

### FORFEITED BOND.

#### Double Swindle Perpetrated Upon a Wealthy Woman.

New York, May 25.—Richard C. Flower, mining promoter and alleged swindler of many persons through the sale of worthless mining stocks, failed to appear for trial this morning, and the bond of \$23,000, furnished by Mrs. Cornelia Storrs, widow of the former comptroller at New York, was declared forfeited by Recorder Goff. Flower's lawyers confessed ignorance of their client's whereabouts. It is understood Mrs. Storrs lost \$300,000 in Flower's mine enterprises, and hoping to save some of the money, was induced to become surety for the accused, who is a physician.

### FRENCHMEN JANGLE.

Unsettled Question of Representation at the Vatican.  
Paris, May 25.—It is reported that at Tuesday's meeting of the council of ministers a conflict arose between Premier Combes and Foreign Minister Delcasse. The premier advocated handing passports to the papal nuncio, while Delcasse opposed. No decision was reached. It is expected the question will be reopened at the next meeting.

### STEAMER CZAR SUNK.

Kieff, May 25.—The steamer Czar collided with a small vessel this morning and later sank, drowning seven, while 300 others had narrow escapes.

### CHINESE TO THE TRANSVAAL.

Hong Kong, May 25.—Sixteen hundred Chinese laborers sailed today for the Transvaal, the first importation under the treaty recently signed in London.

## PRIMARY LAW TO BE ADOPTED

### C. E. LOCKWOOD THINKS OREGON NEEDS THE MEASURE.

Author of the "Lockwood Primary Law" Now in Force in Oregon, in the City—Effect of That Law in Portland Has Been Very Satisfactory—Is Only an Extension of the Australian Ballot Law—Umatilla County Leads Eastern Oregon Counties in Interest on the Subject.

Charles E. Lockwood, a prominent attorney of Portland, and one of the executive board of the Direct Primary Nominating League, is in the city today, attending to private business and working in the interest of the league.

Mr. Lockwood is also author of the "Lockwood Primary Law," now in force in Portland, the law applying only to cities of 10,000 and over in Oregon.

He finds that the prospects for the adoption of the amendment are exceptionally bright all over the state, the only opposition to it coming from covert attacks made by political leaders who fear a loss of prestige if the people are entrusted wholly with the selection of their candidates for office.

All classes of people in the state favor the amendment, because it appeals to the lover of political liberty, no matter what his position, party or creed. It is simply an extension of the Australian ballot system and its provisions are wholesome and popular. It places the power now exercised by the "slate" makers in the hands of the voters, and by rigid provisions prevents one party from interfering with the nominations of other parties.

Mr. Lockwood has given years of thought to the formation of a broad primary law, which would meet the requirements of a progressive people and while the present amendment is not perfect, it has many of the leading features of the best laws known on the subject.

The state of Minnesota has such a law, and it has been found of the highest efficiency in cleansing the state of rings and political corruption. The people nominate their own candidates and have no conventions to be packed and prepared beforehand.

He has conferred with the members of the league in this city and finds the interest in the subject very marked. Umatilla county has shown greater concern in the movement than any other Eastern Oregon county, and both the republican and democratic county conventions endorsed the principle in their platforms.

In speaking of the effect of the "Lockwood primary law" in Portland, Mr. Lockwood says it has been entirely satisfactory, and while not complete, has served to advance the cause of the present direct primary nominating law, by introducing the voters to the action of the law in actual operation.

The only opposition to the amendment in Portland comes from leaders of rings and factions, who dare not openly oppose it, but who are fighting through others against the measure.

## SHIPBUILDING ON THE DECLINE

Prominent Men Interested Urge a System of Government Subsidies.

OUTLOOK IS DESCRIBED AS QUITE DISCOURAGING.

Experts Testify That Shipbuilding Costs Much More in the United States Than in Foreign Countries, and Are Not Afraid of Paternalism as Affecting Their Business—Secretary of the Ward Line Testifies and J. J. Hill Will Next Go on the Witness Stand.

New York, May 25.—Before the merchant marine commission created by congress to investigate the decline of American shipping, William Seawell, shipbuilder of Bath, Me., this morning gave the history of the firm of Arthur Seawell & Co., and said the yards had been closed a year and a half because of the lack of demand. The outlook is discouraging.

The best remedy is granting of subsidies by the government. The vessels built here cost 30 per cent more than in foreign countries, while the cost of maintenance is 50 per cent greater. Alfred Smith, secretary of the Ward line, also favored subsidies.

J. J. Hill will give his views this afternoon.

### NO RATES FOR RACERS.

Railroads Will Not Grant Half Fares on Race Horse Shipments.

Walla Walla, May 25.—Following closely on the action of the Western Union in shutting the pool rooms and racing clubs out of the special wire privileges, comes the announcement that the railroads in the West will decline to grant horsemen half rates on race horse shipments on the fair circuit hereafter.

Heretofore the race horses shipped from one fair meeting to the other over the Northwest Circuit have been passed at half rates, making it possible for even men of very small means to club together and follow the entire circuit.

