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leeting at Court House Was Not Largely Attended by Public School Patrons.

M. PIERCE MAKES ELO-QUENT PLEA FOR SCHOOLS.

nel E. D. Boyd Objects to Higher axation and Suggests That Old uildings Be Repaired - Twenty hildren Refused Admission Beuse of Scarcity of Room,

it a small portion of the taxpayof Pendleton responded to the for a mass meeting on Saturday , to discuss the proposed school

school board was represented meeting by Walter M. Pierce. Failing and District Clerk John

Pierce, on calling the meeting fer, expressed the keen regret the board, that the citizens adleton had not turned out en to advise with the school upon this important issue. Reviews School Situation.

stated that the school room sitin this district had driven the rs to the extremity of asking bond issue. Over one thousd children are crowded into the 19

now in use, hese 19 rooms, 11 are regularly ed school rooms. The high building on the hill contains and the Field school in the end of town, contains three The other eight rooms are shift rooms ,all over crowded gree, poorly lighted for school s and not conducive to health

ard of Health Interested.

large territory that the city tendent is handicapped to a extent in his work of super-All the rooms in use are overand those in the basement high school building are scarcethan cellars, as they are besurface of the ground and ce has received an intimation from the state board of that these underground rooms to be condemned, if their not discontinued.

Board Seeks Advice.

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Pierce stated to the meeting e school board had earnestly advice of the patrons of the and the citizens; that the plans eving the situation were open ussion. That the board invittaxpayers to visit the schools. themselves the condition that nd then to candidly and opens a permanent means of resaid the board, during the nter, had great difficulty in ig even temporary quarters. oms had been improvised in mbly hall of the high school. old academy building was make room for the pupils e daily swelling the enroll-

As to Taxation,

e on the ground that taxaalready high, and suggested temporary buildings be re-Ie asked why it was that the this district had constantly during the past four or five

, Mr. Pierce cited him to that Pendleton had but 12 three years ago, when Procame here. Today 19 teachers in the public Property valuation has concreased and last year one added to the Field school nearly \$1,500.

Academy Building. Boyd's suggestion that rebe made to the academy as answered by Mr. Pierce, the old buildings were unnent repairs. They were by the board as an emergthat the building site is piece of property and its a good business deal ict. It is now the intenboard to utilize this valuthe erection of a substan-

om building, if encourcitizens. to Large Building. answered Colonel Boyd's building an eight-room tead of two or three by saying that with one om building, the district impelled to use at least rary rooms, in addition ools would open next fall r 23 teachers. Within two an eight-room building necessity on the site of hool, or in that locality, least a four-room buildertainly be needed north To build a small house ean to repeat the same ar and continually each the district is fully sup-The school room Baker City, with less s business, less country

rooms, situated in different portions of the city, have been built, and an-

other is in contemplation, Turned Away From School.

Professor E. B. Conklin briefly addressed the meeting. He said that the number of scholars in the rooms at present was from 40 to 65 in each. On resuming school after the holiday vacation, he told the meeting, that over 20 children of school age, who came in at that time, were sent home, as there was absolutely no room for them in the present quar-These scholars live in Pendleton, draw public money, are entitled to an education, yet must be denied this blessing, on account of the scarcity of room, and the inability of the school board to provide suitable accommodations, with the means at

Must Prepare for the Future. In his concluding remarks Mr

Pierce called attention to the fact that other cities were forging ahead of Pendleton in such a degree, in school improvement that the proud prestige enjoyed by this city, from an educational standpoint is in dan-Weston, in this county. Walla Walla, and other near neighbors of Pendleton, were preparing to accommodate the great country district that move to cities for school. The shortage of room here, is an absolute menace to the business interests of the community. Those who would gladly build homes here, spend money here, add their activity and wealth to the business circles of this city, will be forced to go elsewhere where school facilities are inviting. He referred to the injustice of past assessments. Cited the fact that one assessor, 12 \$1,500,000 years ago. returned dollars in this city, while the present assessment is but \$1,025,000. He invited the citizens of Pendleton to cooperate with the board; to give their moral support to the struggles of the school officers, to improve the situation, for the sake of the city's name and fame and for the sake of the children now knocking at our doors for admission to the public schools.

schools are scattered over JUSTICE RICHARDSON CON-DUCTING INVESTIGATION.

