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The East Oregonian of Pendleton, Oregon, is published in the heart of the wonderful Inland Empire. You will find that it is readable, reliable and progressive, and will give you the news reliably, accurately and fully.

GAS PLANT HAS BEEN LOCATED

Will Be Built on the Present Site of the Electric Light and Power Works.

AGREEMENTS ARE ALL MADE AND BOND FILED.

This is the conclusion following the visit of J. H. Anderson and survey of all proposed sites by him and the Council Committee on Health—Work Will Begin Within Six Months and Finished a Year and a Half From Date—All Objections Turned Down.

J. H. Anderson, the gas magnate of Spokane, reached town yesterday, looked over the city, selected the site for his gas plant, accepted the franchise granted by the city, and filed his bond for the amount asked. He left this morning for Spokane.

While here Mr. Anderson, in company with F. W. Vincent, the local manager of the Northwestern Gas & Electric Company, and Councilmen Swearingen, Murphy and Dickson, who compose the committee on health and police, made the rounds of the places available as sites for the gas plant. After viewing all of the sites offered, it was decided that the best for all purposes would be the present location of the Electric Light & Power Company's station, and this was accordingly chosen by Mr. Anderson, and the choice ratified by the committee, in whose powerful action in the matter of the selection had been left by the council at its last meeting. The franchise was then accepted by the company and the acceptance, with the bond, was filed with the city recorder.

Begin Work in Six Months. This action closes the deal as far as the city is concerned, and it is now up to the company to begin to make preparations for the construction of the plant, inside of the six months' limit, as laid down in the ordinance.

There is a great deal of opposition to the location of the plant at the site decided upon, and it was located in the face of a petition of nearly all of the property holders in the district affected. The petitioners claim that the proximity of the gas plant will lessen the value of their properties owing to the odor of gas, and that the plant should be put in some place where there are no residences in the vicinity. The other side of the controversy claims that the selected site is not, strictly speaking, in a residence, but in a manufacturing district. That there are no houses to the east and south, and that the prevailing winds will blow all odor from the city instead of towards it. They do not, however, acknowledge there is odor from the plant, and claim that persons who are not otherwise acquainted with the fact will never know that there is a gas plant in the vicinity.

It is cited that in Walla Walla and in Baker City there have been gas plants for years, and never have the parties living near them raised any objections to their presence. The company will construct a high board fence around the property, and it will be entirely shut off from public gaze and notice. The sewer connections and preventive construction of the place will obviate any chance of the plant being a nuisance. It is also pointed out that not only the city, but the residents individually, have recourse to law in case the plant should become a detriment to their property, or a danger to their health. The company will commence the construction of the plant inside of six months from this date, and expect to have the gas in the houses inside of 12 months from the time work is commenced.

LIEU SELECTION DEED.

Abandoned Arizona Entry to Locate in Umatilla County. A rare deed was filed this morning in the office of the county recorder. It was a lieu selection deed, and by its provisions it was shown that Edward B. Perrin had taken up 80 acres of land in Coconino county, Arizona, but had, under the provisions of the forest reserve act, deeded the land back to the government in consideration of the right being granted him to take up another piece of land elsewhere. According to this permit he on May 4 filed on the south half of the northwest quarter of section 19, in township 6, north of range 34 east, being in the Hudson Bay country. Having filed on the land he sold the right to die and all interest he may ever have in the land in question to William H. Gaston, of Walla Walla, for \$400.

- Sam Parks Dead.
- Ostling, N. Y., May 4.—Sam Parks, former walking delegate of the Housewives' Union of New York, convicted of extortion and perjury in connection with the building strikes, died at 115 this morning in the prison hospital. He was sentenced to a one year and six months term.
- Parks failed in health immediately after he fell into the clutches of the law, and died of tuberculosis.

FARMERS MEET IN PENDLETON

Commercial Association Arranges for a Farmers' Institute on May 26.

O. R. & N. COMPANY TO FURNISH ABLE SPEAKERS.

Large Committee of Farmers and Business Men Appointed to Prepare for the Meeting—Agricultural Experts Will Address the Farmers on Live Topics of Dairying, Diversified Farming, Forage Crops, and Feeding—Eight New Members Added to the Association.

