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WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight partly cloudy and warmer; Friday fair.

PRO AND CON OF GAS PLANT SITE

Citizens Enter Vigorous But Ineffectual Protest to the Council.

COUNCIL IS OBDRATE AND WILL NOT RELENT.

Protestants Reiterate Every Possible Objection to the Accepted Location of the Gas Plant—John Vert Explains the Legal Phases of the Question, Showing How and Under What Circumstances the People Have Recourse to Law—Council State Their Side of the Case.

There was oratory at the council meeting last night, and badinage and some bitterness. There was determination to fight on the part of some of the councilmen, an inclination to waver on the part of others, and a solid and unrelenting front presented by the people who had come to the meeting to kick, and the cause of it all was the seemingly harmless and inoffensive motion put by Alderman Johnson to adopt the report of the committee on health and police which recommended that the proposed gas plant be located on the ground now occupied by the electric light station.

The council convened promptly on time, with a full membership in attendance, and a larger audience than is wont to assemble. After the bills for the month had been allowed, the recorder read a report of the committee, and then the argument began.

Protests by Citizens.

R. E. Kennedy, who owns a nice residence near the station proposed, arose for a heart to heart talk with the city fathers. While it was true that the electric light company had gone to a great deal of expense, perhaps, in building on the present site, and while it was true that they had given the city light and had been a public utility, it was also true that the city council was elected in the first place to conserve the interests of all the people, and not to hand things out to some corporation in the face of the opposition of every one concerned. He had roomed close to a gas plant and had moved away on account of the smell from it, and in the future would as lief live next door to a slaughter house. He thought there was plenty of room out of the main part of town for the location of the plant without putting it in the back yards of his neighbors.

Mrs. W. T. Hislop addressed the council at the close of the speech made by Mr. Kennedy. She had lived close to gas plants, knew what they were and had no love for them. She did not think that any one of the councilmen would vote to locate a gas plant in his own back yard, and did not think that it should be forced on other people who did not want it. The company was coming into the city to make money, it expected to make money or it would not think of coming, and under the circumstances it would come if it were put in some other part of the city. She did not wish to have her property deteriorate in value or to be made worthless by the location of a gas factory next to it. She thought that the Councilman Dickson and all of the council, in fact, had been elected to represent and protect the people and to look after their interests, and not after the welfare of Dr. Vincent and his gas franchise. She knew that the conditions were bad enough at the present time with the wooden and scouring mills close by without saddling another burden on the residents, and she protested.

Legal Phases Explained. John Vert also spoke. He went over some of the same ground, and more. He refuted the argument of Mr. Dickson that the people had a recourse to law from any nuisance created by the new company. If the station was located there the city would have a damage case on its hands, if the residents asked for redress, and the company was forced to remove. The attempt to remedy the evil after it has become located would be an abortive one, and redress to object and to seek redress.

Two Men Hanged. Pittsburg, May 5.—William L. Hartley, white, and James Edwards, colored, were hanged in the county jail this morning. Hartley killed Ernest Johnson, while Edwards murdered Clinton Banks in 1903. Both were converted since their conviction.

was before the damage was done. The residents of the district would fight the installation of the plant with an injunction suit, and would take their case to the highest court in order to get relief.

Robert Laing thought that the remarks of Councilman Dickson pointed to friendliness towards the gas company rather than towards the people, by whom he was put in office to look after the interests of the city. He had lived for 60 years and had never heard of a gas plant that was a boquet of sweetness in the neighborhood where it was situated, and he would rather choose his own perfume. He would therefore fight the plant in its proposed location.

W. Hale spoke for the citizens. He had swept the porch for his wife every morning, and was compelled to sweep for some time before he could find the boards, on account of the coal smudge. He does not want the smell of a gas plant added to the scouring mills smoke and smell, and he would stand pat with the rest in opposition.

Spoke for the Council. Councilmen Dickson and Johnson then addressed the meeting and the audience. They explained their position: Did not think that the plant would be offensive and thought that it had been put in the logical place. The people ought to be glad to have a gas plant for a neighbor instead of the electric station, for it worked silently and permitted sweet sleep. If gas odor did permeate the atmosphere it was a healthy smell, purified the air, and was not bad to take when one got used to it. The council then placed the report on the table, and in the meantime the aldermen will study up on gas plants in general. Alderman Ferguson will go to Walla Walla and see if he can smell the gas plant there, and then the matter will be settled. In the meantime the residents are sharpening up their knives.

After the reports of the various officers of the city, the council then adjourned.

CHAMPOUX WILL HANG TOMORROW

FIRST DEATH PENALTY IN WALLA WALLA PEN.

