

COLOMBIA TO FIGHT

Department of State Assured That Panama Will Meet Hostilities

WAR IS NOT WANTED

Secretary Root Issues Statement at Close of Cabinet Meeting Which Carries Important Suggestions.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Jan. 12.—It is believed here that Colombia means to wage war on Panama. From Coten comes the authentic report that 4,000 troops under General Ortiz are established at Titumati.

In view of the serious news at the cabinet meeting yesterday the time was occupied wholly with this subject. At the close of the session Secretary Root gave out the following statement, which carries great weight and importance:

"The publication in various quarters of news indicating that the government is preparing to send troops to the isthmus to carry on military operations against Colombia, has been the source of considerable annoyance to the executive and to the war department. No state of war exists between the two countries; no inauguration of hostilities is contemplated by this government; no preparation for war is being made. It is not believed by the president, nor by the secretary of state, that any occasion for the employment of troops on the isthmus is likely to arise. They have used their utmost efforts to convince General Reyes and the Bogota authorities of the friendly intentions of this government toward Colombia, and of their readiness to use their good offices in the settlement of any questions in dispute between Colombia and Panama.

So blinded. It is difficult for them to believe that the authorities in Bogota can be so blinded by passion and prejudice as to declare war against us; and even if this ruinous step should be taken by Colombia this government would be in no haste to respond to her challenge. The president makes all possible allowance for the natural excitement in Bogota over a state of things for which the Colombian government is alone responsible, and of which it was fully forewarned. But they must sooner or

WHY THE LIVESTOCK CONVENTION CAME



C. J. MILLS.

When the convention met in Kansas City in January, 1903, it found Mr. Mills on hand determined to win the next convention for Portland. This time he took a delegation with him. For about two weeks, like an astute politician, Mr. Mills traveled between Kansas City and Chicago "fixing his fences."

When the Kansas City convention met on January 15, last, Mr. Mills was called upon by President Springer to present the claims of Portland. This he did in an animated 10-minute speech, concisely showing the advantages of Portland. He pictured the glories of the Oregon landscape, the immense resources of the state and the educational value of a trip to the Northwest. He read Governor Chamberlain's invitation. Mr. Mills' efforts were ably seconded by John V. Davis of Idaho, who supported Portland's claim in a vigorous speech.

Following Mr. Davis came F. B. Bennett of Boston, who made a stirring address for Portland. Then followed Jerry Simpson of New Mexico. He said that all his life he had been moving westward, but he had never quite reached the Pacific. He desired that Portland might be selected, so that he might crown his life's ambitions. Jesse M. Smith of Utah said his state had favored Portland in 1902 and should favor it again for 1904. Then the delegations from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska swung into line for Portland and the force of these splendid addresses became irresistible.

Then Howard Davidson of New York seized the psychological moment and moved that Portland be selected by acclamation. Though other cities sought the honor, they were left in the lurch, and President Springer put Mr. Davidson's motion and great applause it went through and Portland was the winner.

It was a splendid victory, nobly won, and better than all, the pledges made by Mr. Mills have been more than earned. Mr. Mills' conquest in his determination to help them by any act of wisdom and violence.

later recognize the irresistible force of accomplished facts, and the sooner this is done the better for all parties. We have done them no wrong; we would like to be of service to them; if they are wise, they will not put it out of our power to help them by any act of wisdom and violence.

ENOORMOUS SALES YESTERDAY.
The Gigantic Sale, 307 First Street, Slaughtering Prices on High-Grade Goods.

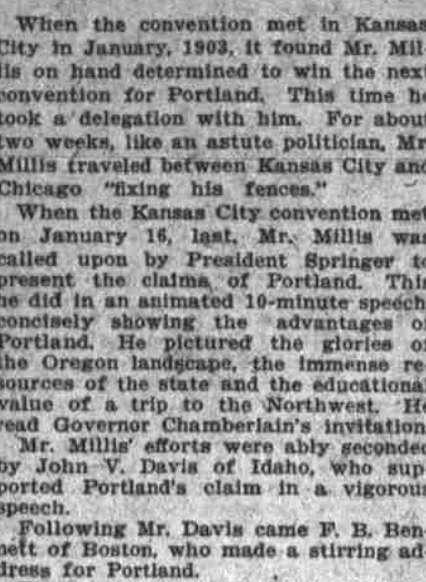
The big sale opened up yesterday successfully. Everybody who visited the store was pleased and bought big of the high-grade clothing, hats, shoes and gentlemen's furnishing goods. Never before in the history of this city have such goods been sold at such sacrificing prices.

