

Look about you and see the prosperous people, and if you will notice you will find they are the ones who read advertisements.

WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Saturday fair.

VICE-PRESIDENT C. W. FAIRBANKS

Indiana's Senior Senator Has Promised to Be Roosevelt's Running Mate.

CONVENTION'S WORK HAS BEEN MAPPED OUT.

"Fellers From the Country" Will Get Together at Chicago and Ratify the Politicians' Judgment - American Navy Said to Be Third in Tonnage of the Navies of the World - Germans Are Fighting the Dolliver Bill.

Washington, March 4.—Roosevelt has suggested, and Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana has agreed to accept the vice-presidential nomination on the republican ticket if tendered him. This comes from close and lifelong personal friends of the senator, who are known to have advised him against what is considered to be a vital concession on the senator's part. They have bowed to the wishes of the president, as has Mr. Fairbanks.

Promotions in the Navy. Washington, March 4.—The president has nominated Captain Chas. A. Converse chief of the bureau of ordinance of the navy to the rank of rear admiral, and Captain Henry Manney chief of the bureau of equipment to the rank of rear admiral.

Arizona Secretary Resigns. Washington, March 4.—Isaac Stoddard, secretary of Arizona, has resigned to go into effect April 1. His successor is not yet elected. He recently had difficulty with the territorial legislature in the matter of fees.

TRAINS SNOWBOUND. Tied Up in Central Montana for the Past Two Weeks.

Butte, Mont., March 4.—Three Central Montana railway trains carrying freight and passengers, have been lost somewhere in the snowdrifts between Lombard and Lewiston for the past two weeks. Gangs of workmen have been laboring day and night to rescue the missing trains, but the last reports say they are unsuccessful. The crew of one of the trains reached Varlotown and secured provisions. It is believed the other crews and passengers reached nearby ranches.

LUNATIC ARRESTED. He Threatens to Do Damage to Los Angeles Railroad People.

Los Angeles, March 4.—Joseph Stark, an alleged lunatic, is detained at the county hospital pending an investigation into his sanity. The police charge he plotted to blow up the shops of the Los Angeles Railway Company, to kill Henry Huntington and his son Howard. He has a grievance against the Huntington because he was struck by a car at Los Angeles and injured.

PRAIRIE FIRES. Twenty Lives Lost in Southwestern Oklahoma.

Fort Worth, March 4.—Dispatches today say the prairie fire and windstorm in Oklahoma are greater than first reported. At least 20 lives are reported to have been lost in the southwestern Oklahoma. The fire burned many houses at Houston and Lawton. The fire sweeping the prairie, causing losses to livestock.

Educators Meet in Pittsburg. Pittsburg, Pa., March 4.—School superintendents and principals of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, comprising the organization known as the Round Table, began their annual meeting in Pittsburg today. The sessions, which are to continue two days, began this afternoon at the Colonial hotel. Ohio's new school code was one of the principal subjects discussed during the afternoon.

Drank Wood Alcohol. New London, Conn., March 4.—Word comes from Fort Terry, Plum Island station, that three members of H. company, United States infantry, are dead and two dying as a result of drinking wood alcohol stolen from the fort barber shop.

MINING RADIUM.

Pitchblende Found in Colorado Mine in Moderate Quantities.

Georgetown, Col., March 4.—At the Wood mine in Leavenworth quick drifting has been fairly gotten under way at a depth of 210 feet, and both drifts are being extended.

The east level is being driven to get under the bunch of pitchblende which they cut through in sinking the shaft, about 20 feet from the present depth. The west level shows a very nice streak of this mineral and they are hoisting some of the best grade pitchblende which was ever produced by any mine in the world, a good per centage of the ore carrying 80 per cent mineral.

These ores are being carefully cobbled and sacked and an early shipment will be made. The lessees are also taking out some very fair looking milling ores which show a better average of mineral than previous lots.

FOR HIGHER VALUATIONS.

Washington Counties Will Pool Their Interests in Order to Raise Railroad Values.

