

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight, partly cloudy; dawn showers, variable mostly southerly. Thursday, winds.

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SALEM IS LAWFLESS

Important Ordinances Are Lost and Believed Destroyed.

RECORDS ARE DEFICIENT

Valuable Franchises, Gambling Act, Criminal Codes and General License Laws Are Among the Missing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 16.—A big sensation was sprung here today when a committee from the council investigating the affairs of the city government, discovered the disappearance of a large number of the city's most important ordinances.

All the ordinances so lost were enacted prior to 1892, when the late Edward N. Edes was elected city recorder. Among the lost ordinances are the gas company's franchise, the water company franchise, the franchise for the mill company's ditch, and that for the Southern Pacific switch through the city. Also ordinance 171, (gambling act) and No. 293, criminal code, and the general license law.

All ordinances were in former years recorded in an ordinance record, and the original bills when signed by the proper authorities were bound and filed in the archives. Ten years ago the city recorder's office was moved several times. New officers have since been elected from time to time, and it is supposed when a lot of old documents were destroyed, these ordinances were burned through an oversight, or in the belief that, as they were recorded, they were of no further value. The records show that in transcribing them the laws were only signed by the recorder, the mayor's name in no case appearing.

City Without Valid Laws. This leaves Salem practically without valid ordinances, unless certified copies can be found, which diligent search thus far has failed to produce.

What the effect will be it is impossible to say. It is evident that Salem is practically without valid laws to control many of the greatest evils in the city, and all recent attempts at enforcement of the ordinances may have to be abandoned, unless further search should reveal the missing documents, which now seems unlikely. It is known that before the city officers were moved to the new city hall, eight years ago, a large mass of old documents was destroyed, and many old ordinances that had accumulated for 30 years, are believed to be among the papers destroyed.

The discovery that the ordinances were missing caused a storm of comment that has been followed by many caustic criticisms and many arguments. It is feared that it means the furnishing of a loophole through which many violations booked may escape, and in any event it will furnish a delay of proceedings.

FRANCE PLACES A BIG TORPEDO ORDER

(Journal Special Service.) Vienna, March 16.—It is almost certain that France is preparing for any emergency that may arise in the far eastern situation, as shown by a large order for Whitehead torpedoes that has been placed with the plant at Florence. No secret is made of the fact that 150 of the submarine death messengers have been asked for, to be delivered as soon as practicable. When it is considered that this is several times the amount of torpedoes ever ordered when on a peace footing, France's action is regarded as significant.

VIENNA'S NEW POSTMASTER

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 16.—W. K. Coughline has been appointed postmaster at Vienna.

FAIR APPROPRIATION BILL ALMOST READY

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 16.—The house exposition committee will hold a final meeting tomorrow to decide on the Lewis and Clark exposition bill before making a report. Arguments for liberal appropriations will be made by Representatives Williamson of Oregon; Jones of Washington; Mondell of Wyoming; Dixon of Montana; and French of Idaho. The hearing was called for today, but the illness of Chairman Tawney caused a postponement, much to the disappointment of those who are taking an active interest in the success of the forthcoming fair. The feeling among westerners here is unanimously that the appropriations will be at least reasonable, and some of the more optimistic predict liberal measures.



SCENE AT THE SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

HAVE THE BIG GUNS

Russians in a Boastful Mood Assume Air of Confidence.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 16.—The Journal today prints a comparison of the opposition forces of Russia and Japan in the far east, saying: "Russia has a superiority of land armament by 75 of the largest cannon, but is inferior in warships, which, however, is compensated for by the artillery of the Russian forts and the valor of the Russian sailors. Japan finds it necessary to set apart a number of warships as transport escorts and to guard communications. "There is no doubt as to the issue of a naval war being the destruction of the Japanese fleet. It is only a question of time until the Baltic squadron makes its appearance in eastern waters under the most brilliant of Russian admirals."

The article was apparently written to calm public opinion, which for the past few days, in the absence of war news, has become less optimistic. It seems to be the policy of the war bureau and press to do all possible to stimulate and keep the war fervor at a white heat of patriotism.

Fort Arthur Quiet. Advice from Port Arthur today announce that everything is quiet. There are no further signs of the Japanese fleet, which seems to have gone far out to sea. No reconnoitering brings any trace of the enemy in the immediate vicinity.

From Fenhuan Chong come reports that the Russian soldiers are showing admirable fortitude in the difficult marches across the frozen tracts of eastern Manchuria.

Officer Is Shot. Alleged to have been caught with incriminating documents on his person revealing him as a spy, Captain Iyken was court-martialed and shot. Officially announced as "excluded from service."

WAR IS EXPENSIVE. London, March 16.—Reuter's Tokyo correspondent wires that the Japanese war expenditures till December is estimated at \$48,000,000.

