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right, all right; if it is not done right, it is all wrong. This firm will not give up any more money unless there is better assurance that it will be well spent, than heretofore. We must have something in sight.  
C. E. Roosevelt—1 emphatically second the motion that the observance of the Fourth of July be turned over to the Labor Council. The unions can and may be trusted to give us an economical and honest expenditure of any funds that may be entrusted to them. Judging from Labor Day, they can give us a celebration with novel features—one that will be all-round successful. Give the unions every chance. I think they can be depended upon.  
Lee Teutsch—Money to spend is not the only consideration. To make a celebration a success the interest of every man, woman and child in the town should be enlisted—their advice asked for and listened to. Let us have assurance of a genuinely good celebration, or none at all. Above all, let us go at it in a way that will make a community affair of it.  
R. E. Tarbet—The people will spend about so much money every Fourth of July anyway, and if they don't spend it in Pendleton they will go elsewhere for diversion on the day. The money the people of this town will spend on railroad fares going somewhere else if there is no celebration here, if it could be gotten together would be sufficient to build a good celebration at home on. Let us get up a good program and then by all means carry it out. If necessary, require forfeits for the proper carrying out of contract attractions.

## MORE CROOKED POSTMASTERS

NEW YORK POSTMASTER NOW UNDER FIRE. Inspectors Recommend His Dismissal But No Specific Charges Are Made—His Son Loses His Official Head and Many Subordinates Are Out—Is a Friend of Platt's.

Washington, May 12.—The report of the inspectors of the New York City postoffice is in possession of the postmaster-general, who will not give out the contents until reviewed by the president.  
It is well known, however, that the inspectors have recommended the dismissal of Postmaster Van Cott, his son, and a dozen subordinates. Assistant Attorney-General Robb, to whom the report was submitted, will probably modify that recommendation. Senator Platt, Van Cott's personal friend, has worked hard for him.

Later.  
The president this afternoon approved the recommendations made by Robb and as a result Richard Van Cott, son of the postmaster, was summarily removed. No proof of actual maladministration has been made against the postmaster, and he will be allowed to serve out his term.  
Gymnastic Championships Postponed.  
St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—By decision of James E. Sullivan, chief of the department of physical culture of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, the college gymnastic championships which were to have begun on the world's fair grounds today have been postponed until October, when they will be held at the same time as the national championships. The change was made at the request of many colleges.

Arkansas Editors.  
Little Rock, Ark., May 12.—The annual meeting begun here today by the Arkansas Press Association is well attended by the leading newspaper men of the state. The sessions are to continue several days, during which time there will be papers and addresses covering every branch of newspaper making.

Bombarding British.  
London, May 12.—Dispatches from Gayangiz, Thibet, today state that the Tibetans have reopened the bombardment on British camp there, using cannon.

Treaty Made.  
Washington, May 12.—The Peruvian legation received a confirmation of the report of the treaty negotiated between Peru and Columbia, respecting the boundary dispute.

Real Estate Man Missing.  
Sacramento, Cal., May 12.—H. T. Wright, a prominent Dixon real estate man, disappeared after making big real estate deals.

Wins Stake.  
London, May 12.—King Edward's horse, Rose Market, won the Breeders' stake of 200 sovereigns at Newmarket.

## NICHOLAS II TIRES OF THE BURDEN OF THE CROWN

Reported From London That Russia's Ruler Would Abdicate the Throne of His Fathers.

The Splendid Docks at Dalny, the Finest Harbor in the World, Built at a Cost of \$6,000,000, Are Blown to Atoms—Skirmishing in the Interior With Slight Losses on Both Sides—Sentiment Against Absolutism Is Increasing in Russia.

Liverpool, May 12.—The Post today asserts that the report reached London from high quarters from St. Petersburg, that the czar is suffering from great mental depression and is desirous of abdicating.

Port Arthur Cut Off.  
London, May 12.—Lloyd's correspondent at Niu Chwang, states that Port Arthur is cut off. Produce is arriving in great quantities from up the river. The Japanese troops are marching from Feng Huang Cheng towards Hayen. Perfect order prevails in Niu Cawang. The authorities do not anticipate trouble or fighting in this vicinity. Great credit is due to General Kondratovick and Civil Administrator Etzel in preserving order.

Absolutism Declining.  
Vienna, May 12.—Russian advices today state that the conviction is growing among the intellectual classes that absolutism has seen its best days, and that the czar will be led of his own initiative to give the empire a constitution and parliament.