The largest attendance and the greatest enthusiasm in months marked the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Association last night.

The rapid growth of the association from 40 members just a few weeks ago, to a membership of 80, at this time, is telling in its beneficial effects for the city of Pendleton. Will Hold Farmers' Institute. After auditing the expense accounts, and accepting eight new members, the association took up the matter of holding a farmers' institute in this city, this having been presented to President Borie after the successful meeting of farmers at Echo last Saturday.

President Borie, T. G. Halley and E. Teutsch spoke enthusiastically of the benefits to be derived from such a meeting, in educating and furnishing information to the farming community. Mr. Teutsch, who attended the picnic at Echo, outlined the mission of Colonel H. C. Judson.

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STOCKMEN GET RETURN PASSES

CONFERENCE OF STOCKMEN AND RAILWAYS BEARS FRUIT.

Free Return Transportation Privileges Taken Away From Western Stockmen on January 1, Will Be Restored—Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road First to Act—O. R. & N. Expected to Give Out Notification Soon.

Charles F. Martin, secretary of the National Livestock Association, has sent out notice to Western stock shippers that the return transportation privileges, in force up to January 1, 1904, but discontinued since that time, have been restored by Western and Northwestern roads, and that shippers would be furnished free return transportation for themselves and attendants, who accompany stock shipments to Eastern markets.

This is the outcome of a conference of stockmen and traffic managers held in Chicago, on February 25 for the purpose of discussing the matter. The committee of stockmen, of which Montie B. Gwin, of Boise City was a member, was appointed by the Livestock Association in Portland at its annual meeting in January. So far the only road to actually grant the privilege has been the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, but he other transportation lines are expected to follow immediately. Agent E. C. Smith, of the O. R. & N., has received no notification of his restoration of the pass privilege, as yet, but expects to hear from his company any day, on the subject.

W. & C. R. IS IN LINE.

Return Transportation to Stockholders is Now in Effect. S. B. Calderhead, the general freight and passenger agent of the W. & C. R., is the bearer of instructions from the headquarters of his company to restore at once the old agreement in force prior to January 1, 1904, under which stockholders had the privilege of return transportation.

DEBS FOR PRESIDENT.

Socialists Then Nominated Hanford for Vice-President. Chicago, May 5.—The socialist national convention this afternoon nominated Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana, for president and Benjamin Hanford, of New York, for vice-president, and adopted a platform along the usual socialistic lines.

NO HITCH IN ARRANGEMENTS

Preliminaries and Details for Canal Transfer Are Considered Perfect.

TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS THE SECURITY.

Money Has Been Withdrawn From Circulation Carefully to Prevent Financial Stringency, and the Cash Will Be Paid at Once—Morgan's Fiscal Agent—American Engineers and Zone Governor Leave for Panama Tuesday—1,700 Men Now at Work.

New York, May 5.—Secretary Shaw, who is in the city today in connection with the payment of the Panama canal purchase money this afternoon, said: "There is no hitch in the arrangement for payment. We arranged for \$25,000,000 to be placed with the Morgan company Monday."

While the secretary of the treasury is required by statute to take security in a case of this kind, the extent of the security is left to his discretion. Securities approved by the department to the extent of \$25,000,000, will be deposited at the time the warrant is delivered.

DAN SMYTHE ACCEPTS.

Will Make the Race for District Attorney in Seventh Judicial District. Dan P. Smythe, who has been associated with Halley & Lowell in law practice in this city for some time, has accepted the nomination for district attorney in the seventh judicial district on the democratic ticket, and filed his acceptance at the Dalles yesterday.

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Engineers to Panama.

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Confirmation of Statement Comes From St. Petersburg Sources.

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A Great Battle is Confidently Expected to Begin at Any Hour—A Naval Engagement With the Vladivostok Squadron is Reported—Czar Will Take Personal Command in Manchuria—Japs Are Keeping Up an Almost Continuous Bombardment of Port Arthur.

