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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

PORTLAND POINTS.

Mr. Koontz' Plan—The Political Outlook—Opinions of Prominent Democrats.

PORTLAND, May 26.—J. H. Koontz, of Echo, is in the city. He says his loss by the burning of his grist mill amounts to about \$15,000, over and above insurance. He will not rebuild this season, but will put in a chopper in order to keep up the flume, which would likely be neglected if unused. His report of the condition of the crops in that section is about the same as that of several other parties from Eastern Oregon, who have been interviewed on the subject. Rain would bring out the grass, but not the grain. Mr. Koontz left for home this afternoon.

Webb, who attempted to steal a silver water pitcher, was held to appear before the grand jury in the sum of \$100.

"What is the political outlook?" said your reporter to a prominent Democrat and ex-office-holder of Salem, this morning. "Good, good, sir. I heard one of the best political speeches in Salem a few nights ago I ever heard. It was delivered by John P. Irish, and I tell you he is doing good work for our party. John M. Gearin stands an even chance of being elected, and if he gets out in this city on election day and canvasses as he ought to, he will be elected."

"How about the legislative ticket?"

"Well, sir, to tell you my candid opinion, if the Democrats all over the State will turn out and vote the ticket, I believe they will elect enough of our men to make the next Legislature Democratic."

George W. Webb, State Treasurer, speaking on the same subject, said the prospect for Democratic victory in June was bright. He thought "Johnny" would beat Binger, and said Mr. Gearin thought so himself. He (Webb) was very much pleased with Irish, and said he was helping the Democratic party in Oregon a great deal.

MORE NONSENSE.

Ames of Minneapolis Said to be Working for the Nomination for Vice President.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 26.—It is possible that Portland, Oregon, may indirectly furnish a candidate for Vice President on the Democratic ticket. The man will be none other than Mayor Ames of Indianapolis. This scheme has been hinted at before, but politicians in the Democratic party have affected to consider it a joke. Mayor Ames is certainly in the field, and proposes pushing his candidacy in his usual dashing style. He will leave in a few days for St. Louis, and will open headquarters from which no delegate need go away thirsty. He will base his claims upon the argument that his nomination would insure the seven electoral votes of Minnesota, nine votes of Wisconsin, and possibly thirteen votes from Iowa to the Democracy.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

An Old Couple and Their Two Grand-Children Found Murdered by Unknown Parties.

VIROQUA, Wis., May 26.—Information was received here to-day of the murder of four persons last night, at the town of Kickapoo. Mr. and Mrs. Robin Drake, an old couple, were shot dead in their own house, by unknown parties. The throats of their two little grand-children were cut from ear to ear. The lifeless bodies were found this morning when neighbors made an investigation because of the unusual quietness about the house. The couple lay on the floor, the children in beds and everything was turned upside down in the house. It is supposed that the murder was in consequence of a resolute attempt at robbery. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

MORTON THE DARK HORSE.

A Louisiana Delegate Claims that Levi will be the Man.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The latest Blaine programme talk here is that Blaine men are to support Levi P. Morton, of New York, as the dark horse, if the defeat of Blaine in the convention is at all probable. One of the delegates to the convention from Louisiana is authority for the statement that his delegation will not be stampeded for Blaine. Sherman may have four, and possibly six, votes. On the first ballot the majority of the sixteen votes will be cast for Levi P. Morton.

SHERIDAN VERY SICK.

He is Troubled with a Heart Difficulty that is Likely to be Fatal.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—General Sheridan is a very sick man. His physicians are in constant attendance upon him. His trouble is valvular affection of the heart. He has had several alarming sinking spells, from which he rallied with difficulty, the last being the most severe of all. Failure of the heart's action has brought him near death's door several times. It is feared that a recurrence of the trouble may take him away suddenly at any moment.

A SHERIFF KILLED.

Three Prisoners Assault Their Keeper and Escape.

DELPHI, Ind., May 26.—Three prisoners, two tramps and Ed Chamberlain, who murdered his sweetheart, Eda Wittenberg, at Reynolds two weeks ago, assaulted the sheriff with an iron bar, and made their escape from the jail last night. The sheriff's injuries are fatal. The whole country for miles around is being scoured. It is thought Chamberlain will be captured.

Of Course the "Oregonian" Says So.