Dayton, Wash., March 4.—An effort is being made by Washington counties to form a pool for the purpose of raising the value of railroad property in the entire state.

A communication has been sent out to all the county assessors, asking their co-operation in making a uniform valuation for all the counties in which the railroad property is similarly situated, and in which the earning capacity is equal.

As it is now, each county has a different value, with the result that each county must fight the railroads individually, with the result that none of them have a rate in keeping with the actual values of the property.

A taxpayers' league has just been organized in Columbia county for the purpose of making a radical raise in the value of the railroad property.

SOCIALISTS IN STATE MEETING

SEVENTY DELEGATES ASSEMBLED IN CONVENTION.

Many Visitors From Different Portions of the State—B. F. Ramp, Chairman of the Convention—Many Southern and Western Counties Will Nominate Full Tickets—La Grande Now Has City Ticket.

Portland, March 4.—The socialist state convention, which has been in session here for the past two days, is one of the most enthusiastic state meetings ever held by that party in Oregon.

Seventy delegates have been present besides a large number of visiting socialists from every part of the state.

B. F. Ramp was chosen chairman of the convention and State Secretary W. S. Richards, secretary. Committees on resolution, platform and order of business were appointed and the business of the convention was transacted with vigor.

Many counties including Coos, Curry, Clackamas, Marion, and Jackson are going to nominate full county tickets, and La Grande has nominated a full city ticket for the coming municipal election.

Umatilla county had no representative in the convention.

The following state officers were nominated: Associate Justice, C. C. Michaelson, of Prineville; dairy and food commissioner, N. Rasmussen, of Portland; congressman, first district, B. F. Ramp, Salem; congressman for second district, George R. Cook, of Portland.

DRIVING OUT THE VAGS.

Baker City Tires of the Floating Population Which is Attracted There by Open Gambling.

Baker City, March 4.—From three to 10 vagabonds are ordered out of the city every day by the chief of police. The presence of suspicious characters has alarmed the people, until they are determined that there shall be no repetition of the recent hold-ups, under the glare of the electric lights.

The recent closing of the open games in Pendleton brought a large supply of fresh transients to town, and although the games are running open here, as they have always run, the police force is thinning out the suspects.

Chicago Wheat. Chicago, March 4.—May wheat opened 97 and closed the same; old July opened 92 1/2, closed 92 1/2. July corn opened 51 1/2, closed 52.

Walderssee Worse. Hanover, March 4.—Field Marshal Walderssee's condition is worse.

RUSSIAN ARMY AND NAVAL RESERVES ARE CALLED OUT

Every Evidence That the Slav Realizes That He is Up Against the Real Thing—All Quiet at Vladivostock.

Decisive and Desperate Move at Port Arthur on the Part of the Russians Will Be Made Soon—Japanese Are Landing Troops Near Chemulpo—St. Petersburg Paper Predicts Complications With America—Political Arrests in Poland Made an Agency for Conscripting for Russian Army—Russians Stand in With China in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—The reserve subalterns and first-class reserve men of European Russia have been summoned to their colors. A similar order issues for the naval reserve. Each arm is to undergo six weeks training.

A Vladivostok dispatch says all is quiet there, with no signs of Japanese warships, but the inhabitants continue to leave.

Decisive Russian Move Coming. Paris, March 4.—St. Petersburg advices say a decisive move of the Port Arthur Russian squadron is anticipated, now that Admiral Makarov has arrived.

The torpedo boats will be brought into play. Reports from Korea confirm advices that the Japanese have ceased debarking troops at Chemulpo, but are landing soldiers at Chinmulo, where the harbor is free from ice.

Russians Rushing Repairs. London, March 4.—The Central News correspondent at Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet has not been sighted since February 25.

Workmen are rushing repairs on the battleships Ritsuzan and Czarovitch and cruiser Pallada. All the other damaged vessels are now ready for sea.

It is reported Kuropatkin's headquarters will be at Liao Yang, Manchuria.

The weather is now mild, suggesting an early spring.

All Quiet in Manchuria. St. Petersburg, March 4.—Word received from Northern Manchuria, states that all is extremely quiet there, and no signs of Chinese unrest. The Russian officers are keeping the Chinese in close touch with the events of the war.

