BATTLING FOR SEAT IN NATIONAL HOUSE

Surprises in the First District Thus Far Favor L. T. Harris but Binger Hermann's Friends Speak With Confidence.

The fight between Binger Herman and L. T. Harris for the Republican nomination for congressman from the First district is being waged with the utmost vigor all along the line. The rival candidates have joined battle in every county of the district, and in many of them the issue is still involved in uncertainty. Thus far, however, the surprises have been almost altogether in favor of Harris, who has been waging an extremely aggressive campaign. He has carried the war into the enemy's country, and has apparently captured delegates from a number of counties which have been relied upon to give their support to Hermann. It was a hard blow to the latter to lose Benton county, which is solidly for Harris, and Marion county, which will give a majority of its votes to the man from Eugene, was another keen disappointment. In Josephine and Klamath, hitherto regarded as strongholds of Hermann, Harris has scored signal victories. The former is expected to give him its undivided support, and he will apparently have at least a part of the delegation from Klamath. Lake county may also give one or more votes to Harris, and there is a possibility that Curry may also be found in his column.

Notwithstanding the reverses they have met, Hermann's friends still claim with confidence that he is safely in the lead, and they predict his nomination. They say that he is stronger than he was a month ago, and that with the active support of the Mitchell machine he cannot be defeated.

Local Contests Intervene.

The fight is complicated by numerous local contests over judicial and legislative nominations, and by the ambitions of some dark horse aspirants for the congressional nomination. Of the latter, George C. Brownell is the most conspicuous, and there is no doubt that while nominally supporting Hermann he will throw off all disguise and come out openly as a candidate if he sees an opportunity to win the prize. He will control the Clackamas delegation and its 18 votes will be cast solidly for him in case he enters the race. But while assured of the support of his home delegation for himself, it is questionable whether it is his to trade without restriction.

S. B. Huston of Washington county may be a candidate for the congressional nomination, and in that event he would probably have his delegation behind him. But Harris is confident that if the fight should narrow down to himself and Hermann, with no chance of the nomination of anyone else, Washington's votes would be cast for himself.

Kelly of Linn, Gatch of Salem, and Vawter of Medford, whose names were all before the last congressional convention, are out of the running this year.

There is a hot fight for the nomination for state senator from Douglas, Lane and Josephine counties between George Colvig and R. A. Booth, who now represents the district. If Harris has carried Josephine, as reported, it doubtless means that Booth will win.

In Polk a bitter fight is being waged between E. C. Kirkpatrick and U. S. Laughery, the present county clerk, over the nomination for state senator. Harris counts upon the vote of Polk's seven delegates, but Hermann men say that this will depend upon the issue of the contest between Kirkpatrick and Laughery.

The contest over the nominations for circuit judges in the third judicial district is another source of uncertainty to the congresional candidates. The district embraces Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties. Two judges are to be nominated and there are several candidates in the field. B. L. Eddy of Tillamook has the support of his own delegation, which is also lined up for Hermann. J. Russell Wyatt of Linn and James McCain of Yamhill, two of the other candidates, were recently reported to have formed a coalition. Both denied the charge, but it may be a significant circumstance that they were both in Portland last Sunday, going about arm in arm as though on the most friendly terms.

Frank Davey of Marion, who has been a close observer of the congressional fight, expresses the belief that Harris has a good prospect of securing the nomination. Mr. Davey is taking no part in the contest, but his familiarity with conditions in the first district lends interest to his views. He said this morning:

"Appearances now are in favor of Harris. Should R. D. Hume succeed in carrying Curry county in his fight for the nomination for state senator the likelihood that the delegation would be for Harris is very strong, and this would cut into Hermann's strength materially. The news from Josephine indicates that Hermann may lose that delegation, which would weaken him very much. The loss to Hermann of a part of the Klamath delegation is also very favorable to Harris. These three counties have always been strongholds of Hermann and they were so considered in the earlier part of this campaign. If he loses such counties as these he will be in grave danger of defeat.

