

Eastern Oregon Weather
Tonight fair; Friday increasing cloudiness followed by rain or snow.

GATES TO THE CONVENTION

Officers and Prominent Men Who Will Visit

PORTION OF OREGON IS REPRESENTED.

Church Workers of All Denominations Will Take Part in the Wonderful Organization Which All the Churches and Touch Shoulders of the Best Pulpit Orators West Coming to the Meet-

ing is the list of officers, and delegates who will attend the meeting of the state convention, which convenes at 7:30:

Officers.

J. A. Rockwood, Portland; Miss Martha Cass, ... H. S. Gile, Salem, ...

Members for the Convention.

O. Rust, Seattle; Dr. E. Portland; E. C. Bronough, ... Mrs. D. A. Thompson, ...

City—Frank H. Andrew, ...

Miss Pearl Milligan, ...

E. C. Downing, ...

Mrs. Hanzaker, Miss ...

Mrs. A. F. Heury, ...

George C. Watkins and ...

View the War.

Feb. 18.—Henri ... brigadier-general of ... constabulary ...

Darby and Miss Ella Anderson, Grants—Rev. J. K. McGilvary, Prineville—Miss Winnifred Child, Heppner—Miss Ethel Reif, Miss Mary Behrens, Miss Esther Ford and Miss Gertrude Crawford.

Athens—John M. Scott, Miss Nellie Foss, Miss Fay Gerking, Miss Stackland, Miss Lizzie McIntire, Mrs. Annie Foss, Bethene Swaggart, Lizzie McKenzie, Miss Anna Black, Asa Troyer, Viola Van Vrankin and Ernest Hudson.

Milton—Katie Stone, Harry Waller, Otis C. Ingle, Walter Morris and Alice Christian.

La Grande—Mrs. F. K. Nordorff, Miss Gertrude Ralston, E. T. Thome, C. E. Carey, Margaret Noble, Elizabeth Noble, Miss Mary Tait, Miss Laura Holm, Miss Edna McCall, Miss Florence McCall, Miss Hattie Short, Miss Lena Coy, Miss Lula Hedrick and Miss Estella Chandler.

Island City—Misses Pearl and Rua Knickerbocker.

Elgin—Mrs. Rhoda Hugg, Miss Mary Chandler and Miss Rose Nicholson.

Baker City—Mrs. Lee C. Bell, Miss Olga Liebe, Miss Belle Lowry, Mr. Armstrong, Miss Inez Dewep, Arthur Hughes and Mrs. Gambol.

Union—Five delegates, names not received.

Huntington—Rev. D. Leppert and wife.

Prairie City—Miss Sarah Hall and Mrs. Melissa Meador.

Willsburg—Miss Louise Dementhen.

TRYING TO BREAK GREAT ICE GORGE

EXTRAORDINARY AND ORIGINAL PROCEDURE

Vast Bonfires Will Be Built to Melt and Break the Front Crest of the Gorge, Which is Thirty Miles Long in the Susquehanna River.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 18.—Eight carloads of petroleum will be fired on the crest of the ice gorge at Kippe's Run this afternoon, in an effort to melt it and move the gorge, which is thirty miles long and from twenty of fifty feet high in the Susquehanna River. Large pools of oil will be formed, in which will be placed railway ties, and scores of fires will be lighted.

The towns now threatened by inundation if the gorge continues are sending hundreds of men to assist. The river at this point is four-fifths of a mile wide.

In Session at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 8.—At the Hotel Chelsea this evening several scores of penologists, educators, philanthropists and experts on organized charity work will assemble for the opening of the third annual meeting of the New Jersey State Conference of Charities and Correction. The proceedings will continue through Friday and Saturday and will be presided over by Benjamin F. Lee of Trenton.

Ex-Governor Voorhees and Bishop McPaul of Trenton will be among the prominent participants.

Editors of Gopher State.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 18.—Editors from all parts of the state, members of the Minnesota Editorial association, assembled at the Commercial club in this city today for their thirty-third annual meeting. A two days' program has been arranged. The sessions will be devoted for the most part to the general discussion of such topics as are of particular interest to the country press. The matter of an editorial excursion to the St. Louis world's fair will also be discussed.

SUITS BROUGHT.

Seek to Recover on Notes, With Interest and Disbursements. W. M. Nash has brought suit against H. L. Chittenden and wife to recover on a note for \$225, together with interest at 10 per cent from December 24, 1901, and fees, costs and disbursements. It is also asked that a mortgage held as security for the note be foreclosed and the property, consisting of lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in block 1, in Holdman's addition to Adams, be sold to satisfy the obligation. Halley & Lowell are attorneys for the plaintiff.

D. W. French has brought suit against C. B. Wade and W. T. Rigby to recover \$5,000 alleged to be due on a note given by the latter defendant to the former, and bought by the plaintiff.

