

GIDEON JOUBERT DEFENDS HIMSELF

BOER GENERAL ANSWERS CHARGES OF JAMES LAIDLAW AND TELLS WHERE HIS WAR RECORD MAY BE INVESTIGATED—DE-NOUVEAU GREAT BRITAIN.

Gen. Gideon Joubert, at St. Lawrence hall last night answered the attacks made upon him by General Villjoen and others. A. L. Morris introduced General Joubert and took advantage of the opportunity to grill James Laidlaw, the British vice-consul. General Villjoen telegraphed Mayor Williams that Gideon Joubert was not a general in the Boer army, and had no mission for colonization or otherwise.

General Joubert said in part: "I am glad to see that I have so many friends here, despite the attacks made upon me. I am able to prove what I am and what I have done. "I am tired of these attacks. Against an Englishman, as such, I have nothing. I have many friends in England, and I admire the English who fought in South Africa. But I don't admire the men who, thousands and thousands of miles from the scene of battle, are barking and howling today over things of which they know nothing."

Can Secure Proof. "If my detractors wish to know who I am, let them telegraph Generals Dewet and Botha, in South Africa, or to the London war office. The war office knows all about me. Moreover, I will pay for the cable messages. I am going through this country telling the truth, and nothing more."

"It is not true that we sent our women and children into the British concentration camps for food. It will be shown in the future history of South Africa that the British bound our women and children and took them to their camps. I dislike to attack any person who is not present, but even were he present I would speak the same. We have faced the British army on the battle-field, and I am not frightened by individuals."

"I hope you will forgive me for growing angry when I think of the trouble we have gone through for the last three years, and then of the cowardly attacks made upon me here."

General Buller was sent back to England in disgrace because they claimed he was not competent," declared the speaker. "They said he did not know how to fight. We Boers considered him their best general, because he fought a fair fight and did not capture women and children. Lord Roberts and General Kitchener said he was a coward." After the address, General Joubert's attention was called to the published article in which Vice-Consul Laidlaw declared him not a general, but a commander, as shown by a paragraph in General Dewet's "Three Years' War."

Commandant General to General. "I held my command in the Orange Free State army," declared General Joubert. "In that body the title of commander was equivalent to that of general. It was the British who insisted on calling us generals, and we finally accepted the title. Mr. Laidlaw would do well to get out of the cloud of ignorance in which he seems to be enveloped."

The chairman of the meeting was John Heikemeier. Miss Lizzie Harwar sang a martial song prior to the address, with Miss Emma Tackenberg as accompanist. Ralph Royce also sang.

MINERS' STORES A GREAT SUCCESS

HAVE BROUGHT PROFIT TO THE FEDERATION AS WELL AS FURNISHING CHEAPER SUBSISTENCE TO MEMBERS—SYSTEM MAY EXTEND—COALITION PROPOSED.

(Journal Special Service.) Denver, Col., May 26.—No business of importance was transacted at this morning's session of the Western Federation of Miners, the time being consumed in hearing the reports of the various committees and discussing the same.

The report of the committee on co-operative stores in the districts where strikes are in progress proved of great interest to the delegates. It was shown that these stores while enabling the members to purchase their living necessities at almost cost, had at the same time proved profitable to the Federation treasury, and the consensus of opinion was that they should be continued and new ones projected.

A committee of five was appointed to meet with like committees from the American Federation of Labor and the United Mine Workers of America to discuss the matter of the Western Federation affiliating with the other two bodies for mutual benefit. The Western Federation, it is announced, will not entertain the proposition seriously unless it is given many concessions, claiming that its organization is the strongest of the kind in the country, and can remain independent and succeed just as well.

BRITISH EXPEDITION MAY BE MASSACRED

(Journal Special Service.) Simla, May 26.—No news has been received from the British expedition stationed at Gyanice for three days.

In view of this silence the belief is prevalent that the British have been attacked by an overwhelming force of Tibetans and perhaps isolated, or worse yet, massacred. The total lack of communication is almost certain to be the forerunner of ill news or, worse yet, no news at all.

The expedition is now in a country which foreigners have never before penetrated and come out alive. Its overwhelming would not be a difficult matter for the Tibetans if their full power were brought to bear.

FALLS FROM TRAIN; CRUSHED TO DEATH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., May 26.—The body of a man bearing the name of Joe Davis was found on the railroad track near Roy, Wash., this morning. The man had been riding a brakeload with a chum, bound for Portland. The chum missed him when he reached Yelm, Wash., and wired to Roy, where a party discovered the body. He had been crushed to death by the cars. He is said to be the same Davis that was released from jail here yesterday, after serving a sentence for selling whiskey to the Indians on the Yakima reservation.