"I look upon Brownell as somewhat dangerous to Harris. Brownell claims that he has letters and telegrams from Senator Mitchell in which the latter says that his first choice is Hermann, but that if he cannot be nominated, Mitchell desires the honor to fall upon Brownell. If that is true, and if Brownell makes a feint of supporting Hermann, he may fall heir to the latter's strength before the convention is over, in which event he would be a dangerous factor.

It Needs a Prophet.

"Then, if S. B. Huston should conclude to be a dark-horse candidate, he would throw his delegation where it would be likely to do him the most good later on. There is hardly any doubt that the rank and file in Washington county are favorable to Harris, but local ambitions might interfere. Yamhill is interested in obtaining a judgeship, and that may have some influence upon its vote in the congressional convention.

"There is a decidedly warm contest in Polk over local affairs, so that while present indications are favorable to Harris, the delegation might be adverse to him.

"Linn county's delegation will be in the hands of Percy Kelly, and will probably be against Harris as the result of local jealousies between Linn and Lane. J. Russell Wyatt wants to be circuit judge, and this may result in some compromise.

"While the indications now seem so favorable to Harris, there are so many contingencies and Hermann's good luck is so proverbial that nothing short of the power of prophecy would justify a man in making a positive forecast."

TO AGAIN BOMBARD

Japanese Navy Is Massed Before Port Arthur for Attack.

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Petersburg, April 7.—Great excitement prevails here over the report received at the admiralty office this afternoon that the Japanese squadron, augmented by reinforcements from Tokio, are cruising off Port Arthur and it is intimated that the final effort on the part of the mikado's navy to take the stronghold will be made within 48 hours. Crowds of people stand about the foreign office waiting for the latest news, but if any has been received since 6 o'clock this evening in regard to the conditions at Port Arthur it has been held secret by the government officials.

Messengers were sent hurriedly to the czar a little after 6 o'clock and it is believed here that matters of importance were transmitted.

JAPANESE ARMY MOVING.

Forty Transports Reported En Route to Mouth of Yalu River.

(Journal Special Service.)

Seoul, April 7.—An American missionary from northern Korea today reports that 40 transports appeared off Haiju, 50 miles north of Chemulpo, Sunday. They are supposed to carry that part of the Japanese army destined for Yongampo, at the mouth of the Yalu river. The Japanese legation states that three Japanese merchants have been murdered as a result of disorders in Chung Chung province, in northern Korea.

CHINA TO JOIN JAPAN.

Only Awaits Decisive Defeat of Russia in Land Engagement.

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, April 7.—Authoritative reports from the far east have reached certain members of the Berlin diplomatic corps to the effect that China is on the verge or throwing in her lot with Japan. They affirm that a coalition will be deferred only until the first decisive defeat of Russia on land, perhaps not even as long as that.

Anti-Russian feeling is described as having reached an uncontrollable pitch in Peking, where the authorities are gradually letting themselves be convinced that now is the time to cast off the Russian yoke. Japan is not enthusiastic with regard to China's support, realizing that it will entail embarrassing international complications.

GERMANY THE ENEMY.

Russian Paper Deplores the Attack on America.

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Petersburg, April 7.—The newspaper Russ, the foreign office favorite, today reproves its contemporaries for attacking America.

Germany, it says, is the only serious enemy of Russia.

Vice-Admiral Stark was decorated in the order of Saint Stanislaus last night.

TROOPS ARRIVE AT YALU RIVER.

Tokio, April 7.—Word was received here today that 40 Japanese transports have entered the estuary of the Yalu river and that troops are rapidly disembarking.

SHERIFF HAULS GAMBLERS UP

Storey Personally Serves Warrants on Indicted Gaming House Proprietors—Gently Informs Them to Come to Court Today.

Sheriff Storey last night took personal charge of the work of arresting Portland gamblers indicted by the recent grand jury, and worked nearly all night in serving the warrants—not finding the last man wanted until after 2 o'clock this morning.

