

JAPANESE WIN A DECISIVE FIGHT

Capture Antung, at Mouth of Yalu, by Land and Water Assault.

RUSSIANS BURN THE TOWN AND THEN FLEE.

Ships Were Assisted by a Bombardment From Gunboats and Armed Launches - Japanese Make Important Captures of Munitions of War - Russian Battleship Aground at St. Petersburg - Plans of Russian Mobilization Sold by a Treacherous Official at Warsaw.

London, May 2.—The Central News and correspondent wires that the Japanese victory on the Yalu Sunday was most complete, the Russian lines being thrown into confusion and their retreat disorderly.

Details of the Battle.

London, May 2.—The Japanese minister, Hayashi, this afternoon issued a later report by General Kuohair regarding the Yalu fight and the capture of Antung, Manchuria, northeast of Antung. It reads: "We advanced May 1 along three roads, driving the enemy before us during the afternoon we carried the capture of Antung Siem to Lushenku. The Imperial Guards surrounded the enemy on three sides. After several fighting we captured their guns, besides horses and carriages. The general reserve corps is advancing along the Liaoyang road, the enemy being toward Feng Huang Cheng. The booty captured includes a large quantity of arms and ammunition and an officer."

Russians Burn Antung.

London, May 2.—The Japanese minister today issued the report of the capture of the gunboat Maya, which acted in conjunction with the forces of the Japanese in Sunday's attack on the Russian line on the Yalu. It confirms in a degree the report that the Russians burned Antung.

A naval detachment, comprising the Maya, Uji and some torpedo boats, succeeded the Yalu and bombarded the enemy, silencing the enemy's artillery fire after 20 minutes severe engagement. All then returned to Antung with no casualties. Japanese armed launches reached Antung the same morning and repulsed the enemy's infantry and artillery. After 30 minutes sharp fighting fire was seen rising from the town. Natives said the enemy fled after setting the place afire.

Battleship Aground.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—The new battleship Orei is aground on a sandbank in the Neva, and it is feared it will be difficult to refloat her.

Treacherous Russian Official.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—It is rumored the Russian plans for mobilization have been sold through the treachery of a Warsaw official. New plans have accordingly been laid.

PORTLAND MAN SUICIDES.

Lost a Fortune at Gambling and No Hope of Retrieving.

Portland, May 2.—H. W. Gowell, one of the widest known advertising specialists on the Pacific Coast, and for years advertising man in various large Eastern department stores, suicided this morning with gas, on account of financial reverses. He left a note that he had lost the last of many thousand dollars gambling, with no hope to recover, and believed the gamblers should pay for his funeral.

By wounds and disease the Germans have lost 63 per cent of their officers and 35 per cent of the men in the ranks during the war with the Hereros, and it is believed the war has only made a good start.

Tyner in the Toils.

Washington, May 2.—James Tyner and Harrison Barrett were placed on trial today in the postoffice cases. Tyner was assistant postmaster general in the law department, and Barrett was his clerk. Among other charges is that of burglary against Tyner for rifling a vault of documentary evidence against him and others in fraud cases. In this Barrett was an accomplice.

SUMPTER EXTENSION.

Narrow Gauge Road Will Be Built Toward Burns This Season.

Baker City, May 2.—There are some activity in railroad circles with the opening of spring and just as soon as the snow is sufficiently off the ground and the roads in some kind of shape operations will begin by the Sumpter Valley Railroad company for the extension of its line from Whitney west and south towards Burns, the objective point in Eastern Oregon.

The Sumpter Valley is now in operation and has been for a number of years between Baker City and Sumpter, 32 miles, and for two years past, the extension from Sumpter to Whitney, 14 miles, has been in operation and last summer the further extension from Whitney to Tipton, eight miles, the top of the divide going down into the John Day valley, was partially finished before snow came.

The work will now proceed on through Tipton, Austin and towards Prairie City, Canyon City and Burns. Just how far the line will be built this year President Eccles is yet unable to state. The steel is on hand for the Tipton extension and the market is easy for immediate delivery.

