

POLK COUNTY IS ALIVE

and the people must have their every morning, Sunday included. The Sunday Record is the paper in the county which Associated Press dispatches.

Nicaragua Officials and Populace Desert the City.

BOMBARDMENT UP TO DATE

Force of 8000 Troops at Hand Ready to Resist the British Forces—Opinion that No Troops Landed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The British have occupied Corinto and the British flag has been raised over the city. Dr. Guzman, the Nicaraguan minister, has received two telegrams today, giving him official information.

The landing was made at one o'clock this morning. All the government officials, as well as the native Nicaraguan population of Corinto, Dr. Guzman says, vacated the town, leaving it completely in possession of the British troops. The British war ships, Royal Arthur, Satellite and Wild Swan have been stationed ready to bombard the town should the Nicaraguan force, which retreated across the lagoon to the main land upon the occupation of the place by the British troops, attempt to interfere with the movements of the landing party. Corinto is almost deserted, as its bombardment was generally expected, in spite of the assurances to the contrary by British minister Gosling.

THEY MAY FIGHT.

Evacuation of Corinto Does Not Mean Surrender.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—It is understood here that Commander Trench of the Royal Arthur, has been constituted military governor of Corinto. The fact that cable advices do not speak the trouble is accepted as showing that the landing of the British forces is peaceful and unopposed.

Reports yesterday indicated that 8,000 Nicaraguan troops had concentrated at Corinto, and forces from Honduras were expected, but the fact that all Nicaraguan authorities withdrew, leaving the British complete masters of the nation, indicates that local soldiery are not called upon.

It is stated however, that the evacuation of Corinto does not mean surrender by Nicaragua. Troops are believed to be in the neighborhood of Corinto, ready to resist.

Notwithstanding the announcement of the cablegrams to the Nicaraguan minister, in administration circles the opinion is firmly expressed that Admiral Stephenson has not landed troops. It is stated the administration has been advised that the real cause why peaceful settlement had not been effected already is that Nicaragua has been unable to raise the indemnity within the three days allowed.

After Lucky Baldwin Again.

Lucky Baldwin is again the defendant in a seduction suit, in which the plaintiff asks for \$50,000 damages. The question is whether she deserves fifty thousand. Baldwin's reputation is so well known that a woman who would associate with him deserves neither sympathy nor respect. Women who are "seduced" by creatures like Lucky Baldwin are entitled to as little pity as the victims of greengoods men and the gold brick swindlers. It is simply a case of greed overcoming what common sense they might have.

A MEETING OF ARTISTS.

Friday's Drawing Social and the Lucky Prize Winners.

There was a very unique and amusing social gathering Friday night at the home of E. W. Cooper, attended by thirty invited guests who greatly enjoyed themselves. The main attraction

was the drawing contests, which were participated in by all present, the method of conducting the game being as follows: Each person was given a number and when that number was called the holder took his or her place at a large blackboard and drew an object known only to the committee who furnished the subjects for the sketches; the rest of the players then had to guess what was meant by the combination of straight and curved lines placed on the blackboard by those disciples of Van Dyke and West.

Three of the artists tied on the first prize, which was a dish of ice cream, but on trying it over the honor and ice cream were carried off by Ora Clodfelter, Frank Burch and Clarence Irvine tied on the second prize, and each was so afraid of the other's ability that they divided the prize, a large potato of a standard variety.

The social was quite an enjoyable affair, the people present apparently taking the keenest enjoyment in the success or failure of the amateur artists. A tasty and abundant lunch was served during the evening to which all did full justice.

SPLIT ON SILVER.

A Sensation Promised When Illinois Democrats Meet.

The Party Doomed to Disorganization—Other Western States Expected to Follow Illinois.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—The most sensational political development for many days in Chicago, if not in the entire west, was made public this afternoon. The coming democratic state convention in Illinois, will beyond all doubt declare for free silver, without international agreement of any kind, and the movement is of such strength that other western and southern states will be prevented with great difficulty if at all from following the lead of Illinois.

The democratic party in Illinois is doomed to disorganization. The authority for these statements is John Mayor Palmer, the corresponding counsel of Chicago, a decided gold bug and a son of United States Senator Palmer, who has been leading the money fight for the national administration in Illinois.

WHEAT AGAIN RISING.

The Cause This Time Said to be the War in the East.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—Wheat made another long stride upward today. July option closed at 64 1/2 cents, 1 1/2 cents higher than last night.