> Frank Myers Found Dead in His Cabin Sunday, Shot Through the Head-Pistol on the Table.

Ernest Myers, a sheep herder, was found dead in his cabin, 16 miles nearly north, but a little to the eastward of Helix, last evening. The fact was reported to Helix and

a report made to Dr. Cole, county coroner, who sent up a request that D. B. Richardson, a justice of the peace, conduct an investigation of the case. All the known facts concerning the case that can be learned about the affairs are learned by 'phone from Captain Isaac, of Helix, who states that at that hour 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, the investigation was still in progress, or at least the parties making the investigation had not yet reported to Helix.

All that is known is that Frank Myers was found dead in his cabin Sunday evening with a pistol shot wound over the right eye, near Dickson's sheep camp, in Van Sycle Cansix miles from Killiam station.

It is said that the pistol lay on the table. Perhaps on this fact, if investigation proves the statement to be a fact, will be founded whatever evidences of murder may exist. The E. D. Boyd objected to the first reports gave no indication whether the case was one of suicide or murder.

### "MURDER FACTORY."

Seventy Homes Under Surveillance of Detectives in Philadelphia,

Philadelphia, March 16.-Every detective in the city today is working on the Hossey "murder factory" case and by the end of the week hope to be able to show whether or not the general suspicion is true that the old 'voodoo" doctor assisted in killing of anywhere between 50 and 100 persons. The bodies of two supposed victims will be exhumed in a day or two and if the stomachs upon examination reveals poison, the bodies of all those named in Hossey's memoranda will be exhumed. More than 70 homes in Philadelphia are now under surveillance.

### HARRISON NOMINATED.

Present Mayor's Record Now Equals That of His Father .

Chicago, March 16 .- For the fourth successive time the democrats Chicago this afternoon nominated Carter H. Harrison as its mayoralty candidate. The present mayor's record now equals that of his famous father, who was nominated for four successive times.

### THREE MINERS KILLED.

Second Explosion at Kankakee Caus-

ed by Fire-Damp. Kankakee, Ill., March 16 .- Three were killed by a second fire-damp ex-plosion in the Cardiff mine last night. Two were killed in the mine and three in a shaft of the Cardiff in a remote section. Details are meager, A number were killed in this mine

E. H. Ashbaugh and C. D. Ashbaugh came over from Pendleton last evenless wealth, than Pening on business with the land office.entioned. In that city La Grande Chronicle.

# RAILROADS OPENLY ANNOUNCE THEIR OPPOSITION TO CANAL

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1903.

Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Unite and Employ Lobby to Defeat Ratification of the Panama Treaty.

ASA B. THOMPSON, OF PENDLETON, APPOINTED RECEIVER OF LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE-DALY THE NEW SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF OREGON.

Washington, March 16.-The rail-| brought against Meldrum and Swack road interests are doing their utmost hamer has proved incompetent. to defeat the Panama canal treaty. vote tomorrow. They claim enough democratic votes have been secured by them, added to the six or eight rements have been delayed, publican votes from the central and Pacific states to kill the treaty. The anti-canal lobby here is said to be in and the Union Pacific, working in the Gould-Harriman interests. Their advocacy, san blas, of a tunnel route merely a blind to cloak their opposition to any canal whatever. They so amend the treaty as to make its acceptance by the Colombian congress impossible; second, to obtain 31 votes against the ratification of the treaty.

To Support Amendments.

Washington, March 16 .- The democratic caucus today decided to unitedy support the two amendments to the Panama canal treaty. One is to ensure police control of the canal by the United States, and the other is to include Mexico with the republics of Central America in the declaration. contained in the treaty, that the United States does not desire to acquire a part of their territory. It is not likely that the democrats will vote against the ratification of the treaty if the amendments are defeat-

Ten to Sixty.

Washington, March 16 .- The senate in executive session this afternoon, voted down the amendment to the Panama canal treaty which proposed that the treaty would not be . "ective until the house concurred. The vote was 60 to 10. The latter figure is believed to represent the entire democratic vote to be cast against the ratification. Several minor amendments were defeated.

For La Grande Office.

