

FARMERS MEET IN PENDLETON

Commercial Association Arranges for a Farmers' Institute on May 26.

W. & N. COMPANY TO FURNISH ABLE SPEAKERS.

Committee of Farmers and Business Men Appointed to Prepare for the Meeting—Agricultural Experts Will Address the Farmers—Live Topics of Dairying, Diver-

sified Farming, Forage Crops, and Breeding—Eight New Members Added to the Association—Membership Now 90, Greatest Number in its History.

The largest attendance and the greatest enthusiasm in months mark the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Association last night.

The rapid growth of the association from 40 members just a few weeks ago, to a membership of 90, at this time, is telling in its beneficial effects for the city of Pendleton.

Will Hold Farmers' Institute. After auditing the expense accounts, and accepting eight new members, the association took up the matter of holding a farmers' institute in this city, this having been presented to President Borie after the successful meeting of farmers at Echo last Saturday.

President Borie, T. G. Halley and Lee Teutsch spoke enthusiastically of the benefits to be derived from such a meeting, in educating and furnishing information to the farming community. Mr. Teutsch, who attended the picnic at Echo, outlined the munificent offer of Colonel R. C. Judson, of the industrial department of the O. R. & N., to furnish lecturers for the institute and after some interesting discussion, it was decided to hold a farmers' institute in this city on Thursday, May 26, on the court house grounds at which time at least six or seven prominent agricultural experts from the leading colleges and institutions of the Northwest will address the farmers on the practical questions of dairying, forage crops, feeding, diversified farming, creamery prospects and other live topics that concern Umatilla county.

It is not the intention nor the aim of the association to imitate the needless preparations of Echo, in this meeting, in the way of literary entertainment and free dinner, as such would be out of the question here, but the meeting will be strictly educational and will be given as an expression of the highest objects of the Commercial Association in benefiting the community in every possible way.

With the hearty assistance and co-operation of the O. R. & N. company it is hoped to hold a profitable meeting and to make the farmers' institute a regular event hereafter.

Committee on Arrangements. President Borie named Bert Huffman as chairman of a general committee of arrangements, the committee to be appointed by the chairman, and the following farmers and business men of this vicinity were appointed to have charge of the institute, and confer with Colonel Judson at once in the matter of selecting speakers for the meeting: John Macary, E. J. Meiners, Jurgen Mumm, R. Laine, George Perringer, J. H. Ferguson, William Blakeley, W. W. Harrah, R. M. O'Brien, W. M. Roberts, T. J. Cheney, Dave Cargill, L. C. Rothrock, Puri Bowman, John Crow, C. E. McLeilan, J. A. Borie, T. G. Halley, Lee Teutsch, Dr. C. J. Smith, Thomas Thompson, C. E. Roosevelt, W. F. Matlock, Leon Cohen, R. Alexander, J. S. Whittinghill, G. A. Hartman, and J. F. Robinson.

A meeting of the committee is called for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at the parlors of the Commercial Association to decide upon the

Sam Parks Dead. Osnising, N. Y., May 4.—Sam Parks, former walking delegate of the Housewives' Union of New York, convicted of extortion and perjury in connection with the building strikes, died at 1:15 this morning in the prison hospital. He was sentenced to one year and six months.

Parks failed in health immediately after he fell into the clutches of the law, and died of tuberculosis.

details of the institute, and make final arrangements for the speakers with Colonel Judson, who is expected to be present at the meeting.

Experts Will Speak. While the speakers have not yet been selected, it is almost certain that Dr. James Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College; Professor H. T. French, of the Idaho Agricultural College; Professor C. L. Smith, of Spokane, and Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the bureau of animal industry, will be among the number, besides other able speakers on special subjects to be designated later.

The farmers of the vicinity of Pendleton are especially invited to take part in this work, and be present at the institute, as it is the beginning of a regular course of institutes to be held here, from which the farmers will be able to draw incalculable benefits. These speakers are experts in their lines and are employed by the various states and government to further the work of agricultural science and their experiences are valuable to the farmers.

Meetings Twice a Month. Before adjournment it was decided to hold meetings of the association every two weeks, and the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday night, May 17, at which time a proposition will perhaps be presented to change the constitution to fix the regular meetings twice each month.

Women Would Assist With Library. A committee from the Women's Clubs proffered the assistance of the clubs in placing the library in suitable rooms under care of a librarian, and the matter was referred to the library committee. It was decided to defer papering the rooms until it was known whether other improvements would be made in the association quarters.

Membership Campaign. The membership campaign is assuming immense proportions, and as a means of further adding worthy members to the association President Borie stated that each member would be expected to hand in the application of a new member by the next meeting. The club is in a highly prosperous condition and the membership is greater than ever before.

New Members Added. The following members were accepted at the meeting last night: Chester Foster, Conrad Platzoeder, A. Kunkel, Royal Sawtell, A. J. Goodman, Frank Duprat, Frank G. Mitchell, T. D. Taylor and E. A. Schiffer.