Numerous causes for the day's advance were given, the most prominent of which was the hitch in the Japan-China negotiations. Considerable importance is attached to the stand taken by Russia and her interference is expected to cause a prolongation of the war between the two former nations. This would have an upward tendency on the wheat market.

PHIL ARMOUR'S CORNER.

The Great Chicago Packer Enjoys Himself in Wheat Speculations.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 27.—The Post tonight prints the story that P. D. Armour has practically cornered the market, at present controlling all the available wheat. It is said that William Wallace, who is reported to be in control of all the available stock contract grade wheat in New York, is connected with Armour in the deal. There is considerable excitement on the street over this report.

Just received at J. P. Irvine's, the finest assortment of plain and fancy colored glassware that ever was brought to Independence, which will be ready for sale about May 1st. Call and see what we have.

Try Breakfast delight, at Douty & Locke's.

ENGLAND TO BACK JAPAN

Hinted that the British are Encouraging the Japs.

RUSSIA, GERMANY AND FRANCE

These Countries Opposed to Japan Securing any Chinese Territory—The Little Brown Men Nervous.

SHANGHAI, April 27.—It is reported here, and it is said certain high officials in the North are the authority for the statement that England will support Japan, which will probably have the effect of making that nation refuse to listen to remonstrances of the other powers, viz, Russia, Germany and France, regarding the terms of the treaty of peace with China, which has just been promulgated, and which would give the Japanese possession of certain Chinese territory. A dispatch received in this city from private but reliable sources in Japan says that the condition of affairs between Russia and Japan begins to look very serious, and is receiving the greatest consideration of the ministry.

RUSSIA WANTS TO MEDDLE.

Her Military Authorities Are Consulting on War Proceedings.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 27.—The supreme military authorities have held a series of conferences during the week to decide upon what military measures to adopt against Japan in the event of that nation rejecting Russia's demands regarding the modifications of the treaty of peace with China, the terms of which were lately arrived at by the peace commission appointed by Japan and China.

The Usual Contradiction.

PARIS, April 27.—It is reported on the Bourse that Japan has agreed to revise the terms of its treaty of peace with China, as desired by the intervention of the powers.

Surveying the River.

Last evening the U. S. S. Dauntless, a craft in the employ of the government, anchored abreast of this city on its way down stream to Portland. A number of the crew obtained shore leave and took in the sights. Messrs. E. McCulloch and E. G. Beaver called at this office and from them the following particulars were gleaned:

The Dauntless carries a crew of nine, in charge of J. H. Cunningham, who has a corps of engineers making a complete topographic and hydrographic survey of the river banks and channel from Eugene to Portland. Last fall the survey was completed from Eugene to Corvallis, and the 7th of March the present force again took up the work and have completed it down to this point. The corps is well equipped for the work, as Mr. Cunningham is an experienced civil engineer and has for his assistants—Mr. McCulloch, transitman, Mr. Beaver, topographer, H. C. White, roddman, M. Kreutz, leadman, and two bold navigators to man the Dauntless, Messrs. Waldron and Stoughton, late of the navy. Next to the engineer in charge, the most important man on the craft is Chef Hanforn, who regulates the diet of the nation's minions on the surveying seaw aforesaid.

There has been an appropriation made for this work which is done to secure data on which to procure other appropriations for the improvement of the Willamette river from Eugene to Portland. When this work is completed, presumably about June, it is expected that the showing thus obtained will be strong enough to enable the state's representatives in congress to secure the needed funds.

Have you been to see the latest styles of ladies' hats at Mrs. Hurley's millinery store.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The best place to dine in Salem is at Kenworthy & Barnett's.

Alexander will sell you paint and oil as cheap as any one.

More goods for \$1 at the Racket Store than anywhere else.

Pink Patterson came up from Salem to spend Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Thos. Bohannon, of Yaquina is up on a visit to relations in this city.

Frank Muirkey, the energetic clerk of this county, was in Independence yesterday.

T. O. Hutchinson, county superintendent of schools, was in town Saturday evening.

A fine line of sheet music at 50 per cent discount at Clodfelter Bros. Be quick.

J. S. Kelly, of Pleasant Hill, is down on a visit to his brother F. L. Kelley, the liveryman.

If you want Parker's butter delivered every Saturday, get your name on the list at once, at Douty & Locke's.

MISS BERGER HELD

On Seven Different Counts by the U. S. Grand Jury.

The Government Detectives Have Secured Sufficient Proof to Warrant Her Indictment.

