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JUNE 20, 1904.

**THE MUSCOVITE'S EXCELSIOR.**

The shades of night were falling fast, When o'er the Yalu river passed A Cossack who, mid snow and ice Carried a flag with this device: "Wjhtjkhaijskyroff!"

His brow was stern, and his beard Made in the breeze a whistling weird; Cold, vodka-numbed, he wished to die But still the pi line waved on high: "Wjhtjkhaijskyroff!"

"Beware of Japs!" a private said, "Beware you flying pill of lead!" The stubborn Cossack only sneered And muttered through his icy beard: "Wjhtjkhaijskyroff!"

"Stay here" the tavern keeper cried: "We've got an easy game inside; You ought to win full many a stack." The whiskered horseman answered back: "Wjhtjkhaijskyroff!"

They found him at the break of day, On a Korean vessel he lay, And to these minions of the carky A voice came like a falling star: "Wjhtjkhaijskyroff!" —W. F. Kirk in Collier's.

**Three Great Policies.**

Let us again admonish the Voters of Douglas County to stand by the party which you know to be perfectly safe and secure in its policies.

The Republican party has been a consistent party throughout its career, and it stands to-day for the three great policies for which it stood at its birth and during its every year of existence since. Those three great policies are Liberty, Honor and Progress.

Equal liberty for every man, woman and child under the shelter of our flag; liberty to live, liberty to toil and liberty to acquire. Honor—in a standard of value, and money of redemption, equal to the highest known among nations; honor—to pay in full every obligation; honor—to redeem every promise, implied, spoken or written. Progress—not only of our own people, as has been shown in an elevation of the masses to the highest standard of living attained by any people of the human race; as shown in the development of our public school system, of our literature and its distribution, of our labor laws and of our industrial and financial undertakings throughout the length and breadth of the land; progress—not alone in the elevation of the people of the United States, but in the advancement of every people and every Country where our influence is felt; progress—not only in a mental and moral elevation as well. Material up-building but in this is what the Republican party stands for and what it has accomplished and we cannot afford to trade these certainties for any uncertainty.

**A Good Man Defeated.**

The defeat of Senator A. C. Marsters of Douglas county is to be regretted, and it will be hard to fill his place in the upper house of the legislature. Factional strife led to the result and he was slaughtered to satisfy petty party jealousy. Senator Marsters was worked hard for the party and his friends, both in Douglas county and the state and he deserves better treatment. He has been victorious in every fight until now. Attorney General Crawford was nominated through his hard work more than any thing else, and Congressman Hermann had an able lieutenant to manage his campaign prior to the nomination.

Oregon will hear of Mr. Marsters again in the political field and it is to be hoped that his home people will better appreciate his ability when he comes before them again.—Capital Journal.

**Dark Cabin Tragedy.**

Jack Snyder shot and killed Tuffy Potter and fatally wounded Donald McKay Friday evening in his cabin about 36 miles south of Klamath Falls. The men had been drinking together in the cabin when all of a sudden Snyder pulled his gun and began firing, with the above stated result. He claims self-defense, alleging that his two visitors were attempting to get away with some property in the room.

According to the last report from the scene of the tragedy, Snyder was sitting up with the corpse of his victim, Potter, and McKay had been carried away with his lower jaw en-

tirely gone. A man named McManus, who was in the cabin at the time of the shooting, assisted in taking care of the wounded man, but it is doubtful if he can recover.

The murdered man was well known in the district about Picard, across the California line, near which town the shooting took place, and was considered square in his dealings and a man of his word. Donald McKay, it will be remembered, pastured a band of horses near Winchester for several months. He made himself conspicuous on our streets on Norris & Rowe circus day, being in a badly intoxicated condition.