It is alleged that the note was given for \$5,000 at 6 per cent in favor of C. B. Wade, who sold it to the plaintiff. No part of the note has been paid except \$300 for one year's interest. The plaintiff asks for the note with interest, together with \$500 for attorney's fees and the further costs of the action. Balle-ray & McCourt are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

JAPANESE FOUND A NAVAL BASE NEAR PORT ARTHUR

Dissatisfied Finns Threaten to Make Trouble for Russia if They Are Conscripted for the War.

Departure of Chinese Troops for the Manchurian Frontier is Postponed

Russians Lost Nearly 500 Men by the Sinking of Two Cruisers—Outrages Perpetrated Upon Non-Combatant Japanese in Manchuria—Russians Report Everything Quiet Along the Yalu River.

Rome, Feb. 18.—The Russian embassy here is authority for the statement that the Japanese fleet has established a base for supplies at Elliott Islands, off the coast of Liao Tung peninsula, 75 miles from Port Arthur. This tends to show that Japan is preparing for a great joint attack for the reduction of Port Arthur.

Finns Feel Rebellious. Kelsingford, Finland, Feb. 18.—Strong anti-Russian feeling prevails throughout Finland.

Under the present arrangements with Russian, Finnish conscripts cannot be sent outside Finland, but as the old Finnish army organization was abolished and the Russian system introduced, it is feared Finnish troops will be sent to the Far East, despite Russian promises to the contrary.

Riots and mutinies will probably follow such order. Much disturbance would give Russia an excuse for abolishing the last vestiges of Finnish autonomy.

Lost 456 Men. London, Feb. 18.—A Reuter's dispatch from Tokio says 17 Russian officers and 439 men were either killed or drowned in the fight at Chemulpo, when the Variag and Korietz were sunk.

All Quiet on the Yalu. St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Major-General Pfum, chief of staff at Port Arthur, reports Port Arthur tranquil and the situation unchanged. He also reports the Yalu district as peaceful and that none of the enemy can be found within 40 miles of the Russian encampments.

American Troops East. San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Orders have been received at the Presidio, according to rumor, to hold the 10th and 28th infantry and fourth cavalry in readiness for transportation to the Far East. Following the alleged receipt of the order the privileges of visitors at the Presidio are restricted.

As the regiments affected by the order to prepare for the movement east only recently returned from the Philippines, the presumption is of preparations for eventualities from the Russo-Japanese war.

German Consul Scolds. Moscow, Feb. 18.—The German

consul appeared outside the consulate today and addressed a crowd, hotly condemning Japan for striking before declaring war.

Chinese Troops to the Front. Peking, Feb. 18.—The departure of Chinese troops for Tokinchua, where they will guard the frontier, is postponed until February 21. No reasons for the postponement are announced.

Passengers Released. Nagasaki, Feb. 18.—Five Russian passengers detained on the steamer Armut, and one on the steamer Ekaterinosky, were released at Saeb today and allowed to proceed to their destination.

Russian Ruffianism at Port Arthur. London, Feb. 18.—A telegram received by Minister Hayashi today, from Chee Foo, reports serious outrages on the Japanese by the Russian soldiers at Port Arthur.

Refugees arriving at Chee Foo, reported they were refused food and water, exceptions not even made in the case of sick women and children. The soldiers also robbed all of their luggage.

The refugees say the soldiers are completely out of discipline and are doing wholesale pillaging. Officers, in some cases, supplied shopkeepers with arms to keep the soldiers at bay.

Offer of German Hospitals. Berlin, Feb. 18.—The kaiser has notified both the czar and the mikado that the German hospitals at Kienochau and Yokohama are available for the care of the wounded.

Labor Trouble at Vladivostok. Washington, Feb. 18.—Official advice say Chinese seamen are being employed at Vladivostok by the Russians, and the czar is now threatened with a seamen's strike.

Russian Seamen have petitioned Grand Duke Michaelovitch to stop hiring cheap yellow labor.

Russians Lying Low. Tokio, Feb. 18.—It is officially denied that Russians have crossed the Yalu river in an advance towards the Japanese forces.

Sailed Under Sealed Orders. Paris, Feb. 18.—Sealed orders have been sent to the captains of four cruisers which are about to join the French squadron in the Far East, with instructions not to open them until at sea.

REV. EDWARDS ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Rev. Johnathan Edwards, pastor of the Congregational church, who is an enthusiastic worker in the cause of the Christian Endeavor said to the East Oregonian today in regard to that organization: "It is generally conceded that the Christian Endeavor movement was among the greatest of the latter part of the nineteenth century. Some great authorities deem it as the beginning of a new era in the world's religious history. It has already become, perhaps, the most effective interdenominational force among all the agencies that work for righteousness.

DESTROYED BY SNOWSLIDE.

Buildings of the Chloride Mining Company in Baker County, Swept Away by Avalanche.

Baker City, Feb. 18.—The property of the Chloride Mining Company, including the mill, boarding-house, and shaft houses, was all swept into a deep canyon, 200 feet below the level of the mine, by an avalanche yesterday.

The snow which had fallen to a great depth, broke loose about 2,000 feet above the camp, and came down with a noise like thunder, sweeping everything before it. No one was in the building at the time and so far as is known now, no lives were lost.

