

OUR CAUSE ON ISTHMUS

Salem Editor Believes This Government Was Justified in Recognizing Republic.

THWARTED TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Says Russia, France and Germany Might Have Made Matters Interesting Had We Not Acted.

Isaac A. Manning, acting editor of the Salem Statesman, who has been in the city during the week, was one of the Americans interested in the isthmus of Panama. He was in Panama when W. J. Cook of this city was there, and the two gentlemen became quite friendly. Mr. Manning believes the court of our government in the Panama revolution was eminently proper, while Mr. Cook believes we stretched a point to get the Panama route for the canal. Many westerners think the canal will be a blight upon the coast, because it will take away much of the shipping of the slope, but Mr. Manning does not share this belief. He believes the canal is a natural highway that ought to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and that it is our duty to build it.

"When we spent that \$40,000,000 to buy the route from the French company, we made the best investment in our national history," said Mr. Manning. "We not only acquired right to the route of the waterway, but we averted what would have been a great crisis. It is my belief that, had it not been for the Panama revolution, there would have been an alliance between France, Germany and Russia for the purpose of defying our government, and that the canal would have become the property of foreign governments instead of the United States. The canal would have been built by those three nations, and the Monroe doctrine would have gone a-glimmering. I consider John Hay the greatest diplomat in the world, and his action in the Panama matter the greatest coup d'etat."

"I would not attempt to deny that

our government did not know a revolution was brewing in Panama; to the contrary, we undoubtedly knew the people of that portion of Central America intended breaking away from Colombia. But our course was not at all questionable. When the Colombian federation was formed, with Panama as one of the 'states,' there was an agreement that any of the states might secede if the terms of the federation were not lived up to. Colombia repeatedly violated those terms, and Panama was at liberty to revolt. I firmly believe the revolution would have been successful even if our government had not taken the pro-Panama view of the situation. The international status of the situation thoroughly justified our course, for had we failed to take advantage of the revolution of the Panamanians the triple alliance of European nations would have threatened our national safety."

Mr. Cook does not agree with Mr. Manning in many essential points. He says the Panama revolution could never have been successful but for the encouragement held out by our government. He believes, with Mr. Manning, that the investment of our government was a good one, but does not find the ready justification of our course which Mr. Manning refers to. Both gentlemen state that Colombian currency is so depreciated in value that \$2500 to \$3000 is necessary to buy a pair of shoes, but Mr. Cook says the railroad interests loyally at Bogota against the canal would have furnished the capital necessary to put down the insurrection of the Panamanians. Had the Nicaraguan route been utilized Mr. Cook would have made a great fortune by representing that government. Mr. Manning also has large interests in Nicaragua.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Grace church—Tomorrow is Whit-sunday. Divine service at 11 a. m., with sermon by Bishop Morris; Sunday school at 12:30; confirmation at 7:30 p. m. service at Holy Innocents' chapel at 3:30 p. m.

Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran—Services tomorrow, Pentecost, at 10:45 a. m., and children's English services in the evening at 8. There will be no Sunday school.

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YOUNG MAN IS DROWNED

Jumped Into River at Oil Works Dock and Did Not Again Come to Surface.

IN WATER BUT FEW MINUTES

Efforts to Revive Him Proved Unsuccessful—Went Overboard to Escape Death From Falling Timber.

Scott Williams, an employe of the De Force oil works, yesterday attempted to save himself from a falling timber and jumped into the river and was drowned. Despite the fact that the man was in the water but a few minutes, efforts to bring him to life failed. The body is at the morgue and will be held by Coroner Pohl pending receipt of instructions from relatives, who live in the east.

Williams recently came to the coast from Kansas, and a brother is living in Oklahoma. Mr. De Force employed him at Portland about a week ago, Williams having left his name with an employment agency. He was not married and so far as Mr. Pohl has been able to learn, had no relatives in the west. He was about 27 years of age and was regarded as industrious and upright.

An extension is being built to the oil works dock, and yesterday a timber-laden scow was moved alongside the wharf. The work of unloading the heavy timbers was commenced and Williams was instructed to assist. In hoisting one of the timbers from the scow to the wharf, the men failed to secure it, and it fell. Williams was directly beneath the falling timber, on the scow, and, realizing that he would be killed if he did not jump, leaped into the river. He had told the men at work there that he could swim, so nothing was thought of his plunge, although the men at once set about to rescue him. However, he never appeared above the surface of the water, his hand alone coming to sight after he disappeared.

Fellow-workmen at once set about to recover the body, and in less than 15 minutes had the man back on the scow. For more than an hour they worked on him, but their efforts to restore him to life were futile. The body was brought to the morgue last night.

The fact that Williams did not come to the surface of the water created the belief that he must have struck his head against a timber in falling to the water, but Coroner Pohl says the body is unmarked, and that the belief is erroneous. It was evident Williams had not been a swimmer, as he is said to have told the men who worked with him, else he could easily have saved himself. The accident happened at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Reception to The Senator

Charles W. Fulton Honored Last Night by the Members of the Irving Club.

Members of the Irving Club last night tendered a reception to United States Senator Fulton. The clubroom was crowded and the reception was a most pleasant function in every respect.