Washington, March 16.-The Oregon delegation today united in recomending the appointment of John W. Knowles, of La Grande, as register, and Asa B. Thompson, of Pendleton, as receiver of the land office at La Grande, to succeed Edward W. Bartlett and Samuel O. Swackhamer whose terms have long since expired

Efforts have been made for nearly year to secure a change at this of fice, government inspections having shown it to be in a most unsatisfac tory condition. Bartlett has rested charges similar to those law

### PREPARING FOR SUFFRAGISTS.

Headquarters Established Today in New Orleans for Big Meeting.

New Orleans, La., March 16 .- Headquarters were established today for the annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association which will be in session here the latter part of this week. The convention will attract an array of eminent women that has seldom been equalled in the South. Besides the venerable Susan B. Anthony, who will be the central figure of the gathering, the visitors will include such prominent leaders of the equal suffrage movement as Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Miss Anna Shaw, Gail Laughlin, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, all of New York; Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, of Philadelphia: Alice Stone Blackwell, of Boston; Dr. Julian Holmes Smith, of Chicago; Miss Laura Clay ,of Kentucky; Miss Belle Kearney, of Mississippi, and Miss Francis Griffin, of Alabama.

Wednesday evening there will be a reception in honor of the visitors and and the business sessions of the convention will begin the following morning. The arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the delegates are being made on an elaborate scale.

### BURDICK INQUEST.

Family Physician Gives Testimony Relative to Finding the Corpse.

Buffalo, March 16 .- The Burdick inquest was resumed this afternoon. Dr. March, the Burdick family physician, was the first witness. earlier testimony was immaterial. merely dealing with the finding of the согрве.

He said when he entered the house Mrs. Hull, the mother-in-law of the dead man, apparently knew nothing of the crime and seemed greatly shocked man told that Burdick had the similar celebrations of previous been murdered.

To add to the confusion in the of fice, it is reported to the department They are openly bragging that it will that Swackhamer and Bartlett have not be ratified when it comes to a long been personal enemies and never speak to each other. Heretofore the delegation has been unable to agree upon new officers; hence the appoint-

The president has not vet sent in the nomination of Dresser as register of the Oregon City land office, as rethe employ of the Southern Pacific, cently recommended by the delegation.

President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the nomination of John D. for the canal across the isthmus, is Daly of Corvallis, to be suveyor-general of Oregon. No action as taken, however, looking to confirmation. have been working earnestly; first to which will probably be given this week.

> Ankeny Sworn in. Washington, March 16 .- Levi An-

keny, the new senator from Washington, was sworn in today.

FIVE SITES CHOSEN.

Government Will Begin Irrigation Work at Once, in the West.

Washington, March 16.-Secretary Hitchcock, of the interior department, has granted authority for the acquisition of necessary property, rights of way, etc., prior to the construction of irrigation works in five localities. These projects are: Wyoming, Sweetwater dam; Montana, Milk River; Colorado, Gunnison tunnel; Nevada Truckee; Arizona, Salt River reser-

These projects are estimated to May 10, Delmont; 11, San Jose; 12, cost \$7,000,000, and will provide for San Francisco. the irigation of about 600,000 acres of arid land. In addition thereto the Gray Bull reservoir project is to be taken up immediately.

The construction remains subject to the possibility of obtaining the neces- ington, stopping at sary rights and the adjustment of private claims in such manner as to comply with the act approved June 17.

The authority granted relates to the projects upon which the examinations justify estimates of cost and results. Several others in other states are as well advanced as regards investigation, and it is expected that further recommendations can soon be made.

The secretary has also authorized the expenditure during the present calendar year of \$450,000 on surveys, borings for foundations and other examinations, which will be carried on in all of the states and territories included within the provisions of the

### TRIBUTE TO ROCKEFELLER

People of the United States Help to Make Standard Oil Trust Very Prosperous.

New York, March 16 .- Holders of stock in the Standard Oil Company were made richer today by the payment of a dividend of \$20 a share on the capital stock of \$100,000,000. The disbursement is an increase of \$10 a share over the amount of the last November dividend, but it is the same amount as was declared in February, 1902, 1901 and 1900.

