

JAPANESE LOSE 20,000 MEN

TURNER IS NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

Democrats of Washington Meet at Bellingham and Chose Candidates for State Offices.

Mention of Name of Former Senator Is Signal for Prolonged Demonstration.

GO AFTER THE RAILROADS

Declare That Control of Transportation Lines is the Leading Issue in the State Campaign.

Bellingham, Aug. 2.—The state democratic convention assembled here this afternoon to nominate candidates for a complete state ticket.

Judge Maurice Langhorne was made permanent chairman at the opening of the evening session.

The platform adopted pledges allegiance to Parker and Davis, declares the paramount issue in the campaign in this state to be whether the people are to regulate the railroads or the railroads the people.

Former Senator George Turner was placed in nomination for governor by C. G. Heffner, of King, at 9 o'clock. The convention went wild with enthusiasm.

Stephen Judson was given a great ovation when presented for lieutenant-governor by F. C. Robertson, of Spokane, and was nominated by rising vote.

Auditor—R. L. Purdin, of Kittitas. Land commissioner—Van R. Pierson, of King.

Superintendent of public instruction—W. D. Gerrard, of King.

Secretary—Patrick Hough, of Clarke.

Supreme Judge—Alfred Battle, of King.

Attorney-General—C. H. Neal, of Lincoln.

For congress—Howard Hathaway, of Snohomish; W. T. Beck, of Ferry; J. J. Anderson, of Pierce.

Presidential electors—Fred Thiel, of Adams; John Trumbull, of Clallam; J. S. Darnell, of Cowlitz; S. P. Richardson, of Mason; J. J. Carney, of Chesham.

COLLIDED WITH TRAIN.

Party of Railroad Officials in Serious Accident at Omaha.

Omaha, Aug. 2.—While C. E. Perkins, chairman of the board of directors of the Burlington railroad, and J. D. Robinson, a capitalist, both of New York, and their wives were riding in an automobile near Miller Park, their machine collided with a suburban train.

GLAD HAND FOR TAGGART.

Democratic Chairman Gets Big Reception on His Return Home.

Indianapolis, Aug. 2.—Thomas Taggart, of the national democratic com-

Make Desperate Assault Upon Port Arthur, But are Repulsed After a Most Frightful Slaughter

mittee, arrived home this evening and was given a public reception in Thompson hall by the democrats of the city and county.

LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS PRACTICALLY WORTHLESS.

Inspection by Federal Officer Shows Weoful Lack of System on Big Excursion Steamer.

New York, Aug. 2.—The inspector who yesterday made partial examination of the excursion steamer Grand Republic today told the federal commission, which is investigating the Slocum disaster, that the life-saving and fire-fighting apparatus on the Grand Republic was practically worthless.

This steamer is a sister ship to the Slocum and is owned by the Knickerbocker Steamship Company, which also owned the Slocum. The inspector who examined the Grand Republic told the commission that neither the captain nor the crew knew what to do when the fire bell was sounded; that some fire hose burst when subjected to water pressure; that a large percentage of the life-preservers were worthless, some of them having been manufactured as long ago as 1877; that the lifeboats were provided with broken oars, and that one was badly rotted and that another had a broken rudder; that one of the life rafts had no oarlocks, and on the home rafts what appeared to be rivets upon closer inspection proved to be only false heads, the parts being soldered.

This story was told by Inspector James M. Todd, who, with Supervising Inspector Rodie and Chairman Murray, of the federal commission, boarded the Grand Republic yesterday afternoon as she was about to start on one of her regular trips to Coney Island with passengers.

LITTLE NEWS FROM FRONT.

St. Petersburg Papers Hold Back for News That Does Not Come.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—All the newspapers were late in publication this morning, the editions evidently having been held back in hope of the receiving of later news from the front. The only special dispatch published was one appearing in the Official Messenger under date of Halcheng, August 1, referring to events of the previous day.

