

ER FIGHT IN CALIFORNIA

of the Convention in... But the Chances Are... Against Hearst.

ES FIRST ROUND IN THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

tion for Defeat Laid in a... of Delegation Supposed to Be... for Him and Loss of a Con-... Delegation—Both Factions... ing Bravely, But the Anti-... People Appear to Have the... Hand.

la Cruz, Cal., May 17.—When... ate convention was called to or-... sidence of a bitter fight between... conservatives and Hearst follow-... ver control of the organization... edately cropped out. Stories of... d-natured struggle for control... to circulation failed to bear... and when the delegates began... ther all indications pointed to... of the most sensational struggles... e history of the party in the... y this morning the caucuses... to show any sign of compro-... although the conservatives are... ng to make any reasonable con-... for the sake of peace. The... st people, however, decided to... by their guns and make a test... relative strength on the floor... of convention.

Test Vote on Chairman. F. Tarpey, manager of the... st campaign, refused to accept... ovetures of peace made by the... ratives. He declared that he... d bring the matter to a test by... te on chairmanship. Frank K. Lane, Hon. Thomas J... y and the balance of the con-... servatives who were working with... in McNabb on the chairmanship... offer, offered to take Frank Gould... chairman and give Hearst equal... resentation on all committees... the understanding that if Hearst... ed to secure the delegation the... gates would cast their first vote... St. Louis complimentary to him. Congressman Tarpey would not... r of it and that closed negotia-... ns between the factions.

Hearst Delegation Split.

It was discovered by Tarpey at... that he had met with a very... rassing circumstance in con-... ction with the Alameda delega-... n. He has always claimed the delega-... n in full.

Last night the conservatives got... work and by hard work succeeded... pitting the delegations so that... and probably one or two more... stand with the Lane-McNab fac-... on organization.

Hearst People Support Jeter.

At 2 o'clock the Hearst people an-... nounced he had decided to make... ht for Jeter for chairman against... d. The Hearst program is "Jeter... r chairman, instructions for Hearst... d the unit rule."

The McNab program is, "No in-... structions," while the most of the... servative leaders would add, "No... structions for Hearst, and no unit... rule," and Doekweller and Geary as... delegates at large.

The indications are that the battle... will be a sharp one, and that Gould... will win by about 60 votes.

Will Probably Be Gould. Just before the convention met at... o'clock it was announced the... Hearst people will probably with...

Whisky and Pneumonia. Chicago, May 17.—Dr. Geo. W. Webster, president of the state board of health, in an address before the Young Men's Christian Association, said: "Do not drink whisky if you wish to avoid typhoid fever. It lowers the vitality and prevents digestion. There is nothing more conducive to stomach troubles than whisky. A low vitality and imperfect digestive organs invite typhoid fever and other diseases of the alimentary tract."

draw Jeter from the chairmanship race, and Gould looks to be certain of the chairmanship.

Anti-Hearst Victory.

Santa Cruz, May 17.—When the democratic convention reassembled this morning Hearst's forces were full of fight as ever, and determined, despite its rejection by the sub-committee on resolutions, that the resolution instructing the delegation for Hearst, be a forced issue on the floor.

The sub-committee, after being in session two hours, took a vote on the resolution. The battle fiercely waged, but the conservatives finally won out by a vote of three to two. Tarpey, the Hearst leader, was undismayed by the second defeat of Hearst and announced his intention of presenting the resolution on the floor.

Both Sides Bluffing.

Santa Cruz, May 17.—At noon it is generally believed the fight will practically be settled by the committee on platform and resolutions. However, the Hearst organization claims sufficient strength to instruct.

Lane, McNab and the anti-instruction people say there will be no instructions, and that they will force Tarpey to a compromise basis, which will probably be an un instructed delegation but the adoption of resolutions commending Hearst for his position on public issues and commending him to the consideration of the California delegation.

Hearst Turned Down in Committee.

The platform committee at noon adjourned till 1 o'clock without having considered the report of the sub-committee, which last night voted in favor of an anti-instruction resolution. This fight will probably consume the greater part of the afternoon, and no business can be done by the convention until it is settled.

J. F. Coonan, of Eureka, a strong anti-instruction man, is chairman of the platform committee. He claims that 32 of the 60 members are anti-instructionists.

Charges of Booids.