PORTLAND, April 27.—Miss Mary Berger, of Eugene, may be an injured and innocent woman, but the United States grand jury evidently considers her a very dangerous woman. It has indicted her on seven counts, charging her with having sent through the mails seven indecent letters. It will be remembered that Mrs. J. S. McKenney, wife of a well known physician of Eugene, was arrested for this but when examined before a justice was discharged. A little later suspicion pointed to Miss Berger herself as the author of the scurrilous and indecent epistles which were said to be unfit for publication. When interviewed yesterday at Oregon City, Miss Berger stated that she felt confident of acquittal if she were brought to trial. From present indications she will be given an opportunity to prove her assertions of innocence.

DURRANT GROWS MOROSE.

Formally Charged With the Murder of Blanche Lamonte.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Theodore Durrant was taken from his cell this morning and formally charged with the murder of Blanche Lamonte. The prisoner was very surly and as he was being booked for this second murder he said to Detective Seymour, "How many more crimes are you going to charge against me?"

OUT ON A MAN HUNT.

Police and Detectives of This Valley Hunting a Murderer.

Last Monday the report was circulated around town that a man answering to the description of Bill Brown, alias Jack Brady, the murderer of Sheriff Bogard, had been captured near Eugene. It was learned a little later that a man answering to Brown's description had been seen near that city Monday, who acted in a suspicious manner, and next day the police were searching for him.

Detectives from Portland passed up Wednesday presumably on the same errand, and a number of armed men also joined in the chase. There is about \$15,000 reward offered for the capture of the real slayer of Bogard, and that is sufficient inducement now days to start any number of men out on a hunt.

The latest news is to the effect that the supposed murderer had been over taken and closely questioned, but was not held. He talked with the printed description sent out by the California authorities, with the exception of height and size of foot. The \$15,000 is still unclaimed.

SWARTZ HELD FOR MURDER

His Preliminary Examination Held in Salem Yesterday.

CONVICTED BY HIS OWN CHILDREN

The Salem Filicide Greatly Altered by His Confinement—Testimony Leaves No Chance of Escape.

SALEM, April 27.—The examination of Lou Swartz charged with the murder of his son Edward about one month ago was held before Justice of Peace Johnson this afternoon commencing at 1:30. Long before the time for the examination the court room was packed to its utmost capacity. The prisoner was brought in by sheriff Knight and took his place between his attorneys. His several days confinement in jail has brought down the prisoner considerably. Attorneys McNary and Hayden appeared for Swartz and Deputy District Attorney Condit, assisted by D. C. Sherman, conducted the prosecution.

The first witness called was Dr. J. N. Smith, the physician who was called in at the time the young man was cut by the father. He gave very convincing testimony, inasmuch that it showed the direct cause of the victim's death.

Dr. Byrd was the second witness called and he detailed the treatment given the murdered youth and the nature of his wounds when he was called to see him immediately after the cutting.

Emma Swartz, a sister of the dead boy, was the next witness and she told in a clear manner the story of the furious assault made upon her brother by her father.

Walter Swartz was the last witness. He is a boy fourteen years of age. He told a straightforward story of the difficulty, not sparing his father in the least. His testimony was in substance the same as his sister's.

This closed the examination and the defense waived further examination and the prisoner was held without bail.

Swartz is ably defended by McNary and Hayden, but they have an extremely hard case to deal with.

FEARFUL FRENCH FLOODS.

Many Lives Lost by the Bursting of a Large Reservoir.

EPINAL, France, April 27.—An enormous reservoir near here burst today, inundating many villages in this district, and drowning many people.

The great Rousey dike, of the Epinal district of the Vosges, it now appears, burst at 5 o'clock this morning.

The cubic area of the dike is 800,000 metrs. A great rush of water followed.

It is impossible at this hour to get an accurate estimate of the damage done or the number of lives lost, but from the number of bodies already found the indications are that the loss of life will be very heavy.

Railways in all directions are interrupted, and a large number of villages are entirely flooded. In some places entire houses are swept away and large trees are torn up by the roots.

The reservoir was close to the village of Bousey and connected with the canal de Leste. The breach caused by the rush of waters is over 100 metres broad.

Everything possible is being done to rescue all imperiled persons. Many families are in danger. The authorities are also taken steps to provide relief for the homeless. Assistance and supplies will be sent from the nearest point.

Villages which suffered most are Bousey, Les Forges, Budegney and Loures. Thirty-eight bodies have been recovered.

When you go to Salem take your meals at Kenworthy & Barnett's 15-cent lunch counter; best and cheapest meals in the city.