish clear and unmistakable. The first page reads as follows: There are several pages.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. Sept. 13, 1904—Hon. G. Cannon, Chairman of the Notification Committee—My Dear Sir: I accept the nomination for the Presidency tendered me by the Republican National Convention and cordially approve the platform adopted by it. In writing this letter there are certain points upon which I desire to lay special stress.

It is difficult to find out from the utterances of our opponents what are the real issues upon which they propose to wage this campaign. It is not unfair to say that, having abandoned most of the principles upon which they have insisted during the last eight years, they now seem at a loss both as to what it is that they really believe and as to how firmly they shall assert this belief in anything. In fact it is doubtful if they venture resolutely to press a single issue; as they raise one they shrink from it and seek to explain it away. Such an attitude is the probably inevitable result of the effort to improvise convictions, for when thus improvised it is natural that they should be held in a tentative manner.

The party now in control of the Government is troubled by no such difficulty. We do not have to guess at our own convictions and then correct the guess if it seem unpopular. The principles which we profess are those in which we believe with heart and soul and strength. Men may differ from us; but they cannot accuse us of shiftness or inincerity. The policies we have pursued are those which we earnestly hold as essential to the National welfare and respect. Our actions speak even louder than our words for the faith that is in us. We base our appeal upon what we have done and are doing upon our record of administration and legislation during the last seven years in which we have had complete control of the Government in the same way that we have carried it on in the past.

A party whose members are radi-

cally at variance on most vital issues and if united at all are only united on issues where their attitude threatens widespread disaster to the whole country cannot be trusted to govern in any matter.

A party which with facility changes all its convictions before election cannot be trusted to adhere with tenacity to any principle after election. A party fit to govern must have convictions.

Presbyterian Tea

The Ladies Aid Society will give a tea at the home of Mrs. J. C. Ardrey on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Everyone most cordially invited. It is hoped that the gentlemen will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend in the evening and young people will also be most welcome. No charges will be made but a free-will offering will be accepted, proceeds to go toward improvements on the manse.

JAPANESE ARE NOW ADVANCING

Will Require Russians Several Months Before they can Assume Offensive Movement.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—The rumor that Viceroy Alexieff has tendered his resignation has been current several days. Now confirmation is obtainable, but is hardly credited.

The report that General Linevitch will succeed Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief is also circulated, but not confirmed.

The dispatch published by the Daily Mail of London, that Kuropatkin had been ordered by the emperor to recapture Liao Yang, is not credited here.

CUTS OFF COMMUNICATIONS

London, Sept. 13.—The Daily Mail's correspondent with the Japanese reports from Tien Tsin that the report that General Linevitch, with 50,000 men, had invaded Northeastern Corea and cut Kuroki's communications with Feng Wang Cheng.

JAPS ON THE MOVE

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—The Birzheviya Viedomosti correspondent at Tientsin telegraphs to his paper: "The Japanese, who had been accused moving forward slowly, are now advancing rapidly. Little avails the

Russian increase of troops, for the Japanese are receiving reinforcements from Niu Chwang. The initiative will remain in the hands of the Japanese and their tactics will always be reported."

MILLION MEN IN FIELD.

Paris, Sept. 13.—The Journal's Liao Yang correspondent, having ridden to Tien Tsin, sends the following, dated September 12:

The Russian general staff now estimates the Japanese forces at from 150,000 to 500,000. The Russian army will reconcentrate in the north, but needs several months in order to fill up the losses in the number of corps. Above all, it will be essential to restore the morale affected by almost unprecedented trials and difficulties. An Russian offensive movement will be impossible for a long time."