The men served with bench warrants were Albert Shapiro, Nate Solomon, Peter Grant, Martin Ready, Eugene Blazier, August Erickson, George Fuller and Fred Lentz. In addition to these, seven proprietors of fan tan games, all Chinese, were rounded up. So quietly was the work done that the people in the gambling houses did not know what was going on.

Each of the men charged with running games was notified to appear at the courthouse today. The chance to plead was also given the defendants this afternoon.

Bright and early this morning all the Chinese came to court, and waited around the building for two or three hours. Excepting two of them, none was accompanied by a lawyer. Attorney L. H. Tarpey, accompanied by Dai Lee, of 136½ Second street, and To Chung, of 134 Second street. The latter two were also the only ones to put up bail, each of them leaving $500 security with the clerk of the court.

"It was fun for me to make the raid last night," said Sheriff Storey this morning. "I knew that the boys would be pleasant about having the warrants served, and I knew that the night time was the only time I could easily find them.

"The white gamblers were open and above board in their operations, but the Chinese have a lookout. Each clubroom is entered through a narrow corridor. Heavy beams or uprights are placed in this corridor in a way that perplexes the visitor and affords the Chinese a chance to avoid visitors.

"I knew that all the fellows arrested would come up today, and did not take any of them to jail. All were here except Grant and one of the Blaziers, and they were represented. Both of these men are out of town.

The gamblers appeared before Judge Cleland, who continued the time for the white gamblers to plead until Monday at 2 o'clock, and for the Chinese gamblers until Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Continuance was granted on motion of Attorney John Logan, appearing for the whites, who said no counsel had been secured for the defendants as yet and they were totally unprepared to plead. The courtroom was crowded with the defendants and their friends.

COMMISSIONER HOFF MAY SETTLE STRIKE

There is a possibility that the bakers' strike will soon be settled. O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, came down from Salem and is using his best efforts to bring the opposing sides together. He is acting in the capacity of mediator, and has strong hopes of having all differences amicably adjusted. Mr. Hoff has conferred with both union representatives and a number of employers, and he states that he has met with much encouragement.

The state labor commissioner has taken up this work of his own volition. Soon after the strike was inaugurated he wrote to both the employers and the officers of the union, asking if there was anything that he could do to assist them in coming to a satisfactory agreement.

"In answer to my communication," said Mr. Hoff this morning, "the employers stated that they thought it doubtful if I could bring about a settlement. The union men answered that they would appreciate any work I should do in that direction, and so I decided to come and see what could be done.

"So far I have been greatly encouraged by the liberal disposition shown by those on both sides with whom I have conversed. I have found that a majority of the master bakers whom I have visited are very reasonable, and the union men are similarly inclined. Of course, I have not had as opportunity as yet to talk with all the employers, but I do not anticipate that many of them will offer any very serious objections to the plan which I am suggesting.

"If I am successful with the bakers," concluded Mr. Hoff, "I will also tender my services in a similar manner to the leatherworkers and their employers, but will not force myself on them. Of course, unless one side or the other expresses a willingness for me to engage in this work, I will be powerless to do anything."

SOCIALISTS ATTACK POLICE METHODS

PASS RESOLUTIONS THREATENING RESORT TO COURTS IF THEIR STREET SPEAKERS ARE "MOVED ON"—"I CAN'T INTERFERE WITH THE POLICE," SAYS MAYOR.

At a meeting of the Socialists last night, resolutions were passed that the party will fight any attempt of the local police to intimidate or arrest its speakers by carrying the case through the courts to the highest tribunal in the land. The Socialists allege there exists a plot to drive their speakers to silence, through oppression of the police.

The resolutions grew out of the recent arrest of J. E. Stevens, a Socialist street speaker, by Patrolman Roberts and a more recent bout between Stevens and Police Sergeant Carpenter. Roberts arrested the speaker, placing a charge of obstructing the street against him, and he was convicted by a jury in the municipal court. Carpenter did not arrest Stevens, but cautioned him.

"There is no plot against Socialists or any one else," said Chief of Police Hunt, "but we cannot permit any man or set of men to obstruct the city's streets."

