

The rule is that classified ads in these columns bring results; and the exceptions are so few that they hardly prove the rule.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Wednesday fair, cooler tonight.

GREAT CROWDS AT BOTKIN TRIAL

Incriminating Testimony Adduced Against the Fat, Fair and Forty Defendant.

HER AND HER CHIROGRAPHY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

Her Paramour, Husband of One of the Murdered Women, Admits His Questionable Conduct and Relations With Mrs. Botkin, and Is One of the State's Best Witnesses—Defense Scores by Proving His General Bad Character and Poor Morals.

San Francisco, Cal., March 29.—Interest in the Botkin case is increasing as the trial proceeds. At 6 this morning a great crowd of men and women filled the corridors leading to the court room and stood in line over four hours before the doors opened.

The most important witness this morning was Policeman John Seymour, who testified that he searched the rooms vacated by the prisoner soon after suspicion attached to her, in an effort to find arsenic, or other incriminating evidence, but failed. When it was pointed out to him that after the search the seal belonging to the candy box sent to Dover had been found under the lounge, he admitted he had not looked under the lounge.

William Raynaud, of the Casper dry goods store, where Mrs. Botkin purchased the handkerchiefs which she is accused of having sent in the box containing poisoned candy, identified the handwriting on a number of money orders as that of the prisoner.

More Damaging Testimony. San Francisco, March 29.—John Dunning was on the stand this morning. He admitted that during January and March, 1898, when not at work, he spent most of his time with Mrs. Botkin. He said he told Mrs. Botkin his wife liked candy, and identified a number of anonymous letters received by his wife in Dover, Del., as having, in his opinion, been written by Mrs. Botkin.

Dunning Still on Stand. San Francisco, March 29.—Dunning was put through another grilling in the Botkin case this afternoon. He was recalled to the stand at request of the defense and was asked if he did not have a number of other female acquaintances in addition to Mrs. Botkin, especially Mrs. Kate Corbally.

He admitted he knew Mrs. Corbally, living at the same hotel where she had apartments, and once took her to the Palace baths in company with another couple. He denied that Mrs. Corbally wore a costume that was not a regulation bathing suit. He also admitted he drank with Mrs. Corbally and took her to the theater and visited her in her rooms. He said Mrs. Corbally's young son lived with her, but was at school the greater portion of the time. He denied that Mrs. Corbally gave him \$800 with which to send Mrs. Dunning back to Dover, Del., and said the money was given to straighten a number of his accounts here.

Union County Pioneer Dies. La Grande, March 29.—Charles McClure, one of the oldest pioneers of Union county, died last night at his home in this city with cancer of the face, from which he has suffered for a number of years. He was an old time miner, freighter, packer and stockman, and was well known throughout the Inland Empire.

Insurrection Postponed. Sofia, March 29.—General Saraffoff today stated that the Macedonian insurgents have decided not to raise a rebellion this spring. The delay is for the purpose of giving the powers an opportunity to carry out proposed reforms.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, March 29.—May wheat opened 97½, closed 96½; old July opened 90¼, closed 88¾; new July opened 89¼, closed 87½; July corn opened 52¼, closed 51¾.

Denies the Report. Rome, March 29.—Cardinal Delval, the papal secretary of state, denies the report that a plot against the pope's life has been discovered. There has been no increase in the police guard.

ARRIVED FROM GERMANY.

Will Be Tried at San Francisco for Embezzlement.

New York, March 28.—Edward T. Masterson, wanted in San Francisco to answer a charge of embezzlement of \$100,000 preferred by the Continental Building and Loan Association, arrived from Germany this morning on the steamer Von Moltke. He was arrested at Kiel some time ago.

LAWYER SUICIDES.

Murder Also Indicated—Police Notified in Advance.

St. Louis, March 29.—Attorney Louis Mayer, aged 68, once worth \$500,000, notified the police by letter this morning that he intended to suicide. The officers found Mayer and wife dead at home. A pet at was also killed by cyanide.

Parker Indorsed.

Oneida, N. Y., March 29.—The Madison county democratic convention met today and chose delegates to the state convention at Albany. A resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing the candidacy of Judge Parker for the presidency.

Surveyor of Customs.