**Earthquake at Portland.**

The city of Portland was thrown into consternation Friday by several distinct earthquake shocks, and although the tremors were not severe, many ran out of their houses, anticipating heavier shocks to follow. The excitement lasted sometime until the news spread over town that the cause of the earthquake was the crew of workmen who were using five-pound charges of dynamite for the purpose of removing an old, stone and timber pier that has held up the Morrison street bridge for nearly a score of years. The explanation is that the small charge of five pounds of dynamite being discharged at the river's bed is held down by the tremendous weight of fifty feet or more of water and the shock of the explosion radiates until its effect reaches for several blocks.

An exchange says the most prosperous town is the one where there is the greatest evidence of local pride. It doesn't require mansions and great laws and the trappings of wealth to make a prosperous town or city, but order, cleanliness and the evidences of civic pride are an absolute essential. The neat, clean, well kept home with the evidence of personal interest, clean streets and back alleys free from rubbish, the things that may be possessed by all save the really unfortunate, are the things which make a town inviting and upon which prosperity in large measure rests.

The Massachusetts man who has made a great fortune by inventing shelled wheat biscuits, has invested a quarter of a million dollars in a large farm near Baltimore, where he will establish an Industrial Science School. It will be open to both sexes. The estate is to be divided into small farms of from ten to eighty acres, and upon each farm one or more tenants will be placed. But the young farmer must be self-helpful, and not look for outside assistance. He will have to pay his own taxes.

To predict the result of the election two years hence under the direct primary nominating law and existing circumstances is practically impossible but that personal likes and dislikes should be settled and a complete harmonious organization should be effected before it comes time to cast the regular ballot, and then that every Republican vote the Republican ticket is THE essential to success. This is Republicanism.

Philander C. Knox, attorney General of the United States, has been selected to fill the seat in the United States Senate made vacant by the death of M. S. Quay. He will accept and serve by appointment of Governor Pennypacker. Unless political complications should arise as a result of this action, he will be elected for the full term by the legislature which meets in January.

The Evening Post of North Bend, (Coos Bay) comes to our table marked X X X. It is a neat 6-column folio containing all the late telegraphic news with home events well represented. The Post is about the first Coast daily and starts in with a circulation of 1,125 subscribers. May much success attend such a worthy enterprise.

Trouble in South Africa again. War vouchers given by British officers to the Boers for sheep and cattle seized and crops destroyed, amounting to over \$75,000,000, are unpaid. Chamberlain, who declared "a British officer's voucher is as good as a Bank of England note," says he is "confounded" at the amount due and will not pay.

Western Oregon needs rain at the present time as the late sown crops plainly indicate. Should it fail to come there will be a noticeable shortage in the yield of grain at harvest time this season.

Why wouldn't it be a good idea for Uncle Sam to practice a little deceit with the Moroccan bandit and thus save the lives of the American prisoners? This, it seems to us, would be justifiable under the extreme circumstances.

President Roosevelt will make no speeches, Judge Parker refuses to talk and Hearst has closed his headquarters at St. Louis. It begins to look like a quiet campaign.

**LOSS NUMBERS 1,074**

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en off by the awful heat, scorched and choking. Dead bodies of women with their burned arms clasping close the pitiful forms of little children and babies were found, their tiny arms enfolding each other in a tight embrace. The dark side hinted at along the water front seems to be the inevitable accompaniment of all great calamities.

There has been no evidence of a character specific enough to fasten it upon individuals and permit of punishment, but survivors and eye-witnesses say that some brutal acts of selfishness and cowardice on the part of the Slocum's crew were seen and that distress signals from the burning boat were disregarded by passing craft.

ACTS OF BRUTALITY.  
One man avers that a big white yacht passed the Slocum when the bodies of women and children were going overboard and did not even slacken speed. According to this man the yacht flew the pennant of the New York Yacht Club, but not the owner's pennant, which always signifies that he is aboard, and after passing the Slocum she steered over the western shore and hove to, while on her bridge a man in uniform with binoculars to his eyes, watched the vessel burn.