Hearst Carries Two Big States. Iowa and Illinois Line Up Decisively for the Great Editor.

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The stand of berries is very heavy, and the crop promises to show a better quality all over the strawberry district than usual. There has been an abundance of water and the weather has been cool enough to hold back the vines and produce larger and sweeter berries than where the warm weather crowds the vines and berries too rapidly.

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PORT ARTHUR IS NOW BLOCKADED

Feat Accomplished While the Japanese Fleet Was Under Heavy Fire.

JAPS READY TO MAKE A GENERAL ADVANCE.

Rumors That the Japs Have Captured Niu Chwang—Russian Ex-Convict Students Executed for Betraying Secrets—Chinese Generals Are Backfiring Against the Russians—Oriental Liner Stopped by Russian Warship and Mails Overhauled.

Rome, May 4.—A Tokio dispatch asserts that the latest Japanese attempt to block the channel at Port Arthur was successful. Two vessels, the telegram says, now lie in the harbor entrance.

Confirmed by Reuters. London, May 4.—The Reuters' Tokio correspondent also states the Japanese were successful in the attempt to bottle Port Arthur Monday.

Three Student Convicts Hung. Berlin, May 4.—A St. Petersburg dispatch states that three students sent to Siberia in 1901, were pardoned and sent to the front and have been hanged for attempting to betray the Russian cause.

Ready to Advance. Seoul, May 4.—A dispatch from the Japanese frontier along the Yalu, states that the dead have been buried and all wounded given medical attention.

The army is ready to continue the advance. The message adds: "Many of the enemy were found hiding under brush and taken."

Stopped and Mail Examined. London, May 4.—Reuter's Port Said correspondent reports the peninsula Oriental liner Ocsis was stopped by a Russian warship and her mail gone through in search of Japanese letters. The Japanese mail was at the bottom of a huge pile that was not touched. The Ocsis was nine hours from Brindisi when stopped by a blank shot from the warship Kratzi and was detained two hours.

Terrific Resistance. Port Arthur, May 4.—An idea of the terrific resistance offered by the Russians defending the channel Monday is gained from the fact that 3,500 shots were fired by the Russian batteries and guardships on attacking the freships.

Chinese Are Pro-Russian. St. Petersburg, May 4.—The newspaper Navikal claims to have authority for the assertion that the Chinese generals, Yuan Shikai and Ma are promoting anti-Russian agitation in the flowery kingdom.

Still Grounded on Sandbanks. St. Petersburg, May 4.—All efforts to drag the battleship Ori off the sandbanks in the Neva today failed.

Rumored Capture of Niu Chwang. London, May 4.—Nothing further has been received concerning the capture of Niu Chwang, up to 3 p. m. The accuracy of the report is doubted.

HENRY SMITH DEAD. Man Who Attempted to Commit Suicide at La Grande, Passed Away at the Asylum.

Portland, May 4.—Henry Smith, who attempted to commit suicide at La Grande, about two months ago, by cutting his throat with a razor, died at the state insane asylum at Salem, last night.

(Henry Smith was in St. Anthony hospital here for several weeks following his attempt to commit suicide and was finally adjudged insane and sent to the asylum. He is a brother of Conductor J. B. Smith, of the O. R. & N. and was dependent over the loss of all his means in a mining venture. He was 40 years old and had no family.)

DIGGINGS A FAKE. Returned Alaskan Knocks the Alek District Hard.

Vancouver, B. C., May 4.—Dan McKinnon arrived from the Alek diggings today. He says there is quite a large exodus from the creeks. He pronounces the diggings a fake.

Four Chinamen were deported from Portland, Tuesday, by immigration officials.

ACCUSED OF STAND-IN.

Did Tobaccoist Get a Tip From the Government?

London, May 4.—There was a scene in the house of commons this afternoon when McKenna, liberal, insinuated that Gallagher, a wholesale tobaccoist and member of Joseph Chamberlain's tariff commission, has secured advance information of the government's intention to impose a tax on the importation of stripped tobacco.

Gallagher has been buying unusual quantities of tobacco previous to the introduction of the budget. McKenna suggested that Chancellor Austen Chamberlain revealed the make-up of the budget to the tariff commission. Both the Chamberlains vigorously denied the allegations.

CAPTAIN AND CREW RESCUED. Narrow Escape off the Southern California Coast.

Los Angeles, May 4.—Captain Joseph Fellows and crew of the yacht Minerva, were rescued this morning 12 miles off San Pedro harbor, driven south by the storm of Sunday from Catalina for 24 hours. They were 25 miles off San Diego. The ship was dismantled and given up as lost.

MUST CONFER. Pope is Undecided Regarding Another American Cardinal.

Rome, May 4.—The pope today stated he would not take any definite action toward the creation of another American cardinal until he conferred with Archbishop Falconi, the apostolic delegate from Washington.

STRINGENT MEASURES. Rebellious Hereros Are to Be Summarily Suppressed.

