

Every day the classified columns are a veritable cornucopia of opportunities. You might as well have no opportunity at all as to overlook those at your hand.

WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Saturday fair, cooler tonight with light frost; warmer Saturday.

COURT CUT THE TRIBUNE BILL

Will Only Allow Sixty-five Per Cent of the Morning Paper's Demands.

WHEN THAT AMOUNT HAS CONDITIONS TIED TO IT.

Legal Representative Intimates That the County Will Have to Stand a Suit for the Recovery of the Balance—County Judge Thinks That the Amount Allowed is Too Much—Reformation of Methods of Getting the County's Job Printing Done.

The county court has at last gone against the printing bugaboo, and has sliced the Tribune's bill for publishing the delinquent tax list down from \$616 to \$400, and this under conditions named by the court.

The final offer was made by Judge James A. Fee, the attorney sent up by the editor of the Tribune to represent his interests.

The proposition of the court is that the Tribune be offered \$400 for the full amount of the work done by the paper to date, instead of the \$616 demanded by the bill. In addition to this the court demands that the action instituted in which \$100 was paid for damages amounting to \$199 be due for the non-observance of the printing contract entered into by the county be dropped and the county be reimbursed for the work done in full. In other words, the county asks that the \$400 offered be taken by the paper as payment in full for its services to date.

This action was not taken with the unanimous vote of the court, for Judge Hartman holds that the Tribune is not entitled to more than \$400 for what it has done, and thinks that such an amount would be liberal on the point of extravagance. He is not in favor of paying more than that sum, but owing to the majority vote of the court made the offer good.

The conclusions of the court were stated to Mr. Fee, who was of the opinion that the paper would not accept the amount tendered, but would bring an action at law to enforce the payment of the full bill, together with the added damages of \$100 asked for in the separate complaint.

It was further decided by the court that in the future all of the printing needed by the county would be, by the direct orders of the court, given to the paper or company having the contract for the county printing. In the past the officials needing blanks and other material not kept in stock by the county official paper, or which could not be printed by it, were forced to send to Portland and to other companies for their work. The entire work will now be done by the county company.

The court was occupied during a great part of the day with listening to the remonstrance of residents near empty road No. 561, leading from Walla Walla to Milton. The road leads over a heavy hill, and a petition was filed to have it put around the point of the hill. The men through whose fields the new road would go have remonstrated and the matter is now in the hands of the court.

FOUNDRY IN OPERATION.

Mays & Ziegler Have a Small Force of Men at Work.

The foundry firm of Mays & Ziegler, which has succeeded the firm of Rigby-Clove & Company, is working a small force of men at the plant in general repair and foundry work. The plant will be remodeled to a certain degree in order to meet the requirements of the new business, and in a short time a larger force of men will be put to work than is now employed. W. F. Mays, the senior partner of the firm, will act as superintendent of the plant.

Scandal From Transvaal.

London, May 6.—In the commons Seely, a conservative, moved an adjournment to call attention to cruel and improper treatment of the natives employed in the Witwatersrand in the Transvaal. Winston Churchill and the entire opposition to the government with the exception of Campbell Bannerman, rose to support the motion. It was decided to discuss the question tonight.

CLAIM INSANITY.

Mrs. Powell Gives Her Account of the Murder.

Dover, Del., May 6.—The state rested this morning in the trial of Mrs. Mary Ann Powell for the murder of Estelle Albin, February 9. The latter had been adopted into the family, and the attorney for the defense claimed her and Mr. Powell's alleged immoral acts drove Mrs. Powell to the verge of insanity. Mrs. Powell went on the stand today and detailed the crime. She said Estelle came into the garret, where she (defendant) was placing catsup bottles. Estelle seized her by the throat. Mrs. Powell pulled a knife from her pocket and a desperate struggle followed, during which she cut Estelle's throat.

MYSTERIOUS SKELETON.

Beside it Lay Cash and Bank Deposit Receipts at Seattle.