The total dividends paid on Standard Oil shares in previous years have been as follows: In 1902, 45 per cent; 1901, 48 per cent; 1900, 48 per cent; 1899, 33 per cent; 1898, 30 per cent; 1897, 33 per cent; 1896, 31 per cent; from 1891 to 1895 inclusive, 12 per cent yearly. Judging from the amount of the first quarterly dividend it is believed in financial circles that total disbursements for this year will be fully equal if not in excess of the best dividends of former years.

### LIPTON'S CHALLENGER.

is Said to Be a Vast Improvement Over Previous Challenge

Glasgow, March 16.-Members the press and others, were admitted today into the ship yards where Lipton's challenger is being constructed. All agreed that the boat is a vast improvement over the previous challengers and that if the Americans retain the cup this year they have made a marvelous advance.

Miles a Guest at the Hub. Boston, March 16.—General Nelson Miles is on his way to Poston and tomorrow he will be the guest of hon or at the annual celebration of Evac

Pays \$20,000 Cash for a Tract of Eighty Acres.

RAILROAD BUYS LAND.

Vancouver, March 16 .- An import ant real estate deal was consummated here whereby the agents of the Port land, Vancouver & Yakima railroad, which is owned by the Northern Pacific, purchased the 80-acre farm owned by H. G. Classen, just east of town, for the sum of \$20,000 cash The land will be used by the company for tracks and for a place to build log booms on the river front. The right of way having been granted through the military reserve it is confidently expected that work of extending the line will be commenced soon. The distance is about two miles. As a consequence of the deal many persons who have property in the vicinity have placed their holdings for sale and all the real estate has trebled in price. In fact, prices have gone up to the boom figures of 1890 in some instances. Well posted men claim that the buying of this land means the establishment of machine shops here soon and a roundhouse.

#### IRON IN ALASKA.

Great Deposits Found on Prince of Wales Island in Southeastern Part.

Seattle, March 16.-What are stated to be the greatest deposits of iron ore in the West have been found on Prince of Wales Island, Southeastern Alaska. Tests conducted by experts of the United States geological survey show the deposits, it is said. to be equal to the best magnetic fron found in Sweden. The discovery will enable the steel mills which are to be erected in this section in the near future to obtain an unlimited supply on Prince of Wales Island, thereby avoiding the necessity of paying duty on ore which it has been proposed to import from British Celumbia

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, March 16.-Wheat-74%@ 74% o per bushel.

## THE PRESIDENT WILL VISIT US

WILL REACH HERE ABOUT 26TH OF MAY.

Itinerary of Roosevelt Is Issued Today From Washington-Will Reach Cal

ifornia May 6. Washington, March 16 .- The president's itinerary was issued today in part as follows: May 6, California;

On the 21st he will be at Portland: 22d, Tacoma; same

On the 25th he will leave on a trip through Central and Eastern Wash-Walla Walla. Spokane, and possibly Pendleton. He will reach Bolse on the 28th and thence will proceed slowly eastward.

While in Southern California will visit Redlands and Los Angeles, but the exact dates are uncertain, have been made in sufficient detail to but probably May 7, 8 and 9. He will also visit the Yosemite valley

### KNAP GIVEN A HEARING

Murderer Was Unconcerned-No Witnesses in His Behalf.

Hamilton, O., March 16 .- Strangter Knapp was given a preliminary hearing today on the charge of murdering his second wife, Maggle Goddard Knapp. The prisoner was bound over without bonds. He offered no witnesses in his defense and was seemingly unconcerned. After the proceedings, several persons in court said the prisoner ought to be lynched, but the crowd dispersed quietly.

### CHINESE PHEASANTS,

E. Kees Imports Six and Turns

Them Loose on Dry Creek. The first attempt to introduce the Chinese pheasant in Walla Walla county has been made by J. E. Kees, who lately received two roosters and four hens from near Portland, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The birds have been turned loose on Sam-

uel Kee's place on Dry Creek Mr. Kees says he is going to keep an eye on the birds to see that hunt ers do not take a pot shot at them as they cost him landed down some thing like \$20. The Chinese pheasant propagates very rapidly and is said to be one of the most prolific game birds known. A few days after the hatching of the brood the hen leaves them in care of the rooster and sets about raising another flock. Mr. Kees will make an attempt to domesticate some of the birds for home consump-

An attempt to introduce the bird in Whitman county a few years ago was such a huge success that farmers were compelled to wage a determined war on them and finally exterminate the flocks altogether. The birds are exceedingly fine game birds, but they are very fond of wheat, which was ultimately responsible for their extermination in Whitman county.