According to this dispatch numerous assaults were made on the positions of Lieutenant-General Count Keller and Lieutenant-Commander Zassalitch, all of which were repulsed. The Japanese on July 29, the dispatch says, fired on a supply train running south of Halcheng and a car was wrecked but no one was killed.

Third Goes to Walla Walla.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Orders have been issued revoking the orders relieving the Third battalion, Tenth infantry, from duty at the Presidio, San Francisco, and directing it to take a station at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., and also modifying the orders issued for change of the stations of the Fourth and Ninth cavalry so as to direct the Fourth cavalry to take the stations now occupied by the Ninth cavalry.

Mowed Down by Hail of Shot and Shell, They Press Forward, Over Bursting Mines, With Fanatical Bravery, but to Lose.

Chefoo, Aug. 2.—A desperate three days' assault on the inner defenses on the northern and eastern sides of Port Arthur has failed, according to advices brought by two junks which arrived here today. A Russian who escaped from Port Arthur via Pigeon bay, July 29, states that the earth trembled under the terrific cannonading, which began July 26 and ended during the night of July 28, when the battle ceased.

Tokio, Aug. 2.—Noon.—General Kuroki has administered severe defeat to the Russian forces which defended the Russian east flank at Liao Yang.

Both attacks were begun at daylight Sunday, July 31. At Yushuliku the Japanese carried the Russian right and left wings, but on account of the strength of the main Russian position they were unable then to press the attack.

At dawn Monday the Japanese resumed the attack and by noon had dislodged the enemy and driven him four miles to Laoholing. At Yangse pass also the Japanese were successful. Their artillery opened on the enemy and the infantry moved forward from Makumeba. The attack on this place was made at 1 o'clock Sunday and by nightfall the Japanese were in possession of a majority of the Russian positions, although the enemy had resisted with determination.

The Japanese forces passed the night in battle formation and another assault was made Monday at dawn. By 8 o'clock Monday morning Yanese pass and the surrounding heights had been captured. Kuroki explains the slowness of these actions by saying that the difficult topography of the battlefields made it impossible to secure good artillery positions and that the great heat fatigued the troops.

The Russian force at Yangse pass was estimated at two and one-half divisions and four batteries. The enemy retreated toward Tanghoyen. General Kuroki reports the capture of some field guns, but the number is not given. The Japanese casualties are being investigated.

REPORT FROM KUROPATKIN.

Tells of the Defeat of the Russians at Yangse Pass.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The emperor has received the following dispatch from Kuropatkin, dated August 1: "According to reports of the officer commanding the eastern portion of our army, his troops, after abandoning an advanced position in Yangse pass, retired in the direction of Llandlanslan toward Salmatze and Liao Yang. "Yesterday our troops, after a stubborn fight, retired from their advanced

position to their principal position, but although our troops held their advanced positions they sustained heavy losses. I hope in their main position they will maintain a successful struggle, even against a numerically superior enemy.

FORTUNE FOR PANTRY WOMAN.

Resident of Seattle Falls Heir to an Estate of \$1,000,000.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Meta Dixon, former keeper of the pantry at the Washington hotel, has fallen heir to an estate of \$1,000,000, left by her brother, who died in Australia in June. Six weeks ago she received a cablegram from the solicitor of the estate, notifying her of her brother's death and that he had left her a large fortune.

Saturday afternoon she received another cablegram, stating that a draft for \$25,000 had been forwarded to her and advising her to leave at once for Sidney to settle up the estate.

Mrs. Dixon is past 50 years and prior to going to the Washington was in charge of the pantry at the Rainier Grand. Last night she quit the hotel and will arrange to leave for Australia as soon as the money on the way arrives.

Thirty years ago Mrs. Dixon married in Australia, against the wishes of her brother. For this she was cast out by him and he lived to be an old bachelor without another relative in the world. Mrs. Dixon's husband died within a year after their marriage and she sought her brother, but he would have nothing to do with her. She was turned out in the world on her own resources and came to America.

