

DEMOCRATS ARE NOT FOR FUSION

Leaders Speak Against Any but Independent Action by the Party--Call for County Central Committee--Nominating of Delegates.

Leading Democrats of this city express themselves as strongly opposed to fusion with either of the Republican factions in the present campaign. This sentiment appears to be general, and any suggestion of such an alliance would bring forth overwhelming opposition.



The eagle builds his nest so high; I'm sure I wish he wouldn't. I don't know why he builds so high-- I couldn't tell were I to try. And probably he couldn't.

SIMPLY QUESTION AS TO ITS POWERS

DR. JOSEPH OF THE WATER BOARD SAYS THAT BODY HAS NO QUARREL WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OVER FIRE HYDRANTS-- UNCERTAIN ABOUT EXPENSE.

LUMBER SCHOONER UNMASTED BY GALE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—The three-masted schooner Emma Utter will probably be a complete wreck off Clayoquot on the west coast of Vancouver island.

UNDERTAKER HAD NO COMPASSION

SAN FRANCISCO EMBALMER IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY TOOK CHARGE OF CHARLES FELLOWS' BODY AND TAKED CORONER FINLEY HEAVILY FOR SERVICES.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS FOR LEWIS AND CLARK

(San Francisco Bureau of The Journal.) San Francisco, Feb. 17.—The California promotion committee received a telegram from Henry E. Reed, secretary of the Lewis and Clark exposition, asking it to urge upon congress the passage of the appropriation of \$1,750,000 for the Portland fair, and in compliance therewith the executive officer, Rufus P. Jennings has wired members of the California delegation and James A. Tawney, chairman of the house exposition committee, requesting their aid and good offices to secure the financial assistance desired.

PIONEER MINER DROWNED IN CREEK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ashland, Or., Feb. 17.—Charles Spangler, who has mined in Siskiyou county for over 60 years, accidentally met his death yesterday in Humboldt creek.

REV. W. C. KANTNER VIEWS LOCAL FIELD

Rev. W. C. Kantner, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church of Salem, who has received a call from the congregation of the Highland church at Woodlawn, was in Portland today conferring with the committee and looking over the field. Dr. Kantner is very favorably impressed with local conditions, as indications point to rapid and flourishing growth.

FLAGSTAFF GOES IN HEAVY WIND

With her flagstaff gone as a result of the recent big storm at sea the steam schooner Aurelia, Captain Erickson, arrived here just three weeks ago today, proved herself to be a staunch craft by riding the waves without sustaining any material damage.

CREST OF FLOOD DUE HERE FRIDAY

The crest of the Willamette flood will reach Portland next Friday, giving the river a depth of 15 feet above the low water mark. The Ash street dock will be about the only one which will be affected. The lower dock at that place is not used to any great extent and no damage will result.

VETERANS' COMPLAINT AGAINST COURTNEY

Colonel E. Swan, commander of George Wright post, G. A. R., and Col James Jackson, commander of Lincoln post, called on Judge Webster this morning and lodged formal complaint against Superintendent Courtney of the county farm. They charge that he compelled a sick G. A. R. veteran, William Staley, to work, and when the man gave notice of his resignation, Judge Webster promised to investigate.

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF YAMHILL STREET

Property owners on Yamhill street will hold a meeting at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon at Ladies & Yilton's bank to consider the advisability of improving Yamhill street and the character of improvements needed.

LABOR ORGANIZERS BUSY IN PORTLAND

Several prominent labor leaders from other states are in the city for this week. Among them is Frank Redinger, new agent of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' union of San Francisco. Tonight he will organize the cabinetmakers of Portland.

BIG ARMY TRANSPORT LEAVES FOR THE SEA

Drawing but 22 feet and skimming over the water at about 10 knots an hour, the transport Dix weighed anchor at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and left down the river for the sea.

GRADUATES IN A PLAY

"More Sinned Against Than Sinning," a melodrama, was played by the class of 1902 of Blanchet institute at Catholic Order of Foresters' hall, at Sixth and Washington streets, last night. A musical trio by the Mueller brothers and a vocal duet with banjo accompaniment by the Hydrants, the editors and the cast of characters.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S BABY DAYS

The toys and playthings of Queen Victoria, which in their intrinsic value do not compare with the priceless jubilee presents, will appeal to the sentiment of all who see them. They are at the replica of the orangery, at Kensington palace, the birthplace of the queen.