Passenger and freight cars and locomotives were purchased last year in sufficient numbers to operate the entire line besides this the company is building new refrigerator cars and cabooses and rebuilding locomotives. The distance from Tipton to Austin is seven miles and from Austin to Prairie City 17 miles. The entire distance from Baker City by the proposed route to Burns is about 160 miles.

Entire Band of Sheep Killed.

Lakeview, May 2.—Word has reached this city of the destruction of an entire band of sheep consisting of 2,300 head, belonging to Grube and Parker, living north of Silver Lake. The sheep were being driven into Nevada to the summer range, when they were met by a band of masked men, who tied the herders to a tree and shot every sheep in the herd to death. This makes 4,000 sheep that have been killed in that district this spring. The cattlemen are determined that Oregon sheep shall not cross the line into their summer ranges.

MORE EVIDENCE IN SMOOT CASE

DID SMITH OFFICIATE AT PLURAL MARRIAGE?

Angus Cannon Believes That He Did - Is Satisfied in His Own Mind, - But Did Not See the Ceremony Performed - Mr. Cannon Swears That He Once Told a Lie in Relation to the Plural Marriage Now in Controversy.

Washington, May 2.—Angus Cannon, Jr., son of a former apostle of the Mormon church, deposed from the house because of his refusal to reject the political domination of the church, was examined before the senate committee on elections this morning, in the continuation of the Smoot case.

He was called for the purpose of refuting the testimony of President Smith that the latter had no knowledge of ever having performed the marriage ceremony of Abraham Cannon and Lillian Hamlin on a boat chartered at Los Angeles.

The witness was always on friendly terms with Abraham and loaned him his buggy to take Lillian riding. He did not see the marriage, but admitted having told several persons he had. He was "satisfied in his own mind that Smith performed the ceremony and that from what his sister said, she was Abraham's second wife. Lillian lives at Salt Lake and has a child named Marva, and she is recognized as one of Abraham's widows."

It develops that the witness was closeted with Smoot this morning.

Northern Idaho Flourishing.

Alexander McPherson, state horticultural inspector, has returned from Northern Idaho, where he appointed three deputy inspectors in Kootenai and Latah counties.

The prospects for a magnificent yield of all kinds of fruits, said Mr. McPherson, were never so bright. Not less than 250,000 fruit trees have been set out in the northern section of the state this year. The weather has been very favorable and the trees are in full bloom.

During his visit Mr. McPherson, who is also dairy and pure food inspector, examined quite a number of dairies, including one at Wallace, which is the largest in the state. There are 299 cows in this dairy.—Boise Statesman.

If a man really loves a woman she doesn't have to conceal her age.

ECHO ROYALLY ENTERTAINS WITH A FARMERS' PICNIC

May Day is Appropriately Celebrated by the People of the Hospitable Cannery Town.

O. R. & N. Company Furnishes Able Speakers—School Children Take Part in the Excellent Program—One Thousand People Enjoy the Best Picnic Dinner Ever Served in the County—School Teachers and Housewives of Echo Deserve Especial Credit for the High Success of the Entertainment—Addresses by Prominent Educators.

Two months ago the citizens of Echo, at the solicitation of Col. R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N. organized a Farmers' Club, for the purpose of holding educational meetings, discussing practical farm questions, and adding to the happy surroundings of farm life in every possible way.

This club has held regular meetings and has been addressed by some of the most prominent agricultural experts in the Northwest. It has aroused an interest in farm and dairying industries, and has set the people of Echo to thinking on these subjects.

The meetings of the club culminated in the farmers' picnic held at Leezer's grove near Echo, on Saturday, which was the most successful country picnic ever held in Umatilla county.

The brief special report contained in the East Oregonian on Saturday evening was but the barest outline, and did not do the picnic justice, but was used as a telephone news report for the day.

For three weeks the citizens of Echo have been preparing for this event. Committees of citizens have been diligently working, women have been planning and cooking, the teachers of the public schools have been drilling the school children for their important part in the program, and the entire energy of the bustling community has been busy with the details of the picnic.