This action will prevent many horsemen from attending the races at a distance and unless the order is revoked the fall races will only be attended by horsemen in the immediate vicinity of the different fairs.

### DESPERATE CONVICT.

Spoiled Buckeye Kills a Guard and Then Himself.

Columbus, O., May 25.—Convict Frank Green, a bank robber serving 10 years, this afternoon shot Penitentiary Guard Henry Gerhart and fatally inflicted a serious wound on Albert Hubler, another guard, and then shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

### CLOSING ARGUMENT.

Trial of Tyner and Barrett Drawing to a Close.

Washington, May 25.—The closing argument for the defense in the Tyner-Barrett postoffice conspiracy case was made this morning. The case is expected to go to the jury this afternoon.

### GREAT DAMAGE TO FRUIT.

Chop Suffers Severely From Wind in California.

San Jose, Cal., May 25.—A high wind yesterday practically destroyed the cherry crop. The loss is fully two-thirds. From twenty to thirty-five million pounds of prunes was lost.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE TOMORROW

The speakers for the farmers' institute will arrive tonight and on the early morning trains. The arrangements are all made for the meeting and everything is in readiness for an enthusiastic educational meeting for the farmers of the county.

The Pendleton band will play on Main street at 10:30 tomorrow morning and will then lead the way to the court house grounds where seats on the lawn have been arranged for the meeting.

A short program consisting of perhaps two addresses will be rendered in the forenoon, and beginning at 1:30 p. m. the afternoon program will be carried out. There is nothing formal about the meeting, and the speakers

## BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Making Another Attempt to Capture the Great Russian Stronghold.

JAPS MAKE ANOTHER FORWARD MOVEMENT.

They Are Reported to Be in the Vicinity of Mukden—Nearly Three Hundred Men Lost in Collision Between Warships—Chinese Uprising Similar to Boxer Troubles Threatens—Russians Reported to Have Cut Japanese Communications.

Chee Foo, May 25.—The bombardment began at 11, according to French refugees who arrived today. Broad-sides were fired at intervals of 10 minutes, the warships circling before the harbor entrance for hours. A Japanese attack on Dalny was expected hourly.

### Cut Japanese Communications.

Paris, May 25.—The Temps' St. Petersburg correspondent reports that Kuropatkin has succeeded in cutting the communications of the main Japanese force under Kuroki, and the second division under Oku.

### Japs Resume Forward Movement.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—A dispatch says the best obtainable information to the effect that the Japanese have resumed a forward movement through the bulk of the invading army is near Feng Haung Cheng.

Reports of a serious clash near Klachou on Lia Tung peninsula continue in circulation. The Japanese are said to have been defeated with great loss. Small parties of Japanese have been seen to the northeast of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—The departure of the Korean minister at St. Petersburg has given rise to the rumor that the post will remain vacant until the end of the war.

### Renew Bombardment.

Chee Foo, May 25.—Eight Japanese battleships and cruisers bombarded Port Arthur Tuesday morning.

### Heavy Firing Off Port Arthur.

Chee Foo, May 25.—Chinese junkies have arrived with tales of a varied assortment as to an alleged movement of Japanese troops and warships in an attack upon Port Arthur, but none is susceptible of ready corroboration. Heavy firing in the direction of Port Arthur is reported, indicating a land attack, as the Japanese fleet has not been seen in the vicinity.

Dalny refugees claim General Stoessel has taken all the money from Dalny and Port Arthur, and thinks the depositors are unable to secure cash for their checks.

### Two Hundred and Eighty-three Lost.

Tokio, May 25.—According to official reports, 63 non-commissioned officers and 220 blue-jackets were drowned when the collision occurred between the cruisers Kasagi and Yoshino, and the latter was sunk. The government is officially making a searching examination into the cause of the accident.

### Chinese Threaten Trouble.

Harbin, May 25.—Missionaries here report a movement among the Chinese in Northern Shan Tung province, resembling that which preceded the Boxer uprising.

### Took an Excursion.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—A private dispatch from Vladivostok states that Admiral Skridloff made a long

excursion Tuesday aboard the cruiser Rossia.

### China Threatens Portugal.

Hong Kong, May 25.—The viceroy of Canton has demanded the extradition from Macao, the Portuguese colony, of a fugitive from justice, and the demand may result in trouble with Portugal. Four Chinese gunboats and two destroyers have arrived at Macao to back the demand. The Portuguese are preparing to resist the demand.

### Attempt to Assassinate.

Berlin, May 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger reports an attempt to assassinate the czar during his majesty's recent trip, the plan being to wreck the imperial train near Kremetz Chug by tearing up the rails. The pilot train sent in advance was wrecked 10 minutes before the czar's train was due on the spot.

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### Japanese Advance Begun.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Official confirmation is received that the Japanese advance from Feng Haung Cheng has begun. The main force of 40,000 is advancing directly, while four flanking divisions of considerable force are making detours.

### High Priced Cherries.

New York, May 25.—The first carload of California cherries of the season were sold at auction. They brought an average of 50 cents above the first shipment of cherries last year.