Cost of Dalny Evacuation.  
St. Petersburg, May 12.—The Dalny docks, piers and appurtenances cost the Russian government \$6,000,000.

Anxious to Loan.  
London, May 12.—The Central News states that the Japanese loan has already been over subscribed. The banks handling it are crowded this morning.

Fortify Seaports.  
Berlin, May 12.—A St. Petersburg dispatch states that the town of Sestobez, on the Gulf of Finland, 18 miles from the capital, is to be strongly fortified as protection for Neva and St. Petersburg.

Resist Attack.  
London, May 12.—Japanese Minister Hayashi gives an account of the Russian attack on Anju of May 10, which says 24 Japanese resisted 200 Russians until a company of reinforcements arrived from Ping Yang, when the enemy fled. The Japanese lost four killed and six wounded. The enemy had over 50 non-commissioned officers taken prisoner.

Dead Ox Flat Project Now Under Construction.  
Welsler, May 12.—Work on the construction of the Malheur Butte Irrigation canal was begun this week under the supervision of Peter Pence of Payette, superintendent and general manager.

Grand Master Recognized.  
Washington, May 12.—The supreme court of the District of Columbia, this afternoon handed down an opinion recognizing Simon Burns, grand master workman and others, chosen by the general assembly of Knights of Labor at Niagara Falls in November, 1902, as legally elected officers. Burns and his associates had filed a bill in equity against John W. Hayes, alleged grand master workman, and others elected by another convention at the same time and place. Hayes succeeded in getting control of the headquarters and records of the society and Burns brought suit against him.

Balloon Accident.  
Twenty Persons Killed and Injured in Paris.  
Paris, May 12.—Twenty persons were injured by the falling of a flaming balloon in the avenue D'Aumesnil today.

Censure Consuls.  
Berlin, May 12.—The newspapers continue the outcry against the American consuls to Germany, asserting that they deserve to be treated as spies.

## RALLIES OF DEMOCRACY ARE CALLED

Democratic rallies have been arranged for almost every point in Umatilla county within the next two weeks.

Beginning with a monster mass meeting at Echo, on Friday, May 29, under the auspices of the Echo democratic club, in which Colonel James H. Raley and F. W. Holbrook will be the principal speakers, the following weeks remaining before election will be studded thickly with democratic meetings.

At Pilot Rock, on the evening of May 23 a democratic mass meeting will be held, in which the Pendleton brass band will figure prominently.

At Alba on May 24 at 2 p. m., and at Ukiah on May 24 at 7:30 p. m., rallies will be held in which all the democratic candidates will take part and it is the intention of the campaign managers to have several prominent outside speakers here if possible.

The Echo mass meeting is to be the most imposing assembly of the campaign. The democratic club at that place is very strong and has employed McMinn's band, of this city, to furnish music for the occasion. A grand ball, free of charge, will be given at night and a general jubilation will be held. Committees have been appointed to have charge of the different features and the Echo people will acquit themselves with their usual grace.

## MURDERED HIS WIVES.

Startling Story of Sidney Sladden Comes to Light in Los Angeles.  
Los Angeles, May 12.—A startling story which may develop into one of murder mysteries came to light in Los Angeles today. The chief figure in it is Sidney Sladden. He was once a resident of this city. He is now a prisoner in the county jail at Louisville, Ky., charged with having swindled the Pacific Life Insurance Company, of which he was general agent in Kentucky.

Special Policeman Charles L. Foster, who for ten years has been on Sladden's trail, is authority for the statement that an effort is being made to prove that Sladden, once the most dashing of men about town, is guilty of wife murder. His first wife, who is now living in East Orange, N. J., declares that before she divorced Sladden he tried twice to kill her with chloroform.

Dr. T. L. Magee of San Diego, certified that the second Mrs. Sladden's death was due to natural causes. Mrs. Sladden No. 1 is positive in her declaration that her husband not only tried to poison her, but that he did poison his second wife. Another one of Sladden's wives into whose sudden death inquiry is now being made was a young Chicago woman who at the time Sladden married her had two children.

In addition to these three wives Sladden has been the husband of a Miss Wilson of Washington, D. C., and of a young woman who died suddenly in Louisville two months before he married Miss Wilson.

## FIRST RUSH OF EXCURSIONISTS

OVER 200 TICKETS FOR ST. LOUIS SOLD ON FIRST DAY.

Palouse Contingent Numbering 100, Passed Through the City and as Many From Points West on the Main Line—Many Expect to Go From This City Later—Excursion Party May Be Organized Here.