"I have never heard of the matter before," said Police Commissioner Sig Sichel, "but if complaint is made, the board will investigate. The police certainly will not oppress any man or party."

There was a hot interview in the mayor's office this morning between Stevens, Socialist, and Mayor Williams. Stevens came to the city hall with the understanding that there was to be a meeting of the police committee. He was loaded down with data to present. There was no meeting, however, and he had to vent his enthusiasm on the mayor.

"We will preach socialism in the streets of Portland, notwithstanding our doctrine will do away with the present party in power," said Stevens. "We will not allow the mayor, the council, the police or any one else to drive us out of existence. We will carry the matter to the United States supreme court, where we will secure perpetuation of our inalienable rights as American citizens. The Salvation Army blockades the streets as long as its officers please, and the police say nothing; but when we begin to talk we are forced to move on. I thank you very much for your kind attention, mayor. Good-day."

"That fellow seems kind of hot, doesnt' he?" remarked the mayor, placidly, after Stevens' departure. "Well, I suppose they have the right to carry things to the supreme court, if they want; but I cannot interfere with the police in such matters."

The resolutions of the Socialists are as follows:

"Whereas, The Socialist party is informed that there exists an understanding in the police department of Portland that Socialist speakers are not to be permitted to speak in the streets of this city, as evidenced by recent acts of certain policemen in intimidating and threatening a Socialist speaker at the corner of Burnside and Second streets; and

"Whereas, This organization is informed by eminent attorneys, such as, for instance, Mr. C. E. S. Wood, of the firm of Williams, Wood & Linthicum, that the Socialists have an inalienable right to use the public streets in common with the Salvation Army, and all other religious and political organizations or individuals; and

"Whereas, the Socialists of the United States have invariably defended and maintained this right in the courts of this country, in every one of the many cases where they have fought the matter to a court of last resort; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Socialist party of Portland will defend their speakers against every and all attempts of the police or of the police department of Portland to arrest or threaten said speakers, and that the Socialist party will, if need be, carry these cases through all the courts of this state and up to the supreme court of the United States; and further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions shall be submitted to the police commissioners of the city of Portland for their information, and to the daily papers of Portland for publication therein."

CONSUMPTION CURED

Patrick and Mrs. Nehill in Last Stages of Consumption Marvelously Cured by Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey.

"I caught cold," says Mr. Nehill, "and it settled on my lungs. Was not able to attend to business for four months. The doctor gave me up, and said I was going into consumption. I coughed day and night, my lungs pained me, I could not sleep, and lost flesh daily.

"I began taking Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, and gained five pounds in two weeks. I am 60 years old, and am now able to attend to my business as a blacksmith. My cough is cured. I am perfectly well, and can recommend Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey as the best remedy and stimulant in the world, and I would not be without it.

"Mrs. Nehill caught the grip six years ago and it went into pneumonia, followed by lung trouble. She was sinking fast, but, thanks to Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, she was cured, and is as strong, healthy a woman as you would want to see."—PATRICK NEHILL, 368 Lenox Ave., New York City.

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey

has cured thousands of just such cases—men, women and children given up to die of so-called incurable consumption. It not only drives out consumption germs and heals the lungs, but it builds up new tissue and renovates the entire system. It stimulates and enriches the blood, tones up the heart, quiets the nerves, invigorates and builds up the body so that it will throw off all disease of whatever nature.

"Duffy's" cures coughs, grip, pneumonia, bronchitis and all diseases of throat and lungs, indigestion, dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble; malaria, nervousness and all low fevers. Good for old and young; prolongs life.

"Duffy's" is absolutely pure, contains no fusel oil, and is the only whiskey recognized by the Government as a medicine. This is a guarantee. It is used exclusively in 2,000 hospitals. Every testimonial is published in good faith and guaranteed.

