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220,000 MEN OPPOSE JAPS

Russians Are Collecting an Immense Army in Northern Manchuria.

RUSSIANS NOW OWN THAT PORT ARTHUR IS CUT OFF.

Railroad Is Out of Commission and No Telegrams From That Point—Japanese Lose a Boat From a Submarine Mine at Kerr Bay, Near Dalny—They Effect a Landing at That Point—Fifty Miles of Russian Railroad Destroyed by the Japs.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—Rumors today, credited to a reliable source, have it that Kuropatkin will retreat from Liaoyang to Harbin with 120,000 men, there to wait 100,000 reinforcements from Kharkoff and Moscow before an engagement with the enemy. Kuropatkin has asked for the telegraphic and field equipment necessary for the operation.

Port Arthur Cut Off.

Niu Chwang, May 16.—Russian authorities here admit the railway to Port Arthur has practically ceased working and no telegrams for three days.

Word was received today that the Jap dispatch boat Miyako struck a mine was destroyed in Ke Bay Sunday, with eight casualties.

The natives here have rumors of heavy fighting Sunday between Japanese and Russian forces at Lia Yang.

The Russo-Chinese bank was removed today to the building occupied by the French consulate.

Austrian Warns Turkey.

Vienna, May 16.—Count Glouchowski, minster of foreign affairs, in a speech to the delegations from Buda Pest today, expressed the belief that the Russo-Japanese war will be localized.

As to the extended notions of contraband of war now held by the belligerents, it is time the powers agreed to a check to be put to this evil.

He warned Turkey against the suicidal policy of playing into the hands of those who are incapable of reforms and who would make her undergo more drastic experiences than she is now having.

Japs Lose a Cruiser.

Washington, May 16.—According to a Tokio dispatch to the Japanese legation it was the cruiser Miyaka sunk by a mine in Kerr Bay. The dispatch reads:

"Admiral Kataoka reports on May 14, the fourth torpedo boat flotilla continued its sea-sweeping operations under cover of the fleet. The enemy constructed temporary batteries on the promontory between Kerr Bay and Tallen Wan, and placed six field guns, besides a hastily constructed fort. With one company of soldiers they stubbornly resisted our attack.

"The flotilla, defying the enemy's fire, carried out operations and destroyed five mines laid by the enemy. Unfortunately, one exploded and sunk our cruiser Miyako. In this accident six men wer wounded, besides two killed during the fight."

Russians Plunder British.

London, May 16.—A Central News dispatch from Tokio says travelers from Seoul report that several hundred Russians attacked and plundered British gold miners at Eunsanpy, in Northern Korea. Several were taken to prison.

Japs Destroy Railroad.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—Official advices today say the Japanese have destroyed 50 miles of railroad north of Kinchou.

Fears Capture by Japs.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—Prince Khilkov, minister of railways, has decided not to go to Vladivostok. He fears capture by the Japs en route.

SHEEP SCAB IN IDAHO.

Vigorous Efforts Being Made to Eradicate It.

Salt Lake, May 16.—Lowell Clarke, acting agent in charge of the bureau of animal industry in this city, under the department of agriculture, has sent the following communication to J. C. Dressler, state sheep inspector for Idaho, regarding the condition of the flocks in that state:

"In reply to your communication of the 11th instant in regard to the dipping of sheep in your state, will say that this office is very well pleased with the manner in which you are taking hold of this scab question in Idaho.

"It is the desire of this office to assist you all we can. I have instructed Dr. Bailey, of Rawlins, Wyo., to report to you in Shoshone on May 16. He is an experienced man, and I trust will be of valuable assistance to you."

Offending Royalty.

Berlin, May 16.—The Rome correspondent of Koelnische Zeitung learns that the pope has offended the German, Austrian and Prussian emperors by expressing too much sympathy toward the Poles.

Death of a Scientist.

Paris, May 16.—Entienne Jules Marey, the well known physiologist, is dead.

Strike Ended.