The conservatives are making considerable capital out of the freely circulated report that the Hearst crowd is distributing money among the delegates. Tarpey and his aides make vigorous denials. The money, according to rumor, found its way in large chunks to the Los Angeles delegates. A number of San Francisco delegates are also named as having been given money.

DAMAGE TO WHEAT INCONSIDERABLE

LIGHTER CROP IN SOME PLACES BUT NO FAILURE.

Most Fields Will Largely Outgrow the Effects of the Freeze, Which Did Not Affect High and Level Ground—The Medium Developed Wheat Suffered the Most.

The wheat raisers of this county are not as badly hurt by the recent frosts as was at first supposed, and though the crops will be a shade lighter in some parts of the county than would have otherwise been the case, still even the frostbitten fields will give a fair crop.

It has been the medium wheat that has been caught by the frost. That which is yet very young, and the well matured seems to have escaped the blight and are now in good condition. For the most part the frost damaged the wheat in the draws and low places, and left that of the high or level ground in good shape. From this fact it will be seen that the damage will not be so great as it might have been.

In the whole, the crop will not be damaged greatly, for that which has been hurt will, with good weather, grow again and will yield a fair crop, though it will be late in maturing. But these patches which will give a little after having been up against the frost would have yielded large acreages if the blight had not come, so that the effect will be felt in the total.

Some individuals will lose pretty heavily where they have low land which was in the track of the frost, but these places are not very many, so that provided no more freezes occur no one will suffer much loss in Umatilla county.

WILHELM THE WISE.

German Emperor Had Best Go Try it Himself.

Berlin, May 17.—It is learned that Emperor Wilhelm is so incensed at the ministerial blunders in German Southwest African affairs that he appointed General Trotha direct, without consulting the ministers. When leaving for a tour of South and West Germany the kaiser remarked to Chancellor Buelow, "I wonder what stupidities those blockheads will perpetrate while I am away this time?"

JAPANESE ARE ADVANCING THEIR FIGHTING LINE

Russians Evacuate Niu Chwang Without a Struggle, and the Japs Are in the Suburbs.

Japanese Front is Rapidly Approaching the Russians, and Heavy Fighting Fifty to Seventy Miles Northeast of Niu Chwang is in the Near Future—Russians Deny Any Prevalence of Smallpox in Manchuria Among Their Soldiers—Japanese Advancing Toward Mukden in Three Columns—Naphtha Train Burns Near Baku.

Mukden, May 17.—Couriers bring word to the Russians that the fighting line is steadily nearing Mukden, where the Japs still maintains headquarters. The commanding officers will not comment on reports.

Newspaper correspondents are forbidden egress from the city towards the points of operation. The Japanese are known to be almost within striking distance and advancing in three columns 30 miles to the north-east.

Numerous small engagements are being fought without decisive results.

In Suburbs of Niu Chwang.

Niu Chwang, May 17.—Jap warships and transports have appeared off Laki Chow, 20 miles southeast of here today and shelled the place while troops landed. Their strength is not known. Japanese are expected here tomorrow.

Evacuated Niu Chwang.

London, May 17.—The Reuters Niu Chwang correspondent wires under a Monday's date that the Russian evacuation of Niu Chwang has been completed.

Next Stand at Hicheng.

Niu Chwang, May 17.—The evacuation was made in perfect order. General Kondratyevitch leaving with the last regiment.

The Japanese advance will be resisted at Hicheng and Liu Yang, 50 and 75 miles northeast, where 70,000 men are encamped.

Thioling, 200 miles north of Niu

Chwang, will be the next point of retirement if the Russians are defeated at Liu Yang, while the Cossacks will harass the Japanese' communications.

The Japanese now are within 15 miles of Hicheng. Niu Chwang is now guarded by 300 Chinese police, and everything is quiet. The Japanese force at Kaichau is reported to be 20,000.

No Smallpox Epidemic.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—The Newspaper Sviet, understands the war office will shortly be reformed, the changes to include making an independent authority of the general staff.

Medical authorities deny alarmist stories of smallpox among the Manchurian troops, and declare there have been only 32 cases since the opening of the war.

Naphtha Train Burned.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—A naphtha train was derailed at Alabashchil, near Baku today, and caught fire.

The destruction to the train and attendants was complete, 18 men being cremated.