MAN AND TEAM LOST IN FORDING STREAM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ashland, Or., Feb. 17.—A. M. Lemos, aged 70, a well-known Portuguese rancher, was drowned in Yreka creek yesterday. The old man attempted to ford the creek with his team, in spite of the warnings of spectators who had been on the spot to view the high waters. Upon plunging into the stream both horses were whirled off their feet, the wagon overturned and the unfortunate driver swept swiftly down the stream. It was impossible to locate any aid, as he was carried down the stream faster than the excited men could run along the banks. The body was found this morning on a bar near the mouth of the creek. Both horses were also drowned.

BRIDE AND GROOM OF TENDER YEARS

Surrounded by a number of clerks, gazing in astonishment, a boy and his mother stood in the county clerk's office this morning trying to get a license to wed a girl 16 years old. Bert Hower, the applicant, and his mother say he is 20 years of age, but he looks not more than 15.

PARK THEATRE ATTACHED

J. C. Leonard, a solicitor, attached the Park theatre yesterday for a claim of \$48.90, said to be due him as wages for soliciting advertisements for the show house Friday. The writ was issued by Justice Reed last yesterday and was served on Manager Frank Munroe of the theatre just as the curtain dropped on the last vaudeville act of the afternoon.

GENEROUS

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. President Roosevelt is as fond of the pomp and circumstance of war as a savage of the gorgeous feathers and paint with which he decorates his person. It is hinted that the president is going to have a guard of honor, in his own, shining with brass buttons, red sashes, epaulettes, swords, and spurs—a perfect detachment of the sensations. The idea is European. It used to be said that "we didn't care for abroad," but the hero of San Juan has changed all that.

NOTORIOUS RUSSIAN WOMAN MURDERED

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Mary Sanborn, known as Russian Mary, notorious as the queen of a gang of Russian convicts who escaped from the island Baghellen, in a small boat, was picked up when almost dead from exhaustion and brought to San Francisco, where she committed a number of sensational crimes for which one was hanged and others sent to the penitentiary, was found dying this morning at the foot of the steps to a lodging-house where she was employed as housekeeper. Her skull was fractured and she died soon after. Before dying she said "Charlie did it." Charles Hamlin was arrested on suspicion, but proved an alibi.

INDRAVELLI'S CARGO IS 6,000 TONS

The Indravelli, which sailed from Yokohama for Portland February 13 and is due March 1, carries a full cargo. She has aboard 6,000 tons all told. The most valuable part is silk. She carries about 150 bales of silk, valued at \$75,000; 500 tons of general merchandise for Portland, consisting of matting, tea, and Oriental goods, and 600 tons of similar supplies for San Francisco. The rest of the shipment is for eastern cities.

RED CRUSADE TOMORROW

A red crusade conducted by Major and Mrs. Dubbin of the Salvation army, will begin tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the hall, near the corner of Third and Davis streets, Friday. The crusade will be held at 3 and 5 p. m. Saturday, there will be a musicale at 8 p. m., and Sunday services will be conducted at 11 a. m. and 3 and 5 p. m.

LONG HIGHWAYMAN AGAIN

(Journal Special Service.) Baker City, Or., Feb. 17.—The Mint saloon was held up here at 3 o'clock this morning by the same lone highwayman who robbed it before, and who held up the Geiser hotel two weeks ago. The robber last night secured \$150.

KILLED UNARMED FATHER AND SONS

(Journal Special Service.) Norton, Kan., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Berry Stand today testified that her husband and sons were unarmed at the time they were killed by the Deweys. As the trial of the Deweys after their conviction against the Deweys increases.

FIRE RULES MUST BE OBSERVED

ONE BUILDING ALREADY UNDER THE BAN OF THE INSPECTORS AND OTHERS WILL BE CLOSELY EXAMINED--FIRE WALLS MUST BE CONSTRUCTED.

Investigations which have been carried on by Fire Chief David Campbell and Fire Inspector W. R. Roberts develop the fact that the building regulations were not observed in the construction of a new brick structure on the north side of Taylor, between Second and Third streets, and in response to their statements the city council today passed a report calling the owner, Dr. Wood, and Architects Lewis & Lewis to remedy the defects complained of.

PLANS FOR ORDER OF

HARBURG - ALTMAN FACTORY'S LAWYER TESTIFIES AS TO SECURITY - EBERHART - WARKFIELD'S COUNSEL TAKES OF A PROBATIONATION WORK CONTRACT-HOLDERS.