London, May 5.—Reports are current here that Russian and Japanese forces at Kiulen Cheng have fought another desperate battle. The Japanese losses are placed at 10,000, the Russians at 7,000. The Russians are said to have retreated in disorder.

Rumor of Russian Victory.

London, May 5.—The Central News correspondent at St. Petersburg says the rumor is current at the Russian capital that a second battle was fought at Chung Haitien, 20 miles south of Pen Huang Cheng, which the Russians lost Tuesday. The Japanese, according to rumor, were driven back in disorder.

Czar Will Go to the Front.

Rome, May 5.—According to a direct communication received by the pope from Russia, the czar, notwithstanding the advice of his ministers, is determined to go to the front and command the army.

Persecuting the Jews.

Berlin, May 5.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that Russia has ordered the expulsion of 115 Jewish families numbering 600 persons, from Nivsk province, and Tcherniok which are within the "pale," hence the expulsion is illegal and wanted.

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It Will Then Determine Contests and Weed Out All Not Standing With the Machine—Entire Personnel of the Officing of the Chicago Convention Has Been Fixed by the Washington Machine—Convention Will Meet Only to Ratify.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—The committee on arrangements for the republican national convention this afternoon decided to recommend an official reporter, M. W. Blumenberg, former secretary of war, after determining that the sub-committee had no authority to officially elect a temporary chairman.

Charles W. Johnson of Minnesota was selected for temporary secretary; John R. Malloy of Ohio, chief assistant secretary, and seven assistants, including Walter S. Mellon of California, sergeant-at-arms, W. F. Stone of Maryland, and First Assistant David C. Owen of Wisconsin; president's clerk, A. Childs of Maine; and a committee in the Coliseum, Chicago, June 15, to determine contests and prepare the temporary list of delegates.

Black Will Nominate.

Washington, May 5.—Former Governor Black of New York, has been selected to make the Roosevelt nominating speech. Among the seconding speeches will be one by Harry Edwards, of Macon, Ga.

Committee Meeting June 15.

Calling Chairman Payne has issued a call for a meeting of the republican national committee in the Coliseum, Chicago, June 15, to determine contests and prepare the temporary list of delegates.

TWELVE FIREMEN HURT.

Gasoline in Underground Storehouse Exploded. Philadelphia, May 5.—Twelve firemen were injured early this morning by an explosion of gasoline stored underground by the Pennsylvania railroad near West Philadelphia station.

Will Enlarge the Capitol.

Washington, May 3.—The joint commission of senate and house at a meeting today decided to adopt the War plans of 1862 for the extension of the east front of the capitol.

Accepted Grigsby Resignation.

Washington, May 3.—The resignation of Melvin Grigsby, United States attorney in the Nome district, Alaska, has been accepted by the president. No nomination is to his successor. Attorney General, who a year ago recommended Grigsby for dismissal for leaving his post without permission.

Lynchbaum Released.

Washington, May 3.—The attempt to extradite Thomas Walsh (or Lynchbaum), wanted in England, has failed through a decision by the supreme court today. Lynchbaum was sentenced to life imprisonment in Ireland for assault and murder. He escaped from prison and was arrested in 1892.

Jury Completed.

Washington, May 3.—The jury in the Tyler-Barrett postoffice case was completed this morning and the preliminary statements made. Tyler is in court in an invalid chair.

On Inspection Tour.

Norfolk, May 3.—Secretary Moody, Senators Hale, Penrose and Bacon, and Representatives Dalzell, Meyers and Hemmingway sailed for Guantanamo Bay this morning, aboard the Dolphin, to inspect the naval station there.

THREW HER BABY AWAY.

Woman's Mind Unbalanced by Too Many Cares and Too Little Food. Spokane, May 3.—Mrs. Mary Pieski, en route over the Great Northern from New Jersey to the Sound, last night threw her baby, less than a year old, out of a car window near Columbia Falls, and then did her best to follow it, with the train at full speed. Other passengers held her and the train was stopped and backed down until the baby was found. It had landed in some bushes and then rolled off into the mud, and was almost entirely unhurt, being only scratched and bruised a little.