Inexhaustible Resources.

Rome, May 17.—General Garibaldi, in a published interview, attributes the disasters that have thus far overtaken the Russians to lack of good generals, but believes Russia will come out victorious in the end because of her inexhaustible resources.

WANT BEET SUGAR PLANT.

Citizens of Meridian Will Make Another Effort to Secure One.

Boise City, May 17.—The citizens of Meridian and vicinity interested in securing a beet sugar plant in their vicinity, are going to make another effort to secure a plant. With this object in view a public meeting will be held to take the preliminary steps to secure the industry. Experts in the business will be present and address the meeting.

About a year ago an effort was made to establish such an industry in that vicinity and was meeting with fair success when, for some reason, the sugar men let the matter drop.

STANLEY'S FUNERAL.

Honors Paid the Explorer in Westminster Abbey.

London, May 17.—Henry M. Stanley's funeral was held today in Westminster Abbey in the presence of a crowd of notables, including King Edward, King Leopold of Belgium, Ambassador Choate and Consul-General Evans.

The procession entered the abbey at noon and marched down the aisle to a dirge played by trumpets and trombones. The purple covered coffin was placed on a catafalque surmounted by hundreds of floral wreaths. After the choral service the body was taken to the London necropolis.

CERVERA VERY ILL.

Spanish Admiral is Not Expected to Recover.

Madrid, May 17.—It is reported that Admiral Cervera, commander of the Spanish squadron in the American war, is seriously ill at Port Santa Maria, in Andalusia. His physicians express but little hope for his recovery.

FOR INDECENT CONDUCT.

Charles Lineberger Arrested and Lodged in Jail.

Charles Lineberger was arrested last night upon complaint of Mrs. Mary Leonard, who charges him with the commission of acts outraging public decency and destroying public morals.

Lineberger is a laboring man who floated into town some time ago, and it is alleged by the complaining witness that Friday afternoon he entertained Nora Rodgers, her 8-year-old foster daughter, to a secluded place in the river bend in the west end of the town, where he acted in an immoral manner. He made an arrangement to meet the little girl there on the

following day, but failed to put in an appearance.

The girl had in the meantime told her mother of what had happened, and a watch was kept for the man, but he was not seen until yesterday afternoon, when he was recognized on the street by the child, who was in town with her mother on a shopping tour.

The marshal was notified and the man placed under arrest. He was arraigned this morning and remanded to jail to await his preliminary examination, which has been set for Wednesday morning.

SALT MARKET.

Activity is Noted, With the Price Averaging \$15 Per Ton.

The market in stock salt is now beginning to move, as the sheepmen are hauling their wool into the warehouses. When the wool is being hauled in, the growers make it a little, and as they begin to salt their sheep about this time, they buy their salt and haul it out when returning from the warehouses.

Each year about 100 cars of salt pass through the Pendleton markets, and this season it is worth about \$15 a ton. This price is not arbitrary in all cases, as the salt is used by some merchants as a sort of balance wheel in their dealing with their customers. When a man comes in after a large bill of goods the salt is sometimes put in like the last pinch of sugar in the scales for good weight, and in that case the price shifts according to the terms of the other purchases. The real market value of the product is quoted at \$15 by the dealers, however.

WILL WITNESS TRIAL RUN.

Joe Ell and Chief Withee Will Inspect Portland's Fire Boat.

Joe Ell and W. R. Withee are in receipt of invitations from the Wilamette Iron and Steel Works, of Portland, requesting their presence at the trial run of the new fire boat, "George H. Williams," which has been built in Portland to guard the water front against fire.

The trial run will be made Thursday next, and invitations have been sent to the heads of all of the fire departments, asking them to be present at the trial and give them the privilege of inspecting the boat immediately afterward.

Gone to La Grande.

Rev. Walton Skipworth, of The Dalles, left this morning for La Grande, where he has been called to talk on local option. Mr. Skipworth will be engaged in championing the local option cause from now until after the election.

DENVER ELECTION.

Bets Two to One on the Election of Democratic Ticket.

Denver, May 17.—Contrary to expectation, little violence had occurred up to noon at the first charter election. In the lower wards everything was quiet, but several small riots have taken place in the residence wards, where republican judges were thrown out of the polling places.