Will Be Executed on Gallows Made and Used at Spokane—Excitement Throughout the Prison is Intense—A Few Witnesses and Three Newspaper Men Will Be Present.

Walla Walla, May 5.—Everything is in readiness at the state penitentiary for the execution of James Champoux tomorrow morning, at 5 o'clock. The gallows have been tested and special guards arranged for to see that everything about the prison is put in perfect shape for the event. The hanging will occur in the enclosure at 5 o'clock prompt, and save for a few witnesses and three newspaper men, will be private.

The gallows, purchased in Spokane, upon which it was expected John Reynolds would be executed, was erected in the prison enclosure and it will be service tomorrow for the first time since a Chinaman paid the penalty in Spokane. Champoux holds up well and seems determined to die game. He has been guarded closely since being brought here and shows signs of nervous strain. Otherwise he would not be marked as a condemned murderer. So far as known he has not made a statement for the public, and it is not expected that he will attempt to speak from the scaffold. While he has not given up all hope he has realized that executive clemency is almost beyond reach.

Champoux will be the first man to suffer the death penalty at the prison, and the convicts are considerably on edge over the matter. A terribleness is evident throughout the institution today, and every effort has been made to keep the exact hour of the execution from the men, still it is feared that the facts will creep through the prison before the fatal hour.

TWELVE FIREMEN HURT. Gasoline in Underground Storehouse Exploded.

Philadelphia, May 5.—Twelve firemen were injured early this morning by an explosion of gasoline stored underground by the Pennsylvania railroad near West Philadelphia station.

During the fire railroad detectives endeavored to eject two Italians who were trespassers, when one shot Detective Conner in the abdomen.

A fire started at midnight and was extinguished without much damage. When the firemen went to make a final examination with torches, an explosion followed, enveloping the whole company in a sheet of flames.

German Liner Ashore. Liabon, May 5.—The German mail liner Kurlurat, from Zanzibar, is ashore north of Sagres.

NO HITCH IN ARRANGEMENTS

Preliminaries and Details for Canal Transfer Are Considered Perfect.

TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS THE SECURITY.

Money Has Been Withdrawn From Circulation Carefully to Prevent Financial Stringency, and the Cash Will Be Paid at Once—Morgan the Fiscal Agent—American Engineers and Zone Governor Leave for Panama Tuesday—1,700 Men Now at Work.

New York, May 5.—Secretary Shaw, who is in the city today in connection with the payment of the Panama canal purchase money this afternoon, said:

"There is no hitch in the arrangement for payment. We arranged for \$40,000,000 to be placed with the Morgan company Monday.

"While the secretary of the treasury is required by statute to take security in a case of this kind, the extent of the security is left to his discretion. Securities approved by the department to the extent of \$25,000,000, will be deposited at the time the warrant is delivered. "Working out the plan will cause no financial disturbance, as the money is being drawn from the banks to the treasury too gradually."

To Deliver the Cash. Washington, May 5.—The president today received from General Knox a letter reporting that he has made an arrangement with the new Panama Canal Company and Morgan & Company, whereby the latter were designated as agents to make the transfer of the money due by the United States to the canal company.

The forty million is to be deposited with Morgan immediately upon the delivery by the canal company to the United States of all property included in the purchase. The French interests to accept this deposit as equivalent to payment for all purposes of delivery of property, although a part of the funds in distribution awaits the action of the French courts.

Engineers to Panama. Washington, May 5.—Geo. W. Davis, governor of the Panama canal zone, accompanied by a corps of American engineers, will leave New York Tuesday, and on the arrival of the Colon will assume entire control of the canal property.

The 1,700 laborers now employed will be continued in their work.

DEBS FOR PRESIDENT. Socialists Then Nominated Hanford for Vice-President.

Chicago, May 5.—The socialist national convention this afternoon nominated Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana, for president and Benjamin Hanford, of New York, for vice-president, and adopted a platform along the usual socialistic lines.

Mississippi Teachers. Meridian, Miss., May 5.—Every county of the state was represented among the numerous arrivals today for the 19th annual meeting of the Mississippi State Teachers' Association. The convention will be formally opened this evening and will continue in session until the end of the week.

Turkish Cruiser Ashore. Constantinople, May 5.—The Turkish cruiser Abdul Medjid, American built, recently arrived from Philadelphia, is ashore while en route for Smyrna in charge of Turkish officers.

French Train Wrecked. Calais, May 5.—The Basle express was derailed near Nesle today. Five passengers and the train guard were badly injured.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM IS FINED \$5000

Portland, May 5. — (Special.) — Charles Cunningham and four of his six associates plead guilty today.

Cunningham got off by pleading guilty and agreeing to pay a fine, the sum imposed by the court being \$5,000; Asa Rayburn, pleading guilty, got a fine of \$100; Glen H. Saling, pleading guilty, was fined \$100.