Even more horrible than this and similar acts of incredible callousness is the story of Miss Martha Weirk, who says that while she struggled in the water a boat containing several men drew alongside of her and after stripping her of her rings and other jewelry, pushed her back into the water.

**SAD DAY AT FIFTH-STREET SCHOOL.**

A heavy pall hung today over the public school in Fifth street, near First avenue, which is in the center of the residence district is most affected by the Slocum disaster. Of the 2000 pupils of the school, a large portion were relatives of the excursionists, and nearly 300 of the regular attendants did not appear in their classes today. Of this number 110 had received permission on Tuesday to be absent yesterday to go on the excursion. Just how many lost their lives or were injured, has not yet been learned. Scores of boys and girls, their eyes red with weeping, today asked to be excused because a brother or sister or other relative had been lost. In every room there were vacant seats. Study was almost out of the question. The school flag hung at half-mast.

**HEARTRENDING SCENES AT MORGUE.**

From midnight until long after sunrise today the work of arranging the hundreds of unidentified bodies which were being brought down from North Brother Island progressed uninterruptedly. The scenes about the morgue and at the docks where the relief boats came in laden with their ghastly freight were heart-rending. Men and women who had waited for hours, swaying between fear and hope, gave way to bitter grief when at last the bodies of their loved ones were found among the piles of burned and mangled dead. Lying side by side were two women who died clasping their infant babies in their arms.

A pathetic figure among the searches and watchers was 16-year-old Fred Hartung, the sole survivor of a family of six who went on the ill-fated excursion. His mother and four sisters have not been heard from since the Slocum went down. The boy saved himself by jumping to a tug.

**604 BODIES RECOVERED.**

NEW YORK, June 17.—Another step toward the grave was made in the Slocum tragedy today. Five hundred dead lie in their late homes, shrouded and encased for burial. A few funerals will take place today, but the greater bulk of the dead will go to their last resting place Sunday. The stricken district is swathed in black, while white and purple crepe drapes the doors of hundreds of houses. Great crowds throng the district, many of whom stop at the houses of the dead to pay their last respects.

At the morgue early this morning the coroner's list showed that 599 bodies had been received. At 8:30 o'clock the bodies of 529 persons who lost their lives in the disaster had been identified. Six hundred are still reported missing. At the morgue at that hour there were 107 bodies, only 32 of which had been identified.

Nearly 500 bodies have been reclaimed and removed by friends and relatives. Less than a hundred bodies remained on the East Twenty-sixth street pier at 10 o'clock this morning but scores of persons were again on hand looking for their lost ones.

It is believed, that when the story is all told the dead will be found to number about 800.

The men to whom was assigned the gruesome task of recovering the bodies from the wreck and waters of Long Island sound were at work early this morning. They were finding corpses more slowly but will stick to the task for some days to come.

Wreckers now believe that many bodies will be found entangled in the port paddle box.

The first of the funerals was held

this morning. Nearly 100 ministers of all denominations met this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran church to make arrangements to officiate at the funerals and to devise means of raising funds for the needy and injured in the hospitals that are recovering.

At three o'clock this afternoon morgue figures remain unchanged. More bodies are coming up the river to be placed in the morgue. More than \$800,000 has been subscribed for relief funds.

**TOTAL NOW IS 1,074.**

NEW YORK, June 18.—Identified at all morgues, hospitals, homes, police stations, etc., up to 12 o'clock to-night, 694; reported missing, 589; unidentified dead, unrecognizable, 30; at morgue, 9; at North Brother's island, 8; total, 47.

**North Coast Limited Held up and Robbed of \$60,000.**

Missoula, Mont., June 17.—Big posess of officers, all determined men are to-day pursuing bandits who, at 11 o'clock last night, held up and robbed the North Coast Limited train of the Northern Pacific railway near Bearmouth station. But two masked men are supposed to have accomplished the bold holdup and they are supposed to have been members of the notorious "Kid" Currie gang. They got away with a sum which is believed to have reached \$60,000, although express officials are reticent regarding the amount.