Havre, France, May 16.—The dock workers' strike ended today.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Decision in One Case Affects Property Rights in Umatilla County.

MRS. PHILOMME SMITH KEEPS HER ALLOTMENT.

Decision Affects Others on the Reservation—Wm. Turner, Anarchist, Must Remain Away From the United States—Order of Lower Court Affirmed—Local Option Law of Ohio Sustained, a Decision Which Is of Immediate Interest to Oregonians—Cow Stables Must Go.

Washington, May 16.—The supreme court today affirmed a decision by the circuit court of appeals of the ninth circuit in the case of Hy Ru Tse Milken, appellant, vs. Philomme Smith.

The decision confirms the allotments of land in the Umatilla reservation to Mrs. Smith, a full-blood Indian, wife of a white man, and confirms generally patents of that character.

Turner Must Stay Away.

The supreme court held that Wm. Turner, the British anarchist, to be fully excluded from this country by the secretary of commerce, and the order of the court below was affirmed. The power of congress to legislate for the exclusion of anarchists is fully sustained.

Turner's speeches are held to be indictments to use force against the prevailing government, and Turner himself to be a man dangerous to the public. Turner is out on bail and recently returned to England.

The opinion is by Fuller, chief justice.

Sustains Local Option Law.

The supreme court also upheld the constitutionality of a St. Louis ordinance providing no one shall keep a cow stable within the city limits, without a permit by the municipal assembly.

The court also declared the local option law of Ohio to be constitutional.

TROUBLE EXPECTED.

Governor Peabody Refuses to Take Steps to Insure the Peace.

Denver, May 16.—Intense interest is manifested in the city election tomorrow, the first under the new charter. Predictions are made of bloodshed, especially in the lower wards.

The election is for a full set of county and city officers for four years. During that period many valuable public franchises will come up for renewal.

Republican leaders are accusing Governor Peabody of treachery to the party in refusing to call out the militia to prevent trouble. The democrats control the police and the machine.

VISITING THE VAN DRANS.

They Have Guests From Albany Who Will Go to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cusick and son Harry, of Albany, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Van Dran for a few days. Mr. Cusick is a banker of Albany, and is traveling over this part of the country with his son, who has just recovered from an operation in a Portland hospital.

The party will visit in Pendleton for a few days, and will then go to Spokane and other Washington cities, and will perhaps visit at Hot Lake for a few weeks before returning to their Albany home.

TWO BANKS FAIL.

One a Private Institution, the Other a National Bank.

Macon, Ga., May 16.—I. C. Plant's Sons' bank, and the First National Bank closed their doors this morning, pending the arrival of examiners, and no official statement is given.

The Plants is a private institution, founded in 1843 by the father of R. H. Plant.

The two failures aggregate $1,000,000.

FRENCH SCANDAL.

Alleged That Traitors Would Sell Government Secrets.

Paris, May 16.—The Matin prints the first of a series of articles by a London correspondent dealing with an alleged plot to reveal the plans of French fortifications, which the papers say may approach the Dreyfus affair in proportions.

Three men went to London with papers to be sold. Two were deserters, who were out of funds, wrote the Matin. Examination of the papers held by him, it is said, revealed genuineness.

BRITT-CORBETT.

Will Fight December 21 for Featherweight Championship.

New York, May 16.—Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett were matched today for a 20-round match for the featherweight championship, December 31, at the San Francisco Club, which gave the largest purse to get the fight. The details wil be arranged September 15, when the managers meet to sign.

Beaten Insane.

Salt Lake, May 16.—A. J. Gregory, a traveling livestock agent for the Denver & Rio Grande, was brought here today hopelessly insane as the result of a beating by Denver thugs.

NUMEROUS DARK HORSES FOR THE NOMINATIONS.

Delegates Are Wearying of the Deadlock and May Break at Any Hour—Chicago Delegation Hopelessly Split — Governor Yates Declares Cannon and Others Have Approached Him With a Disreputable Trade for the Mexican Mission—Yates Losing Ground.