Vancouver, B. C., May 6.—A skeleton was found in an old cabin on the outskirts of the city. Beside the remains was picked up what was thought to be a roll of refuse paper, black with dirt. This was soaked in water, separated and turned out to be \$200 in United States bills and several savings bank deposit receipts on the Puget Sound National Bank of Seattle.

When the almost obliterated name on these receipts can be deciphered the skeleton's identity will be known.

Kansas K. of P. Rally.

Topeka, Kas., May 6.—The annual grand rally of the Knights of Pythias of Kansas began in Topeka today and many hotels and other buildings in the down town district are gay with flags and K. of P. emblems in honor of the visitors. Nearly every large city in the state is represented. During today and tomorrow at least 1,000 candidates will receive the page rank.

CHAMPOUX DROPS TO INSTANT DEATH

WIFE MURDERER HANGED AT WALLA WALLA PEN.

Maintained Stolid Indifference to the Last—Would Not Talk of His Crime, Which Was a Very Brutal One—Execution a Success—Witnessed by 40 People—Last Words of Condemned Man: "God Bless You."

Walla Walla, May 6, 5:30 a. m.—(Special).—James Champoux, wife murderer and the nerviest man ever executed in Washington, was hanged at 5:05 this morning.

His neck was broken instantly and heart action ceased at 5:17. The doctors say he did not feel the slightest pain, his death was so sudden. His body was cut down at 5:22, all signs of life having disappeared.

The execution was a success from start to finish, not the slightest hitch occurring in any of the arrangements. About 40 persons witnessed the execution, all prison officials except Colin V. Dymont, of the Spokesman-Review, I. H. Harris, of the Walla Walla Union, and one or two other representatives of the press.

Champoux maintained his stolid indifference to the last. He has refused to talk about his crime during his incarceration. He murdered his wife in Seattle, by driving the blade of his knife through her brain, and has shown no sign of remorse. The only words he uttered before the drop fell were: "God bless you."

EAGLES INCORPORATE.

Expect to Begin and Complete Their Building Next Fall.

Articles of incorporation were filed this morning by A. C. Koepfen, O. W. Gibson and W. S. Wells, trustees of the Pendleton Aerie of Eagles by which the aerie was incorporated in order that it be able to own and manage real estate.

The aerie secured an option some time ago on the property now occupied by the old Wheeler lodging house on Court street, with the intention of building a lodge hall on the site in the near future. The price of the place was set at \$6,500, and this amount has now all been subscribed, either by advance dues or by life membership, and the option will be taken up between the present time and the last of the month, and the title settled on the new corporation.

Work on the construction of the hall will be begun in the fall, and it is the hope of the order to get into the new home by the first of next year. Plans are now being formulated by the architects.

Warships Coming to Portland.

Portland, May 6.—Five United States warships, the Wyoming, the Preble, the Paul Jones and two others, will be in Portland during the time of the Summer Fiesta and Fourth of July celebration this year.

SURPLUS HAS DISAPPEARED

General Government is Confronted With a Real Though Temporary Deficit.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS FALLEN OFF GREATLY.

Deficit Will Grow Until June 30, End of the Fiscal Year—Witness in Tyner Case Confesses in His Testimony—Emergency Duty in the Philippines Sustained by Supreme Court—Cash is Ready for the Government's Exhibit at Lewis and Clark Fair.

Washington, May 6.—The treasury surplus of \$54,000,000 beginning the fiscal year disappeared today, and from now until the end of the fiscal year the deficit will grow. The Panama and World's Fair payments and a decrease of \$21,000,000 in customs receipts for the year ending the 30th of June next, are responsible for the threatened shortage.

Hayes Morgan Confesses.

Washington, D. C., May 6.—A surprise was sprung on the government in the Tyner case this morning when Hayes Morgan, formerly "fraud order" clerk in the postoffice department, testified that he himself was the author of some letters complained of, wherein Tyner is charged with favoring get-rich-quick schemes.