Bank Is Closed.

Washington, March 16 .- The First National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., was closed today by order of the comptroller of the currency.

Wright Up for Examination.

New York, March 16.—Whitaker Wright was brought before the United States commissioner today for examination.

## RISING RAPIDLY

Mississippi River Now Over a Foot Above Highest Water Mark on Record.

THOUSANDS IN LOWLANDS

LEAVE THEIR HOMES.

Levee Burst at Endsley, Flooding 100 Square Miles-All River Traffic Has Been Ordered Stopped for Fear of Levees Being Damaged.

Memphis, Tenn., March 16.-The Mississippi River is rising at an appalling rate. It is now over a foot above the highest water mark on record and six feet over the danger line. The strain on the levees above the city is tremendous. Thousands of people between New Madrid, Mo., and Memphis are on the verge of a panic. Many have already left their homes. Hundreds are coming here.

At New Orleans.

New Orleans, March 16 .- The city levees are still holding but the levee at Endsley burst this morning, flooding 100 square miles. The sun is shining here for the first time in 10 All river traffic has been ordered to stop as the boats caused the waves to wash over the levees,

Two Crevasses.

New Orleans, March 16 .- Two creavasses, each 1,000 feet long, are reported 65 miles below the city and beyond control,

Weather in Chicago. Chicago, March 16 .- Threatening, probably rain tonight and Tuesday.

NEW DITCH COMPANY.

Echo Country Will Be Further Developed by Hinkle Ditch Company, Just Organized.

The Hinkle Ditch Company was incorporated and organized last Saturday. The incorporators are J. T. Hinkle. H. S. Garfield and C. L. Hastings. Mr. Hinkle is president, Mr. Garfield is secretary and Messrs. Hinkle, Garfield and Hastings directors. The capital stock is placed at \$5,000. The company owns land which is accessible to the ditch, which will leave the Umatilla River three-quarters of a

mile south of the Echo Four or five miles of ditch will be dug this summer, placing within reach of water from it a large tract of land. The intention is to ultimately connect the ditch with Butter Creek, thus arranging for the surplus to eventually return to the Umatilla River. The ditch leaves the river near the point of diversion of the Allen ditch. The intention is to utilize with the Hinkle ditch surplus or flood waters mainly, as the prior rights to most of the water in the river have been se-

The intention is to develop and demonstrate to the utmost the production of alfalfa from sage brush land following two good and thorough soakings of the soil. That this can be done is long ago a demonstrated

The Hinkle ditch expects to secure and use 25,000 miners' inches of water during the season. Practically all the land is accessable to feeders from the government ditches also. Two crops of alfalfa have been found to be as sured upon most of the sage brush lands from two good soakings of the

C. B. WADE APPOINTED.

Governor Chamberlain Names Him Successor to Judge Lowell.

Governor Chamberlain has named C. B. Wade, of this city, to fill the vacancy on the Lewis and Clark fair board, caused by the resignation of Judge S. A. Lowell. Mr. Wade has not yet decided whether to accept the honor or not, owing to the great strett of business.

Champions Go South.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—The de-parture of the Pittsburg ball team of the National League for the Southern training ground is set for this even-ing and all of the players are on hand to take the trip. Hot Springs, Ark., has been selected as the most suitable place for the team to get into condition for the pennant race. route home from the Arkansas resort practice games will be played with Little Rock, St. Paul, Pine Bluff, St. Louis Americans, Louisville, Indianapolis and Columbus.

To Honor French Ambassador. Chicago, Ill., March 16.—President William R. Harper of the University

of Chicago, has returned from his brief trip in order to be present at the winter convocation of the university tomorrow. M. Jean Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador at Washington, has likewise come to Chicago and will receive the honorary degree of Dostor of Laws at the convocation. The honor will be the same as was conferred by the university on his predecessor, M. Cambon.

Of the 25 men who have been president of the United States, 10 have no descendants.