Springfield, Ill., May 16.—Governor Yates today created a sensation by confirming a story printed in a local paper that he had been "approached" in the interest of the "congressional delegation," meaning Cannon, Hopkins and Cullom, with an offer of the Mexican ministership with a salary of $18,000, if he would throw the nomination to Lowden. Both Cannon and Hopkins deny the alleged meeting occurred.

Deadlock Continues.

Springfield, Ill., May 16.—Mr. Cannon called the convention to order at 2. Despite a downpour of rain, a big crowd was present. The 25th ballot was not different from its predecessors and there is no outward sign of a break.

Springfield, Ill., May 16.—On the surface of the republican situation here this morning, it did not look any more probable that a nomination for governor would be made by the state convention this afternoon than at any time last week.

Several dark horses are mentioned including Federal Judge Grosscup, Graeme Stewart, late candidate for mayor of Chicago, and Congressman Reeves.

The Lowden and Deneen delegates from Chicago are as far apart as Genesis from Revelations. A great many of the delegates are weary of the deadlock, and liable to vote any way to settle affairs.

Senator Hopkins is of the opinion the convention will not last much longer. The 25th ballot will be taken shortly after 2 o'clock.

Yates Is Losing Ground.

The 26th ballot brought Cannon 1. Yates lost 5 and Lowden 5. The Yates men are holding a conference.

WANT A MONOPOLY.

Gambling Company Want Concession in the Canal Zone.

Havana, May 16.—The company controlling Jalalla, a Cuban gambling scheme, will in a few days dispatch an agent to Washington to see if it is possible to effect a monopoly in the region along the Panama route.

TWO MEN HELD UP HILGARD SALOON

EVENT PULLED OFF WITH USUAL FORMALITIES.

Perpetrators Believed to Be Local Hard Cases and Capture Considered Probable—Made a Light Haul Compared With Risks Taken—Clipped an Ear With a Bullet.

Hilgard, May 16.—(Special.)—Two masked robbers held up Gus Holverson's saloon here Saturday night, securing about $75 from the till, besides several checks and time checks on the Grand Ronde Lumber Company, which had been deposited by log drivers during the evening.

There were seven men in the saloon when the robbers entered at the front door, and commanded the crowd to put up their hands. All hurriedly obeyed the order, and the proprietor started to walk around the bar to open the till when one of the robbers fired two shots from his pistol, one shot striking John Thompson lightly at the top of the ear, making a small skin mark only.

When the shots were fired several men holding up their hands at the rear of the room darted out an open back door, when the robbers hurriedly plundered the till and disappeared, leaving no trace.

They were not mounted and seemed perfectly familiar with the place, and it is thought they were local toughs, who will be apprehended soon. The town was full of log drivers at the time, a big poker game in which several hundred dollars changed hands, having just broken up at the saloon.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

James McDonald Being Tried for Murder of Miss Schaffer.

Bedford, Ind., May 16.—James McDonald was placed on trial this morning for the alleged murder of Miss Sarah Schaffer, a teacher in the high school, in January last. Two days will be occupied in securing a jury.

The murder was one of the most mysterious. The woman's body was found in a carriage shed near the residence, with the head crushed by a stone. Whatever evidence may be adduced against McDonald is purely circumstantial.

HERERO HORROR.

Torture and Murder German Settlers in Southwest Africa.

Berlin, May 16.—A dispatch today reports a massacre of Germans by the Hereros of German Southwest Africa. Three colonists were killed at Okombahe and three German women and one child at Ameib, and five other whites in the Karibib district. The blacks burned their victims and then danced on their graves.

No Conference of Nations.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 16.—In consequence of the war between Russia and Japan the federal council has postponed indefinitely the international conference summoned to meet here today to revise the Geneva convention with the view of improving the treatment of wounded men.

STRONGHOLD OF PORT ARTHUR YIELDS TO THE JAPANESE

Paris Dispatch Says the Fort Has Fallen, With Casualties Amounting to 10,000.