Berlin, May 4.—Lieutenant General Teroth has been appointed to command the troops operating against the rebel Hereros of German Southwest Africa. Stringent measures to suppress the rebellion will be taken.

Two Children Killed. Dublin, May 4.—A wagonette conveying the Cahu convent school children and servants from a visit to King Edward at Spandally, overturned and two were killed and others injured.

MODERN DEPOT WILL BE BUILT

CONCLUSION REACHED BY W. & C. R. OFFICIALS. Will Be Erected on the Company's Lots at the Corner of Garden and Webb—Will Act Upon the Supposition That the Company Will Be Here as Long as the Town.

Vice President McCabe, of the W. & C. R., was in town today, and he, in company with S. B. Calderhead, the general passenger and freight agent, went over the depot question.

It has been decided that the company will build a modern depot building on its property at the corner of Webb and Garden streets. The cost and size of the building has not as yet been decided upon, but the company will put in a structure that will be a credit to the corporation and an ornament to the town.

For a time it was thought that the company would perhaps build a brick on its property, that could be used in part for a store room and business block; but Mr. McCabe is opposed to this policy. He thinks that the building will be a permanent one, that will be needed by the company for all time to come, and that while the building is being put up in the first place, it had just as well be a good one as something that the company would not be proud of and that the city would wish out of the way.

The work on the building will be started as soon as the plans can be perfected and the workmen brought to the scene.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE. Mrs. Thompson Alleges All Sorts of Ungentlemanly Conduct as Cause.

A divorce suit was filed this afternoon in which Mary L. Thompson seeks to secure a divorce from James L. Thompson, and to have the custody of the minor children.

The plaintiff alleges that she and the defendant were married in Logan county, Illinois, in 1877. There are two minor children living at this time with the plaintiff—Jesse, aged 17, and Amos, aged 13.

The plaintiff alleges as a cause for her action that the defendant is a gross and habitual drunkard and not conducting himself as a husband and father should, which includes assault and battery.

Roy Athery, aged 6, of Trail, B. C., was drowned Tuesday, while playing in a small stream near his home.

NEGROES WANT COLORED BISHOP

Their Delegates to the M. E. Quadrennial Conference Will Insist Upon It.

THEY FAVOR RETAINING THE AMENDMENT CLAUSE.

Their Influence Will Be Against Consolidation of Orders—Probable the Book Concerns Will Be Merged—Proposed to Raise the Salaries of the Bishops—Estimated Value of the Church's Holdings is \$10,000,000—Editors and Publishers to Be Chosen.

Los Angeles, May 4.—Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, colored professor of history and theology in Gamon Seminary, South Atlanta, Ga., said today the colored delegates to the Methodist conference will make a hard fight to secure the election of a colored bishop.

He said the colored delegates stand for the retention of the amendment clause, but fear consolidation, as it may wipe out the Freedman's Aid Society.

Candidates for colored bishop are Dr. Bowen, Dr. M. C. B. Mason, and Rev. J. B. Scott.

Value of Church's Holdings. Reports of the publishing agents of the church will show that while the physical assets are worth at least \$3,000,000, the properties of the church, including its periodicals and papers, are valued at fully \$10,000,000. Editors and publishers whose salaries range from \$750 to \$5,000, will be elected and a consolidation of the publishing houses is to be proposed.

Advisability of increasing the salaries of bishops from \$5,000 and traveling expenses, to \$6,000, will be discussed. Two days will be occupied with organization, after which will be heard reports of committee memorials from conference.

Skirmish Over Book Concern. Los Angeles, May 4.—The first skirmish over the Methodist Book Concern fight took place this morning, when the book committee met to consider the consolidation of the Eastern and Western concerns at New York and Chicago. No report will be made till the regular session of the conference, but it is understood the committee favors consolidation.

Every train is bringing in scores of delegates and friends, and the city is rapidly filling up.

All arrangements for the opening of the conference tomorrow morning are completed.

Dr. W. Thomas of Philadelphia, tells an awful story of the sufferings of thousands of delegates at the Grand Canyon without food or water for 24 hours. The delegates worked Sunday laying a temporary track around the wreck.

Still Lacks a Quorum. Los Angeles, May 4.—The first special train over the Santa Fe with delegates, arrived this morning. Twelve sections with 3,000 others are between here and the Grand Canyon, and the opening session is delayed for lack of a quorum.

McAll Mission Body Meets. East Orange, N. J., May 4.—The American McAll Association began its annual meeting here today with Mrs. Charles H. Parkhurst, wife of the pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, presiding. Branch societies as far west as Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis are represented at the meeting, which will be in session two days. The list of speakers includes prominent mission and settlement workers from various parts of this country and several from London and Paris.

Formally Turned Over. Panama, May 4.—The formal act of turning over the Panama canal to the United States government, was performed with much ceremony at 7 this morning. The canal was received by General Brooks and staff on behalf of the United States. Consul general Gudgeon and other prominent Americans witnessed the ceremony, which concluded with raising the American flag. The natives expressed much satisfaction.