The holdup occurred near the same spot and was similar in nature to that of two years ago in which Engineer O'Neill was killed. The train stops at Bearmouth to take water and it was at this time the robbers boarded the tender of the engine. After leaving the water tank the train had only proceeded a short distance when the engineer and fireman were covered with guns in the hands of two masked men who had climbed over the coal from the rear of the tender. The engineer and fireman were ordered to throw up their hands, and at a distance of about two miles from the station Engineer Wade was ordered to stop the train, which he did. The two robbers then forced the engineer and fireman to accompany them to the express car, where the express messenger was ordered to open the door, which he refused to do. One of the masked men handed the engineer a stick of dynamite and ordered him to light it and place it against the express car door.

After the explosion, the force of which completely shattered the door and side of the car, the engineer and fireman were forced to proceed the bandits into the car and the attack on the safe was at once begun. A half dozen sticks of dynamite were placed on the top of the strong box and ignited. The force of this explosion was void of any result and another and heavier charge was prepared and ignited. The terrific force of this second charge completely demolished the interior and side of the car and hurled the safe a distance of 10 yards from its resting place.

The contents of the safe were apparently unharmed and after securing them, the robbers warned the train crew that they would not be harmed if they made no resistance and obeyed instructions. One of the masked men accidentally struck the engineer during the proceedings and during his conversation, while making an apology called the engineer by name. This gave rise to the suspicion that the robbers may be the railroad men.

After the looting of the safe was completed the engineer and fireman were ordered back to the engine by the robbers, who kept them covered with revolvers. When the train crew reached the engine the robbers shot out the lights on the rear of the train and quickly disappeared in the darkness.

Passengers were under seats and secreting valuables in every conceivable place that offered a hiding place. The rear brakeman, realizing what was going on, quietly slipped from the train and made his way to Bearmouth, where he reported the affair to the superintendent's office in Missoula. Shortly before 1 o'clock a sheriff's posse, accompanied by Superintendent Palmer of the Northern Pacific, left Missoula for Bearmouth. It is reported that the railroad company had been forewarned that an attempt would be made to rob one of its trains, and for several days guards have been carried on the express trains of the Phillips branch. It is believed this course prevented a robbery on that branch last Wednesday.

**Baptist Association in Session.**

The forty-eighth annual session of the Corvallis Baptist association met with the Roseburg Baptist church Thursday afternoon, Rev. F. W. Leonard, of Wilbur, acted as temporary chairman. Letters from the various churches showed substantial progress during the year. Election of officers resulted in the choice Rev. W. G. Miller, of Dillard, moderator; Rev. O. G. Wright, of Eugene, clerk, and Rev. E. H. Hicks, of Roseburg, treasurer. The following delegates are in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Humphreys, of Canyonville; Rev. W. G. Miller, S. C. Miller, W. G. Gage, M. F. Howard, Rev. Wm. Thornton, of Dillard; L. Lemons, Mrs. M. E. Bollman, of Elmira; Rev. Ora C. Wright, of Eugene; T. J. Medley, Minnie Manning, Pearl Sedgo, Aggie Bogard, of Fair Oaks; S. E. May, of Lone Rock; Rev. W. Stockton, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Pickets Rev. Delbert Loree, of Oakland; Rev. T. N. Humphreys, Mrs. Nora Humphreys, K. W. Miller, of Myrtle Creek; P. A. Wilson, Maude Riddle, Mrs. C. H. Lake, O. Riddle, Rev. E. W. Hicks, O. P. Coshov, Ed D. Neely, Mrs. Hampton, of Roseburg; M. Adams, of South Deer Creek; Rev. Leonard, of Wilbur; Bertha Crawford, Cora Cox, Maie Wilson, Yoncalla Others are arriving.

Letters were read from the churches as follows: Canyonville, Coquille, Dillard, Eugene, Fair Oaks, Lone Rock, Marshfield, Mr. Olivet, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Riddle, Roseburg, Wilbur, and Yoncalla.