Japanese Vessels Clear the Harbor of Dalny and 20,000 Troops Are Now Investing That Place—Russians Loss 1,500 in Land Battle at Psi Yen—Japanese Loan in the United States Subscribed Seven Times Over—Page in the Czar's Palace Is Taken to Task for Joking With His Majesty—The Japanese Are Gaining All Along the Line.

Paris, May 14.—A special edition of the newspaper La France, prints a St. Petersburg dispatch reiterating the rumor that Port Arthur has fallen. The telegram adds: "Port Arthur fell after fierce fighting, which is estimated that over 10,000 were killed. The news was concealed in official circles, though a personal friend of an officer of the general's staff, who is reported to have said that consternation is painted on the faces of all the government officials."

Rumored Fall of Port Arthur.

Paris, May 14.—A bulletin which is not confirmed, says that Port Arthur has fallen, with 10,000 casualties.

Russians Lose 1,500.

Shanghai Kwang, May 14.—An unverified report receved here tells of an engagement around Psi Yen on Thursday. The Russian losses were 1,500 killed and wounded, the Japanese loss unknown. Japanese occupied Psi Yen.

Japanese Enter Dalny.

Chee Foo, May 14.—Early this morning five Japanese cruisers, a battleship and a gunboat cleared the channel and entered the harbor of Dalny and began a heavy bombardment of the town. It is estimated that 20,000 Japanese are investing the town. There is every reason to believe that Dalny yielded to the assault this afternoon.

Another Victory for the Japs.

Tokio, May 14.—The Japanese have occupied Kuan Liausan, 60 miles north of Feng Suan Cheng. Three hundred Russian cavalry were dispersed, leaving one wounded officer on the field.

Russians Fleeing Everywhere.

Tokio, May 14.—Koruki, commander of the first army corps, reports that May 7 a detachment of Japanese occupied Kuantien Cheng, and on the 11th another infantry detachment pursued the enemy's cavalry, which was retreating from Schueli Chan, capturing two privates and one lieutenant, the latter the son of a general.

Loan Subscribed, Seven Times Over.

New York, May 14.—The Japanese loan in this country, has been oversubscribed about seven times. So far as possible small subscribers, representing the people throughout the country, will receive the full amount of their subscriptions. Kuhn Lots & Co. say: "Patriotism and 7 per cent appear to have worked together wonderfully well in the United States in reference to this loan."

Czar in No Joking Mood.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—A page in the palace of the czar has been placed under restraint because he played pranks on the emperor, such as covering his majesty's writing desk with toy Japanese soldiers and filling the czar's bed with cheap icons and buttons cut from the emperor's own uniforms. The page's mind is unbalanced, it is claimed.

Cossacks Reaching the Front.

London, May 14.—The Central News' Seoul correspondent reports that 2,000 Cossacks have reached Kyaung, province of Hamkleng, in Northeastern Korea.

GOLD GOING TO EUROPE.

Ten Millions to Be Sent in Gold Bars to Paris Next Tuesday.

New York, May 14.—Additional engagements for $2,000,000 gold were made this morning at the assay office for export Tuesday, making a total of $10,000,000 to be shipped to Paris on that day, completely exhausting the supply of gold bars at the assay office for the present. Five millions in gold bars were exported today.

FUNERAL ACCIDENT.

Corpse, Hearse and Horses Fall Down Embankment.

Scranton, Pa., May 14.—A corpse, the hearse, two men and two horses went tumbling down a 60-foot embankment at Duryea this morning, resulting in the fatal injury of Driver Luvender. The horses became frightened and ran away, causing the accident. The remains of Peter Bovasi were uninjured and were placed in a street car and the funeral continued.

Big Boston Firm Fails.

Boston, May 13.—The Whitney House-Land Company, commission merchants, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, the liabilities being $111,000, and the assets $413.25. W. E. Stowe, of the firm, also files a schedule of personal liabilities of $340,000.

Turks and Armenian Killed.