The first rush of St. Louis excursionists passed through the city on No. 2 last evening, about 100 coming from Washington points and about an equal number coming from the main line between here and Portland.

Passenger Agent J. H. O'Neill came down from Eastern Washington with the Palouse contingent, and spent the night in this city, after seeing his party of excursionists safely transferred to the main line and started on their pleasant trip to the fair and other points in the east.

While the season is not yet sufficiently advanced for the great rush to the fair, this first days' work is gratifying to Mr. O'Neill and he looks for the heaviest travel in the history of the road this spring.

The number going tonight and tomorrow night is expected to equal the crowd of last night, as a great many farmers from the Palouse country are taking advantage of the first ticket sales, in order to see the fair and return home in time for harvest.

A large number of excursionists are prepared to go from Pendleton and vicinity on the June sales days, which occur on the 16th, 17th and 18th of that month.

It is hoped by B. E. Wolf, city ticket agent for the O. R. & N., that an excursion party can be arranged from this point, some time during the summer, as a large number of people have signified their intention to go from here.

The sales days are arranged as they are, once each month, in order to give the companies an opportunity to return the cars from the East, for if the sales should be open all the time, the rush of travel outward would be so heavy every week that it would be impossible for the railroads to get their equipment back to the western points fast enough to accommodate the traffic.

## POLITICS HOT IN INDIANA

Friends of the California Journalist Claim Gross Discrimination in Convention.

HEARST AND PARKER FORCES ALMOST CLASH.

Speaker Greeted With Hisses and Cat Calls—Illinois Convention Is Quieter—Speaker Cannon Cheered When He Assumed Temporary Chairmanship—Reviewed History of His Party for the Past Year—Situation on Governorship Is Very Complicated.

Indianapolis, May 12.—There was almost a riot in the convention prior to the election of Smith as chairman, the Hearst men claiming that they had not been given a fair show. When Smith began to speak he was greeted with jeers and cat calls from the Hearst delegates. When he referred to the conscience of the democratic party the Hearst men found expression in the noisiest hissing ever heard in Tomlinson hall. The climax was reached when Smith congratulated the convention on its ability to unite.

Hearst-Parker Factions War.  
Indianapolis, May 12.—General Smith was nominated for temporary chairman of the democratic convention. The Hearst men nominated Judge McCabe. Smith was elected, and began a speech amid great din. He called for the report of the committee on credentials and here began the real fight between the Hearst and Parker factions.

Parker Forces Win.  
Indianapolis, May 12.—Parker instructions and unit rule were adopted by a vote of 954 to 585. The convention then adjourned.

Illinois Convention.  
Springfield, Ill., May 12.—When the republican state convention met at noon the gubernatorial situation was not clarified, each faction fighting hard. Apparently Governor Yates, Colonel Lowden, of Chicago, controlled it, but the first ballot only will show. Speaker Cannon was given a rousing reception as he assumed the gavel as temporary chairman. His speech reviewed republican politics for the year. The convention took a recess until 5 o'clock to allow the committees to report.

Officers Indicted.  
Reform in County Officials at Butte, Montana.  
Butte, Mont., May 12.—Even more indictments were presented this morning by the grand jury. County Commissioners W. D. Clark and M. P. Haggerty, Assessor Jan Brown, Road Supervisor W. F. Matthews and George Wise, J. M. Kelly and E. M. Ryan, teamsters, were charged with conspiracy to cheat and defraud the county. Constables John McGrath and Thomas Cosgrove were charged with collecting illegal fees.

Women May Still Sing.  
Rome, May 12.—The vatican authorities deny having received objections from American archbishops regarding the impossibility of enforcing the papal decree providing for the restoration of the Gregorian chant and the banishment of women from the choirs. It is pointed out in this connection that the decree did not call for the exclusive use of the Gregorian chant nor did it forbid congregational singing including, naturally, female voices.

Surrendered by Bondsmen.  
Chicago, May 12.—Captain John Healey, ex-president of the Alaskan Exploration Company, was surrendered by his bondsmen today. He will be taken to New York to answer to a charge involving the loss of \$10,000 of the company's money.

Money for Boise Barracks.  
Washington, May 12.—Senator Dubois was notified today by Quartermaster-General Humphreys that \$140,000 had just been apportioned for enlargement and repairs at Boise barracks from the general army appropriation.

Auto Accident.  
Douglas, Isle of Man, May 12.—During preliminary trials of the Bennett auto race, held here today, an Englishman by the name of Earp, who was going at racing speed, drove the car into a stone wall. Earp and his brother are badly hurt.