The machinery and building lie beneath 200 feet of snow in the bottom of a steep canyon and no effort will be made to recover any of the property until after the snow melts away in the spring.

MUST BE SHOT.

"Dutch Charley," of Salt Lake City, Will Pay Death Penalty.

Salt Lake, Feb. 18.—The supreme court today affirmed the lower court decision in the case of Charles Botha (Dutch Charley) sentenced to be shot on November 17, 1902.

Charley shot his girl wife and lover in a lonely cabin on the edge of the desert, two years ago, through jealousy.

ANCIENT COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED

WAS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE YEARS OLD.

Will Be Rebuilt on Original Lines—Belonged to the Fourth Oldest Educational Institution in the United States; Dartmouth.

Hanover, Feb. 18.—Fire this morning destroyed the old Dartmouth College dormitory, which was the first one built for the famous institution.

The building was built in 1763 and was the oldest college hall in America.

The students were at chapel when the alarm was given and rushed out formed a bucket brigade and assisted in saving the adjoining buildings. The building will be rebuilt on the original lines.

While the burned building was actually the oldest college hall standing, it belonged to the fourth oldest educational institution in the United States. Those holding seniority over Dartmouth, are William and Mary, in Virginia; Yale, in Connecticut, and Bowdoin, in Maine.

SON OF HIS FATHER.

Very Non-committal, But "Barkis is" Probably "Willin'."

San Diego, Feb. 18.—U. S. Grant, Jr., declines to say whether he will be a candidate for vice-president, as suggested by Chairman Cutler, of the republican state central committee, but Southern California delegates will present his name and work for his nomination.

IROQUOIS INVESTIGATION.

Evidence Incriminating Building Department.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The special grand jury, in session today, devoted its time to the examination of scores of witnesses, all tending to strengthen the blame against the building department, and also showing negligence of theater employees.

Fast Mail Had a Narrow Escape.

Bitter Creek, Wyo., Feb. 18.—For the second time within 10 days, the Union Pacific flyer had a narrow escape. This morning the westbound fast mail jumped the track, the rails spread, four cars left the track and several passengers were bruised but none seriously.

GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER NEWS

Damage Suit Resulting From the Alaskan Boundary Decision Under Advisement.

SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR FORTIFICATIONS.

Batch of Nominations Sent to the Senate—Minister to Panama Resigns Three Weeks After He Was Appointed—Negro Collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C.—Russia Evasive, Non-committal and Dilatory About the Hay Note.

Washington, Feb. 18.—In the senate the house resolution was agreed to directing Secretary Cortelyou to investigate what damage was sustained by the Walse Island Packing Company, by the recent Alaskan boundary decision.

In the house the fortification appropriation bill carrying \$7,000,000, was considered in committee of the whole.

Mr. Littauer explained its provisions, saying the seacoast demands more fortifications and a larger navy and larger army as guarantees of national peace, and power abroad.

The president sent to the senate the nominations of William Davis, of Ohio, to be consul at Martinique; John Jewell, of Illinois, to be consul at Alexandretta, Turkey; Cameron Forbes, to be a member of the Philippine commission.

The senate committee on commerce today authorized a favorable report on the nomination of W. D. Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C.

In State Department.

The state department has received a dispatch from Minister McCormick, at St. Petersburg, that the minister of foreign affairs informed him that Russia looked favorably upon the Hay note, but made no intimation as to when a reply would be sent.

The state department today received the resignation of W. Buchanan, minister of Panama.

Committees Are Ready.

The committees in charge of the Christian Endeavor convention have everything in readiness for the meeting. It is thought that accommodations for all the visitors and delegates to be here, have been secured.

Arguments in Machen Case.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The first arguments to the jury by counsel for the defense in the Machen-Groff-Lorenz trial began this morning by Douglas. He vigorously attacked Inspector Ynnes' conduct and defended the Machen note transaction as a private affair.

Considering Eight-Hour Bill.

The house committee on labor affairs today continued hearings on the eight-hour bill. Metal trades representatives addressed the committee.

Marines Ordered East.

Norfolk, Feb. 18.—Orders are received for a second big detachment of marines to go to Washington to join a battalion for the Philippines. War is believed to be the cause of the movement.

Sacramento is Falling.

Sacramento, Feb. 18.—The river is still falling, though 215-10 feet of water is still over the track between Honcut and Marysville. All danger of landslides at Cape Horn are removed.

Gamblers in Baker City.

The Baker City papers say the gamblers fleeing from the wrath of District Attorney Halley are now arriving in that city.

Fell Into Molten Glass.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 18.—A crowd of tramps sleeping in a warm spot close to the Crystal Glass works furnace this morning, engaged in a fight during which a big gas pipe was broken. An explosion followed and five were seriously and three fatally burned. The building caught fire, but it was extinguished, and small damage was done. A tramp fell into a pit of molten glass and was completely incinerated. His remains bearing no resemblance to a human being.