Constantinople, May 14.—A report reached here today that 300 Turks and 900 Armenians were killed in a fight in the Sashoun district. Fighting has been reported from this dstrct on several occasions lately.

To Settle Question.

Paris, May 14.—It is announced this afternoon that Colombia and Peru have decided to appoint Spain as an arbitrator to arrange the boundary questions in dispute between the two countries.

Employes Suspended.

Boston, May 14.—Two hundred employes of the Boston & Albany railway were indefinitely suspended as a result of an order to cut expenses which is due to a lack of business.

Clara Barton Resigns.

Washington, May 14.—Clara Barton today resigned as president of the American Red Cross Society. She will be succeeded by Mrs. General John A. Logan, the former vice-president of the association.

Jury Disagrees.

Minneapolis, May 14.—The jury in the case of Dr. A. A. Ames, former mayor of this city, on trial for grafting disagreed today, after deliberating since Thursday afternoon.

Money for Pasco.

The secretary of the interior has allotted $1,500,000 out of the reclamation fund for the irrigation of a large tract of land in the vicinity of Pasco. This project has been approved by secretary Hitchcock subject to the conditions relating to water rights, acquirement of necessary property, etc. This and other allotments made by the secretary exhaust all the irrigation funds now available.—Exchange.

The materialist fills his eyes with mud and then says that there is nothing else.

PIONEER WAR NURSE.

Famous Florence Nightingale Still Alive in England.

London, May 14.—It is safe to say that comparatively few persons who read nowadays of the Red Cross work in the Far East recall that Florence Nightingale, the oldest and most famous of war nurses, is still living.

The heroine of the Crimean war, and the personal friend of Queen Victoria and other rulers of her day will be 81 years old next Sunday. She is now a tall woman, rather stout, with gray hair and fine, open face. Although she has been a great sufferer for a number of years, she shows little trace of it. Although she receives few visitors she contonues to take great interest in all matters affecting the care of the sick or wounded and those who nurse them. She has a very comfortable home on one of the best streets in the West End, but spends most of the year at the home of her sister, Lady Verney, in Buckinghamshire.

RESULTS SLOW.

After Nineteen Ballots Convention Takes Recess.

Springfield, May 14.—Dreary roll calls continued until 19 ballots had been taken without any material change at the conclusion of which the convention took a recess until 3 p. m. The last ballot was: Yates, 491; Lowden, 409; Deneen, 373; Hamlin, 119; Warner, 38; Sherman, 51, and Pierce 21. Gossip is strong of a combine between Deneen and Hamlin, with Congressman Reeves as another dark horse.

Rioting in Armenia.

Constantinople, May 13.—Turkish troops have burned villages throughout the Sassoon district of Armenia, killing many inhabitants. The French, British and Russian consuls have been sent to Ezeroum in hopes of limiting the bloodshed.

Portland's Fire Losses.

Portland, May 14.—The total loss in Thursday night's fire on the water front will reach $320,000. The buildings of the Day Lumber Company, the Multnomah Trunk and Box factory and the Ira F. Powers Manufacturing Company were destroyed. Over 300 people are thrown out of employment.

Cannibals Ate Five.

Vancouver, B. C., May 14.—Cannibals of Admiralty Islands roasted and ate four negroes and one Chinaman, in the presence of a German man-of-war, on May 6. This is the most ferocious of the South Sea tribes.

King and Prince Meet.

Nisschi, Servia, May 14.—King Peter and Prince Ferdinand met today, accompanied by the foreign ministers, with greetings most affectionate. An important treaty is believed to be the result.

Successful Bank Robbery.

Nevada, Mo., May 14.—Burglars blew open the safe of the Farmers' Bank at Metz this morning and escaped with $2,000.

Heavy Snow in Michigan.

Houghton, Mich., May 14.—A heavy snowstorm envelopes Northern Michigan. Three inches has fallen at Calumet.

UP FOR MURDER.

Indiana Man Being Tried for Murdering a Teacher.