Since that time she has not heard directly from her brother, although he had kept track of her through friends in America. The brother accumulated a fortune in gold mines, sheep ranches and property in Sydney. When he found he was about to die he made a will leaving everything he possessed to his sister, with instructions that she be not notified until after his death. The only information Mrs. Dixon has of the value of the estate is from the solicitor, who estimates it at about \$1,000,000.

UPHEAVAL IS LIKELY.

Decision of House of Lords Creates Religious Dissension.

London, Aug. 2.—A judgment delivered in the house of lords has produced consternation in Scotland and as a result of it there will probably be a great religious upheaval. In October, 1900, there occurred the famous union of the Free Church of Scotland with the United Presbyterian church. Twenty-four free church ministers opposed the union, and through the Scotch courts and the house of lords have fought their claim to the whole property of the free church. The courts rejected the claim but the house of lords by a majority of two reversed that judgment and rendered a decision which places in the hands of these 24 ministers, a majority of them belonging to small gaelic congregations in the highlands, funds amounting to over \$5,000,000 and property comprising over 1000 churches throughout Scotland valued at nearly \$50,000,000.

Two Regiments to Change.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Orders have been received at the Presidio for the Twenty-eighth infantry to exchange posts with the Twenty-first, which is now in the department of the Missouri. The Twenty-eighth will leave its present cantonment at the Presidio on October 1, and proceed to Fort Snelling, Minn., which is the present headquarters of the Twenty-first. The Twenty-first will come to San Francisco about the same time.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT OF WINNING

Chicago Packers Declare That, at Present Rate at Which Men are Secured, Strike Will Soon End.

Union Men Profess to Be Quite as Well Pleased With the Outlook for Success.

PENS ARE FULL OF CATTLE

Despite Employers' Statements, Conditions at Yards Indicate That Strike Is Most Effective.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The meat packers, whose union employes are on strike, claim to be in better position tonight than at any time since the strike was begun. Arthur Meeker, general manager for Armour & Co., said:

"The strike may be said to be near an end. At the rate we are securing employes, it is only a matter of a short time now until everything will be in condition with us."

Despite the declarations of the packers' representatives, the pens at the stockyards are filled with cattle and hogs that buyers make no bid for in the market, and the prospect of large receipts tomorrow are causing livestock handlers to fear swamping of their facilities. According to communitarian men, there are thousands of holdovers in all departments of the yards, and the cattle in the pens will not all be out of the way by Saturday night. It is on this statement and what further information their own men have been able to secure that the strike leaders base their claims that the packers are still badly crippled, notwithstanding the statements to the contrary.

UMPIRE ALMOST MOBBED BY INDIGNANT PORTLAND FANS.

Thomas Refuses to Allow Run on Ball Fielded by Spectator, and Crowd Files Upon Diamond.

Portland, Aug. 2.—Difference in opinion between the bleachers and Thomas, one of Tacoma's pitchers, who, with Butler, of Portland, was umpiring the game in the place of McDonald, the regular umpire, promised to result seriously for the Tacoma man today, but trouble was averted by the intervention of Manager Dugdale.

McCreebie, in the 15th, with the score 4 to 3 against Portland, knocked a long fly into right field, which was fielded by a spectator. The ball was thrown to an infielder, but Portland's coacher directed McCreebie to keep running. McCreebie was put out at third and Portland claimed the run on a blocked ball, which Thomas refused to allow.

The bleachers started to take matters into their own hands and made a rush for the umpire, but were met by Dugdale, who induced them to refrain from violence.

Don't Blame the Coast.

San Francisco Call: A Portland woman became the bride of a wealthy Chinese hop grower the other day, and another curious incident of occidental and oriental association was added to the store of observing sociologists. The Pacific coast, however, cannot reasonably be held responsible for the peculiar tastes of some of its fair inhabitants.

Reward Is Increased.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The officials of the Illinois Central railroad tonight decided to increase the reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of the bandits who held up the Diamond special last night near Matteson, Ill., to \$4000.