The day was ideal and the grove selected for the picnic was in the zenith of its springtime glory, and everything worked together for the success of Echo, and her enterprising citizens.

The Parade.

The parade which formed on Main street at 10 o'clock, was led by the marshal of the day and 10 aides, decorated in white sashes; the Queen of May, on a gorgeous throne, surrounded and canopied overhead with flowers, followed; two decorated cars, bearing 100 school children, came next, after which came the mayor and city council, speakers of the day and citizens in carriages, making a procession of carriages and horsebackmen over half a mile in length.

Everything at the grove was inspiring, for just such a picnic. The great cottonwoods were at their full leaf, and furnished ample shade; seats had been arranged and over 500 feet of tables on which the splendid dinner was to be served, were arranged.

One feature of the dinner arrangement, worthy of especial mention, was that the seats were furnished, plates, knives, forks and spoons were used instead of having the old-fashioned lunch, at which everybody stood up and ate with their fingers.

The entire female population of Echo was designated as official waitresses to attend the wants of the picnickers, and the service was so perfect and the general spirit of the day so hospitable and sociable, that it was an event never to be forgotten.

A large crowd of Pendleton people went down on No. 1, arriving at Echo at 11 o'clock, and was met at the depot by citizens of Echo, with carriages and conveyed to the grove. McMinn's band of this city, was engaged for the day and added to the spice and variety of the general program.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor L. A. Esteb, and after an invocation by Rev. W. P. Jinnett of Echo, a musical and literary program was rendered, which was well received and gave evidence of careful preparation on the part of Miss Celestine Moorhouse and Miss Francella Duncan, teachers of the Echo public schools, who had charge of this part of the program.

Picnic Dinner Unsurpassed.

Following the literary program, dinner was served, and such a picnic dinner. It is safe to say, was never before served in this county. The variety of dainty and delicate dishes and the abundance of the supply was in keeping with the spirit of Echo. In preparing this happy celebration of her educational campaigns among the farmers.

Over 1,000 people were served and then full baskets of provisions of all kinds were carried home. The

tables were filled twice and some of them three times in accommodating the crowd. Free ice cream and lemonade were served and not a cent of money was taken for anything on the picnic grounds.

Afternoon Program.

After dinner, the program was resumed and one of the most beautiful events of the day was the vocal solo by Mrs. Echo Miller, after whom, as a baby, the town of Echo was named. Mrs. Miller was cheered heartily, and responded to an encore.

The first speaker of the afternoon was Professor C. L. Smith, editor of the Inland Farmer of Spokane, and an experienced institute lecturer. He spoke on the general subject of home life, and especially on the prospects before the district surrounding Echo, and said in part:

"It was a pleasing revelation to me this morning to drive over your beautiful valley, here, and survey the possibility that lies before you. I am sure that very few people in this community understand just what this wonderful country means. Very few of us believe the actual facts about our home country until some stranger investigates and introduces us to our own. We are prone to forget, to overlook, to disregard and undervalue our surroundings, until we see a thrilling comparison made by some observer from the outside.

Admires the Thinker.

"I am an admirer of the man who looks into facts. I admire the man who studies, who investigates, who observes. The specialist who studies and the expert who experiments are the frontiersmen of all sciences and industries. Until these living and progressive spirits touch facts into being, with their unanswerable logic of experience, the beauty of many a science lies dormant.

"In farming, the rule holds good as in other sciences. Until you compare results, and study to apply the laws of nature and adapt them to man's uses, the best in nature lies idle and dormant.

"This morning in your beautiful Butter Creek valley, near Echo, I saw 100 homes in a district that must in time support 400 or more, just such happy, prosperous homes. The advantages here are untold. The possibilities are almost beyond belief. The rich soil and the warm climate supplemented with an abundance of living water, make this the most ideal home district in the West. The productivity of this land is not to be measured by years nor crops nor tons if you conserve its forces by diversifying your crops, and making it strong by growing variegated products.