He said the practice of the legal branch of the postoffice had always been to give concerns against whom charges of fraud had been made a chance to reform. He had so informed the inspectors who had interviewed him previous to the indictment of Tyner, but strange to say he was not called to testify before the grand jury.

Cash for Portland Exhibit.

Washington, May 6.—Satisfactory evidence has been presented to the treasury department by the directors of the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland to the effect that they have complied with the law and they will have \$600,000 in cash orders issued in preparation to carry out the plans for the government exhibit.

Duty Cannot Be Remitted.

Washington, May 6.—The court of claims today decided the duties collected on goods from the United States at Manila and other Philippine points during the insurrection, and which were levied by executive proclamation for the support of the military government, although not by warrant of any general statute were entirely proper and cannot be remitted to the firms and individuals who paid them. The decision involves millions.

New Consul at Dawson.

Washington, May 6.—Leo Berhols, consul at Three Rivers, Quebec, has been appointed consul at Dawson City, vice Dent, resigned.

JURIES DISCHARGED.

Fair Trial Not Possible for Accused Miners.

Ourray, Col., May 6.—District Judge Stevens today ordered the discharge of all grand and petit jurors summoned for the impending term of court at Telluride, on the ground that fair trials could not be secured at this time in San Miguel county, owing to the existing conditions.

The district is under martial law and the Citizens' Alliance is dictator. Thirty exiled miners here have been tried on various charges brought against them by residents of Telluride.

Strike Not Called Off.

Denver, May 6.—Continued reports of fatalities come in from the storm-stricken region. Four deaths are reported today, three from lightning. Crops are suffering badly.

The Denver coal miners' strike in district 15, has not been called off, as reported, according to National Organizer Evans.

Steamship Company Quits.

Portland, May 6.—The China Commercial Steamship Company has withdrawn its steamers from the Portland-Oriental service. General Manager J. V. C. Comfort yesterday closed his office here and left last night for Salina Cruz. Lack of business was the cause. The China Commercial is engaged principally in transporting Chinese coolies to Mexico.

The wise preacher will not try to exhaust a good text in one sermon.

PORT ARTHUR IS ISOLATED

Japs Landed on Both Sides of Narrow Peninsula in Rear of Port Arthur.

JAPS GAIN IMPORTANT POSITION IN INTERIOR.

News Confirmed by Advices Received at Washington—Russians Will Have to Act on Aggressive to Save Port Arthur—Jap Mounted Scouts Win a Skirmish in the Interior—Russian Soldiers Fire on Other Russian Soldiers by Mistake.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The Japanese troops landing at Pitzevo have cut the land communications with Port Arthur.

Story of the Landing.

Tokio, May 6.—General Hosoya, detailing the landing of Japanese troops on Lia Tung peninsula, in his official report, says the seventh division, with torpedo boats and two transports, arrived off Lal Tung the morning of May 5; bombarded a number of the enemy's patrols and landed a party of sailors who waded ashore a thousand yards and took possession of a range of hills, planting the flag without a shot. Three gunboats were employed to distract the enemy's attention, killing several.

The first fleet of transports, seeing the flag on the hill, began landing at 8 o'clock last night, the troops wading ashore until piers were erected.

Japs Gain Important Position.

London, May 6.—Dispatches this afternoon announce that the Japanese have occupied the hills on the road to Feng Hiang Cheng without firing a shot.

Surrounding Port Arthur.

London, May 6.—The Central News correspondent at St. Petersburg reports that the Japanese have landed at two points in the vicinity of Port Arthur—at Pischevo and Port Adams. The two places are on opposite sides of Kwang Tung peninsula, and the forces landed are only 20 miles apart.

Object of Movement.

London, May 6.—The apparent object of the Japanese in landing on Lia Tung peninsula, is to duplicate the move of General Shafter at Santiago and attack Port Arthur with heavy forces from the rear. Port Adams is on a narrow inlet on the west coast of the peninsula, and Pitzevo is on the east coast. A line between them forms the base of a triangle of which Port Arthur is the apex.