Bloomington, Ind., May 14.—The trial of James McDonald for the murder of Miss Sarah Schafer, teacher of Latin at Bedford, whose murder last winter attracted the attention of the entire country, is set down on the court calendar for next Monday. Both sides indicate that they will be ready at that time.

Eminent counsel will be employed on both sides. McDonald is still in jail in this city, and for the last two months has had little or nothing to say regarding the crime. He will endeavor to prove an alibi.

FOR SEEDLESS APPLES.

Company Will Grow New Variety in Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah., May 14.—The Utah Seedless Apple Co. has been incorporated to grow the seedless apple produced by John F. Spencer of Grand Junction, Col. The company has leased a large tract of ground near Provo City, in which 50,000 seedling apple trees will be set out. In the fall these trees will be budded with buds of the seedless apple from Mr. Spencer's orchard in Grand Junction.

CANADIANS VISIT FAIR.

Quebec Press Association to Attend World's Press Congress.

Quebec, Que., May 14.—The province of Quebec Press Association left the city today for the St. Louis exposition. The party, numbering 150, goes by way of Toronto on a special train which conveys the Canadian Press Association. The members of both associations, together with a number of other journalists from various parts of the Dominion, will take part in the world's press congress to be held in the world's fair city next week. The only stop en route to St. Louis will be made at Springfield, Ill., where the Canadians will visit the tomb of Lincoln.

BANDIT IN BUTTE.

Letter to Chief of Police Says the Famous "Kid Curry" Is in Hiding in That City.

Butte, Mont., May 14.—An anonymous letter received by the chief of police this morning says that "Kid Curry," the famous train robber and outlaw, is in Butte and that the writer will guide the police to him for half of the $5,000 reward offered by the express companies for his capture.

ROSEBUD LANDS WILL BE OPENED

RICH RESERVATION TO BE SOLD ON AUGUST 8.

President Signs Proclamation to Sell 418,000 Acres of Indian Land—Will Be Sold by Lot at $3 Per Acre—Same Kind of Land in Iowa is Now Worth $80 Per Acre—Method of Selling the Land is Unsatisfactory—Lottery Plan Disliked by the People.

Washington, May 13.—The president this morning signed a proclamation opening for settlement the lands of the Rosebud agency in South Dakota, at 9 a. m., August 8. The proclamation covers 418,000 acres.

The price of land sales will go by lot applicants registering their names with government officials appointed to conduct the drawings. The price asked by the government is $3 per acre. It is expected that 50,000 people will register. Similar lands in Northwest Iowa are now quoted at $80 per acre.

The government is severely criticised by settlers all over the country for selling the land by lottery, inasmuch as the government is punishing all lottery schemes among private concerns.

The Wichita Indian reservation in Oklahoma was sold by the lottery plan, two years ago. One hundred thousand people rushed into the district to register where there were but 6000 claims to be sold. Great suffering was caused by the government in that land sale, and settlers fear a repetition of the Wichita rush on the Rosebud Agency.

Robbed of Jewels.

San Francisco, May 14.—Mrs. Francis Gay, wife of a rich sugar planter of Honolulu, was robbed of jewels valued at $25,000 while on board a steamer from London to this city.

Vindication for Dreyfus.

Paris, May 13.—Colonel Valabrague, a cousin of Dreyfus, has been appointed chief of the cabinet in the war ministry.

SENATOR DALY RESIGNS.

Surveyor General Cannot Hold Two Offices.

State Senator John D. Daly, of Benton county, has followed the lead of Senator McGinn, and has tendered his resignation as senator, to take effect when his successor is elected and qualified, says the Salem Journal. His letter bears date of May 1, 1904, but was received by the governor this morning, and is as follows:

"Having accepted the office of surveyor general for Oregon, I hereby beg leave to tender my resignation as state senator for Benton county, to take effect on such date as my successor is legally qualified."

Henry W. Coe of Portland, has been nominated by petition to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator McGinn, and will go on the ticket as the regular republican nominee.

YATES LOSING IN ILLINOIS

Most Tumultous Convention Ever Held in That State.