KOREAN COMMITS SUICIDE. Berlin, March 16.—Hynensik Hong, the first secretary of the Korean legation, committed suicide today on account of financial ruin as a result of the war.

VICTORIA'S COUSIN IS NEAR THE END (Journal Special Service.) London, March 16.—The Duke of Cambridge, the late Queen Victoria's aged cousin, was seized with a violent hemorrhage of the stomach this morning and it is feared by the attending physicians that the end is near. The patient's age makes near death almost certain.

GERMANS IN RIOT. (Journal Special Service.) Vienna, March 16.—The demonstration of the German residents of Ling against Kubelik continues today. Several were hurt, including Baron Alchiburg and Baroness Deering. The mob stoned the Hotel Krebs and smashed every window.

GEN. JAP-PI IS DEAD. (Journal Special Service.) Paris, March 16.—General Jap-Pi the senator, and hero of many wars is dead.

THEY USE OUR MINT

Japanese Send Bullion to San Francisco for Coinage.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 16.—The United States mint at this place is making money for the Japanese government. It is something very unusual for a mint of one nation to make up the bullion of another nation into its own currency. The Japanese government, however, has no notion of transporting this gold to Japan after it is coined. It does not want to handle American currency, but it does want the products necessary to a warfare which this money can buy. So instead of going through the process of exchange, the mikado's official financiers hit upon the plan of sending gold bullion to this country to be coined into money which will be used in the purchase of food and other supplies for the army and navy.

The last two steamers from the Orient have each brought \$2,000,000 worth of gold bullion from Japan. The gold was assigned to one of the local banks, which turned it over to the mint on its arrival, with directions that it be converted into gold currency. As fast as it is made into eagles and double eagles it is returned back.

"We will finish up this order this month," he said, "and if the gold holds out we will have over \$50,000,000 in currency to show for our two months' work. It is away ahead the largest amount of work that has ever been done in that short period of time."

"If there is no interruption in the present running schedule the output of coin for this month will be \$30,000,000. The only record that can be compared with that is the one which this mint made three years ago. The coinage at that time for a single month was \$14,000,000."

SING REQUIEM IN A RAIN OF FIRE

Bishop Moore of Cincinnati Gives Graphic Description of Battle of Chemulpo—Praises Russian Bravery—Scorned Surrender.

(Journal Special Service.) Cincinnati, March 16.—Bishop Moore, of the Methodist church, witnessed the naval battle between the Russians and Japanese at Chemulpo, and vividly describes the clash in a letter to the Post. The bishop left Shanghai on the morning of the 8th at Chemulpo near the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz. At that time not a Japanese ship was in sight. At 4 o'clock of the next day Japanese ships to the number of 12 steered in to the harbor and anchored. Three thousand troops were landed, after which six cruisers and torpedo boats of the Japanese squadron withdrew to a distance of eight miles and formed a line across the channel.

On February 9 the Japanese consul notified the Russians to leave the harbor at once and the latter ships stripped for action. At noon they sailed out. Shortly after the terrific roar began.

The bishop writes: "Fifteen minutes, we thought, would be sufficient to end the unequal combat, but the earth and sea shook under the awful thunder of the guns. Thirty minutes, 40, 50 minutes passed and, unable to break through the line of the enemy, and scorning to surrender, the Russians swung round and steamed back to their anchorage with flags flying."

"Sure of their prey, the Japanese resumed their station in the roadway, blocking the only channel. The four-funneled Variag, evidently badly wounded, showed a heavy list to port, and the Korietz was apparently uninjured."

"We hastened to row out in a sampan. We saw no scars on the Korietz, though the sailors were putting paint on her hull as if to conceal her hurts. I asked an officer with a bandaged head how he fared, and he replied that he had had no chance.

"The huge Variag was evidently sink-

"BURN THE NEGROES"

Representative T. Spight Creates a Sensation in Congress.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 16.—The debate in the house on the postoffice appropriation bill, which was resumed last night, brought forth a sensational speech that stirred the galleries and is creating adverse comment from the most conservative representatives. It was made by Mr. Spight (Dem.) of Mississippi.

Mr. Spight, in a heated argument, touched on the negro question in the south and advocated lynching, and even burning at the stake, as punishment for negroes who commit brutal and hideous crimes and attacks on women.

"The negroes," he said, "are only fit to wait upon tables, and are not fit to dine with white people as the north desires. We sometimes kill niggers, but only for hideous crimes. I am against lynch law under some conditions, but not such as these. Here the cry of 'burn the negroes' seems justified." He closed his speech with a brilliant burst of oratory that did much to offset some of his views.

Attack Oceanic Company. The congressional examination into the postoffice department estimates, will, it is expected, lead to a more searching analysis than this bill has experienced in many sessions.