STEAMER ELDER HAS ROUGH TRIP

BATTLES STRONG GALE DURING ENTIRE VOYAGE FROM SAN FRANCISCO—SEAS MOUNTAIN HIGH—MAKES HEAVY GOING FOR COASTWISE CRAFT.

Facing a strong gale all the way up the coast, the steamer George W. Elder arrived in port last night from San Francisco, more than 24 hours behind her regular schedule time. The officers report that they passed through one of the severest storms of the season. At no time during the passage was the steamer more than a mile and a half from land.

Out a short distance, seas mountain high could be seen. Occasional squalls waves extended in near the shore, and several times they swept the decks of the Elder. The steamer Aberdeen, bound for Portland, was sighted off Crescent City, as was also the schooner Santa Barbara, and both were making an unusually slow passage. The Elder gradually crawled ahead of the Aberdeen, but the latter reached port this morning in safety. The Elder Titania en route to Nansimo, B. C., was also present off Cape Blanco, and it is said that she was having all she could do to hold her own against the gale.

On Tuesday the storm developed almost into a hurricane. But the officers state they expect to encounter strong head winds on the coast for the next six weeks or two months as this is the season of the year that they occur. It is hardly probable that any of the steamers coming from San Francisco will be on time for the next month or two.

The Elder had 190 passengers aboard, a greater number than she has carried for several months past, and it is said that many of those wishing to make the voyage had to be turned away. Twenty-seven of the passengers are from Los Angeles, on their way to Yellowstone park. They will assume charge of the Mammoth Hot Springs hotel immediately upon their arrival at the national park reserve, at which time it will be opened up for the season.

The freight consisted of 1,350 tons of general merchandise, fruit, vegetables, etc.

CHICO LEAVES TOMORROW.

May Be Operated Regularly Between Portland and Coos Bay Country.

Tomorrow the steam school Chico will leave San Francisco for Portland with a full cargo of cement. On the return trip she will take out 500 tons of wheat for Kerr, Gifford & Co.

M. C. Cheal, local agent of the Chico, says it is very probable that the vessel will be operated regularly between the San Francisco and Coos Bay country. The ship was made more as an experiment than anything else. If the coal proved popular, the intention of the agent of the steamer to have her make frequent trips as a collier from that section. In speaking of the matter Mr. Cheal says:

Nearly all the coal brought up here a few weeks ago the Chico has been disposed of, and the probabilities are that we will send for another cargo in a short time. The coal has given good satisfaction, and there seems to be a disposition on the part of Portland business firms to buy in preference to any other grade just in order to build up better trade relations with the Coos Bay country."

SHIPS HEAD FOR PORTLAND.

The announcement is made by the merchants' exchange that the French bark Marthe Roux is taking on a cargo of coal at Swansboro for this port. So far as known she is not chartered for the outward trip. The vessel is of 1,500 tons net register, and she was here several years ago. The more Frenchmen there are headed in this direction, exporters are of the opinion that charter rates for the coming season will be lower, and for that reason they are not in a rush to close deals for additional tonnage.

Net many of the exporters take much stock in the combine recently formed by the shipowners for the purpose of securing better freight rates. They think that it will be to the advantage of owners to hold together on a proposition of that kind.

It is learned that the German ship Reinbek is also en route to Portland, from Port Los Angeles. She is from Hamburg, carrying a general cargo, a portion of which was discharged at the California city. She is of 2,768 tons net register. With a fair passage it is expected that she will reach here by the middle of next month.

WILL NET \$3,000.

Property-holders on North Front street have closed a deal with the Port of Portland commission by which a strip of land situated on the water front between Fourteenth and Seventeenth streets is to be filled in with sand and gravel taken from the river by the dredge Columbia. By the terms of the contract the Port of Portland is to receive 10 cents per cubic yard for all sand and gravel deposited on the land, and it is estimated that it will require about 22,000 cubic yards to bring the ground up to a higher level in accordance with the wishes of the property-holders. When completed, the work will be started, and it is believed that it will cost little more than it does to dump the material promiscuously along the banks of the river as would be done had the contract not been received. The work will be started as soon as the dredge, which is now engaged in cutting a channel 300 feet wide at the mouth of the Willamette, reaches that neighborhood.

ARRIVES DAY LATE.

Fully a day overdue, the steamer Aberdeen arrived in port this morning from San Francisco. Further than battling with the strong head winds, in which no damage was done, the officers report that nothing of incident occurred during the voyage. The craft is in command of Captain Hanson, who succeeded Captain Bonfield, the latter resigning to accept another position at the Bay City. The Aberdeen came up light, and went directly to the Eastern & Western mill, where she will receive a cargo of lumber for San Pedro.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, May 26.—Sailed at 9:15 a. m.—Barkentine John Smith for San Francisco. San Francisco, May 26.—Arrived—Schooners Falcon and William Renton from Astoria.