PORTLAND, May 26.—An Oregonian editorial this morning says: "One thing the Mills bill has done: It has utterly knocked the bottom out of the wool market, and the wool growers of Oregon are unable to get offers for their clip. The market in one of Oregon's largest products is 'hung up' to await results."

Democrats Succeed in Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Va., May 26.—Democrats yesterday elected their entire ticket, headed by Charles F. Collier for mayor, by 620 majority, and eight out of twelve county men. Thus the entire municipal government passes into the hands of Democrats for the first time in eight years. A large number of negroes voted the Democratic ticket.

Goldenson Will Have to Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The Supreme court to-day affirmed the decision of the superior court in the case of Allen Goldenson, who killed Mamie Kelly, a school girl, last year. This seals his fate.

Grace a Candidate.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Ex-Mayor Grace has announced his intention to go before the Democratic State Convention and make a contest against Gov. Hill for the nomination for governor.

Latest Market Reports.

PORTLAND, May 26.—Eastern and San Francisco advices to-day at noon show a decline all around of three-quarters of a cent below yesterday's closing prices. Prices in Portland remain unchanged.

Convicted of Arson.

WALLA WALLA, May 26.—The jury in the case against Clink, on trial for arson, returned a verdict of guilty last night. At present he is lying very ill.

The Markets.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Wheat closed 80 1/2 for May, 86 1/2 for June.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Very dull, only nine hundred tons selling on call.

A Sawmill Burned.

PALOUSE, W. T., May 26.—W. L. Powers' sawmill was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss fifteen thousand dollars, with but little insurance.

OREGON'S LEADVILLE.

An Interesting Description of the Great Mineral Belt Southwest of Baker City.—The Coming Mines of the Northwest.

From the Laker City Democrat.

A few miles distant from Baker City, towards the setting sun, can be seen a group of high and precipitous mountains which lift their heads skyward to an elevation of thousands of feet above the beautiful and fertile Powder river valley. Below these mountains form a part of the principal Blue mountain range which extends far southward and from which many spurs make off, running in an easterly and westerly direction, gradually sloping off downward and forming the foothills adjacent to the valley through which runs the streams whose tributaries find source in the gulches high up among the snow-clad peaks. Running along parallel with this mountain range is a broad and extensive mineral belt, the fissures of which traverse the spurs, cutting through them on their course, boldly outcropping on one side, down the other and across the canyons between where the actions of the waters of the rushing streams have crossed them, exposing to view their contents to a depth of thousands of feet from their outcroppings on the summit to the base of the mountains, where nature has provided for man the most desirable facilities for the exploration of her veins while in search of the treasure vaults that might be contained within the walls of fissures.

These veins, some of them of immense proportions, are faultless, never having been broken and displayed by upheavals and disturbances of the earth's crust, can be readily traced by their bold and continuous outcroppings for miles along their course through separate and different formations of zones or belts of slate, porphyry, granite and gneiss with dykes of one or the other of these formations running through the parallel with the veins and sometimes forming one or the other of the walls which indicates permanency and richness of the veins in depth, a fact which has been fully demonstrated in the exploring of veins in the older and more advanced mining regions; in fact the actions of nature with what assistance she has derived from the hand of man in developing these fissures is evidence sufficient to convince the informed observer that they are remarkably true, strong and rich in the precious metals, with every indication presenting itself of their permanency and continued richness down into the deep. The Cracker creek lode, which is attracting considerable attention, is cross-cut by the waters of Cracker creek, where it is exposed in the bed of the creek for forty feet in width and has been explored by two tunnels, which have run in on the vein at the base of the steep mountain on either side of and a few feet above the level of the creek, exposing to view between the present terminus of each tunnel, about 700 feet of the vein, which is composed of quartz impregnated with very heavy, fine grained, dark colored iron sulphurets carrying gold and very rich. From the tunnel on the north side of the creek to the summit of the mountain is more than a mile and very steep. About two thousand feet up this mountain the same character of ore is exposed for over 600 feet in width and projecting high above the surrounding surface on the south side of the creek, the mountain is more abrupt and much steeper, the distance being about 1,500 feet from the base to the summit, where another huge outcropping of mineralized quartz is ex-