The betting is two to one that the democratic ticket, headed by Robert W. Speer will be elected. The weather is fine and a heavy vote is being cast.

MRS. SMITH ON TRIAL.

Charged With Selling Worthless Mining Stocks.

Seattle, May 17.—Mrs. Lloyd A. Smith, charged with having obtained many thousand dollars under false pretenses by selling alleged worthless mining stock to scores of women in many coast cities, was placed on trial this morning.

Iowa Grain Men Meet.

Des Moines, May 17.—The Iowa Grain Dealers' Association began its annual convention in this city today with about 200 members present. After the opening formalities had been disposed of the convention engaged in a general discussion of scales, their construction and tests. This evening Prof. P. G. Holden of the State Agricultural College will address the convention on the subject of corn culture. The association will conclude its sessions tomorrow.

Election in Denver.

Denver, Col., May 17.—An election is being held today in Denver for a mayor and other city officers. John W. Springer, former president of the National Livestock Association, is the republican candidate for mayor. His opponent on the democratic ticket is R. W. Speer.

South Carolina for Parker.

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—South Carolina democrats hold their state convention today to select delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. There appears to be a strong sentiment for Parker and the convention will probably declare in his favor.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, May 17.—May wheat opened 95, closed 95 1/2; old July opened 87 1/2, closed 87 1/2; new July opened 86 1/2, closed 86 1/2. July corn opened 48 1/2, closed 47 1/2.

ADJOURNED WITH YATES LEADING

Thirty-six Ballots Taken and No Choice by Illinois Republicans.

HOTTEST FIGHT IN THE HISTORY OF ILLINOIS.

Wide Fluctuations in the Balloting—At one Time Yates Was Far Behind, Afterward He Gained 54 Votes, and Has a Chance to Win the Nomination for Governor—Washington Influence Headed by Speaker Cannon is Opposing Him.

Springfield, Ill., May 17.—Tense was the feeling when the republican state convention began the fifth day's session in an attempt to nominate a candidate for governor.

Yates passed the word among his followers he expected a small break in two counties, but not to be alarmed. It came on the 30th ballot, but produced no material excitement at the time.

Later when the clerks began to figure, the Lowden men began the first demonstration, which lasted some time. Yates' cohorts followed, with the result that pandemonium cut loose. All noise records were fractured when the vote announced, Yates 437, Lowden 452, Deneen 384. Yates smiled confidently, apparently satisfied his loss would be regained on the next ballot, although he lost the lead for the first time.

More Losses for Yates. The 31st ballot showed a decided gain for Lowden, his total being 473, Yates 431, Deneen 382.

Lowden Has Losses. There was no change on the 32d ballot, but on the 33d Lowden lost six.

Yates is Gaining. No change on the 34th ballot, but on the 35th Yates got back some lost strength, while Lowden lost. Deneen saw a steady gain. On the 36th: Yates 491, Lowden 401, Deneen 388. Recess till 8 this evening.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

La Grande Man Despairs of Making a Living and Tries to Kill Himself.

La Grande, May 17.—(Special.)—William Canavan, a stone mason of this city, aged 65, attempted suicide at the Blue Mountain house last night by cutting his throat with a razor. The windpipe was gashed, but he will live.

He paid his last cent for the room and left a note saying to the coroner that he wanted to die as he was not able to make a living. The note also gave names of relatives in Pennsylvania to be addressed as to the disposal of his remains.

ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Commercial Association Meets in Called Session as Per Order of Last Meeting.

The Commercial Association will hold a called session tonight, as per the motion carried at the last regular meeting, with a view to holding regular meetings every two weeks hereafter.

Tonight every member is expected to be present with the application of a new member, according to the instructions of President Borie at the last meeting. A full attendance is desired tonight, as it is probable some action will be taken on the matter of changing the regular meeting nights from the first Tuesday in each month to every alternate Tuesday, or twice a month at least. The association now has a membership of about 36 and a large number of applications are in sight. Circular letters have been sent out urging the members to make a canvass of the eligible citizens in Pendleton outside of the association, with a view to doubling the present membership this year.

School Bonds Carry.

The school bond election passed off quietly today, the polls being open from 1 to 4 p. m., and vote standing 89 for and 4 against the \$60,000 bond issue. This assures the erection of three modern school buildings in this city in time for the next term of public school beginning the first of September.