ABSOLUTELY PURE & UNADULTERATED TRADE MARK

CAUTION.—When you ask for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey be sure you get the genuine. Unscrupulous dealers, mindful of the excellence of this preparation, will try to sell you cheap imitations and malt whiskey substitutes, which are put on the market for profit only, and which, far from relieving the sick, are positively harmful. "Duffy's" is the only absolutely pure medicinal whiskey. Sold in sealed bottles only; never in flask or bulk. Look for the trade-mark, the "Old Chemist," on the label, and be certain the seal over the cork is unbroken.

Druggists and grocers, or direct, $1.00 a bottle. Medical booklet free. Duffy Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, New York.

SPRING SUNSHINE MAKES BEALS BOLD

With two consecutive spring-like days already to his credit District Forecaster Beals has the temerity to announce a repetition of the performance tomorrow. Whether or not the prediction will go the way of the usual weather office prognostication remains to be seen.

At any rate his guess came true today, for with the exception of a few hours early this morning the sun has shone continuously throughout the day. For Friday it is announced that the residents of Portland may expect weather somewhat after the variety of today, though slightly cloudy with easterly winds. There will be showers near the coast.

The weather man's chart today showed a high barometer in the northwest country. There was a frost last night, but no damage is reported to have been caused for the reason that vegetation has not advanced sufficiently to be affected. East of the mountains, however, it is feared that considerable damage was sustained.

The storm which swept over the northwest Tuesday night is now located in the interior. In South and North Dakota it is snowing heavily, according to advices by the weather man, while Omaha is the center of the storm's area.

MR. GOODE REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING ALLEGED LARGE ELECTRIC BILLS, AND ADVISES CRITICS TO CEASE WORRYING.

Director-General Goode, of the Lewis and Clark centennial, was today asked in reference to the electric sign "1905," on Marquam hill. He said:

"To set at rest baseless rumors about fabulous sums of money which the exposition company is paying for the '1905' sign, I desire to announce that the illumination is made with the compliments of the Portland General Electric company, and costs the exposition not a single cent. The donation of electric advertising includes also the sign on the Stearns building, where headquarters are located.

"Officials of the fair have been persistently annoyed by reports that the cost of this electric advertising is excessive. These reports have just reached me, and I hope that this statement will reassure parties who have spread this sort of talk.

"No appropriation has been made for electric sign advertising of the exposition. None was asked of the fair company. None is expected, and the directors of the corporation are not intending to pay for the sign.

"In response to a general desire of people that the Heights be utilized for advertising the corporation during this year, while thousands of tourists are passing through here, the electric company donated the installation and current for the sign which is visible for many miles around Portland.

"The sign is composed of 225 10-candle power lights. Many would suppose from the brilliancy of the rays that there were 1,000 lights. The top of the sign stands 45 feet above the ground, and is a fine illustration of the effect of a comparatively few lights on an elevation, glowing into the night. They are 30 feet in length and the face of the figures are three feet across.

"In this connection I wish to say that the books and reports of the exposition company are open at all times to stockholders. The books are kept on the estimate and appropriation plan and one can tell at a glance the amount of money appropriated for any purpose, and the expenditure made under that head, to date.

"The truth seems to be, of which this incident is an illustration, that a lot of our business men sit down and do little or nothing for the fair and let a few do the work. It takes more than talk to make a fair. There is every reason for popular support and encouragement of the exposition at this time. Our federal appropriation is sure to go through and success is assured."

HEARST GETS TWO IN KANSAS CONVENTION

(Journal Special Service.)

Wichita, Kan., April 7.—William R. Hearst's effort to control the Kansas delegation to the Democratic national convention failed today. The best he could do was to make a compromise by which he secured two of the six delegates. Claude Duval of Hutchinson was elected temporary chairman, though not a delegate to the convention. Duval had withdrawn from the race for national committeeman because Hearst's forces seemed in control. In consideration of the Hearst men not opposing Duval for chairman the anti-Hearst men today allowed them to have two delegates. Duval taking the gavel made a speech mentioning both Hearst and Parker. Demonstrations followed the voicing of each name. The delegates at large will be Senator Harris, David Overmeyer, Hugh Farrelly, J. G. Johnson, Mack Love and C. W. Brandenburg.