Movements Confirmed.

Washington, May 6.—The state department is officially advised of the landing of Japanese 45 miles north-east of Port Arthur.

Mikado and Togo.

Constantinople, May 6.—According to the news service which the Mikado has ordered sent the sultan, Admiral Togo attended a meeting of the war council at Tokio Thursday, leaving the Port Arthur fleet aboard a 35-knot destroyer which carried him to Nagasaki, where a special train took him to Tokio. At the meeting of the war council he assured the authorities that the Russian fleet is unable to interfere with the landing on Lia Tung peninsula. It was then decided that transports be sent to secure such landing. Togo immediately returned to the fleet.

Russians Kill Russians.

London, May 6.—A Reuter's Tokio dispatch says a report is received from General Kuroki stating that in the retreat Sunday a large body of Russians mistook a smaller body of their countrymen for Japanese and attacked them with great fury, 180 being killed and wounded.

Battleship Floated.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—Admiral Bezobrazoff departed today for Port Arthur. The battleship Orel was released today and taken to Cronstadt.

Transport Sighted.

Port Arthur, May 6.—A Japanese transport under convoy of a big fleet is said to have been sighted off Port Arthur today.

Japanese Heroism.

Port Arthur, May 6.—Dispatches detail the heroism of the Japs manning the blockading ships. A Japanese sailor who came ashore on Elec-

tric Hill, when summoned to surrender drew his revolver and died fighting. A Japanese officer suicided by disemboweling, declaring he would rather die than go home disgraced.

Japanese Victory.

Washington, May 6.—The Japanese legation has a Tokio dispatch saying General Kuroki reports that May 3 mounted scouts, after a severe hand-to-hand fight near Feng Huang Cheng drove back the Russians. The captured officers say the only bodies which retreated in order May 1 were five or six infantry battalions and two artillery companies. Two hundred more Russians killed and wounded were found left on the field.

Japs Buy Steamers.

London, May 6.—The Canadian Pacific steamships Tartar and Athenian have been sold to Japan.

BASEBALL RECORD.

Scores of the Great League Games Played Yesterday.

Pacific National League. Boise, May 5.—Spokane, 3; Boise, 6. Salt Lake, May 5.—Butte, 10; Salt Lake, 12.

American League.

Detroit, May 5.—Cleveland, 5; Detroit, 3. New York, May 5.—Washington, 9; Boston, 3. Philadelphia, 0; Boston, 3.

National League.

Boston, May 5.—New York, 10; Boston, 5. Cincinnati, May 5.—St. Louis, 0; Cincinnati, 3.

Pacific Coast League.

San Francisco, May 5.—Los Angeles, 10; San Francisco, 2.

ARID HOMESTEADS ARE IN DEMAND

FIFTY SETTLERS FILE LAST WEEK AT THE DALLES.

Activity of John T. Whistler's Surveying Crews Causes Newcomers to Think Government Irrigation is Near—Morrow County Land Goes With a Rush—Settlers Evidently Mean Business.

Within the past week, about 50 homestead entries have been filed at The Dalles land office on the Echo irrigation reservation, lying in Morrow county. The activity of the surveying crews under John T. Whistler has caused many residents to believe that actual work will begin on the government irrigation project within a short time.

D. E. Foster, who is in the city from The Dalles today, says that the homesteaders are mostly new people, having just arrived from the east and seem to be actual settlers. They file on the land and immediately secure work in the vicinity, where they can live upon or be near their new homes. In many instances they file on four contiguous quarter sections, showing that they mean business and will co-operate in fencing and cultivating the land.

This is the first rush of settlers on the tract in Morrow county, the greatest activity heretofore being in the Umatilla county district subject to entry at La Grande. The surveying parties are now at work about 15 miles west of Echo on the Morrow county portion of the reservation.

Legal Degree for Colored Woman.