Astoria, May 26.—Arrived at 1:15 and left at 4 p. m.—Steamer Aberdeen from San Francisco. Sailed at 1 p. m.—Steamer Elmore for Tillamook.

San Pedro, May 26.—Arrived—Steamer Grace Dollar from Portland. Astoria, May 26.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., smooth; wind northwest; weather clear.

JEWISH RIOTERS WILL BE FORGIVEN

MEMBERS OF NOVAK BRIDGE TALK MUD TORAN BRIDGE NOT TO PROSECUTE SOLOMON WEINSTEIN AND F. NUDELMAN—LATTER REJECT PEACE PROPOSITION.

Decayed against its will by outside currents of influence, a dove of peace has fluttered into the synagogue Novah Zedeck Talmud Torah, and hovers over the congregation, which for months has been torn by violent dissensions. At a special meeting of the "peace committee" last night a truce was accomplished between the warring factions, through the efforts of members of other congregations of the same faith.

Ten members of the congregation, equally representing both the disputants, met in private session last night and offered suggestions and overtures of peace. As a result of the meeting the criminal charges which were made against Solomon Weinstein and F. Nudelman will be withdrawn.

In return for such concessions on the part of the satisfied portion of the membership, Weinstein made full and ample apology to the young rabbi for the offense of interrupting the speaker at Saturday's services.

Nudelman, however, is not so ready to forgive. He has been robbed of his good name, he says, and refused to sign the articles of peace which were drawn at the meeting and signed by those in attendance.

C. H. Davidson, who preferred the charges against Nudelman, is said to be quite willing to make any reasonable concession to avoid litigation. Another result of the meeting last night is the decision that Dr. Abbey will be retained in charge of the congregation until the expiration of his present term. Dr. Abbey is not a rabbi, as has been stated, but is a "chason," or reader, until he is able to pass the stringent ecclesiastical requirements necessary to become a rabbi.

Coupled with this decision to close the contention regarding his retention, it was specified that Dr. Abbey must concede to yield to an orthodox minister whenever his parishioners desire. When a ceremony is to be performed, in which the services of an orthodox rabbi and minister is required, he is to resign temporarily in the other's favor.

NEWSBOYS MAKE BENEFIT A SUCCESS

Everybody is happy, because the newsboys' benefit at the Marquam Grand theatre last night was such a success.

In the matter of entertainment, the show put on by the boys and their friends was one of the best seen this season at the Marquam, the performers having been taken from the ranks of local talent. There were encores to the numbers rendered by the boys, Walter Reed, a Lincoln Hart's singing of "Ma Belinda," and his step dancing tickled the boys into genuine juvenile enjoyment.

Misses Leona Fisher and Grace E. Kemp, the accompanists, also made themselves solid with the small group of newspaper merchants. The boys feel satisfied that their "stunt," "The Tinkers' Chorus," should have pleased the most fastidious. Don Zan, and other performers, are put by the boys in the constellations frequented by grand opera stars.

As for the address of G. C. Moser to the boys, not a boy was there who was not uplifted by the words, who did not go away hoping that he may some day, by some kook or crook, live up to the mark set by the illustrious examples of General Grant, Abraham Lincoln or President Roosevelt.

The ticket collections have not all been reported, but the boys believe their library and club room fund has been increased from \$250 to \$300 by the evening's entertainment.

Thanks have been extended by the boys to all those who aided them in making the evening a success.

For Thrifty Shoppers.

On page five of this issue appears an advertisement of the O. M. Co. The firm is calling attention to a great six-day sale, during which every quarter of the house will extend unheard of bargains. The firm promises to eclipse any other sale ever attempted, and demonstrates the fact with prices in black and white. Specials are offered in men's clothing, women's suits, silks, percales, dusters, bed-pillows, gloves, dress-goods, jackets, waists, shoes and in many hundreds of other notions.

Economically inclined housewives may well avail themselves of this rare sale and buy now the goods they'll need later when May sale prices are not in vogue. In order to close out the men's department, to give more room for women's ready-to-wear goods, all men's clothing will be sold at just half price. The goods are all new and strictly in style but must "take a sneak." The clothing, which is "Miller's Perfect Fitting," is all union-made—perfectly tailored, hand-padded shoulders, military collars and with haircloth fronts. Unusual reductions are also made in women's suits. The ad says: "Far too many of 'em." Just read it—'twill pay you.

DALLAS WOOL POOL GETS GOOD PRICES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dallas, Or., May 26.—The Polk County Woolgrowers' association sold its wool in pool yesterday for a consideration of 19.3 cents per pound. The purchaser was the Oregon City woolen mills.

The amount in the pool is 200,000 pounds. Last year the amount received was 17 cents per pound.

MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND.

Owing to the high water, the California & Oregon Coast Steamship company has moved its office from the foot of Couch street to Columbia dock No. 1. The river is rising rapidly, and is nearing the 20-foot mark. But water-front men say that it is only at a fine boating stage, and they do not expect that any damage will result unless there should be a change not now indicated in the situation.

Schilling's Best tea and coffee are not extremes; good-enough; as good as you care to pay for probably.

Moneyback; grocer's.

Watch for Our Saturday Night Special

FRIDAY SPECIAL Jardinieres



These Jardinieres are the best values we have offered at our Friday sales. No Telephone orders filled.

Powers Furniture Co.

190 FIRST STREET

The Store That Saves You Money

TRAVIS CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Lee M. Travis, a prominent attorney of Eugene, was arrested by federal officers at that place today on the charge of forgery in connection with certain pension papers which he is said to have filed with the pension bureau at Washington. Deputy United States Marshal Froebrecht left the city this morning for Eugene with the warrant of arrest.

The information was sworn to by F. N. Libby, a special agent of the pension bureau from Washington, who has been here for weeks working on the case. It is charged that Travis "transmitted certain false and forged writings in the form of affidavits which he had filed in support of his claims for a pension." He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served in the Philippines with company C, of the Oregon volunteers. He filed application for a pension in support of which he also filed certain affidavits which aroused the suspicion of the Washington authorities. A special officer was detailed on the case, and his investigations resulted in Travis' arrest today.

Travis has been prominent in state politics for a number of years. Two years ago he was a candidate for state senator on the Democratic ticket, and was defeated by a small majority. He will be taken before a United States commissioner for arraignment and bonds will be fixed.

Great Sale Closes.

One of the greatest months of May sales in the history of Shanahan's store will close Tuesday, May 31, at 9 p. m. During this sale nothing has been reserved. Every nook and corner of the store has been searched and everything found, the pruning knife has been used

ROBERT KAN A CONVICT.

(Journal Special Service.) Portland, Ind., May 26.—Robert J. Knox, a former lawyer and society man and college graduate, was found guilty this morning of forgery. He will receive from 3 to 14 years' imprisonment as it is his third prison sentence.

THE STORE NOTED FOR THE BEST GOODS AT LOWEST PRICES

IT'S COMING SURE....



Just as sure as death and taxes—the high waters of the Willamette—the river is raising a foot a day, and it is safe to say every cellar from Front to Fourth street, below Yamhill, will be flooded within fifteen days.

Last high water we packed and stored our goods in basement. This year we propose to sell 'em.

As an index to the prices, note these few:

- Bobbinet Ruffled Curtains, perfect in make, worth \$2.50 a pair—price now.....**\$1.29**
- \$3.50 kind for.....**\$1.95**
- Lace Curtains, worth \$2.00, for.....**\$1.45**
- \$4.50 Curtains.....**\$2.75**
- Genuine Eiderdown Quilts, best on earth, \$8.50 value.....**\$6.25**
- 7.50 values.....**\$5.75**
- Downaline Comforts, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75—during this sale.....**95c**
- Fine French Sateen Comforts, worth \$5.00—during this sale.....**\$3.50**

Everything in the household supplies are found accordingly.

Let it be distinctly understood that these goods are staple goods—represent a value even in an auction room. Bargains here for the remainder of this week will be the greatest in the history of this store.

PACKING CASES FOR SALE—ALL SIZES

McAllen & McDonnell

THE ONLY EXCLUSIVE DRY GOODS STORE IN THE CITY

Here at The Big Store

With the little expense, every article you need, everything you buy is of **FIRST QUALITY** and will cost you

LESS MONEY

Outing Suits

You see one elsewhere marked \$15.00—ours is the same thing from the same tailorshop, but our price is different—it's

\$12.50

We have cheaper ones for \$8.50 and \$10.00. You must see the suits.

SPECIAL—TOMORROW ONLY

STRAW HATS \$2.40 The New Thing

"New York's Fifth Avenue" is the name—the style is perfect. Young men wear them. See display.

\$350 PIANO FREE With each and every purchase of 50c we give away a ticket. The more 50-cent pieces you spend with us the more tickets. See the piano—it is exhibited at the ALLEN & GILBERT-RAKAR STORE, cor. Morrison and Sixth Sts.

Famous Clothing Co.
MORRISON AND SECOND STS.