"THE DAMNEDEST CROWD" CANNON EVER SAW.

Third Day's Session Finds Governor Yates 50 Votes Behind Lowden—On Meeting This Morning Chairman Joseph Cannon Cleared the Aisles With Police and Took the Control of the Convention From Yates' Sergeant-at-Arms — On 16th Ballot Yates Stood Half a Hundred Behind Lowden, the Leader.

Springfield, Ill., May 14.—Grim was the smile resting on the features of the various gubernatorial leaders this morning when the convention met for the third day's session of what has been the most notable political battle in the state's history.

When the convention was called to order, it sat upon a volcano.

"There may be hell here this morning," said Chairman Cannon, "and I don't propose that anyone will be hurt," as he gave orders to the police to clear the aisles, taking the control from Yates' seargeant at arms. The sixteenth ballot was then called and showed but one notable change, a gain of 15 votes for Lowden, who has 427; Yates, 372, and Deneen, 380.

Joe Cannon Gets Mad.

The convention was large and turbulent. Armory hall was packed with 10,000 persons during the session, and at times, when the scenes were most exciting, Chairman Cannon threatened to adjourn the convention to the capitol and exclude the public.

"It is the damnedest crowd I ever saw," he declared.

WALLA WALLA RACES.

Good Spring Meet in Prospect for the Garden City.

The prospects for the spring race meeting of the Walla Walla County Fair Association, May 25, 26, 27 and 28, are extremely flattering. Walla Walla is conceded by all horsemen to have the fastest track on the circuit, in fact, it is even better than last year, when it turned out to be a marvel of speed. Already 200 horses have been entered for the four days' meet, and many of them are already in Walla Walla working out for the events.

About 100 horses wintered in Walla Walla and they have been at work whenever the weather permited in anticipation of this season's races. In addition to the ones already here fast horses are coming from Spokane, Portland, Everett and many intermediate points. The management of the enterprise is more than pleased with the outlook for a most entertaining event.

The following fair dates have been arranged for the fall circuit:

Seattle, August 22 to 27; Everett, August 29 to September 3; Whatcom, September 5 to 10; Salem, September 12 to 17; Portland, September 19 to 24; North Yakima, September 25 to October 1; Spokane, Ocotber 3 to 8; Walla Walla, October 10 to 15; Boise, October 17 to 22.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Salem Paper Makes Favorable Mention of Pendleton Meeting on May 26.

The Pacific Homestead, the leading farm paper of Oregon, published at Salem, speaking of Pendleton's coming Farmers' Institute, says:

"At Pendleton, Umatilla county, Oregon, on the 26th inst., a farmers' institute will be held under the auspices of the Commercial Association of that city and farmers of the immediate surrounding country. Able speakers will be furnished by the O. R. & N. Co., through its industrial agent, Col. R. C. Judson. A large committee of farmers and business men of that section has been named to arrange for the affair and it is proposed to have addresses on dairying, forage crops, etc. A grand good time is predicted, as a general awakening on the subject of diversified farming seems to be the order of the times over in that part of the state."

WADE IN HAWAII.

Shown by a Document on File at the Court House.

An ackuowledgement is on file at the court house signed and certified to by C. B. Wade on April 2, in the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. It certifies merely that three mortgages on the northwest quarter of section 20, and the north half of section 21, town 3 north, range 32, were paid March 6, 1899, and is interesting merely as conclusive evidnece, if any was needed, as to Mr. Wade's whereabouts, as some people had made themselves believe, or pretended they had, that Mr. Wade was either in Mexico, or most any other distant locality than the Hawaiian Islands.

COUNTY SEAT WAR COSTLY.

Towns of Union and La Grande Have Spent $60,000 in 30 Years.

Since the county seat of Union county was removed from La Grande to Union in 1872, it is estimated that the two cities have spent $60,000, one in defending and one in seeking its relocation.

The war has been in progress since the removal was made, nearly every session of the legislature having to deal in some way with the contentions.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE TO BE BUILT

Umatilla County People Get in Touch With the Outside World.