ALL QUIET AT PANAMA.

(Journal Special Service.)

Panama, April 7.—Freight traffic is suspended here on account of the strike. All is quiet, however, and the authorities are prepared to maintain order.

CURRENCY STATUS TO BE IMPROVED

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, April 7.—The house committee on banking today authorized a favorable report on the Hill bill to improve the currency condition.

It authorizes the deposit of customs receipts in national banks and repeals the $3,000,000 limit on the withdrawal of circulation in any one month. It also abolishes the limit of the coinage of subsidiary coin and permits the issue of gold certificates in denominations up to $10.

EIGHT HOUR LAW DELAYED.

Secretary of Commerce Will Investigate Possible Effects.

The house committee on labor today by 6 to 3 decided to refer the eight hour bill to the secretary of commerce to investigate what effect the proposed legislation will have. This delays the action of the house until next session.

ADJOURNMENT SOON.

House Clears the Way for an Early Closing.

An agreement has been reached by the house leaders postponing its impeachment proceedings against Judge Swayne of Florida until next December, thus clearing the way for final adjournment within the next two or three weeks.

TURKO-BULGARIAN WAR AGAIN DELAYED

(Journal Special Service.)

Vienna, April 7.—Drastic steps looking to a rupture of the diplomatic relations between Turkey and Bulgaria have been averted through the action and advice of M. Natihovitch, the Bulgarian agent, which brought a fresh proposal from Turkey.

The terms of the new proposal have not been made public, but it is understood they embody many points that have been most discussed by Bulgarians and which they have contended for throughout the proceedings. There now seems to be a fair chance that war will be averted.

MOODY HAS UNION AND WALLOWA SOLID

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., April 7.—In the Union county caucus held here 64 out of the 93 delegates were Moody Republicans and the 10 state delegates will positively stand by him.

Wallowa will also send a Moody delegation to the convention.

FILE BIG LIBEL ON INDRAPURA

BALFOUR, GUTHRIE & CO. DETAIN ORIENTAL LINER EN ROUTE TO THE SEA—CLAIM FOR $15,000 DAMAGES FILED ON ACCOUNT OF FIRE IN AN ORIENTAL PORT.

Federal officers detained the steamship Indrapura at Astoria today as she was passing from the river to the sea, bound for the orient. The ship was her officers will be returned to this port to await the settlement of a claim for $15,000 which was filed in the federal court this morning by attorneys for Balfour, Guthrie & Co. of this city.

The action was brought by the British and Foreign Marine Insurance company of Liverpool against the Portland and Asiatic Steamship company and the Indrapura. Attorney E. T. Wood appeared before Judge Bellinger in the United States district court this morning and secured the legal papers necessary to detain the vessel. The papers were immediately placed in the hands of the United States marshal for service and the Indrapura was caught at Astoria as she was making for the ocean. A federal officer at once took charge of the ship.

It is claimed that the negligence of the master and officers of the ship caused a loss to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and the court has been requested to condemn the vessel and apply the proceeds of her sale to a settlement of the claims. The amount prayed for is $15,086.73, with interest from November, 1902, together with the costs of the action.

The complaint alleges that the Indrapura was placed in dry dock at Hongkong November 14, 1902, for the purpose of having her botton painted. At the time she carried as a part of her cargo 261 bales of jute, 119 bales of Hessian cloth, and 60 bales of twilled cloth, consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., of Portland. The articles were insured with the British & Foreign Marine Insurance company (limited), of Liverpool.

While in dry dock a fire occurred in the hold of the ship, destroying the cargo consigned to the local firm. It is alleged that by negligence and carelessness the master and officers of the ship permitted the fire to start. The insurance company, however, paid the losses which were sustained by the ship to the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company, by whom the vessel was chartered.

After paying the losses the insurance company assigned its interest in the cargo to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., the owners of the goods. It is for the purpose of securing judgment for the amount of damages which is said to have been sustained by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. that the action in libel was brought today.