Shelly Jones plead guilty, but the fine was suspended because he has lived on the land and intends to make it his home. Dallas O'Hara pleaded guilty, but

JAPS BOTTLE UP RUSSIAN FLEET

Confirmation of Statement Comes From St. Petersburg Sources.

THE JAPANESE SUNK TEN OBSTRUCTION VESSELS.

A Great Battle is Confidently Expected to Begin at Any Hour—A Naval Engagement With the Vladivostok Squadron is Reported—Czar Will Take Personal Command in Manchuria—Japs Are Keeping Up an Almost Continuous Bombardment of Port Arthur.

London, May 5.—Reports are current here that Russian and Japanese forces at Kiulen Cheng have fought another desperate battle. The Japanese losses are placed at 10,000, the Russians at 7,000. The Russians are said to have retreated in disorder.

Rumor of Russian Victory. London, May 5.—The Central News correspondent at St. Petersburg says the rumor is current at the Russian capital that a second battle was fought at Chung Hailien, 20 miles south of Feng Huang Cheng, in which the Russians lost 7,000. The Japanese, according to rumor, were driven back in disorder.

Czar Will Go to the Front. Rome, May 5.—According to a direct communication received by the pope from Russia, the czar, notwithstanding the advice of his ministers, is determined to go to the front and command the army.

Persecuting the Jews. Berlin, May 5.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that Russia has ordered the expulsion of 115 Jewish families numbering 600 persons, from Nikelsk province, and Tchernigoff, which are within the "pale," hence the expulsion is illegal and wanton.

Russia Buys Steamers. Berlin, May 5.—The Tageblatt says Russia has purchased all the eight steamers of the Nord Deutcherrline, and three ships of the Hamburg Packet Line.

Blocked the Channel. St. Petersburg, May 5.—A Port Arthur dispatch says Japanese ships last evening were seen coursing far out, and a fresh attack on Port Arthur is anticipated.

The message contains information confirming the Japanese contention that the harbor is sealed. Twelve fresh ships were sunk, of which eight have been located, while the positions of two are unknown, while the remaining two retreated. The average tonnage of the vessels was 2,000.

Steady Bombardment. London, May 5.—A Central News, Tokio correspondent, wires that following the sinking of the fresh ships Monday, the fleet bombarded the forts at Port Arthur. The bombardment was resumed Tuesday and continued yesterday.

Another Engagement. St. Petersburg, May 5.—Rumors are persistent here of a naval engagement between the Vladivostok squadron and Kami Mura's squadron, but they have no confirmation.

Japanese Loan Floated. London, May 5.—The Evening News announces that the Japanese loan of \$50,000,000 has been floated at about 93. It is secured by import duties and will bear 6 per cent.

Movement of Warships. Chee Foo, May 5.—Chinese junks report a fleet of 40 Japanese warships and transports off Wei Hai Wei Tuesday, steaming northwest.

Additional Killed and Wound. Tokio, May 5.—General Kuro,

commanding the Japanese in Manchuria, reports 200 additional killed and injured Russians have been found on the Yalu battlefield.

Big Fight Expected. London, May 5.—According to dispatches received from the front today an engagement between Japanese and Russian land forces is expected at Fen Huang Cheng any moment.

Russian reinforcements have been pouring along the Lia Yang roads, and it is probable Kuropatkin personally will command.

In the event of defeat the Russians will retire to Motieng Ling, 55 miles along the Lia Yang road to make a final stand to prevent the Japanese reaching the railroad. Motieng Ling is a narrow pass, comparable to the famous Shika pass in the Russo-Turkish war.

AT WORK AT TOPEKA. Eighty-four Men Have Gone to Work in Santa Fe Shops.

Topeka, Kan., May 5.—Eighty-four machinists and apprentices went to work in the Santa Fe shops this morning. The company will bring men to take the strikers' places immediately. Third Vice-President Buckalew, of the International Machinists' Union, in charge of the strike system, will tour the road. Picket lines were established today, but the strikers are orderly.

SAID TO HAVE RECALLED. Report That Famous English Liberal Is Now a Catholic.

Manchester, May 5.—The Dispatch prints a report that John Morley, the eminent liberal member of parliament, hitherto thought to have a leaning toward Voltaire's philosophy, has joined the Catholic church.

Rousseau Operated On. Paris, May 5.—Former Premier Waldeck Rousseau was operated on this morning for liver trouble.

CHINESE IN THE UNITED STATES

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT CENSUS.

Believed That Eighty-five Thousand Three Hundred Will Cover the Entire Number, Allowing for Falsified Returns — Twenty-two Hundred Were Born Here.