Political Arrests. Vienna, March 4.—The Arbeiter

IS IT A MOODY MOVE?

Williamson Republicans Question Motives of the New Club.

Some of the old republicans are trying to find out why they were not invited to join the Young Men's Republican Club, and see in the omission a cloud in the Williamson sky.

It is said that those who were the fathers of the movement would pawn their coats for a Moody boom, and that this is the first step toward securing a Moody delegation to the convention on April 13.

The members of the club, or some of them, deny this imputation and say that they are a free lance organization; that the strings have all been cut close to the apron, and that they forgot the old men of the party because it was well known that these old men had been bent by the winds, and that their leaning was known; but they do not say that they would have been omitted if they had leaned the other way.

In fact, it is the opinion that there is a strong following in this part of the country, which is working silently and earnestly for the organization of the Moody forces, and that they expect to send a solid delegation to the convention in Portland.

It is claimed that Moody will need the solidity from the eastern part of the district, for he is in need of the graces of Father Simon. But in any event, the time is growing short, and a few days will develop the truth. The permanent organization of the republican club will doubtless throw a new light on the course of events, and from that time on the people can see more clearly the aims of the party leaders.

RAILROADING A PLEASURE.

Train Crew Out Forty-One Hours Without Taking Off Their Shoes. Conductor Grady arrived in La Grande on freight train No. 22 this morning, says the La Grande Chronicle. This was the train which was stalled on the out-trip on account of snow in the mountains, delaying the passenger train.

Mr. Grady was out 41 hours on the round trip, which is nearly twice as long as is usually required. Conductor Grady and his head brakeman,

OPTICAL TRUST.

Will Be Organized at Chicago in a Short Time.

Chicago, Ill., March 4.—Opticians from all over the country will meet in this city early in the coming week to organize an optical trust, which will control all the patented appliances and improved lenses used in the trade.

The promoters of the movement include leading optical firms of Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Boston and St. Louis. Each of the interested concerns owns valuable patents outright and state rights to others. The prosecution of infringement cases has become a costly matter, and the proposition to vest the control of these valuable patents in a corporation is due to this fact.

STUBBLEFIELD HEIRS LOSE.

Judge Brents, of Walla Walla, Dismisses Their Case Against the Administrators of the Estate.

Walla Walla, March 4.—Judge Brents today dismissed the case of Henry White and Mary McIlroy, heirs of the late Joseph Stubblefield, against the trustees of the estate and the Stubblefield home will now be pushed to completion.

The heirs had sued for a division of the property and sought to restrain the trustees from expending the money set aside in the Stubblefield will, for an orphan's home.

Moufflard-Sartoris.

Washington, March 4.—Captain Algernon Sartoris, grandson of President Grant, has sailed for France to marry the famous Paris beauty, Jarmaine Cecile Moufflard, aged 22, godchild of the late Comte DeParis.

Volcanoes in Eruption.

Paris, March 4.—Madagascar advices state that the Great Comoro island craters have been in continuous eruption for two weeks, with much loss of life to natives.

BURIED ALIVE UNDER DEBRIS

WEIGHTED DOWN FOR THIRTY-SIX HOURS.

Horrible Incident of the Hotel Darlington Disaster—Fifteen Now Known to Be Dead—Peculiar Phenomena Developed by Collapse.

New York, March 4.—At 2 this morning workmen in removing the body of Alexander Johnson, an iron worker, from the wrecked Hotel Darlington, uncovered Charles Lasek, a plasterer, who was alive, with an immense beam across his chest. He had lain 36 hours under tons of debris. The man died as he reached the door of the hospital.

The known dead are 15, and 14 bodies have been removed. A peculiar thing noted is the apparent evidence of heat, in some cases of actual flame, developed by the friction of iron beams against each other during the collapse. In many places the paint was scorched and blistered, and a few of the extremely infrequent pieces of wood utilized during the construction, such as temporary braces and hanging scaffolding, were actually ignited by the heat generated in the manner described.