Friday Morning, at 9:00. Devotions, Rev. Viola Sackett, of Riddle; Minutes; Report of Committee on Credentials; Roll Call; Election of County Officers; Music; Superintendent's Hour; Noonday Prayer, Mrs. U. C. Reese.

Friday Afternoon, at 2:00. Thanksgiving Service, Mrs. H. R.

The moderator appointed committees on enrollment, obituaries and nominations. At eight o'clock p. m. Rev. J. W. Stockton preached the annual sermon after which association adjourned until eight o'clock Friday morning.

**FRIDAY'S SESSION.**

The second day of the Corvallis Baptist Association closed a very interesting session. Besides considerable business pertaining to the prosecution of Association work, various reports concerning the local work and especially of national and foreign missions were made. These reports indicated splendid successes on the part of the societies, and thousands have been saved through agencies. An interesting feature of the morning session was a sermon on "Personal Responsibility" by Rev. Delbert Loree. At night Rev. L. W. Riley, state missionary for Oregon, gave a stirring address on "Are the Baptists Making Any Progress?" He said, in London, England, the Baptists lead all the other churches, with 63,000 members. There are in the United States over four and one-half millions, reporting last year 234,321 baptisms, having a property valued at ninety-five millions. They gave in salaries twelve millions and for missions about one million and a half, and for all purposes gave last year nearly sixteen millions. In Oregon the Baptists baptized more last year than any other protestant church. Following this address was a helpful sermon by Rev. O. C. Wright, pastor at Eugene. Rev. G. A. Wooddy, D. D., will address the convention tonight in addition to the doctrinal sermon by Rev. C. R. Lamar.

Dr. C. A. Wooddy, Sup't. of Missions; Rev. A. W. Rider, Dist. Secy.; Rev. W. H. Latourette, Fin. Secy. of the West. Minnville College; Rev. M. M. Ledge, correspondent from West Willamette Association, arrived Friday.

Rev. C. R. Lamar, preached an interesting sermon Saturday evening which was followed by a graphic account of the Baptist Anniversaries which met in Cleveland Ohio.

Sunday morning a good gospel sermon was preached by Rev. W. G. Miller and in the evening Rev. W. A. Latourette preached a good sermon and the session closed to meet next year in Springfield. The new Pastor Rev. E. H. Hicks is engaged with the outlook for his church in Roseburg. Delegate.

**Canyonville.**

Mrs. J. C. Gibbs and daughter, 515 Oak, have returned from the Gold King mine.

Mrs. J. T. Henwood recently returned from an extended visit to Portland.

Max Kimmel had the misfortune to get his nose broken while playing baseball one day last week.

H. J. Wilson's new cottage is nearing completion.

The L. O. F. building is being given a fresh coat of paint, which greatly improves its appearance. Charles and Bernard DeVore are doing the work.

Bertha Carter is confined to the house by an attack of measles.

Mr. W. H. Darby, of Roseburg, has been doing dental work for some of our citizens this week.

Frank Hopkins and wife are spending the summer on their stock ranch, about twelve miles from town.

Grant Levens spent several days of last week in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Swank, who has suffered recently from erysipelas for several months, shows but little improvement.

Lloyd Zimmerman, who has spent the last school year at Willamette University, returned home Thursday.

Rev. L. C. Zimmerman returned Friday from a Methodist ministers' meeting at Medford and Saturday, went to Roseburg to hold quarterly meeting.

We hope that under the new management the PLAINDEALER will be more what the republican party and the people of Douglas county wish it to be. Success to it.

Miss Grace Bartley and little nephew passed through from Elk Creek Wednesday, enroute to Kansas, where they will visit relatives. They will also visit in Nebraska and Indiana before returning.

