

FROM THE FRONT.

The Militia Summoned This Morning to Astoria.

Five hundred Oregon National Guardsmen went down the Columbia river this morning to help preserve order. The militia left at a few minutes before 4 o'clock on the steamer Harvest Queen.

The strike situation has reached such a serious stage, and the repeated outrages committed by strikers upon non-union men have at last brought the Clatsop county authorities to a full realization that military assistance was imperatively necessary to preserve life and property.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

There was a general feeling—just as there has been from the outset—that the Columbia river fishermen's strike is far more serious than the people of Astoria themselves cared to admit. Business prostrated; everything at a standstill; men of peaceful pursuits afraid for their lives to fish along the river; and 2000 idle men—a great many of them with needy families and nothing to live upon—roaming idly around the banks of the river with occasional fights between the nonunion men and the vicious fins—all this represents a state of affairs that calls for urgent measures.

That there will be fighting in case the men attack the canneries which attempt to start up is not doubted by those well-informed on the situation along the river. How well prepared the fishermen are can only be surmised. There have been some very absurd reports to the effect that arms have been shipped down the river within the past few weeks, and that ammunition has been furnished the strikers.

The situation in Astoria last evening was likened to "a charge of powder dangerously near a match," as it was expressed by an up-river traveler this morning.

But another and equally as serious phase of the situation today is the consequences of a brush between the respectable, law-abiding American citizens, who fish at different places on the upper river in the vicinity of Kalama and neighboring localities, and the Russian Fins who may take it in their heads to come up the Columbia again and attack these men, as they have before.

As an evidence of the attitude of merchants of Astoria toward the strikers, the following harangue, delivered by one of the most prominent storekeepers on Commercial street to a group of rabid strikers was overheard in the crowded rotunda of the postoffice, and it shows what a dangerous feeling has been engendered toward outside interference:

"You're all right, boys, holding together. Don't let the cannerymen's combination down you. You have the sympathy of the business public; now stick it out. The cannerymen are within a half-cent of your price, and they will be compelled to meet your figures yet. Don't catch fish nor let any one else fish on the Columbia river. Fifty of you fishermen can whip 200 of Portland's crack militiamen any day."

The following dispatch was received by The Telegram at 1:30 this afternoon: Astoria, June 16.—Colonel Summers with his command of seven companies of the First regiment, O. N. G., and two 3-inch and two Gatling guns arrived on the steamer Queen about 10:30 this morning. A large crowd had gathered at the O. R. & N. dock, and they were greatly disappointed when the steamer was seen to land at the Eagle Cannery's dock in Alderbrook. It was found, however, upon investigation, that this dock

was not strong enough to bear the weight of the guns, and the men were re-embarked on the steamer and landed half an hour later at the O. R. & N. main dock in the central portion of the city. Widely different views are expressed by the people, to most of whom the arrival of militia was a surprise. Those in favor of law and order have expressed unbounded relief that protection has arrived. The radical element of the fishermen are inclined to treat the matter with ridicule and contempt. On the sidewalk in front of their headquarters and in several other localities appears the legend in chalk:

4 1/2-CENT MILITIA.

The canneries this morning posted notices stating that they would pay 4 1/2 cents for fish, and guarantee protection to those who want to go out.

Colonel Summers and his aids, after inspecting various locations, have arranged to go into camp upon the courthouse and custom-house squares, which face each other in the center of the city on Commercial street. The county officers have offered the use of their rooms for headquarters' purposes and Collector of Customs Page has courteously tendered the use of the custom-house.

There were no incidents on the voyage down the river and no stops were made until Astoria was reached. Colonel Summers and his aids were most cordially received by the leading citizens and county officers.

Later—The troops have just marched down to the courthouse, preceded by the baggage train, and have commenced to pitch camp.

WHO PAYS THE FIDDLER?

Not one person in a thousand perhaps realizes the extent or importance of the increase of the public debt during the present democratic administration. According to the report of Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, just given to the public, the increase of the interest bearing debt during the Cleveland-Carlisle reign, was \$262,315,490. These are thirty-year bonds, and according to the same report, entail an annual interest charge of \$11,492,616. This amount multiplied by 30, gives the amount of interest to be paid on these bonds, and shows the total amount of principles and interest to be paid during the next thirty years to be \$697,993,880. Now to bring the matter home to the people of Oregon and Douglas county, let us take into consideration the fact that as there are supposed to be about 70,000 people in the United States, this means an indebtedness of \$8.67 for every man, woman and child in Douglas county.