Must Cultivate Taste.

"One thing that must precede the best agricultural age in the West is better taste in keeping your homes. Your country is advertised to the world by its appearance. Strangers read your sign on the face of your farm. They read your standard by the appearance of your barns, fences, houses and roads. Your country admits of the highest excellence. You must make its appearance to be in keeping with its natural worth.

"Brains need cultivation, just as soil needs it. It is impossible to make the best out of your land by chance methods. You must study to bring out the highest possible yield by brain cultivation.

Wheat Kills the Soil.

"I know entire counties in Wisconsin that were practically ruined by wheat raising. The soil was exhausted and the country was receding instead of advancing. At last providence favored the country by sending a pest of chinch bugs to eat up the wheat crop and drive the farmers to dairying and diversified farming in order to live. They began to prosper as soon as they began to raise something besides wheat. They kept the richness on their land by feeding dairy cows and fattening hogs. They saw incomes swell as they multiplied the products on the farms, until those very counties once impoverished by wheat raising, are now the best in the state, the farms are the most productive and the farmers' bank accounts the largest.

Farm Isolation Is Destroyed.

"I am glad that the former isolation of farm life has been destroyed.

I am glad that the home of the farmer is now supplied with all the luxuries and conveniences of the age and that the city is gradually looking toward the pleasanter home in the country for its best recreation and best enjoyment.

"You must cut up your large holdings. One man cannot do justice to even 40 acres of this rich Echo land, while many of them are holding and half way cultivating 400 acres. One man cannot cultivate and care for the immense crops of diversified products that can be grown from 40 acres of this warm, rich, sandy land, and many of you are spreading yourselves over 200 and 400 acres, in the hopeless endeavor to produce big crops. There is room for 400 homes within a radius of 10 miles of this city, instead of the 100 homes now found here.

Imitating the Patriarchs.

"Many Western farmers farm just as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob farmed. There has been no progress except in the manufacture of implements in 5,000 years. When the natural grass of the country is exhausted, these migratory farmers pull up and leave for another virgin field. Instead of planting grass to supply the deficiency, they leave the country a waste and so where nature has prepared another feast for them.

"You must help nature. You must add a little sense and brain work to the processes of natural growth. Natural resources in any rich country will gradually decline, if brains are not mingled with cultivation to perpetuate the forces of nature.

"One of the best examples of unprogressive citizenship I remember, was exhibited in the state newspapers of Minnesota, when the farmers organized a state dairymen's association. The papers said it was nonsense to dairy in Minnesota, and sneeringly remarked that the state dairy association met in Rochester this year, but would meet in the insane asylum next. Today, Minnesota is the leading dairy state in the Northwest. And to make a good dairy country, you must raise something besides alfalfa. Alfalfa alone is poison to a cow. It makes no butter fat, it diminishes the strength of the milk, and is dangerous feed, if fed alone. Mixed with other feed, it is one of the best forage crops grown.

"The land that will grow such alfalfa as you produce here will grow anything in abundance. This country should produce 10 crops of different varieties where it now produces

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CRAIG THOM MET INSTANT DEATH

ECHO BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY COMPANION.

Party of Children Out Hunting Rabbits—Milo Craig Who Was Carrying a Gun, Discharged it in Taking it From His Shoulders, the Bullet Striking His Friend in the Temple, Killing Him Instantly—Funeral This Afternoon.

Echo, May 2.—Craig Thom, a 12-year-old boy, was instantly killed near here Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a rifle, carried by Milo Graves, another boy, with whom he was hunting.

The bullet entered the boy's head just in front of and above the ear and passed out at the back of the head, death being instantaneous. The boys spent Saturday night at the home of Robert Thom, father of the dead boy, and went out with a rifle to hunt rabbits and view the farm of the Thom's. The party of boys was made up of the Thom boy, the elder Graves boy and his two little brothers.