Washington, March 28.—The president has nominated J. J. Greenwald of Utah, to be surveyor of customs at Salt Lake.

TRIAL OF THE BENNETT WILL

QUESTION OF PROBATING SEALED LETTER AS A WILL

Bryan Takes the Position That the Letter Contained a Gift Outright, and That Its Contents Should Not Be Subjected to the Process of Probating—Jury Readily Selected.

New Haven, Conn., March 29.—The trial of the appeal of William J. Bryan from the decision requiring the probating of a sealed letter giving him \$50,000 of the estate of Philo Bennett, was begun before Judge Gager, of the superior court, at 10 this morning.

Beside Bryan sat Charles Town, Henry Newton and Harrison Hewitt, his counsel. Mrs. Grace Bennett, the widow, sat among the score of witnesses, and there were many women spectators.

The jury was readily selected, when the clerk of the probate court produced the will and sealed letter and identified them. The counsel for Mrs. Bennett objected to the introduction of a sealed letter.

ATTACKS THE GOVERNMENT.

Partisan Fight Between Liberals and Conservatives.

London, March 29.—In the house of commons Campbell, of Bannerman, the new liberal leader, attacked the government for lack of cohesion, and declining to resign, though it is obvious the ministry no longer remained in the confidence of the country. Premier Balfour defended the government, saying it would not resign so long as it retained the confidence of the house of commons.

California Rains.

Sacramento, March 29.—There are showers throughout the valley today and rain in the mountains. The river is at 24.3 and rising slowly. The tributaries are rising fast. The threatened levee break of yesterday has been made safe.

Got Two Years.

Baker City, March 29.—William Schull, who robbed the Palmer jewelry store of about \$200 worth of knives and razors, two weeks ago, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Eakin, last evening.

STOCKBUYER'S MOVEMENTS.

General Markets Full of Montana Cattle and Are Dull.

J. C. Lonergan has returned from a trip to Idaho, where he has been buying cattle for the Frye-Bruhne Company, of Seattle. While away he has also been through Montana, where he has bought a large number of stock for the Seattle firm.

The market, according to Mr. Lonergan, is very dull, and has been filled with Montana cattle. He is not, therefore, looking for cattle in this part of the country, though he would pick up a few if they were of an extra choice grade. The prices that are quoted are the same that have been in effect for some time, and there is no immediate prospect of change.

Mr. Lonergan is looking for a few sheep, and will send them to his house in a short time, after which he will again take the road for a trip through the interior of the state.

CHINESE MAKING TROUBLE AS RETALIATORY MEASURE

Gen. Ma Snubs Gen. Kuropatkin at Mukden—Great Distress in Jewish Centers in European Russia.

New Military System Proposed for China, Admitted by St. Petersburg to Be Modern and Effective—Attempt to Blow Up a Troop Train on the Trans-Siberian Railroad Famine in Sight in Some Russian Provinces—Russian Securities Suffer a Decline at Home.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—Reports are received that Chinese, instigated by Japanese, have murdered a Russian civil engineer and several workmen on the railway near Chien, China.

From Harbin comes the news that the Chinese government in retaliation for the declaration of martial law at Niu Chwang, has stopped all vessels taking fruit from Chinese ports to Niu Chwang on the ground that it is contraband.

Ma Snubbed Kuropatkin.

Rome, March 29.—The Agenzia Libera reports that a portion of the Vladivostok squadron has arrived at Nikolafewsk, Siberia, at the mouth of the Amur river.

A Russian army corps has left Harbin for Chang Chun. One of the first acts of Gen. Kuropatkin on his arrival at Mukden was to try to interview Gen. Ma, commanding the Chinese troops. Ma refused to see him.

Trouble With the Jews.

Warsaw, March 29.—The Moscow, Kieff and Iver pawnshops are crowded and charitable institutions overcrowded.

A prominent Jew named Enkelard, writing to the Novesti, repudiates the statement that some Jews are favorably inclined toward Japan. The governor of Odessa announces a two months' sentence for an official named Newman for inciting a mob against the Jews.

Correspondents Turned Down.

London, March 29.—The Exchange by telegraph from Paris, learns that Japan has decided again to forbid

CHINAMEN IN LAW SUIT.

Peculiar Oath Taking by the Witnesses in the Case.

