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CHINESE BOYCOTT CONSIDERED

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Mar. 29.—The session of the Chinese boycott is being considered by the House Committee on foreign affairs today in connection with the bill amending the present exclusion act to exclude only coolies. Murray Warner, who is in business at Seanghai said his business had increased to September 1905 and then it dropped to practically nothing. The Standard Oil Company showed that their exportation to China had dropped from 2,000,000 cases to 250,000.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

(Scripps News Association)

Palermo Sicily, Mar. 26.—Another severe earthquake visited this island today beyond the fact that many families are homeless nothing of the details are obtainable.

DROWNED IN ALASKA

(Scripps News Association)

Juneau Alaska, Mar. 29.—Fred Seppi of the Kake Trading company and assistant keeper, Jorgenson, of the Five Fingers lighthouse, were drowned near Hamilton bay, while on a hunting expedition. The bodies have not been recovered.

TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination for District Attorney for Walla and Union counties subject to the primary election to be held on April 23, 1906. Unlike the candidate whose yellow circular was issued a few days ago, I have not been put up by any committee, but am presenting myself, the same as the candidate referred to and the other candidates are doing.

JOSEPH F. BAKER,
La Grande, Oregon, March 29, '06.

BURIAL RITES OF HONG TUK

Hung Tuk has been placed in his temporary resting place. This afternoon his brother and friends carried his casket into the streets where the public could view the remains, while his native countrymen performed the Chinese burial rites at the foot of the casket. Pung torches were placed immediately at the foot of the body and Hong Tuk, a brother of the deceased, began the preliminary services. Standing facing the dead one he slowly bowed three times, and then prostrated himself and kissed the mat upon which he was kneeling, three times. This done he lighted one of the sticks of punk, backed away bowing, and in that way completed his share of the ceremony. Other Chinamen then carried out the same procedure until all the sticks were lighted. After the spectators had satisfied their curiosity and the first rites performed, the casket was placed in the hearse and driven away followed by many carriages. While passing down the street a Chinaman perched on the driver's seat of the hearse was busy scattering fragments of paper punched with nine holes. According to the Chinese theory, the soul of the departed one can only be reached by the Evil spirit after crawling through these successive holes.

His grave will be decorated with many delicacies such as roast pig and chicken. When the body has rested a certain length of time in the Odd Fellow's burial ground, the decayed bones will be shipped to China and there turned over to his relatives who will give them proper burial.

Deceased was a very quiet and unostentatious individual and highly respected among his countrymen and by all who came in contact with him. He had suffered for a long time with consumption, which was finally the cause of his death. For the past twenty-five years he has lived peacefully among the citizens of La Grande, disturbing none, attending strictly to his own affairs. What worldly goods he had accumulated during his stay on earth, was burned last night in the presence of friends and relatives.

DEWEY AND CAPPS DO NOT AGREE

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, D. C., March 29.—Admiral Capps, chief constructor, and other naval officials have disagreed as to the recommendation of Dewey in regard to one big battleship being better than two, as regards speed, etc. The chief thinks that two sixteen thousand ton ships would supplement the present craft.

OBITUARY

Died Sunday, March 25—Mrs. Elsie Bair of Island City. Catherine Carter was born in Morgan Town, Morgan county Indiana, Sept. 25-1857.

On January 3-1863 she was married to Henry L. Thomas. Of this union were born nine children of whom five, Henry Arthur Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Adalaid Quimby, William Thomas, Mrs. Florence Shepherd, and Mrs. Kate Brooks survive her.

July 18-1877 she married Eli Bair who with the above named children, twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren remains to mourn her departure.

Mrs. Bair was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from early life, her father being a Methodist preacher.

The funeral service was conducted by O. H. King, presiding elder Gillilan being absent from home, and was largely attended. Thus has passed from our midst another of our pioneers.

GOOD PRICES

Fred Gaskell yesterday sold five span of large work horses for \$2500 or \$250 per head. Good horses are bringing any prices. This is possibly as good a sale as has been reported this year. These horses were purchased for the Walla Walla market.

CAR MEN DECIDE TO STRIKE

(Scripps News Association)

Oakland, California, March 29.—By almost a unanimous vote the street car men of Oakland at a meeting today decided to strike at midnight unless the traction company accedes to all demands. The union has a membership of a thousand and the strike will tie up all street car service in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda.

MINERS STILL IN CAMP

(Scripps News Association)

Indianapolis, Mar. 29.—The miners are in separate session this morning to consider the proposition of F. L. Robbins to pay on the nineteen three scale if allowed to operate the western Pennsylvania mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company. Robbins is the only big operator that has agreed to advance the scale of wages.