The prizes offered are substantial articles worth anywhere from \$4 to \$10 in cash.

Don't miss this sale. It is an opportunity seldom afforded the hungry public. The sale is liable to end without a moment's notice.

Journal friends and readers, when traveling on trains and from Portland, should ask news agents for The Journal and insist upon being supplied with this paper, reporting all features in obtaining it to the office of publication, addressing The Journal, Portland, Or.

PE-RU-NA NECESSARY TO THE HOME.



HON. GEORGE H. WHITE.

Congressman George Henry White, of Tarboro, N.C., writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman in regard to the merits of the great catarrh cure, Peruna:

House of Representatives, Washington, Feb. 4, 1899.
Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.
Gentlemen:—I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for the grip and catarrh. I have used it in my family and they all join me in recommending it as an excellent remedy.

Very respectfully,
George H. White.
Mrs. Nannie Wallace, Tulare, Cal., President of the Western Baptist Missionary Society, writes:
"I consider Peruna an indispensable article in my medicine chest. It is twenty medicines in one, and has so far cured every sickness that has been in my home for five years. I consider it of special value to weakly women, as it builds up the general health, drives out disease and keeps you in the best of health."

Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1904.

TO EXTEND RURAL FREE DELIVERY

(Journal Special Service.)
Rockwood, Or., Jan. 12.—There is quite a number of families residing on the Buckman tract, east and southeast of Rockwood who are desirous of enjoying the privilege of the rural free delivery, which now covers the base line, section and other main roads in that section.

A petition has been circulated for the opening of a road east and west across the Buckman tract and it will be presented to the county court for its approval. The opening of a road in that section has been at least 12 families and will also advance the value of real estate contiguous thereto.

This matter has been taken up with the special agent for rural free delivery and his reply is daily awaited.

The rural routes which cover the base line between Rockwood and the Andrews road could be altered so that the new road could be traversed by carrier No. 1 from Gresham, and the patrons on the base line between the aforesaid points could be served by the Cleone carrier if the patrons so desire.

No change, however, will be made without a thorough investigation by the postoffice department and it is not likely that a route will be altered to cover the new road until it has been graded and graveled. In some instances in eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties routes have been granted on unimproved roads under promises for improvement having been made by residents and past experience shows this to be a very objectionable point which it is deemed will be entirely dispensed with in the future, as when a route is established and the carrier begins coming, the promises made prior to that event are forgotten, and as a consequence the carrier and his faithful horse have to make their daily round—in many instances—under very great difficulties.

Route No. 1 from Gresham ranks second in the state for good roads. No. 6 from Salem holds the claim to first place, but there seems to be some doubt as to where to lay the claim for the worst roads. No. 5 from Gresham surely will come quite near that mark, as out of the 20 miles, 12 miles of it are almost impassable, as a great portion of that distance is a rocky, broken locality, heavily timbered, the mud and mire in hundreds of places is axle deep and just thick enough to keep the wheels of the mail carrier's rig forcing a new track all the way.

These existing conditions will soon change, for the timber is being rapidly taken off the land and the scant rays of the winter sun can find its way to the highway instead of attempting to penetrate the dense forests of but a few years ago.

Install Officers.
At the last regular meeting of Rockwood assembly No. 206, United Artisans, the installation of officers took place. After the newly elected officers had been duly installed they and the other members present retired to the dining room where was served a supper which was "fit for a king." During lunch, all present engaged in jokes and laughter and a most enjoyable half hour was spent by all.

TO RAISE THE PRICE

but we have been hampered by a lot of prunemen who wanted to realize quick and refused to hold out for a living price.