At the time the Indrapura went into drydock at Hongkong she was bound for Calcutta. She arrived in this port 10 days ago, and has been delayed in her departure. She completed her cargo yesterday and started to sea this morning. She was bound for Japan and China with a full cargo of 6,000 tons.

In addition there are 271,302 feet of lumber on board, 3,000 tons of barley, a big shipment of flour, salmon, cigarettes, tobacco and an assortment of general freight.

At 9:30 this morning the Indrapura sailed for Japan and China with a cargo valued at $162,832. The cargo consisted largely of barley and flour. The grain shipment is the largest ever taken out by an oriental liner from Portland, and is supposed to be for the use of the Japanese army. The flour goes to Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Moji and Shanghai. This is the lightest shipment of flour made to those points during the past year, owing to the war now in progress. Local shippers are of the opinion that in a short time there will be a change for the better. At present the railroads of Japan are being utilized altogether in transporting troops, and it is impossible to get any freight to the interior of the country.

The remainder of the cargo consists of 2,200 cases of canned salmon, 271,302 feet of lumber, 500 cases of condensed milk, 358 cases of cigarettes, 20 cases of plug tobacco, 274 pieces of sheet metal, 5 bales of flour bags, 6 boxes of samples, 205 bags of bones and 3 corpses. There are two Japanese and one Chinese passenger.

Attorneys for the defendants appeared in behalf of their clients this afternoon and gave bond for $30,000, twice the amount sued for. The attorneys for both parties are negotiating for a settlement, and the Indrapura will proceed on her journey.

NOME CITY CHARTER.

This Steamer Will Probably Be Put on Alaska Run Again.

Capt. Geo. D. Gray, general manager of the California & Oregon Coast Steamship company, left last night for Seattle. His visit to the Puget sound metropolis is principally for the purpose of making arrangements for the operation of the steamship Nome City during the coming season. Until last fall she was under charter to the Pacific Navigation company, and was plying between Seattle and Nome. After her charter expired she was brought down to Portland and until recently ran regularly between here and San Francisco. Several weeks ago she went on the drydock at the Bay city to be given a general overhauling and to be converted into an oil burner. This work is now practically completed, and the vessel is once more ready for service.

It is stated that the steamer will again be chartered by the Pacific Navigation company and placed in commission on the run between Seattle and Nome. If the Sound company should not want her it is intimated that the California & Oregon Coast Steamship company will put her on the Nome run, with Seattle as the headquarters.

BRINGS SUIT ON FAIR STOCK ASSESSMENTS

In carrying out plans of compelling subscribers for stock to meet the obligations they thus assumed in the Lewis and Clark Fair corporation, Attorney D. J. Malarkey, for the corporation, began suit today against four persons. The people sued were John P. Christensen, for $200; Alexander F. and Charles F. Squires, building contractors, for $100; the Hicks-Chatton Engraving company, for $100; and John D. Wilcox, for $100.

Four judgments on former suits were handed down today by the court in favor of the fair corporation. Of these, two of the defendants paid up in full, and the other two will pay shortly.

The suits brought today are on the fourth assessment, declared on April 1. The stock is held at $10 per share. In the actions heretofore brought two judgments were declared in favor of the fair by default—those for $100 against J. A. Sears and W. S. Morrill.

WINNERS IN THE LADIES FOURSOME

The ladies' foursome at the Waverly golf links this morning was won by Mrs. W. B. Ayer and Miss Sally Lewis. The play was interesting throughout and a large crowd followed the fair golfers over the course.

SOLDIER DESERTS.

Charles Ellsworth a member of Company C, Nineteenth infantry, stationed at Vancouver barracks, deserted yesterday. Two army rifles are also missing and the police believe that he took them.