Henry, the little son, and only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bentzen, died at 8:30 p. m., June 14th, aged 6 years and 15 days. Complications caused by measles were the cause of his death. The funeral was held at the W. E. Church Wednesday, Rev. Loree, of Riddle, conducting the services. The bereaved relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of all. Anvics.

**W. C. T. U. Convention**

Wednesday Evening, at 8:00. Devotions, Rev. H. C. Allen; Solo, Mrs. Nathan Fullerton; Addresses of Welcome: In Behalf of the City, Louis Barzee; In Behalf of the Churches, Rev. G. C. Ritchey; In Behalf of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. H. R. Ferguson; Response, Mrs. Zadie Bishop, of Yoncalla; W. C. T. U. Rally Song, the Choir; Address, Mrs. L. E. Bailey, National Organizer of the W. C. T. U.; Free-will Offering; Song, Congregation.

Thursday Morning, at 9:30. Devotions, led by Mrs. Belle Black, of Drain; Convention Called to Order; Reading of Minutes of Last Convention; County Recording Secretary; Reports of Local Unions; Appointments of Committees; Noonday Prayer; Lunch served in the Church Parlor; Delegates and visitors invited to remain.

Thursday Afternoon, at 2:00. Praise Service, Mrs. G. H. Bennett; Minutes; President's Address; Music; Paper, "Why You Should Be" of the W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Zadie Bishop, of Yoncalla; Free Parliament, conducted by Mrs. Bailey; Adjournment; Meeting of County Executive.

Friday Evening, at 8:00. Devotions, Rev. E. H. Hicks; Solo, selected, Mrs. S. C. Flint; Address, Mrs. L. E. Bailey; Quartette, "Silver Chimes," Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Bradford and Mr. Patterson; Benediction.

Friday Morning, at 9:00. Devotions, Mrs. Viola Sackett, of Riddle; Minutes; Report of Committee on Credentials; Roll Call; Election of County Officers; Music; Superintendent's Hour; Noonday Prayer, Mrs. U. C. Reese.

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Ferguson; Minutes; "A Model Mothers' Meeting," Mrs. Louis Barzee; subject, "Literature—Pure and Impure"; Discussion: A Memorial Service to Mrs. Sarah M. Kern; Report of Committee; Unfinished Business; Adjournment.  
Friday Evening, at 8:00. County Gold Medal Contest—Devotions, Rev. G. H. Bennett; Music; Subject of Recitation: "The Dykes of Holland"; "A Defense of the Drunkard"; Solo, selected, Miss Vera Bruns; "The Wisdom and Justice of Our Law Makers"; Duette, Mrs. Edith Kealey and Mrs. F. W. Woodley; "The Court's Last Appeal"; "The Face on the Bar Room Floor"; One title not known; Solo, "Goodbye to the Day"; by Vynnah, Miss Maud Ragon; Decision of the Judges; Presentation of Medal; Benediction.  
Admission 25 cents.  
The people of Roseburg are especially invited to attend the afternoon and evening sessions.  
The Timber Business. Those engaged in handling timber lands do not agree on the present situation, in regard to the prospects of trade and the demand for lumber and timber. A prominent lumberman of Portland lately visited the middle west and eastern states, and on being interviewed by the Portland Journal said: "The banks and trust institutions have plenty of money on deposit, which will be loaned on gilt-edged securities at a low rate of interest, but at present are slow about investing in timber lands. While there is no apprehension of a possible financial panic, eastern financiers characterize it as a quiet time, and prophesy that there will be three lean years, followed by a period of fat years. Timber lands have not deersased in value, although lumber has fallen in price, and eastern investors are looking back with such times as some timberland holder might be forced to sell at reduced prices. It is not true that that lumber holders are not free to sell, the lands will go at the asking price. Just at this time there are heavy shipments of lumber from the south, to the middle western and eastern states, and the various railroad connections between the north and south give low freight rates on lumber products. The lumber product of the south will in a short period be greatly impoverished and the demand for building material will be filled from the forests of the northwest."—Ex.