At first sight of a rabbit, Milo Graves, who was carrying the gun, took it hurriedly from his shoulder, and in doing so, discharged it, the ball striking his companion, who was walking beside him.

Peter Sheridan, a neighbor, came by and found the boys crying over the body of young Thom, and immediately carried the boy to his home, a short distance away.

Craig Thom was the eldest son of Robert Thom, the well known farmer, living near Echo, and Milo Graves is the eldest son of E. D. Graves, O. R. & N. agent at this place.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. W. P. Jinnett, and interment took place in Odd Fellows' cemetery here.

The accident is peculiarly sad, because of the fact that the Thom and Graves were old neighbors and friends in Iowa, and had just renewed their acquaintances and the children were enjoying one of their first visits after the arrival of the Graves family at Echo.

The Graves children went to the Thom home after the May Day picnic on Saturday, to spend Sunday on a visit.

GENERAL STRIKE OF MACHINISTS

Santa Fe Railway Confronted With the Greatest Strike in Its History.

SIX THOUSAND MEN DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

Believed That Nine Thousand Men in Other Departments of Santa Fe's Service Will Go Out From Sympathy—Eight Hundred Locked out at Topeka - Officials of the Company Declare They Will Fight the Unions to a Finish—Strikes in Chicago and New York.

Washington, May 2.—A general strike of machinists on the Santa Fe system has been ordered by President O'Connell, of the International Machinists' Association, taking effect at 9, Western time, this morning. It will affect 6,000 members directly, and may result in bringing out the boilermakers, blacksmiths and coreworkers in sympathy.

Will Affect 15,000 Men.

Washington, May 2.—Forecasting the probable extent of the strike, O'Connell says 15,000 men will be affected. All allied metal workers are expected to quit work. There is no prospect of the transportation department being crippled at present.

Third Vice-President Kendrick has expressed a determination to fight the strike to a finish.

Lockout at Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., May 2.—Eight hundred employees of the Santa Fe shops here were locked out this morning when they reported for work. A high fence encloses the plant. The men were taken by surprise.

"A Long, Bitter Fight."

Chicago, May 2.—Vice-President Wilson, of the Machinists' Union here, says "A tactful policy on the part of the company would have averted a strike. Now it will be a long and bitter fight." He believes the affiliated unions will take a hand.

Three Strikes in Chicago.

Chicago, May 2.—The May Day strikes here are comparatively unimportant, consisting of 1,700 picture-frame workers, 4,000 boot and shoe workers and 500 bakers.

5,000 Out in New York.

New York, May 2.—With the exception of a strike of 5,000 wagon and carriage makers, the May Day labor situation of Gotham is one of peace this year.

All Quiet in New England.

Boston, May 2.—No serious labor disturbances in New England. Not for many years, has the labor situation been so peaceful.

MRS. VAN ORSDALL'S ADDRESS.

Grand Guardian in California Speaks to Joint Meeting of Woodcraft Circles.

The San Francisco Call of a recent date contains an excellent address delivered by Mrs. C. C. Van Orsdall, before the joint meeting of the Alameda county circles of Woodcraft, at Oakland, Cal., a few days ago. The meeting was one of the largest ever held by the Women of Woodcraft in Oakland, and Mrs. Van Orsdall was the principal speaker, the subject of her remarks being a review of the order since its foundation.

Editor Sentenced for Rape.

Walla Walla, May 2.—Saturday night F. W. D. Mays, the veteran editor and preacher of Pomeroy, began a three-year sentence in the state prison on a charge of criminally assaulting Pearly May Parsall, a young girl aged 15. Mays pleaded guilty to the charge in the superior court at Pomeroy Thursday and Judge C. F. Miller, sentenced him to serve three years in the penitentiary.

Texas Hailstorm.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 2.—The worst hailstorm in years swept this and adjoining counties last evening. Crops and fruit are ruined. Balls of ice five inches in diameter crushed through the roofs of houses and trees were unrooted. No lives are reported lost. Much stock was killed. Torrents of rain fell after the hail, scouring the hillside fields to the sub-soil.