George W. Joseph, the attorney for the Harburg-Altman faction of the Order of Fraternal Home Buyers, has returned from Spokane, where the troubles of the Washington Home Buyers company have been adjusted. Mr. Joseph, in speaking of the affairs of the Spokane branch and the Portland company, said: "In Spokane the Washington Home company, through outside troubles, was dragged into court and the scheme thoroughly investigated and was pronounced a good thing. In that concern the terms of the contract were different and the amounts to be paid larger, after a contract had been matured. Over 25 families have been placed in homes there."

ANGRY HUSBAND SEEKS DIVORCE

George A. L. Winters was subjected to a sharp cross-examination at the hearing of his suit for divorce from Bertha E. Winters in Circuit Judge George's court this morning. At times he was obliged to pause and speak slowly in order to control his temper. The charge is cruelty. Among the allegations made are that an umbrella of Mr. Gable's disappeared from the house under circumstances causing Winters' great mortification, that his wife hid her money and when she finally produced it made remarks causing him to fear for his safety, that she humiliated him before third persons by her language and once made him cry. "I was not at all satisfied," said the husband, "and I am now in a state of mind that I cannot live with her."

JUDGES DON'T NEED TO SEEK EXCUSES

Of the 564 notices of appointments as judges and clerks of circuit courts by County Clerk Finley, answers have been returned to only 421. The number of acceptances is 308 and of declinations 112. The work of making new appointments will fall on the county court.

BOYS ATTEMPT TO WRECK TWO TRAINS

(Herald Special Service.) Los Banos, Cal., Feb. 17.—Two Italian boys, Joe Ferro and Jim Molekka, are under arrest here charged with placing obstructions on the railroad track about six miles from Volta and have already confessed to having placed several angle plates on the track midway between here and Volta on January 20, and also to having put a sack of spike plugs and solid pieces of iron on the track about a mile and a half from here last Sunday. The latter confession was hit by the Porterville local, which passes here at 1:27 p. m., but luckily was not derailed, due to the cowcatcher being low enough to pick up the sack of plugs. The train was severely jarred. The boys confessed their guilt.

CHICAGO MAYOR IS EXONERATED

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Feb. 17.—The testimony in the Iroquois disaster investigation, by the grand jury today, tended to exonerate Mayor Harrison and establish his lack of culpability in the issuance of license before the examination required by the law was made. Prior to the fire Mayor Harrison suggested the conference of the heads of departments to instruct the building inspector to carefully inspect all new theaters before approving their applications for licenses. The mayor was not aware that the inspector failed to do this in the Iroquois case. The evidence throughout was damaging to Building Inspector Williams.

SNOWSLIDE BLOCKS RIO GRANDE ROAD

(Journal Special Service.) Salt Lake City, Feb. 17.—The Helena branch of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad is blocked by a huge snowslide damming up the Provo river. Freight started over the Ogden-Lucin cutoff was opened by Harriman last Thanksgiving, but owing to a sinking track no trains were operated until today.

AGED BRIDE GETS DIVORCE DECREE

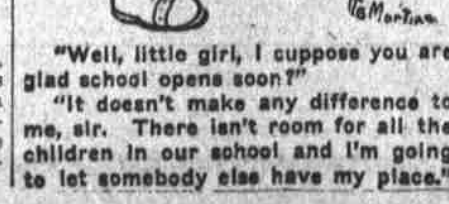
(Journal Special Service.) Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Louise Price Barnes, whose matrimonial troubles have been given much publicity, has been granted a decree of divorce from her young husband, Dr. Barnes, with whom she eloped. The grounds were cruelty and abusive treatment. She is very wealthy and the testimony tended to show that Barnes married her for money. She is 80 years old and Dr. Barnes is now in California, where he has been for some time.

TWO GO TO PENITENTIARY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Feb. 17.—Senator Mitchell, an Indian, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary this afternoon on a charge of stealing a horse. James Rattigan, who attacked the divorcee with an ax, was found guilty and sentenced to one year.

LOOKING FOR SITES

The chamber of commerce this forenoon received offers for the establishment of a factory for the making of lumber in inland Oregon. It is felt that the building of kilns for the drying of lumber, fruit and hops. T. W. Osborne of Coifax, Wash., is the promoter of the first concern and is spending the day looking over the field and the tannery plants to see what can be done in the way of securing raw material. It is felt that the present concerns are not adequate to meet his demands he may start a tannery on his own account. He asks for no bonus and says that his firm will employ from 80 to 100 men. F. E. Workman of Indiana, who proposed to establish a dry-lake tannery, says he has been in Idaho and plan to locate him with a site of 4,000 square feet on some railroad switch.



"Well, little girl, I suppose you are glad school opens now?" "It doesn't make any difference to me, sir. There isn't room for all the children in our school and I'm going to let somebody else have my place."