To Meet in Salem.
The committee will soon meet in Salem to further perfect organization and has started the campaign for donations, a campaign which all prunemen attending the fruitgrowers' convention have promised to aid.

Salem has been in the lead and has chiefly started the agitation for organization. The association there, according to the members in the city as delegates to the convention, has tried to stand out for a certain price and has succeeded in raising the price materially in many instances; but has also often failed because of the man who would unload his fruit at any price.

The general association, though hardly born yet, is losing no time in making a stand for better prices. A 2 1/2-cent basis is all the leaders will talk of and if eastern jobbers Oregon prunes for less they will not deal with the association. The association members say they should have 2 cents as that is what the California men are asking, but admit that a half cent less would be acceptable. In an unusual way the 2 1/2-cent edict has gone forth and it is expected to materially strengthen the condition of the Eastern market.

Reply to Jobber.
"I see a jobber in an interview says it costs 2 1/2 cents to pack prunes," said a Salem association man. "Well all I know is that to put our prunes up in 10-pound boxes, wrap them in good paper, put waxed paper over the top, use laced paper for a border and have a finely lithographed top cover and for the whole thing, labor, paper, box and all we only pay half a cent a pound. We get 2 1/2 cents a pound for our prunes is ridiculous. That is more than the prunes cost, and if jobbers have to hunt up such excuses to justify their high prices to the consumers, I think an organization with a few truthful men in it is most necessary."

To Pledge a Per Cent.
A resolution was offered pledging the members of the organization to give 1 per cent of the proceeds of their 1903 crop for the benefit of an advertising fund which would be handled by Eastern representative, by sending the Oregon prunes and in placing it directly in the hands of the consumer.

Success of Samples.
"A couple of years ago," said a Salem pruner grower, "I started to distribute among the farmers in Iowa small packages of prunes. I had several boxes continually at work taking orders for these prunes, and though I never donated any, I found that as the farmers began to discover what a good prune really tastes like, I quickly sold my stock and in this way I disposed of several carloads and created a demand."

The general opinion of the pruner men was that any mere house-to-house canvass would never out the retail grocer from his seat of power. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that demonstrations of Oregon prunes should be made in the cities of the East. It is some central store, which would do nothing but handle prunes for the consumer, and which would be in charge of some association agent or member.

Power of the Grocer.
"The power of the retail grocers' organization in the East is not going to be injured by letting pruner men give away a few boxes, and then go home to wait for orders," said a Boise, Idaho, grower. "The meat business is everything its own way, the retail butcher keeps up his prices regardless of a decreased wholesale price, and the grocer is not far behind. It is a powerful organization, and we will need our best business ability to cope with it. I favor a generous advertising fund; I also favor putting up our fruit in small, attractive packages, and believe that by establishing stores in the East to handle our prunes alone we can make some headway against the wave of trouble that seems to have almost engulfed us."

How to Collect the Levy.
Discussion then turned on the method of collecting this 1 per cent of the 1903 crop from pruner men of the Northwest.

"Those that have not sold don't know what their crop is worth, and those that have sold don't care about advertising this year." This suggestion was offered by a Washington man. It was stated by several that an average price of 2 1/2 cents would probably be a just basis, and the Washington man remarked that if there was any prospect of his getting 2 1/2 cents he would donate 3 per cent to any sort of a fund they might bring on.

Something Must Be Done.
"We must do something," said the chairman. "At Salem we are in touch with the California situation and hear they are holding out for 3 cents, and that they regard the market as strong. I believe that if the pruner men of the Northwest make a stand here the price of prunes will jump at least 1 cent in a week or 10 days. The trouble is someone has been cutting the price, and their own and every one's else throat. We are all ready to deliver a shipment of 40's to a New York house at 2 1/2 cents when we received word from the firm that someone on the coast had got our fruit for 1 1/2 cents. This sort of thing has got to stop if any of us make a living out of prunes."

The Mule May Klok.
Japan and Russia are placing big orders for mules in this country, and the Missouri mule feels justified in getting ready for a sea voyage.