Washington, May 5.—The director of the census today made a statement regarding the number of Chinese in the United States, based upon a comparison of the census returns with the report of the commissioner of immigration, in which he says the results of the compilation shows that of 6,672 Chinese males reported as born in the United States, probably 2,231 were really born here, and 4,425 were cases of false returns.

The true number of Chinese immigrants into the United States will probably reach 85,301, instead of 80,803, as reported, the difference being due to false returns.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, May 5.—May wheat opened 89 3/4, closed same; old July opened 87 1/2, closed 86 1/2; new July opened 84 1/2, closed 85; July corn opened 48 1/4, closed 48 1/2.

ADDRESS TO CLERKS. International Vice-President Conway, of Chicago, Spoke.

The clerks of Pendleton met last night at the court house in mass meeting to listen to an address by H. J. Conway, of Chicago, vice-president of the International Clerks' Union of America. Mr. Conway is traveling and inspecting the work of the unions and looking after their welfare. He is an organizer and general manager.

He presented a strong address last evening on the advantages of the union to the people at large, to the employers as well as to the employed, and spoke of the management of unions and the mission of unionism. The meeting was largely attended by the clerks, non-union and union men nearly all being present.

STEREOPTICON LECTURE. W. H. Hawley Treats the Christian Church Sunday School.

W. H. Hawley, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Christian church, will entertain the entire school this evening with a stereopticon lecture by Rev. J. W. Jenkins, of Athens. He has arranged that every member of the school who has been neither absent nor tardy for the past month will be admitted to the lecture free. There are 150 members of the school entitled to tickets on these terms.

A strong anti-saloon league has been organized in Walla Walla.

GOV. MURPHY FOR CHAIRMAN

Leaders Plan to Have Him Manage Republican National Campaign.

COMMITTEE TO MEET IN CHICAGO JUNE 15.

It Will Then Determine Contests and Weed Out All Not Standing in With the Machine—Entire Personnel of the Officering of the Chicago Convention Has Been Fixed by the Washington Machine—Convention Will Meet Only to Ratify.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—The committee on arrangements for the republican national convention this afternoon decided to recommend unofficially to the full committee for temporary chairman, Ellihu Root, former secretary of war, after determining that the sub-committee had no authority to officially elect a temporary chairman.

Charles W. Johnson of Minnesota was selected for temporary secretary; John R. Malloy of Ohio, chief assistant secretary, and seven assistants, including Walter S. Mellieu of California; sergeant-at-arms, W. F. Stone of Maryland, and First Assistant David C. Owen of Wisconsin; president's clerk, A. Childs of Maine; official reporter, M. W. Blumenburg, of Illinois; five reading clerks and two tally clerks.

Probably Be Murphy. "Cornelius Bliss has not been offered and has not accepted the chairmanship of the republican national committee," is the statement going from White House authority. It is believed Murphy, of New Jersey, will be invited to manage the campaign.

Black Will Nominate. Washington, May 5.—Former Governor Black, of New York, has been selected to make the Roosevelt nominating speech. Among the seconding speeches will be one by Harry Edwards, of Macon, Ga.

Committee Meeting June 15. Acting Chairman Payne has issued a call for a meeting of the republican national committee in the Coliseum at Chicago, June 15, to determine contests and prepare the temporary roll of delegates.

NEW UNION GROWS. United Brotherhood of Railway Employees Makes Good Showing.

Local members of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees are taking a great deal of interest in the annual convention of the organization which will be held at San Francisco next week, beginning Monday, says the Oregon Daily Journal.

W. R. Apperson, business agent of the Oregon division, will attend as a delegate. He states that some very important matters are to come before the convention for consideration, but refuses to divulge their nature. Mr. Apperson has been offered a position of general organizer for the Oregon and Washington divisions, and he states that he will probably accept it.

President George Estes is now in Texas, where he has spent the greater part of the winter in the interest of the organization. After the convention it is thought that he will make a trip to Portland. Mr. Estes is an Oregonian by birth, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the state.

The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is affiliated with the American Labor union, which has built up a fairly strong membership in the city during the past few months. The A. L. U. is preparing to give an open meeting in the painters' hall on the evening of May 16.

The plans for the meeting being devised are believed to be unique in the history of local politics. The various candidates for the legislature will be invited to attend and give reasons as to why they should be supported by the workmen. As yet the subject has not been discussed with the politicians, but it is believed that the majority of them will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend.

Decoyed the Priest. Omaha, Neb., May 5.—Father Edward Geary, of the Holy Father church, is nearly dead this morning as the result of an assault by two footpads who decoyed him to his gate on a plea of distress. He was not robbed, but was beaten with fists.