PILOT ROCK AND PENDLETON TO BE CONNECTED.

Private Line Up Birch Creek by Which About 16 Farm Houses Will Be Connected With This City—Probably Cost $800; the Length, 16 Miles—Brock & McComas' Store Will Be Central Office—Meeting Next Wednesday at Julius Gurderian's to Organize.

All arrangements have been made for the construction of a new private telephone line from this city to Pilot Rock, following the settlements along Birch creek the entire distance.

The central office of the line in this city will be at Brock & McComas' drug store. Drs. Smith and Ringo, having office connection also. Starting from Brock & McComas', the line will be built to the county poor farm, crossing McKay creek at that point, and will then run across the ridge to Birch creek, and will zigzag with the settlement on that stream, a distance of 16 miles approximately, to Pilot Rock.

There will be about 16 patrons on the line, a meeting having been called at Julius Gurderian's home on Birch creek for next Wednesday to complete the organization and determine on a name for the line, and the exact number of stockholders.

The line will pass the homes of Dean Tatum, Mrs. John Southwell, J. V. Straughn, A. Parker, Dave Ingram, W. Bowman, J. W. Sparks and son, Julius Gurderian, J. W. Stamper, —— Mails, H. H. Gilbert and Tobe Bush, all of whom it is thought will be patrons of the line, with several more who may take part in it.

It is estimated that the line will cost about $50 per mile or a total of $800 for the entire distance, 16 miles. Brock & McComas will handle the central office free of charge, and there will be no charges for talking to the patrons of the line.

Birch creek is very thickly settled all the way out, but the houses are off the stage road down on the creek, and the residents have had a telephone line in view for some time, to place them in closer communication with Pendleton.

SUES THE GOLCONDA.

Portland Attorney Asks for a Recounting of the Old Company's Business.

Otto J. Kramer, an attorney of Portland, on behalf of Leo Fried, of the same place, yesterday filed a suit at Baker City against the old Golconda Gold Mining Company, praying for an accounting and restitution on sale of mine and the appointment of a receiver.

That the present suit is more in the nature of a persecution than a prosecution is the general opinion of those who are at all familiar with the celebrated property.

The Golconda mine was formerly owned by the Messrs. English, and later by them transferred to an incorporation named as before. Later this incorporation, acting upon the decision of the board of directors and a large majority of the stockholders, sold the mine to the present company, the Golconda Consolidated Gold Mines Company, which received a clear title and deed to the mine and all appurtenances.

Among the small stockholders was Mr. Fried, who refused to accept the pro rata price of 20 cents per share allowed to the holders of stock in the old company. He has repeatedly threatened litigation, but no heed was paid by the present company, which is in no way affected by the suit filed.

In speaking with Mr. Howard, manager of the present company owning and operating the mine, he stated that this suit would in no way alter the plans of the company to extensively develop the property and add a cyanide plant.

Upon the Messrs. English, who are at present in Baker City, the unpleasantness of the case will fall.

AVERAGE ACREAGE HURT.

Damage by Freezing Not So Great as Commonly Believed.

A. L. Knight, the wheat buyer, is not afraid to go on record with the declaration that there are not in Umatilla county any more acres of wheat damaged by freezing this spring than usual—than in an average year. He has traveled all over the wheat districts and speaks advisedly. The heaviest acreage of frost-bitten wheat is from Adams to Helix, along the Greasewood and around Warrea.

The only difference between this and other years so far as he can see is that this year the damaged wheat is in spots, and for that reason is very conspicuous. Surrounding a field that is badly damaged will be fields in prime condition in every respect. Some neighborhoods have scarcely an acre of inferior wheat from freezing, or from any other cause. On the reservation, from end to end, the wheat is fine, and around Athena and Weston it never looked better.

To prevent Russian mail for Manchuria from the United States, from falling into the hands of Japan, by being sent from San Francisco, an order has been issued to send it to the New York office and ship it by way of the Atlantic to Russia and thence to Manchuria.