Now as there are in round numbers 15,000 people in Douglas county, the amount which the people of this county alone must pay is \$130,000.

The most exasperating feature of this whole business is that this enormous debt accomplished nothing. It pays for nothing. We have not a cent to show for it, except a gold reserve which is being drawn out by the gold thieves in order that they may force a new bond issue and further enrich themselves and further impoverish the people. But the people are sharpening an ax.

The Ticket.

The head of the presidential ticket has about been settled upon. McKinley is doubtless the man. But the tail seems to be giving the party some trouble to find. According to Darwin the law of evolution tends to atrophy useless organs, so that in time there is left nothing of such organs but mere rudiments of them. The office of vice president, the tail of the administration, is no longer used to any advantage, even to switch off the flies from the president. So it will be just as well to have no tail to the ticket at all.

Senators Teller of Colorado and Dubois of Idaho will try to force a free silver plank into the platform at St. Louis, and failing in that they will most likely bolt and walk out of the convention and turn their backs on the republican party; and where will they go but to democracy, a party and party measures they have been opposing for a third of a century. Politics make queer companions sometimes.

"Will thou?" is the standard question asked of democratic leaders, and to a man they wilt.

Quite Correct.

The following extract is from the opening address of C. W. Fairbanks, temporary chairman of the St. Louis convention:

"The democratic party was harmonious upon one subject, and that was the destruction of the McKinley law. But when they came to the exercise of the creative faculty, the enactment of a great revenue measure in its stead, there was discord. The impaired interests of the country watched and waited through long and anxious months for some settlement of the important question. They wanted an end of uncertainty. At length the Wilson bill was adopted and it was characterized by a democratic president as 'the child of perjury and dishonor.' It was so bad that he would not contaminate his hand by signing it. A bill that was too base for Mr. Cleveland to approve is too rotten for the approval of the American people."

Coroner's Inquest.

The coroner's jury at the inquest on the body of Charles Rice, June 15th, before K. L. Miller, found as follows: That Charles Rice came to his death by pistol shots fired by James Dixon, June 14th, on the premises of T. C. Atterbery in Oak Creek precinct. The jury members are: A. Y. Barke, Al. Wilson, Geo. Langenberg, Alfred Mathews, Lefe Engles and Stephens.

BRIEF MENTION.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Dwight Reed of Calapoopia is at the McClallen.

H. G. Rhinehart of Glide is at the Van Houten.

G. E. Bensch of Oak Creek was in the city yesterday.

R. B. and J. R. Dixon of Deer creek are in the city today.

F. M. and N. Conn of Melrose are registered at the McClallen.

Miss Lizzie Blain of Cleveland is registered at the Van Houten.

J. T. Goodman of Looking Glass is registered at the Van Houten.

Alphabetical Williams of Looking Glass is registered at the McClallen.

Ben Smith of Marshfield came up from that burg yesterday on business.

Dwight Reed and L. J. Perdue of Oakland made this office a pleasant call while in town today.

Dr. M. W. Davis, the dentist, who has been for several months in Portland, will return to Roseburg this week.

Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede went to Salem today to attend a convocation of the Christian church which meets there tomorrow.

The Evening Republican published by E. F. Alley of Baker City, Oregon, a bright, new daily comes to this office on exchange.

J. H. Whitsett of Deer Creek, who has been on three legs, two of them crutches, was in the city yesterday and reports his wounded foot improving.

Ray C. Brown of Belplain, Iowa, is in the city today awaiting his family, which will arrive tonight. Miss Amata Smith of this city, who has been in Belplain on a visit the past winter, is accompanying Mrs. Brown.

J. L. Mitchell, deputy supreme commander of the Knights of Maccabees, has arrived in the city to work in the interest of his order. He will be glad to meet any one who desires to learn more of the order, either at his room at the McClallen hotel or at the office of D. S. West.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A. R. Yantis of Grants Pass is at the McClallen.