One item already attacked privately is the appropriation of \$45,000 as an additional compensation to the Oceanic Steamship company of San Francisco for transporting the mails to Tahiti.

Graveyards Not Fat. Before the house committee on interstate commerce, Professor Burr today continued his statement of the Panama canal sanitation. He said where men were careless in their habits, mortality was high, but he never heard that a thousand men lost their lives for every mile of work this far done, nor by a graveyards with 8,000 graves of laborers.

INSTRUCTED FOR ROOSEVELT. (Journal Special Service.) St. Paul, Minn., March 16.—Most of the Minnesota conventions to select delegates to the Republican national convention were held today, preliminary to the assembly in Minneapolis. Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt for renomination were adopted by all the conventions.

RUSSIANS ARE EXPELLED. (Journal Special Service.) Berlin, March 16.—Thirty Russian students, including several women, were today expelled from participation in a meeting protesting against the government permitting Russian police agents to operate.

BOTH ARE CONFIDENT

Simon Claims Victory at the Primaries—Carey Too.

REPEATING IS ALLEGED

Vote Fairly Heavy Throughout the City—Mitchell Men Expect Heavy Gains Late in Afternoon—Only One Fight.

At 1 o'clock Senator Joseph Simon said: "I have had reports from every precinct in the city, and they are far more favorable than we could have expected. I confidently expect to win. The news from the east side is especially good, and we shall be able to overcome any adverse majority in the country." Judge Carey said this afternoon that returns from precincts were not very reliable, but that they showed a light Democratic and Socialistic vote. "I am not prepared at this time to make a definite statement, but of course I believe the regular Republican ticket will win."

The results of the Republican primaries cannot be conjectured with any degree of accuracy until the polls have closed, for a heavy vote is expected in many precincts after 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It is evident, however, that the Independent Republicans have developed unexpected strength, and at 1 o'clock Senator Simon declared that he "confidently expected to win." Judge Carey admits that on the east side, which has been regarded as the stronghold of the Mitchell faction, the Simon vote is much heavier than he had anticipated, and a number of precincts are in doubt which he had counted upon as for Mitchell. The crucial question is whether Simon can gain delegates enough in the city to overcome the country, where most of the precincts are certain to send Mitchell delegates.

Fraudulent Voting. Fraudulent voting is being practiced on a very extensive scale. Gangs of repeaters and colonized voters are being run in at north end precincts. Nate Solomon had voted about 60 men in the fourth precinct before noon, and nearly or quite all of them gave addresses which they do not reside.

In spite of the favorable weather the vote in many precincts was comparatively light up to noon. No trouble was reported except in one of the north end precincts, where a fight occurred between two teenagers, whose views did not agree as to the issue between the Republican factions. The Democratic vote is very light, and in some precincts not a Democrat had voted up to 12 o'clock. The Simon ticket is said to be receiving considerable support from the Democratic voters, and the Mitchell workers on the east side are making loud complaints on this score.

Simon Claims First Ward. Simon men claim that they will carry all of the First ward and Mitchell men seem willing to concede them at least two of the three precincts. The Second and Third wards are claimed for Simon. John Deacon, the Simon nominee in the 12th precinct, expects to win by a heavy majority, and bets are offered that he will have three-fourths of the votes.

The fight is fierce in the Fourth and Fifth wards, and many precincts are in doubt. Mitchell men seem somewhat less confident than they were yesterday, but expect a heavy vote in their favor late in the afternoon.

In the Sixth ward the morning vote was very light. Simon workers are keeping a close lookout for the voters cronized in the 23d precinct and will

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TIMBER AND STONE ACT IS UP TO SENATE

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 16.—The public lands committee of the senate today reported the bill repealing the timber and stone act and substituting a measure authorizing the secretary of the interior to sell, at auction, rights to cut timber on public lands. The bill provides against the assignments of rights thus sold, and Senator Fulton will propose an amendment to strike out this provision, as he contends that the purchaser of such rights should not be deprived of the liberty to assign them if the assignee possesses the same qualification as the original purchaser. Senator Fulton's attitude is said to meet with the opinions of many of his constituents, who have been variously addressing him on the features of this proposed bill.

A CHANCE FOR FREE ADVERTISING

Just to show that The Journal is "a good fellow," it will print in its first Sunday issue—that is, next Sunday, March 20—want ads. under the following classifications free of cost. There will be made only one proviso and that is that all these ads. are presented at The Journal business office on or before Friday noon, March 18. Here is the free list:

- HELP WANTED (male or female). FURNISHED ROOMS. HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS. AGENTS WANTED. PERSONAL WANTED. TO EXCHANGE. LOST AND FOUND. FOR RENT. ROOMS FOR RENT.