The civil case of Ah Que, Gee Gaw, Hawk Can and Yee Chow (doing business under the firm name of Wah Ying Chung) against Ung See Chow, was tried in the court of Justice of the Peace Fitz Gerald this afternoon. The case is one in which the plaintiffs seek to recover \$100.95 alleged to be due for goods rendered and money loaned. James A. Fee is attorney for the plaintiff, and Charles Carter for the defendant.

The case has been on the docket for some time, but the Chinamen could not get things just right for the trial until today, when the case was set and tried. The witnesses were all sworn in the Chinese fashion. Each side furnished chickens, which were entrusted to the care of Deputy Sheriff J. A. Blakey. Then as each witness was called, he went out in the back yard to where Joe was holding the sack, borrowed one of the chickens and cut its head off. He then returned to the court room and presumably told the truth about the case as he understood it.

A Bloodbath Oath.

This act of sacrificing the chickens possesses the same solemnity to a Chinaman as does the taking of the oath to the American. By this shedding of the blood of the fowl the God Chinaman stands bound, and to be truthful in his testimony, and it is thought that perjury can be told by the appearance of the blood of the slain fowl.

Many of the Chinamen who have been born in this country do not really know the history of their oath or what it in fact represents, but they are all of the belief that to violate it is to stand in the disfavor of the deity.

LE CONTE IN TROUBLE.

Pianist Collected Cash on a Supposedly Forged Check.

Professor Henry Le Conte, who has been in this city for some time looking for a class in music, is now in the hands of the city marshal at La Grande, being held until Sheriff Taylor can bring him back to this city on a charge of forgery.

Le Conte left town the other day after a stay of some days, and before leaving tried to pawn some of his silverware, but was unable to do so. On the day of his departure he passed a check indorsed by him, and some other people, and purporting to be drawn by a man named Ferris on the Pendleton Savings

BAKER COUNTY POLITICS.

Dr. E. B. McDaniel for Representative and George Jett for Assessor.

Baker City, March 29.—A careful interview of leading democrats in the city reveals the fact that it is the general opinion that Dr. E. B. McDaniel will make an ideal representative in the legislature from this county, and that he should be nominated in the forthcoming convention.

If he is nominated it is said that he can easily be elected. It has not yet been developed that there is any opposition in the democratic ranks to McDaniel as representative.

In Sumpter there is but one idea, McDaniel for representative and Jett for assessor. The Sumpter democrats say they are not looking for honors this year and will unite with Baker City on any ticket put up.

The committee meeting this afternoon will decide the time and place of holding the primaries and the county convention and then everybody will go to work on a first-class slate and be prepared to put it through when the time comes.

Washington Experiment Station.

Walla Walla, March 29.—During the past week arrangements have been completed for the establishment of a government experiment station at Ritzville, the project to be under the supervision of the United States agricultural department, and to be conducted in connection with the state agricultural college at Pullman.

Incompetent Colonels.

Berlin, March 29.—Der Tag states that General Kuropatkin has sent back to Russia from Harbin, Colonels Tschisci and Monajeff, declaring them incompetent.

New Military System for China.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—The czar has ordered 100 bottles of wine from his private cellar sent to the Port Arthur wounded.

Today's papers comment at length on the alleged recommendation of the director of martial customs to the Chinese government for it to create a trained army by levying a universal land tax, as in Europe. The Novoe Vremya says the part is very simple, and if China is able to create an army inside of 20 or 30 months the war will last.

Attempt to Blow Up Troop Train.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—A report is circulated this afternoon that an ineffectual attempt was made to blow up a troop train near Tatarskaya, Siberia.

Russian Securities Declined.

London, March 29.—Russian Imperial funds declined half today on Seoul reports of Russian defeat by the Japanese between Anju and Chongju.

BEAR CREEK UP.

High Water Making Trouble in Pilot Rock Country.

Word comes that Bear creek is on a rampage as the result of the rains. Thomas Edwards, who has a large place on the creek near Pilot Rock, spent most of last night in removing things to a place of safety, and a large part of his place is under water.

J. A. Owens, another ranchman in that vicinity, was unable to get out of his house this morning when he awoke. During the night the creek had risen around his dwelling until it was on a little island in the middle of the torrent.