J. R. Chapman of Wilbur is at the McClallen.

J. R. Farrensworth of Oakland is in the city today.

J. Beckley of Oakland is registered at the Van Houten.

G. W. Stephens of Stephens is registered at the McClallen.

F. M. Tipton of Oak Creek is registered at the Van Houten.

Miss Kate Farrensworth of Stephens is a guest at the McClallen.

J. T. Goodman, P. M. of Looking Glass, is a guest at the Van Houten.

Isadore Rice of Rice hill is in the city today on business before his honor, Judge Stearns.

A new iron front will soon adorn the Hamilton buildings on corner of Jackson and Washington streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Melton, formerly of this county, but who have been living in Salinas, Cal., for the past year or two, returned on last night's overland.

S. Hamilton is tearing down the brick front of the drygoods store occupied by Mrs. Josephson, which will be replaced with an iron and plate glass front. F. F. Patterson is doing the work.

Wollenberg & Abraham of the Square Deal Store have removed from the Moore building to the Brooks building, and are fitting up their new quarters in elegant shape. Call and see them.

Mrs. Julia Abraham, who went to Portland to attend the Grand Chapter O. E. S., and at Independence to attend the W. R. C. and G. A. R. returned Monday morning with honors clustering on her brow.

The Roseburg band is in training for the celebration at Fort Jones, Cal., whether it goes on the 2nd prox. This band under the leadership of Prof. Applehoff, has become one of the finest bands in the State, and appreciated by the music loving public wherever they play.

A little pugnacious scrap occurred on the street, Tuesday evening, between Mark Jones and Wayne Drollinger. Jones coming out second best. The matter was taken before his honor, the city recorder, and a fine of \$5 and costs was imposed upon Drollinger for disorderly conduct, and thus ended the matter with Drollinger, but Jones is nursing a black eye today.

B. F. Ramp was at Salem Saturday in attendance on the big indignation meeting. It is reported that he has been ill since then from the effects of a gold bug swallowed. Hearing of this Mr. A. D. Barker this forenoon, secured a bottle of medicine at one of the drug stores labeled in big figures and letters "18 to 1" and took it to him to take. It is thought he will now recover.—Albany Democrat.

A. W. Stanton purchased Tuesday of Churchill, Woolley & McKenzie, two ladies bicycles. One for his daughter, Miss Minnie Stanton and one for his niece, Miss Della Stanton. These who will doubtless be highly prized by these young ladies who will soon learn to mount and propel them at a 2:40 pace, and no doubt will take more enjoyment with them than with the fleetest chargers in the Umpqua Valley.

The republican national convention at St. Louis was called to order Tuesday morning at 12 o'clock by Senator Carter of the national committee. After the opening prayer by Rabi Sale, C. W. Fairbanks of Indiana was nominated as temporary chairman and his selection was endorsed by a unanimous vote of the convention. His three-column speech was vociferously cheered, and at 1:50 the convention adjourned until Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Advertisement for Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco. Features an illustration of three men and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for Alexander & Strong, The Popular Home Furnishers. Lists various home furnishings like Easy Rockers, Bed Room Sets, and Parpets. Includes address: 326 and 328 Jackson St., Roseburg, Oregon.

Advertisement for Bowen & Estabrook, Blacksmiths and Machinists. Located between Oak and Cass streets, Roseburg, Oregon.

Advertisement for H. C. Stanton, DRY GOODS. Lists various goods like Ladies' Dress Goods, Ribbons, Trimmings, Laces, etc. Also mentions boots and shoes.

Advertisement for J. F. Barker & Co., GROCERS. Lists various grocery items like Wood, Willow and Glass Ware, Crockery, Cordage, etc. Also mentions school books and stationery.

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Advertisement for TEAS and COFFEE. Lists various tea and coffee products. Also mentions a special brand of unsulphated tea and coffee.

Advertisement for C. W. Parks & Co., Grocers. Features the text "This is the Place to Buy Groceries." and lists various grocery items like fruits, vegetables, canned goods, etc.

Advertisement for M. Josephson's New York Cash Store. Located in Roseburg, Oregon.

Advertisement for Churchill, Woolley & McKenzie's Roseburg Hardware Co. Features an illustration of a woman cooking and lists various hardware items like Groceries, Custom-Made Clothing, School Books, etc.

Advertisement for Wollenberg & Abraham. Features a scale and lists various hardware items like Glass and Delf Ware. Located in Roseburg, Oregon.