Louisville, Ky., May 6.—The first colored woman lawyer in Kentucky will receive her degree at the commencement of the Central Law School of the Colored State University next week. She is Mrs. Sallie J. S. White, wife of Albert S. White, a local lawyer and politician. Mrs. White has chosen "Civil Rights" as the subject for her commencement oration.

FRANK FRAZIER RETURNS.

Has Had an Unlucky Winter With His Sheep on Snake River.

Frank Frazier returned last night from Huntington, where he has been for some time looking after his band of sheep on Snake river, 20 miles below Huntington.

He has been unfortunate with his sheep during the past winter owing to the mismanagement of attendants and lost quite heavily. Grass is excellent at this time and his sheep are in good condition to shear, but the per cent of lambs will be light all over the Snake river district, owing to the severe weather in March.

Many poor sheep died from sticking in the gumbo mud on the foothills, during the wet weather, they being too poor to wade through the heavy clay to dry ground.

COMPLAIN OF THE ACCOMMODATIONS

Los Angeles City Council Did Not Live Up to Their Promises.

BISHOP MERRILL HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION.

Has Been in the Ministry Fifty-nine Years—Big Fight is Coming Friday Over Proposition to Redistrict the Conferences—Every Delegate, Lay and Clerical, Has Arrived and is Present—Proposition to Adopt a New System of Revival Work.

Los Angeles, May 6.—The principal subject of discussion at this morning's session of the Methodist conference is Hazard's pavilion, its poor seating capacity and acoustic properties. Prominent Methodists say the Los Angeles city council promised if the conference be secured for this city the new convention hall would be ready. A convention hall committee was appointed, but never accomplished anything.

The morning was devoted to reports and presentation of resolutions. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss presided.

Bishop Merrill Resigned.

Los Angeles, May 6.—Bishop Merrill, senior member of the episcopacy, resigned at the morning session. He was given the Chautauquan salute. The bishop is 79 years old and has been in the ministry 59 years.

The first big debate of the general conference will be Friday forenoon on the resolution recommending the redistricting of the annual conferences. Drs. J. M. Buckley and T. B. Neilly will be the principal speakers.

Every Delegate Present.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 6.—The second day of the Methodist conference opened at 10 a. m. with the bugle calls of Evangelist Bell, Bishop H. W. Warren presided.

The last of the belated delegates from the Santa Fe wreck arrived at daybreak. Every delegate, lay and clerical, was in his seat at the business session.

The organization of the committees of the church was reported at 8:30 and 9:15 a. m. J. A. Patton was elected chairman of the book committee, one of importance in connection with the meeting of the conference.

Evangelism is the keynote of the 1904 conference, and rivalry is acknowledged to exist between the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies in the evangelistic movements. A plan is on foot in the conference to adopt the revival method accepted by the general Presbyterian assembly last year at its annual session in Los Angeles to create a general revival fund and appoint the most able members of the clergy as itinerant evangelists.

FINISHING TWO HARVESTERS.

Others of the Rigby-Clove Will Be Completed This Summer.

W. T. Rigby and J. Clove are at work with a small force of men at finishing two of the Rigby-Clove combined harvesters which have been on the ways during the winter. It is expected to put out at least two of the machines at the time the harvest opens, and if good speed is made with the work on those, others of the machines now under course of construction at the foundry will be finished.

Messrs. Rigby and Clove have not as yet decided what they will do with their business in the future, but it is probable that they will make some arrangements whereby they will be able to manufacture their harvesters in Portland.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, May 6.—May wheat opened 90 1/2, closed 91 1/2; old July opened 87 1/2, closed same; new July opened 85 1/2, closed 86 1/2. July corn opened 48 1/2, closed 48 1/2.

Grat at Butte.

Butte, Mont., May 6.—The grand jury at noon returned 21 true bills in the district court against Commissioner A. D. Clark, Assessor Dan Brown, Coroner Michael Egan, Pat Holland and Architect M. D. Kern, who built the county hospital, and W. F. Mathews. The defendant are accused of profiting financially in the county's business. All were arrested and released on bail.