HEAVY SNOWS.

Idaho Mountains Have Heaviest Fall in Many Years.

Lewiston, March 4.—Reports received in the city yesterday indicate that an exceptionally heavy snow storm has prevailed over the higher altitudes of the entire Clearwater basin. These reports occasioned considerable speculation relative to the possibilities of floods in the rivers, but it is not generally believed that the conditions of the streams will be materially affected by the recent storm.

The deepest snow in years now covers the ranges in this section.

Starbuck Not a Town.

Walla Walla, March 4.—At an election just held for the purpose of incorporating the town of Starbuck, the incorporation was defeated by a vote of 50 to 35.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Set April 13 as Date for Second District Convention.

Thomas Thompson returned this morning from a visit of several days to Portland, where he has been attending the meeting of the republican committeemen of the second congressional district. The date for the congressional convention was set for April 13, one day in advance of the state convention, which will be held in Portland on April 14. Umatilla county will be entitled to 16 delegates in the congressional convention, which will be composed of 184 delegates.

PRES. SMITH TESTIFYING

Head of the Mormon Church Continues His Uninspire Revelations.

ACKNOWLEDGES HIS POLYGAMOUS LIFE.

All Must Admire Him as a Truth-Teller, However Much They May Execrate His Religion and Practices—Insists That Polygamy is a Divine Injunction—Interesting Testimony in Regard to Position of the Church Toward Women.

Washington, March 4.—At the opening of the Smoot hearing this morning President Smith was questioned by Hoar as to whether women had ecclesiastical authority in the Mormon church.

He replied that while as voters women are given recognition with men, the priestly authority is denied them. They are not eligible to election to offices as president, apostles, counsellors or to any of the general offices of the church.

Upon the acceptance or rejection of revelations, the vote of any woman member in the church is just as powerful as the vote of the witness himself.

Reading from a copy of the Salt Lake Deseret News of June 23, 1902, reporting a speech made by President Smith in which he said the principle of plural marriage was revealed from God, and anyone who denied the divine origin of that doctrine might as well deny other truths, Attorney Taylor asked as to its correctness. Smith said it was correct so far as he could recall.

Smith is a Polygamist.

Washington, March 4.—President Smith, continuing his testimony, said: "From 1890 till today there has never been a plural marriage performed with the consent, knowledge or connivance of the church. As for myself, I was placed in this position: I had a plural family. My first wife was married to me over 40 years ago, my last one over 20 years ago. By all those wives I had children. I preferred to take my chances with the law rather than abandon my wives and children. I have cohabitated with them since, but not openly. I have visited them, knowing my responsibility and my liability to the law.

"But since the admission of the state people have rather condoned my offense against the law. No one ever has called me to account, and if they had I was there to answer and pay the penalty of the law.

"I have never disobeyed the law against plural marriages, but have been holding my wives as wives, and have had 11 children by them since 1890."

The witness admitted he was accompanied by a plural wife to the St. Louis fair dedication, also to a reception to President Roosevelt at Salt Lake.

Mr. Taylor developed from the witness that Apostle Teasdale, John Taylor, H. W. Merrill, Heber J. Grant and John Henry Smith were polygamists and are now supporting more than one wife.

"As head of the church I could not condemn them as I have the same practice myself," said President Smith.

PERUVIAN EARTHQUAKES.

Most Severe Seismic Shaking Up in Quarter of a Century.

Lima, Peru, March 4.—Earthquake shocks, the worst reported in years, Thursday in the interior, did great damage. No figures on losses as yet.

Shocks recommenced this morning—most severe in a quarter of a century.

Returned From Wedding Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rolffe have returned from a trip to the home of Mr. Rolffe in Newburyport, Mass., where they went several weeks ago on their wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Rolffe will make their future home in this city, he being the engineer in charge of the improvement work of the W. & C. R.

Strike at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, March 4.—Laborers on the Pace electric railway have gone on strike. Several hundred are out, refusing to submit to a cut in wages from \$1.75 to \$1.40. The contractors threaten to put foreigners on the job.