RUSSIAN GENERAL CAPTURED

London, Sept. 13.—The Morning Post states that official Russian dispatch has received in London announce that General Zrasalitch, who commanded the portion of the Russian rear guard south of the Hun river has been severely wounded and captured with 3,000 out of 5,000 men. The Post also says that Generals Zaroubaloff, Kondratovitch and Biderling have checked Kuroki's advance.

block after block is going down. Six blocks have burned down with a new block on fire and the flames are fast creeping over the town. The wind is blowing a terrific gale. About 40 buildings are gone and many more are on fire. At present the indications are the fire will burn seven or eight hours. Nobody has been hurt. The insurance will cover but a small part of the loss. It is impossible to get a correct report of the losses at present, but they will amount to about \$350,000. The red light district was burned out. The fire is supposed to have started in the Batte Cafe restaurant where there were some shavings and paper, etc., and some tramps were sleeping and smoking. Indications point to the complete destruction of our city.

A Bad Bridge

Complaint has reached this office that one of the bridges on the road from this city to Island City is in bad condition. In fact it is said to be so thoroughly broken down that it is really dangerous to the traveling public. The road superintendent of this district should look into this matter and make the needed repairs before the county is called to pay some damages for some accident caused by this broken bridge.

J. B. Fisher a former La Grande business man but now in the hotel business in Welter Idaho, is in the city today.

EFFECT OF THE STRIKE

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Four thousand strikers were given work in the packing houses this morning but 8,000 who applied were turned away.

The disappointed men thronged back to their homes or to the headquarters in an angry mood. The packers however seemed to be doing all they could to find places for the strikers but they still had 15,000 non-union workers whom they had promised work for. Only 150 out of 700 teamsters were taken back today.

3,000 APPLY AT OMAHA

Omaha, Sept. 13.—About 3,000 strikers applied at the packing plants this morning. Only 300 were taken back. It is reported that when conditions were normal nearly all would be reinstated.

A Hint to the Wise.



Sharp, Shrewd Buyers Make Early Selections. The Top Notch Values—Those That Strike the Popular Fancy sell out first. We fully realize the truth of this and act accordingly. It is equally true in your case, therefore, if you would choose from the truly choice, make your selections early.

OUR LADIES TAILOR SUITS FOR FALL

Are nearly all here. They are the choicest lot it has ever been our good fortune to offer. Style, fit, finish and workmanship to please, in such varieties of material that you cannot fail to find "YOUR SUIT" here. Prices are also most attractive.

\$9 TO \$25

Ladies Street Hats

In all the popular shapes now on display. Our pricings will be an agreeable surprise to you.

Ladies Water Proof Skirts

Light in weight, comfortable and fashionable.

Misses and Childrens

School Dresses.

Good serviceable worsted goods Red, blue, brown, etc. in plain and plaids, neatly made and trimmed—\$1.25 to \$1.75.



New Pompadour And Stray Lock Combs

NOTICE:—Suits, jackets, skirts and long coats of all kinds made to your measure. About 300 samples to select from All man tailor work.

New Ladies Hand Bags And Purses

OUR FALL STYLES



We have just received a small shipment of our FALL STYLES of COATS and SUITS. If you expect to buy a SUIT, it will pay you to look our line over, as it will be to your advantage and you will be sure to get the RIGHT THINGS.

The Chicago Store

THE BUSIEST STORE IN TOWN
Adams Ave., La Grande, Oregon.

FIRE IN IDAHO FALLS

Six Business Blocks are Wiped Out—Loss \$350,000.

Idaho Falls Sept. 12.—Almost every business block in the city was wiped out last night by a fire which started about 9 o'clock in the Batte Cafe and burned for seven hours. It was fanned by a wind which blew almost a hurricane in violence, and the fire swept down Broadway, destroying every building for nearly seven blocks. The fire department was utterly unable to check the flames, and the fire burned itself out, being confined to the business district, no residences being destroyed. The loss will reach \$300,000 with small insurance.

Preparations are already under way for clearing the ruins away for rebuilding.

Among the heavy losers are the Consolidated Wagon and Machinery company, \$95,000; Colman Lumber company, \$40,000; O. K. Wilbar, clothing, \$10,000; Johnson & Co., harness, \$5,000.

A LATER REPORT

Idaho Falls, Sept. 12.—(2 a m.)—It is almost impossible to get the news out as all lines are busy. The firemen are working hard to get control of the fire, but the wind has the best of them and

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY