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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE SPOKANE-SEATTLE RAILROAD TO BE BUILT.

Bandits Doing Devilmish in the West Indies—A Woman and Child Burned to Death in East Portland—Two Airt naps at Suicide—A Wisconsin Family Drowned—Five Men Killed by a Rock—Two Men Meant Death in a Mine—Pendleton Stricken with Apoplexy—Conkling's Funeral—Bills Passed.

ANOTHER COAL OIL TRAGEDY.

An East Portland Woman and Her Child Are Fatally Burned.

PORTLAND, April 20.—Mrs. Stoker and her child, who were badly burned Thursday afternoon, in East Portland, died today. Mrs. Stoker was endeavoring to make a fire in the stove, to do which she poured coal oil in the stove, which ignited, and her clothing caught fire, soon enveloping her in flames. She sprang out of the window, and was met by some men who had been attracted by the flames, and ran to a slough in the neighborhood, but before she reached it her clothes were burned off, and her flesh badly burned. A little child left in the house was rescued, but not until it was fatally burned. The dwelling was entirely destroyed.

BANDITS IN CONTROL.

Several West Indian Provinces Declared in a State of Siege.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 21.—The greatest excitement reigns in Cuba, owing to General Marin's proclamation declaring the provinces of Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, and Pinar del Rio in a state of siege. The general says that his action is due to the enormous increase of bandits, who make a business of kidnapping, committing arson, etc. The liberal press has been suppressed. The bandits have full control of the island, have already burned numerous plantations, and are doing great damage.

SPUNKY SPOKANE.

The \$175,000 Subscription Filled and Spokane and Seattle will be Connected by Rail.

SEATTLE, W. T., April 21.—News has been received here that the necessary \$175,000 has been subscribed by the citizens of Spokane to the stock of the Seattle Lake Shore & Eastern railroad. Officers of the company now in the city say that work on the road-bed from Spokane westward will be commenced at once, and will not be discontinued until Spokane and Seattle are united by steel rails.

Pendleton Stricken with Apoplexy.

BERLIN, April 20.—George H. Pendleton, the American Minister to Germany, while traveling to Frankfurt, was stricken with apoplexy, and was taken to a hospital at Weilsbaden, where he now lies. It is believed that his condition is not dangerous.

Conkling's Funeral.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The funeral services of Roscoe Conkling passed off quietly. A drizzling rain fell all day. The procession was simple and unostentatious. No sermon was preached. After the services the body was taken to Utica for burial.

Two Men Killed in a Mine.

FORT JONES, CAL., April 21.—Yesterday morning a caving in occurred on Noah Williams' mine on Indian creek, about five miles north of here, burying Williams and one Chinaman beneath the drift timbers. Both were crushed to death.

A Whole Family Drowned.

EMBARASS, Wis., April 21.—A family named Lathrop, consisting of father, mother, and three children, were drowned in upper Wolf river last night. They lived in a shanty near the stream, and a flood came and swept the house away.

Another Attempt at Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Charles Quendens attempted suicide today. He placed a pistol to his ear and fired, the bullet passing down into his mouth. Financial troubles are the cause. His life was insured for \$14,000.

Death from Lockjaw.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 21.—Charles Branhouse slipped on a nail about a week ago, inflicting a slight wound in his foot, and yesterday he was taken with lockjaw and died last night in terrible agony. He leaves a large family.

Five Men Killed.

ST. LOUIS, April 21.—Five section men were killed this morning while passing the White Sand works on a hand car, by the explosion of a blast, which hurled an immense rock upon them.

Bills Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The pension appropriation bill, appropriating eighty million, two hundred and eighty thousand dollars has passed.

Mrs. Faling at Liberty.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Mrs. Faling, who shot her husband a few days ago, is out on \$10,000 bonds.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Indian appropriation bill has passed.

"The News" is Silent.

PORTLAND, April 21.—The Oregonian's exposure of the News yesterday morning created much comment in the city. The News this morning is silent on the subject.

Attempted Suicide of a Titled Scapegrace.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 21.—This morning Bruce Douglas, who claims to be the only surviving heir of Earl Douglas, and who has been employed as

a reporter on the Tribune, attempted to commit suicide, and succeeded in firing a ball through his shoulder. He had been on a spree several days, and had been discharged and because his employers would not take him back he became despondent and tried to kill himself.

CONGRESS.

Capital and Congressional Notes of Interest to Northwestern Readers.

THE DAKOTA BILL PASSES THE SENATE.

Plumb spoke in favor of the admission of South Dakota. Allison also spoke on the same side. Vest asked him if he would vote for a bill admitting the whole of Dakota. Allison replied by asking whether the Democratic party would so vote. Vest thought they would. He protested against recent charges and aspersions against Southern States, and said if this were an occasion to go into ancient history, he could resurrect in the Southern States the shameful parodies on government that had once been set up there by the senator who was now denouncing those States. The bill was passed by a strict party vote—26 to 23.

The House postponed further consideration of the tariff bill until Tuesday next, and proceeded to the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill.

An amendment was adopted appropriating \$20,000 for educating Indian pupils in Alaska.

An amendment was adopted striking out the provision for an inspector of Indian schools, and providing for a superintendent of Indian schools.

The second assistant secretary of the Treasury removed Secret Service Agent Finnegrass of San Francisco, from office yesterday.

The secretary of State has appointed Alexander Campbell, of Fairchild, La., Frank B. Wheeler, of New York city, and Richard L. Miller, of Lynchburg, Va., to be assistant commissioners on the part of the United States at the Melbourne exposition.

The land office records from 1881 to 1887, inclusive, give the following statistics: Value of timber reported stolen, \$36,719,852; amount recovered, \$478,000; appropriated for the protective service, \$455,000.

A postoffice was established at McAuley, Shoshone county, Idaho, and Louis Fowler was appointed postmaster.

Pensions granted as follows: Oregon—Mexican war, Martha J., widow of Russel Alford, Harrisburg, Washington Territory—Mexican war, Emma, widow of James Wilson, Spokane Falls, Idaho—Mexican war, widow of Uma Tenny, Nicholia.

THE COUNTY PRESS.

What the Papers of Umatilla County Have to Say About the Candidates.

THE EAGLE IS A DEMOCRATIC BIRD. From the Milton Eagle.

In this issue the Eagle places at the head of its columns the ticket which should be supported by all honest Democrats who have the interest of their party at heart. It is comprised of the best timber which the State and county affords, backed by a platform which, if administered as promised, guarantees a safe and sure conduit from the burdensome taxes which under Republican rule has rendered the poor man poorer and the monopolist wealthier. Carefully consider the question of whether you can afford to disregard the calls of the present successful administration, and defeat your President in November next. The contest in Oregon will be close—so close that each vote will be as one hundred in another State. Oregon is one of the pivotal States on which will hang the final result of a nation's weal or woe. So, considering these questions in their fullest importance, it is but due to preserve a nation's increasing prosperity by supporting the Democratic ticket in its entirety.

JAMES H. RALEY. James H. Raley, of Pendleton, Democratic candidate for the honorable office of senator of the twenty-first district of Oregon, visited Milton on Friday in order to become acquainted with the people and learn as near as possible of their needs and opinions regarding both tickets now before them. It is, of course, unnecessary to state that Mr. Raley found a united and independent people, a people with one thought and one purpose first and uppermost in their minds—division. He found them ready and willing to accept with gratitude any measure which might assure Eastern Umatilla of her rights with due regard for the interests of Pendleton, and found, too, that could this simple but everlasting question be amicably disposed of Umatilla county would roll up such a Democratic majority next June as she never has before. He certainly did not find the people in the least discouraged by defeat in the past or platform dictation by a prejudiced majority.

Mr. Raley is a gentleman in the highest sense of that term, easy of approach and a splendid conversationalist. To a direct question of whether or no he would support equitable division if elected, the reporter was given the straightforward answer: "I will make you no promise; but I can say to you that the subject will be thoroughly canvassed and considered, and I shall do my duty toward the people of Umatilla county as a whole—the minority as well as the majority." This answer is far more pleasing and honorable than a promise made for the purpose of capturing votes, only to be dishonorably broken at the last hour.

The question arises at this time, can the people of Eastern Umatilla county place their faith and trust in James H. Raley as their advocate in the State Senate? This question is asked independent of politics. The gentleman, from all we can learn, is honorable, upright, and a

immon-pure Democrat; he appears well, and, rather than being of the lickspittle, sycophant class of politicians, making indiscriminate promises here and there, stands uncompromising and unflinching on the platform of the Democratic party. If, as stated, Mr. Raley is an honorable man in his campaign, would he not be honorable in his position as a legislator? These questions are vital, and as near as possible will be answered in the Eagle during the coming six weeks.

GAMBEE, BENTLEY, KIRKLAND.

J. H. Clifford, who was a delegate to the recent Democratic county convention from Camas precinct, writes to a friend in Milton that a report is extant in Western Umatilla to the effect that E. B. Gambee, candidate for representative, is to be slaughtered in this end of the county. Without wasting any superfluous words we will state that this is a ridiculous and unwarranted lie, without the least excuse for foundation. Mr. Gambee is held in high estimation here and will carry the full Democratic vote; and furthermore, we wish to state that if the full Democratic ticket does not carry in Eastern Umatilla it will not be the fault of J. E. Kirkland. The above report was very probably circulated by some over zealous manipulator on the republican ticket.

The Democrats in convention assembled made a wise selection on their legislative ticket. All sections of the county are fairly represented and there can be no dissatisfaction existing in the mind of any fair Democrat of Eastern Umatilla. J. E. Kirkland, known favorably and well by our oldest inhabitants, will ably and honestly represent our interests in the halls of the Legislature, and not a doubt can be entertained as to his strength in both political parties of this end. We say to Democrats of Umatilla county, vote for Kirkland, Gambee and Morrison, and you will never regret the action. You cannot afford to vote otherwise.

There would be no fear regarding John M. Bentley's election did it depend on the vote of Eastern Umatilla county. If John will look out for the Western portion of his bailiwick we'll guarantee him the full vote of his constituency here. He is far the most capable man for the position, and the only thing that has or can be brought against him is his liberality to the newspaper, which is an excellent failing.

THE "HOME PRESS" MIXES.

From the Centerville Home Press.

The Home Press being independent—not neutral—will, during the coming campaign, as well as at all other times, advocate such principles as in our opinion will best preserve the interests of Umatilla county. We will therefore support such candidates as we believe best calculated to carry out the same. Being personally acquainted with many of the candidates we shall from time to time give our reason why certain ones should be elected. While we do this we shall avoid all personal abuse of the opposing candidate. ELECT A MAN ON HIS OWN MERITS, AND NOT BY THE DEMERITS OF HIS OPPONENT, is our motto. Neither shall this paper be run as a "paid" clique or clan. Liberty is too dear to sell; we love it too well to be bound by a few paltry dollars to those who would be masters of ours. Such men as we can from principle honestly support will be placed on the Home Press ticket, and what we do for them will come from a free, good will—not the will of a bound servant.

In placing J. H. Raley, Democratic candidate for Joint Senator, at the head of our ticket, we do so believing him in every way qualified for that position. Mr. Raley is well acquainted with the needs of our county, and a man who has resided with us long enough, and one who will work for the best interest of Umatilla county.

George A. Hartman, our present county clerk, has filled that office one term to the satisfaction of the people, and is therefore worthy of re-election.

J. M. Bentley, our worthy sheriff, has been a good servant of the people, so we say, (and the people, too), keep him there for two years more.

George V. Hamilton, Republican candidate for county treasurer, is a good, trustworthy young man, with qualifications second to none for that responsible position.

T. J. Kirk, H. J. Bean and M. A. Baker, Republican candidates for representatives, are all good men. T. J. Kirk is best known to us as a man for his country's good, for which he is always ready and able to work. Mr. Bean is highly spoken of as a man of integrity, which is so needful in some. Mr. Baker is the present editor of the Weston Leader. It is safe to say he will be elected, as he can call the Leader, besides many friends, to his support.

"Cap" Martin, everybody knows "Cap" is too well and favorably known to need comment. He is altogether worthy of the position he asks.

John Luhrs, Republican, and Clark Walters, Democrat, candidates for county commissioners, have done the people good service in that capacity and both should be re-elected for another term.

I. B. Reeder is a young man of rare ability, steady and industrious, and one who would fill the position he aspires to with good advantage—county school superintendent.

Jas. A. Fee, Republican nominee for judge of sixth judicial district, is a young man, a first-class lawyer and is no political outcast. He is a resident of Umatilla county and has been for a number of years. Elect him then.

Johnnie Young, Republican nominee for county clerk, was in the city last Friday and Saturday. Johnnie is working hard to be elected, but we fear that when so strong a man as G. A. Hartman is in the field there is but very little show for him; however Johnnie is a good man.

MILTON MORSELS.

A Dire Threat—Big Eggs—Business and Improvements.

From the Milton Eagle.

The shipment of wood from the O. I. Co.'s flume is going forward rapidly, from four to six men being employed in loading cars.

During the past week Milton has been visited by many strangers looking for locations. A number have purchased property and will build homes.

M. V. Wormington has purchased the stock, fixtures and good will of C. C. Cunningham in the stationery and fruit business.

Capital is being gradually attracted toward Milton. Real estate sales on every side are becoming more numerous each week.

J. C. Long, of the Milton Roller Mills Company, arrived from the East on Wednesday, where he went to purchase machinery for the new mills. The mills will be in running order in about eight weeks.

The flume and race which is to supply the new machine shops of J. B. Mahanna with water power will be completed to the penstock this evening. The water supply is from three to four feet deep. The shops will be complete in time to receive orders before harvest time.

An addition has been made to the Eagle's agricultural cabinet in the shape of two eggs, one measuring 9 inches in circumference, the other only 2 1/2 inches, and both laid by the same hen, said fowl being the property of Willard Smith. They are curiosities.

Capt. Wm. Martin, the Republican war horse of Umatilla county, who now aspires to the position of county judge, paid us a visit on Saturday last. Mr. Martin has many friends here, and may possibly poll the full strength of his ticket.

Some revengeful individual, without fear of the law or respect for common decency, and who in early youth had probably been deprived of the benefits of a common education, posted the following sign on the office door of City Attorney Lees Saturday night. We reproduce it verbatim:

GeNTLeMeN, HoLD YoUr, HANDs oN, yoUr PoCKeTs WhEn YoU PASS ThIS DEN. PiCK PoCKeTs, CUT ThroTs AND ThIeVeS reSide here. PRINTEd BY JIMMIE NeVeR sWeAT.

Above the sign was represented a skull and cross-bones, with the words "Sic Semper Tyrannis" crowning the skull. Mr. Lees now sleeps with a cheese knife under his pillow and one eye open.

THE WALLOWA BUTCHERY.

A Confession by one of the Murderers—Several Arrests Made.

From the Wallowa Signal.

Three weeks ago we published an account of a massacre of Chinamen on Snake river, just above the mouth of the Imnaha, and while in the main the facts were true as we published them, we are now in possession of the entire matter as it actually occurred.

A party of men, consisting of Bruce Evans, J. T. Canfield, Homer LaRue, Robert McMillan, Carl Hughes, H. Maynard and Frank Vaughn, entered into an agreement last spring, now nearly a year ago, to murder these Chinese miners for the gold dust which they thought they possessed, and agreed that if any of the party should divulge it the rest should kill him; but Hughes did not like the idea of committing the deed at all, and would have no hand in the matter, but at this time was stopping with the parties who committed the deed.

As near as we can learn, about a year ago now all the men named above except Hughes went down to the Chinese camp, and opened fire on them, killing them all, ten in number, and then put the bodies of all except two into the boat which the Chinamen had, and scuttled it. They then secured all the money and gold dust they could find, amounting to between \$4,000 and \$5,000, which was given to Canfield to sell for coin, and after he got possession of it he skipped the country, and the rest of the parties got nothing.

The grand jury took hold of the matter, but of course it is not known just what they found out, but Vaughn has made a confession in accordance with the above, and we are satisfied that the matter is about straight. All the parties have left the country but Vaughn and Hughes.

Wednesday, Hughes was arrested and taken to jail. What will be done with Vaughn, we do not know, but as he has turned State's evidence, we suppose he will be held as a witness against the others, but as they are all gone except Hughes, there is little probability that they will ever be brought to justice.

As published in the EAST OREGONIAN yesterday, three men, Hughes, McMillan and Maynard, have been arrested.

Territorial Democratic Convention.

The Washington Territorial Democratic Convention met Wednesday at North Yakima and elected Stewart Rice and J. J. Browne as delegates to the national convention at St. Louis, June 5th. A. N. Marion and J. T. Ronald were chosen alternates. Spokane Falls, September 4th, was designated as the place and time for holding the Territorial convention to nominate a candidate for delegate to Congress and other Territorial officers.

Found Dead.

From the Long Creek Eagle. George Troutman, a rail splitter, was found dead in his cabin on Slide creek, Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon Judge Branson repaired to the spot, empaneled a jury and held an inquest. Their verdict was that he died of natural causes. Deceased has a brother living in Umatilla or Morrow county.