posed, and continuing down the opposite side of the mountain several hundred feet, where another tunnel is being pushed into it, from which considerable of the same character is being extracted, and which is elevated several hundred feet higher than the openings on the vein on Cracker creek; onward to the south the lode finds its way through the mountains and across canyons for miles and has been located in mining claims all along the line, which are being developed with flattering results. Another large vein similar in nearly every particular to the one just described, and running parallel with it lies, about four miles to the West and is known as the Mother Lode; although this lode is traversing a granite formation, the formation is slate, through which the former runs. The Mother lode has been discovered for nearly five miles and shows a width of from 29 to over 100 feet, and is cross-cut by the waters of Silver creek, where a large lot of sulphurated quartz carrying gold is exposed to view, which continues for hundreds of feet along the lode; the same character of ore is found in various places along the whole length of the lode. From the lode branches off several well-defined veins of good size for working, on which has been done considerable development work and forms a very interesting group of mines. Lying still further west about three miles from the Mother lode and running parallel with it in a gneiss formation, is the La Bellvue lode, which has cut its way through a high range and has been explored at different places along its course for thousands of feet on each side of the La Bellvue mountain; the main tunnel is on the south side and is on the vein several hundred feet, exposing a true fissure, which varies in width from two to five feet; several chimneys have been passed through of from 50 to 200 feet in length, which are composed of high grade gold and silver ore, silver predominating, and where the larger swells are, the richer the ore in the veins, continues to improve as depth is attained, and, judging from surface indications the richest part of the veins is yet to be encountered, as some distance ahead of the breast of the tunnel and on the summit of the mountain a shaft has been sunk from which considerable silver glance was taken that would assay from 60 to 70 per cent silver.

During the winter between 700 and 1,000 tons of ore were removed from the mine by the work of but two men; while developing from this will be assorted one hundred tons of first-class ore for shipment to the Denver ore market. Nearly 100 tons of the same class of ore from this mine shipped to Denver, yielded as high as \$330,000 per ton by the car load. On the same lode, and directly below the La Bellvue mine, is located the Wide West, on which about 1,000 feet of tunnels has been run, exposing a good sized and continuous vein of ore; this is magnificent property, and is the key to the unlocking of the treasures contained within the walls of the whole lode for thousands of feet. Several other properties of considerable importance are being developed in this vicinity, and within a radius of several miles from the Cable Cove group of mines are to be found numerous ledges of quartz with similar surface indications to those already developed that are yet to be prospected; with one exception, all the properties in this region are owned by the prospectors, who are the original discoverers, consequently they are open for investigation and purchase, and I must say that a more inviting field for the investment of capital, the sun never shone on; the developed and partly developed mines will certainly bear the most rigid inspection; they contain the ores that carry the precious metals, while adjacent and near at hand are all the facilities combined necessary for successful and profitable mining operations; extensive and dense forests of the choicest quality of timber everywhere abound, while the many rugged mountain streams offer unlimited water power; the climate has no superior in any mountain region; the mines are all easy of access by way of Baker City, to the head waters of Powder river; owing to the fact that many of the properties are fairly developed, showing large quantities of ore which are attracting the attention of capitalists from the mining centers of distant parts; the country is certainly on the eve of a prosperous, solid and substantial mining boom. D. C. P.

ABOUT THE COURT HOUSE.

PENDLETON, ORE., May 22, 1888.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian:

It appears that candidates for the coming election are very hard run for issues, and are at a loss what to say or do in order to become popular and gain votes. Perhaps they would gain more votes by keeping silent than to publish their opinions and absurd ideas, especially such letters as that published in the Daily Republican on May 17th, signed William Martin. I am now a resident of Pendleton for ten years. I have closely watched the prosperity of Pendleton, and seen it grow from a few people up to a town of thousands, and from a few box houses to brick blocks, until there are now more than a dozen blocks that are a credit to Pendleton, and would be to any city ten times its size. We have an ex-mayor of Pendleton, and during his term of office there was a levee built, about a mile long, to protect the town from high water, at a cost of about \$60,000. Now this same ex-mayor is a candidate for the office of county judge, and right on the eve of election, through his great wisdom, he gives his opinions that we have no fit ground in Pendleton for a foundation of a two-story court house. Pendleton has a five-story flour mill, large warehouses