WRECK IS THAT OF SCHOONER KAILUA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Victoria, B. C., April 7.—The Canadian Pacific railway's steamer Tees returned today from the west coast of Vancouver island and brings the report that the schooner wrecked off Kyoquot is the four-master Kailua, Captain Lars. The Kailua was a new vessel of 650 tons, only three years old and carried nine men. Part of the fore deck is on Grassy island with a windlass and capstan. Her hull, laden with lumber, is at the bottom off Bajo point a short distance away. The store keeper at Nootka and Charles Ellis of Kyoquot visited the wreck and saw the schooner's name.

The Tees also brought news tending to dispel any hopes that the Lamorna may be safe. At Barklay sound there is a great deal of wreckage, including 20 hatches, life buoys, boats and parts of the steamer's house work, also chaff from her cargo of grain, is floating on the waters.

HELENA NO LONGER HAS OPEN GAMBLING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helena, Mont., April 7.—The "lid has been closed down and will so remain until at least next January," said County Attorney Working today in explanation of his order directing the sheriff to close down all the gambling houses. The result is that faro, poker, roulette, slot machines and all chance games, which have been running uninterruptedly for years, are at last put under the ban to the great disgust of the sporting element.

ARRESTED AS INSANE.

S. Dirkheimer, a cigar dealer, was arrested by the police last night on suspicion of being insane, and was later transferred to the county jail, pending investigation of his case. Dirkheimer has been in ilhealth and it is supposed this has affected his brain. He imagines that enemies are conspiring to murder him.

OHIO WRECK CLAIMS THREE

Sandusky, O., April 7.—Two Lakeside & Marblehead railway freights collided near here this morning, killing Fireman John Doall and brakeman William Pokey and fatally injuring Brakeman Fred Brady. Engineer Charles Cullen and Brakeman Zeno Ward were seriously injured and Cullen may die.

CITY ENGINEER SCORES LEAGUE

W. C. ELLIOTT SAYS HIS MEN EARN ALL THEY RECEIVE AND THAT THEIR HOURS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR—LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS NOT ORIGINAL.

"There has been a lot said and published about my office," said City Engineer William C. Elliott today, "and some suggestions made as to changes, among which was that there should be a daily system of reports to the city auditor. I have always had this system of reports, and I know every day what my deputies are doing. The only thing is I have not made reports to the auditor, a thing which will double the work of making reports.

"I have had a regular set of books kept since I took office, and any one can come in here and see just what they are paying for. It is an innovation, as no other city engineer ever did it. Everything in the office is run on a system, and despite the tremendous amount of work being done, we have but little trouble.

"The Taxpayers' league charged that there are numerous remonstrances against work done by my men, but such is not the fact. Out of the large number of jobs, the fact is there are very few remonstrances, and even then, many times upon investigation by myself and Mr. Boise, these are found to be unjustified.

"The resolutions recently given to the press as coming from the Taxpayers' league came from us, with a few exceptions. This is not the first time they have taken resolutions they did not frame and claim them as their own. The daily morning assignment proposition suggested by the league was stricken out, because there are 75 men in this office, and it is simply impossible to make the assignments every day, but I know right now all the time what my deputies are doing."

"Pay no attention to communications from the Taxpayers' league, but perform your official duties in the regular manner, being amenable to the laws,' is the advice furnished City Engineer Elliott today by his attorney, John F. Logan.

ST. JOHNS STILL HOPES.

The citizens of St. Johns have not yet given up all hope of securing the woolen mills for that place. At a recent meeting of the city council, it was voted to raise a bounty by popular subscription, to serve as a further inducement to the managers of the mills. The council also decided to vacate Chicago avenue and any other streets which run through the grounds, which have been offered as a site for the Portland Woolen Mills. A special meeting of the council will be held Tuesday evening when further action will be taken.

DEADLY BEER PIPES.

Dr. S. E. Josephi is making an investigation of lead pipes in saloons, through which is drawn beer for the thirsty public. He made a brief report to the medical board last night to the effect that an old man had been poisoned in Portland by drinking beer drawn through a lead pipe.

"I do not know just what will be done about the matter," said Dr. Joseph "but it is evident there is considerable danger from this source. I am making further investigation, and may report at length later."