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Drank Just the Same.
From Bradford (Pa.) Era.
Bradford patrons of hotel bars are wondering and asking questions as to the nature of the adulterations which have been exploited at their expense, locally. But, so far as can be learned, there has been no decline in the consumption of liquors.

ESTACADA CITY LOTS SOLD LIKE BISCUITS

From Twelve to Fifteen Hundred Excursionists Visited the Newly Born Metropolis—All Delighted With the Splendid Prospects.

There were between twelve and fifteen hundred men and women with the excursion party that visited Estacada, the newly born metropolis of Clackamas county, yesterday. All the railway company's closed cars were brought into use and each was packed with as happy a party as ever left Portland for anywhere for any purpose.

The first train left at 7:40 a. m., the second at 8:00 and all were promenading around, over and about the beautiful townsite, the first installment at about 9:30 o'clock, the second at 10:30 in the forenoon. The time up till the noon hour was spent viewing the multitudinous charms of one of the handsomest spots beneath the sun of the morning or the stars of the night-time hours. The day was one of delightful balminess, the sun shone brightly and the atmosphere was as that of a day in June. These conditions made unspeakably pleasurable the strolls through the woods, along the river bank and over the high bridge that spans the foaming waters of the Clackamas river at this point.

Some climbed the tall hills that border the city to the south and still others enjoyed themselves picking flowers along the stream until the noon hour, when all repaired to the spacious dining room where an appetizing dinner was served and greatly enjoyed by all who tended the gathering of convivial spirits out for a day's business and pleasure in a most romantic section of our state. The landlord of the improvised hotel apparently knew his business. He had prepared a feast just large enough and plentiful enough for everybody, and there was no more difficulty in satisfying one's hunger there than is experienced in Portland on any day or at any time.

At a trifle after 1 p. m., W. P. Keady, right of way officer of the railway company, introduced Senator George C. Browell of Oregon City who happened to be present, and that gentleman, so well acquainted with the resources and advantages of Clackamas county, gave a wordy picture of the resources of that region, speaking possibly 10 minutes after which the sale began. The bidding was lively from the start, the first choice of lots going to Attorney John B. Huntington at \$500.

It may properly, perhaps, be stated here that Mr. Huntington knew just what he was doing when he bid in this selection and was not "dumbfounded" as was stated in the morning paper today. That journal, long in the habit of "demanding" advertising patronage from the business community, feels greatly plagued because the Oregon Water Power Townsite company relied principally upon The Journal to make the success of the auction sale of lots, and did not place any of its display advertising in the columns of that publication. The company declined to be bled by it, hence its antagonism and sneers in its local columns of this morning. Mr. Huntington had his pick of any lot on the plat and he was offered all he paid for it before he left the ground, so there was not a very heavy load of "dumbfoundedness" upon his shoulders when he returned to Portland.

Other lots sold at from \$20 to \$25, and were rattled off at a good gallop so long as the sale remained open—just two hours, as advertised in The Journal. At the close of the public sale there was a rush for lots that had not yet been offered, and Manager Morrow of the townsite company sold 20 to 25 in about an hour's time. Of residence lots, previous to the auction, Mr. Morrow sold 67, and every one of these are to be builded upon within the next two or three months. There are now more than one hundred residence lots being bought for families to reside upon, and the home builders will be at work just as soon as they can arrange to do so.

There was therefore founded yesterday in Eastern Clackamas county, a city bound to grow with surprising rapidity. It is surrounded by one of the finest agricultural regions in the world. It has a vast tract of timber of almost immeasurable value immediately to the south of it. It has half a dozen water powers within a radius of a mile and a half to the north and a mile to the north. There is building there an electric plant to cost \$750,000, and this will furnish power for all who do not care to dam the river and make power for themselves. The railroad company has spent \$5,000,000 in building to Estacada, a very fair indication that that rich corporation has substantial faith in the prospects of the town that 48 hours ago was not, but is now a thing of giant vigor.

Within five years we shall see the town of Estacada numbering 5,000 people, and property selling at five times the price it may be had for now.

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