A joint conference was held this afternoon. It is expected that the two sides will be defiant on the question of adjournment without an agreement. The galleries are filled with outsiders, including many women.

"What do you mean?", demanded Mitchell.

"I mean that you asked me for free transportation."

"Absolutely false," dramatically answered the miner's president. "And I demand that you state it is not true." Parker then stated it was not entirely true as Mitchell never directly asked for a transportation, but that the members of the family had used Central passes. "That is also a falsehood" came from Mitchell, but the chairman ended the controversy.

Mitchell's motion to continue the 1907 wage scale was voted down. All of the operators excepting the Pennsylvania voting no. This vote means that all propositions before the joint convention are off.

The miners meet tomorrow to decide upon the question of a strike and to consider Robbins' proposition which Mitchell will put to them.

Parker, of the Illinois operators attacked Mitchell after the latter had accused Parker of being subservient to the Illinois Central railroad. Parker replied by saying, "I have seen the time when Mitchell would be glad to have me as an officer of that road."

Mitchell again asked for the floor and continued. "This is the first time my integrity was ever questioned. The fact that the first of the month will see us involved in a great industrial war does not warrant you in putting me in that light before the public." "If Mitchell ever did a dishonorable thing in life I don't know of it," admitted Parker.

Mitchell continued the arguments by saying: "It is not a personal but a public question whether Harriman owns both the Illinois Central and the Madison Coal Company. F. L. Robbins said higher prices of coal depended more on railroads and their desire to destroy competition than any other factor, and I believe he knows what he says as he is the biggest operator and should know whereof he speaks."

HON. F. T. WRIGHTMAN

Republican Candidate for Nomination for Secretary of State.

It is of the greatest importance to the people of Oregon that men be nominated who are advocates of practical ideas of getting money into the treasury as well as out of it.

The candidacy of Hon. Frank T. Wrightman is based on his championship of a system of indirect taxation that would make any direct state tax unnecessary.

The Republican press of the state is catching onto the fact, and more newspapers are advocating his cause today than any other candidate for that office and doing it as a matter of principle. We copy some of these expressions to show the voters that this candidate's efforts are appreciated by the taxpayers:

PRINCE ARTHUR'S VISIT

(Scripps News Association)

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 29.—Extensive preparations have been made for the reception of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, who is expected to arrive here today on the steamship Empress from Yokohama. The Prince is returning from Japan, where he went as the representative of King VII, to confer the Order of the Garter upon the Emperor of Japan. In compliance with the wishes of the Prince there will be no public demonstration on a large scale. His Royal Highness is to be the guest of the Dominion government during his tour through Canada and will make a number of stops, but will travel as privately as it is possible under the circumstances. The number of addresses at the reception will be limited to an address by the Mayor, to which the Prince will reply.

Prince Arthur will spend a few days shooting and fishing in this vicinity and will then leave for Ottawa over the Canadian Pacific railroad. He will make only a few short stops at some of the tourists' resorts in the Rockies.

HEARST IS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, D. C., March 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission this morning heard the arguments of Hearst against the Pennsylvania railroads regarding the dealings of that road in coal. Clarence J. Shearn, a representative of Hearst, argued that in accordance with a decision of the supreme court in a case of the Chesapeake and Ohio roads, it is contrary to public policy for any common carrier to be a dealer in the commodity it transports.

TRIAL DAY SET

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, March 29.—Court today set Monday 10 in September for the packer corporation cases. The government's motion for a new trial in the individual cases was overruled, also the packer's motion for a new trial in the corporation cases.

ROOSEVELT PARTY IN CUBA

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, D. C., Mar. 29.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her children, Ethel, Quintin and Archie, and the family servants, departed for Florida this morning. They will board the Mayflower for an extended cruise in Cuban waters.

CHICAGO'S SHERIFF DEAD

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 29.—Thomas E. Barrett, sheriff of Cook county died this morning of cancer of the throat.

GRAIN MARKETS

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat opened at 76½ closed 77½; corn opened at 44½ closed at 44½; oats opened at 30½ closed at 30.

THIEVES MAKE BIG HAUL

(Scripps News Association)

Victor, Colorado, Mar. 29.—The bank of Victor was entered last night and rifled of ten thousand dollars in new currency.

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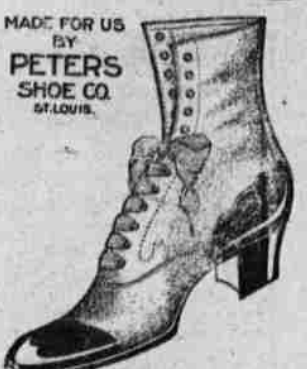
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