Investigation Showed that Mrs. Figleski was temporarily crazed with hunger, travel weariness, lack of sleep and the care of nine children, all of whom were with her. She had denied, herself food, sleep and rest to care for her little ones, until her mind gave away.

Deputy Sheriff Miller, of Silver Bow, Mont., jumped out of a car window in Nevada, Wednesday morning, to follow a prisoner who was making his escape from Miller, and neither prisoner nor deputy can be found. It is feared both fell into the river which ran beside the track. The canal was backed up, but found no trace of them.

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FININGS OF THE INQUIRY COURT

Nobody Responsible for the Explosion on the Battleship Missouri.

EXPLANATION OF HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

"Flare Back" During Big Gun Practice Ignited Unexploded Powder Still in the Gun—Held by the Court That There Was No Negligence or Culpability, But That the Use of Smokeless Powder is Not Understood in the American Navy—in the Supreme Court.

Washington, May 3.—The full text of the finding of the court of inquiry into the Missouri disaster was made public this afternoon. The cause of the accident was the unexpected ignition of two sections of charges of unexploded smokeless powder then in the gun, by the "flare back." The flame ignited two of the sections in the ammunition car and a shower of burning powder was projected down the 12-inch elevator in the handling room, igniting eight other sections of smokeless powder. The accident was in no respect due to lack of vigilance on the part of any officer or members of the crew.

The court finds the following worthy of particular mention under the head of extraordinary heroism: Acting Gunner Cox, Chief Gunner's Mate, Gunner's Mate Schepke, a list of 18 other officers and men including Captain Cowles, is given a "deserving special commendation." Rear Admiral Barker approves the findings and comments at length on the properties of smokeless powder, not thoroughly understood in our navy. The admiral says the conduct of the captain, officers and crew was superb, and he makes special mention of Mousson's act of crawling through a hole into the burning magazine.

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Every train is bringing in scores of delegates and friends, and the city is rapidly filling up.

All arrangements for the opening of the conference tomorrow morning are completed.

Dr. W. Thomas of Philadelphia, tells an awful story of the sufferings of thousands of delegates at the Grand Canyon without food or water for 24 hours, and the delegates worked Sunday laying a temporary track around the wreck.

FORTY MUTINEERS.

Salem Convicts Go on Strike About Their Food. Salem, May 3.—A few of the particular of an unsuccessful mutiny at the penitentiary on Friday last have just come to the outside world. Forty men in the foundry put down their tools and demanded an audience with Warden Curtis, their complaint being the quality and quantity of the food served them.

Twenty-five men started the trouble by laying down their tools and demanding of their guard, John Bergen, to lead them to the main building, which he did. Warden Curtis was temporarily away, and while waiting for him, 15 men in the polishing department of the foundry went through the same formula with their guard, W. H. Hicks, and followed the first body of protestors over to the main building.

For the sake of discipline, and to relieve themselves partly of the responsibility of standing guard over the men in a body, the sentries ordered all the men into their cells. They obeyed reluctantly and sullenly.

Upon the arrival of Warden Curtis all were rounded into the chapel, where Mr. Curtis listened to their complaints about the food, and then, without making them any promises, gave them the alternative of returning to their cells inside of two minutes, or of the dark cell, or of being sent if the yard neither. Inside of two minutes every man was either in the foundry or in his cell there.

Warden Curtis declares that the quality and quantity of the food is at least as good as the best average prison fare, and will make no concessions to the men, who were more closely guarded and watched than ever from now on.

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Their Delegates to the M. E. Quadrennial Conference Will Insist Upon It.

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Their Influence Will Be Against Consolidation of Orders—Probable the Book Concern Will Be Merged—Proposed to Raise the Salaries of the Bishops—Estimated Value of the Church's Holdings is \$10,000,000—Editors and Publishers to Be Chosen.

Los Angeles, May 4.—Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, colored professor of history and theology in Gamson Seminary, South Atlanta, Ga., said today the colored delegates to the Methodist conference will make a hard fight to secure the election of a colored bishop.

He said the colored delegates stand for the retention of the amendment clause, but fear consolidation, as it will wipe out the Freedmen's Aid Society.

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