Senator Fulton was introduced by State Senator Tuttle, president of the club. Dr. Tuttle made a very interesting preliminary statement, in introducing his distinguished fellow-townsmen, who responded in a happy vein. During the course of the evening the members of the club rendered an impromptu musical program, not the least interesting of the numbers being Hon. Benjamin Young's vocal effort, "Stay in Your Own Back Yard."

Senator Fulton said during the course of his address that the Oregon congressional delegation had worked in perfect harmony during the entire session of congress; that there had never been the slightest friction between the members. Whenever any proposal looking to the advancement of the interests of Oregon, the coast or the nation was decided upon, the delegation combined its efforts and all of the members strived for the success of the measure.

"Our failure to secure appropriations which we had set our hearts upon was due to the conservative policy of the late congress," the senator said. "It was agreed that the expenditures

should be kept down as much as possible, and we of Oregon were therefore compelled to go without our needed appropriations along with the representatives of the other states. It was not that we did not try, but because the money was not available, that we did not do better for our state."

The senator spoke at length on the local matters that had come before congress. Referring to the Astoria harbor improvement he told of his unsuccessful efforts to get the house to agree to the senate resolution providing for the survey and estimate. He seemed to think he would encounter some difficulty in securing this much-desired piece of legislation, but expressed confidence that he would be able to get it through as part of the general scheme of improvement of the river from the sea to Portland. At all events, if such thing as the establishment of a separate improvement district is possible, the senator assured his fellow-townsmen that he would secure it.

Senator Fulton also took up the harbor improvement matter, saying the delegation found it utterly impossible to get any funds for this work, because of the policy adopted early in the session. He said the balance available for the work would probably make it possible for the engineers to accomplish excellent results during the year, although a greater amount might conveniently be applied. He was pleased with the outlook for removal of the obstruction at the mouth of the river, and quite well satisfied that at the next session ample funds for the vigorous prosecution of this work would be forthcoming.

The senator also spoke of the work of the bar dredge Chinook. He thought her operation was calculated to assist the project to a material extent and hoped she would find a chance this summer to show what she was capable of accomplishing. Captain Wood, one of the bar pilots, explained that the dredge was now working in the new channel which had opened at the entrance of the river and that, while some difficulty was found in getting the range, the dredge was now doing good work.

The reception lasted until midnight, and the large crowd present spent a pleasant and instructive evening.

ROBBER CAUGHT.

Woodburn Officials Believe They Have Man Badly Wanted.

Woodburn, Ore., May 20.—Constable Beach and Deputy R. A. Moshberger yesterday afternoon arrested Patrick Renahan and William Powell in a shanty west of Aurora and brought them to Woodburn, where they were arraigned before Justice Overton to answer the charge of blowing open the Woodburn postoffice safe early in the morning of April 27. Powell is an old man and is not considered an accomplice, but is held as a witness. The preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The attention of Constable Beach was drawn to Renahan by parties who had heard remarks dropped pointing to him being one of the burglars. His partner is supposed to be hidden in a woods near the scene of arrest and in a wounded condition. On the night that the Woodburn postoffice was entered the two burglars were fired upon by Captain Henderson and J. H. Zimmerle as they were running away. It was suspected also that a plot had been formed by Renahan and Powell to blow open the Mount Angel postoffice safe last night.

When arrested Powell was in bed in a partly intoxicated condition. It is said his wife will prove a valuable witness for the state. Renahan is reported to have said he at one time belonged to the James gang. He claims to have been in the late war and served in Manila.

Renahan seemed nervous, but said he could prove an alibi. The prisoners were taken to Salem last night to await their trial here, Saturday morning. The city jail burned recently, and there was no place here to keep them securely.

WILL ASSESS DAMAGE.

Vancouver, B. C., May 20.—Managing Director Lindsay of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company has gone to Nelson to be present at the trial of the five test cases against the company in connection with the big explosion at Fernie two years ago, when over 150 men were killed. Several British experts have arrived to give evidence for the company. Mr. Lindsay says the offer of the company to do something for the sufferers has not been repeated "since they undertook to push their claims at law and gave their solicitors an interest to the extent of 20 per cent of any amounts recovered." The lawyers for the defense include E. P. Davis and Joseph Martin of Vancouver, and E. V. Bodwell of Victoria, W. A. McDonald, K. C., and H. W. Herchmer are also for the defendants.

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A straight denial to the Jim Hill story is again given by Mr. Lindsay. He says the railway magnate "is not trying to gain control of the Crow's Nest Pass Company. The reports to this effect evidently grew out of the dissolving of the Northern Securities Company, which concern owned the 33 per cent of the stock which Jim Hill transferred to it when he secured it from the coal company a few years ago. The stock having been divided among the partners in the merger naturally decreased Mr. Hill's holding in-

stead of increasing it. "No one," concluded Mr. Lindsay, "would receive more incredulously the report that Mr. Hill sought to control the coal company than Mr. Hill himself."

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- For County Commissioner, B. F. ALLEN.
- For Sheriff, GEORGE W. MORTON.
- For Treasurer, ISAAC BERGMAN.
- For School Superintendent, H. S. LYMAN.
- For Coroner, W. C. A. POHL.
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