It is not thought that the water is yet high enough to more than wash off the lower corners of a few alfalfa fields, but should it rise to a much greater height it will cause much loss.

Moyer Still a Prisoner.

Telluride, Col., March 29.—President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, is still a prisoner in jail. No effort is being made to secure his release. Attorney Murphy, of Denver, arrived last night to defend Moyer. He was immediately waited upon by a number of men and warned to leave the district. Murphy appealed to General Bell for protection and is now escorted by a squad of soldiers.

Heavy Railroad Loans.

New York, March 29.—It is currently stated that two loans of \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000, have been made by well known railroad magnates, the collateral for which is Union Pacific stock. The purpose is not divulged.

CLOSING LENTEN SERVICES.

Catholic Church Will Hold Special Lenten Services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Special services commemorating the close of the Lenten season will be held at the Catholic church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Special services will be held, beginning at 8 a. m. on Thursday in commemoration of Holy Thursday, the day preceding the crucifixion of the Saviour; the Passion of the Saviour will be celebrated on Friday, beginning at 8 a. m., and on Saturday the service of blessing the Pascal Candles and the Easter water will begin at 7 a. m., and high mass will be celebrated at 8 a. m. All the services will be conducted by Father Van der Velden, of this parish.

INQUIRING INTO NAVY COLLISION

President's Brother-in-Law is Not Accused of Being an Expert Navigator.

THE INQUIRY WILL BE DROPPED AT THIS POINT.

Incident Illustrates Difficulty of Maneuvering Complicated Battleships—Question of Authority Between Secretary of Interior and the Statutes—Relating to the Dietrich Impeachment Case the Question is One of Procedure Code.

Washington, March 29.—The secretary of the navy today approved the recommendation of the court of inquiry in the matter of the recent collision of the battleship Illinois and Missouri, and there will be no further proceedings.

The court finds that Captain Bradford, of the Illinois, acted with consummate seamanship, but does not find that Captain Cowles, the president's brother-in-law, displayed the proper signals to avoid a collision. In view of the fact, however, that the Missouri is a new ship and her officers and crew were unaccustomed to her mechanism, the court and Admiral Dewey recommended no further action.

Question of Jurisdiction.

Washington, March 29.—The secretary of the interior informed the senate today in reply to a recent resolution of inquiry into his reason for a pension order. The secretary holds his order was clearly within executive authority and in conformity with the existing law and the methods heretofore prevailing.

In the house today the pension order prompted Bourke Cochran, democrat of New York, to introduce a resolution directing the committee on judiciary to report on the secretary's authority to issue an executive order.

Relating to Impeachment Cases.

Washington, March 29.—Hoar, chairman of the judiciary, has secured unanimous consent of the senate to sit during the sessions.

It has under consideration the Dietrich case and a resolution directing it to report whether the senate can try impeachment proceedings in the same manner as the English house of lords, and a bill prohibiting the sale between states and territories, or shipment to or from a foreign country of salmon fish intended for food was taken up.

Hold-up Artist Caught.

Baker City, March 29.—W. J. Powers, accused of holding up the Wright restaurant in this city last week, has been arrested in Reno, Nev., and Sheriff Brown will bring him back this week to stand trial.

Diphtheria at La Grande.

La Grande, March 29.—The 6-year-old son of E. L. Bekley, editor of the La Grande Chronicle, has a severe case of diphtheria, and the home is now quarantined.

Sentence Postponed.

St. Louis, March 29.—Senator Burton appeared in court this morning, but was instructed to report Wednesday for sentence.

ORANGE WAR.

Truce During Rushing of Ammunition to the Front.

The orange war is still grumbling, but the shots are few and far between for the reason that the ammunition has all been used up and hostilities are suspended until more arrives from the arsenals at Portland. One firm has ordered 150 cases at a figure which will make it possible for the management to sell at 10 cents for just as long as the firm wishes to handle the fruit, and as long as the people want the oranges. Other houses have also got large shipments on the road, and in a day or so the city will be full of orange peel.

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Drunk and Drowned.

Berlin, March 29.—General Lettow Porhock, the well known military writer, while riding on a towpath near Oldenburg today, fell into the canal and was drowned. He was under influence of liquor.