that will hold 10,000 tons, an opera house, and other large brick blocks, and contemplated building three-story brick hotels. All these foundations are solid and firm, and will stand for ages. I also perceive that Mr. Martin has considerable money invested in buildings in Pendleton. It appears he is not afraid to risk his own money in Pendleton, but he tells the citizens of Umatilla county it is not safe to build a court house in Pendleton, as we cannot get a good foundation. No, the county must not risk its money in such an unsafe place. Now where does he advise the court house to be built? Upon the bluff or hill, either north of the river or south of the railroad, but it must go on Main street. Now, Mr. Martin, which end of Main street, north or south? This question is very important to the voters, especially on election day. He also preaches economy. As the present Honorable County Court introduced a plan in which to build a court house with out costing the county anything, by selling the Main street property and building on College block, he now sees where he can economize by selling both blocks, and purchasing a piece of property on the Hill on Main street. He proposes still further to economize by paying architect Babcock about \$2000, and throw his plans away, and accept some other plans. Why take other plans? Because that other picture was nicely colored, and of such a modern style of architecture. He don't take into consideration, as our present county court did, the plan of internal arrangements of the building, for its convenience and durability of structure. No doubt but any unprejudiced mechanic would coincide with the present county court in their good judgment in accepting architect Babcock's plans for a court house. If they did make such a great error, as Mr. Martin says, it is strange that the honorable county court of Yamhill county should accept the same plans for their court house, against five competent architects of San Francisco and two of Portland. Now where the present county court contemplates building the court house, (on College block) the court house can be erected for \$4,000 less than any place Mr. Martin can select on the hill, and the facilities for sewerage are better on College block than any other place in the town of Pendleton. Now, William Martin's economy would take out of the county's purse about \$4,000 which he would pay more to build on the hill, and \$2,000 which he would throw away by adopting another plan, all for the benefit of the so-called (and there is probably more truth than poetry in it) Pendleton Main street court house ring. JUSTICE.

Record of Zooth Houser.

From the Centerville Home Press.

It is impossible to deal with Zooth Houser properly without connecting him with N. Hendryx, ex-treasurer. In our issue two weeks ago we showed how Zooth Houser got rich, and how Zooth got poor, every word of which was taken from the county books.

It will be remembered how Zooth jumped from paying taxes on \$400, in 1882 to \$3000 in 1883, the time he entered into partnership with Norman Hendryx, and on the part of the company of H & H, there were taxes paid on \$4800. Hendryx was all right with the State board up to the time of his entering into partnership with Houser.

Right there the trouble commenced. Now the law requires that Umatilla county shall remit the taxes due the State by the first of April of each year. In 1884, Hendryx kept out of the State funds until July \$11,817.04, and there was a deficit of \$3,278.43.

This was the year Zooth got rich, and was assessed \$2,000, and the firm of Houser & Hendryx \$19,000. In 1885 Hendryx was delinquent to the State in the sum of \$13,000; all this was H. & H. business, and interest was charged on said amount to Umatilla county, and taxpayers were suffering from such a state of affairs.

In 1886 Houser & Hendryx were assessed at \$18,770. The county court reduced the tax to \$12,000, and the firm of Houser & Hendryx was burst.

But a deficiency of \$10,144.76 occurs to the State in that year, to-wit, 1886. Houser was burst, Hendryx was burst, and in 1887 Houser was assessed on \$655, and the tax on the company's assessment, after being reduced by the county court, is now delinquent, as well as Zooth's, for the year 1887.

These figures are all under the certificate of the State treasurer, and cannot be denied. This and what was due the county from Hendryx—formed the stock in trade—no doubt and when the day of settlement came, as we said before, the firm was BUSTED.

Hendryx was an honest man until he met Houser. Is there any one after this showing so dumb as not to know that Hendryx deliberately kept back the State funds, and that Houser shares with him the odium, and shared the profits and losses in investments?

We ask in all candor can any one vote for Houser to handle the county money? We expect to see such works made odious by refusing to support Houser, and deposit your vote for honest John Bentley.

The world's insect species number 329,000, according to Dr. J. A. Hantner, 25,000 belonging to the United States. About 25,000 prey upon the productions of man, 7,000 of 8,000 being fruit pests, and no less than 210 being known on the apple tree alone.

Drs. Vincent, Fitzgerald, Joyce, Newman and Goodsell have been elected bishops in the M. E. Church.