## TWO CARLOADS OF FINE HORSES

### ONE LOT IS INTENDED FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Will Go to Alaska for the Use of Surveyors in the Geological Bureau—Suitable Animals Were Very Hard to Find—One Load Will Be Put Upon Seattle Market.

D. C. Witherspoon of Washington, D. C., who has been in this country for the past three months in the service of the geological survey, will ship a carload of horses out over the W. & C. R. this evening for Seattle, where they will be transferred to a ship and sent to Alaska. The government now has large parties of surveyors working under the geological bureau in Alaska, and Mr. Witherspoon has been hunting horses for the use of these men for some time. O. H. Holcomb, of Seattle, will send a carload of horses to the Seattle market either tomorrow evening or the next day. The stock has been picked up here and there over the country. Mr. Witherspoon had much difficulty in finding suitable animals for the Alaska service, and used much time in making up the shipment.

### WERE BOERS FRAUDS?

Captain O'Donnell and General Joubert Denounced by Viljoen.

Whether Pendleton was not fooled by the two men who appeared in the opera house a short time ago representing themselves to be General Joubert and Captain O'Donnell, Boer generals, and who told quite a harrowing tale of oppression by the British in South Africa is the question raised by a statement sent out by General B. J. Viljoen of St. Louis.

Viljoen is a real Boer general, who is in command of the world's fair camp of that people. He openly brands the touring Joubert and O'Donnell, whose stories, told to a rather slim audience, roused commiseration here, as frauds. He stated in a telegram to the mayor of Portland:

### Have No Mission.

"The Mayor, Portland, Or.: Myself and a dozen officers of the late Boer army, stationed here at present. Inform you that Joubert and O'Donnell are unknown as officers of the Boer army. They have no mission for immigration. Kindly publish this. "GENERAL B. J. VIJJOEN. "Boer Camp, World's Fair." Captain O'Donnell vigorously assails the attempt to brand him as a faker.

### Complaint Against Russia.

Washington, May 25.—The diplomatic and consular officers as well as naval officers, have been instructed by the United States to investigate the report that Russians are setting and allowing to escape beyond the three-mile limit, destructive mines, which are a menace to the vessels of any flag.

### Vice Consul Asphyxiated.

Paris, May 25.—Senior Quivro, the Venezuelan vice-consul, was asphyxiated as a result of an explosion in his apartments this morning.

## M. E. CONFERENCE ELECTED EDITORS

Only an Editor for the Epworth League Herald is Yet to Be Chosen.

CONFERENCE TAKES UP SOME GENERAL ISSUES.

Keeps Up an Unceasing War on Catholicism and Mormonism and Defines Its Stand on Questions of Bible in Public Schools—Pronounced and Extreme Stand Taken on the Divorce Issue—Adultery Only Legitimate Reason Recognized.

Los Angeles, May 25.—The election of editors for the Methodist periodicals was made this morning:

W. V. Delley, Methodist Review; J. M. Buckley, Christian Advocate; Levi Gilbert, Western Christian Advocate; D. D. Thompson, Northwestern Christian Advocate; George B. Spencer, Central Christian Advocate; C. W. Smith, Pittsburg, Christian Advocate; D. L. Rader, Pacific Christian Advocate; A. J. Naast, Christian Apologist; Frederick Muns and Haus & Herd, German Chicago publication. Nine editors were elected on the first ballot.

The only church paper for which an editor was not chosen is the Epworth League Herald.

### Miscellaneous Issues.

Los Angeles, May 25.—Several matters of material importance to Methodism have been passed upon by the standing committee on the state of the church, and its recommendations will soon be presented to the conference, where undoubtedly they will be fully sanctioned. The most important are those of divorce, Romanism, Mormonism, Bible in the public schools and regulations of church membership.

After much spirited debate the committee has voted to make the crime of adultery the sole legal reason for separation to be recognized by the church. Final desertion and extreme cruelty were also argued, but a majority of the committee were opposed.

The resolution on Mormonism asks that congress submit a constitutional amendment making impossible certain practices of Mormonism in any part of the United States, or in any country subject to its jurisdiction.

Another resolution denies the charge of reading the Bible in public schools without note or comment is a sectarian act and deprecates the efforts of the Roman Catholic church to secure a division of the public school fund along sectarian lines as a menace to the public school system and calls on congress to provide a constitutional amendment making the accomplishment of such object forever impossible.

### YAZOO CITY BURNING.

Mississippi Town Appeals for Outside Aid.

Yazoo City, Miss., May 25.—Fire this afternoon destroyed a dozen fine business buildings, and Main street was swept clean. The flames continue. The loss is already \$300,000. Outside assistance has been asked.

Loss \$2,250,000. One hundred and twenty-five buildings are destroyed, including the opera house, city hall, four churches and every bank. Loss estimated at \$2,250,000. Mayor Holmes and John Chambers are seriously injured.

### SUDDENLY INSANE.

Portland Man Makes Trouble on Overland Train.

Portland, May 25.—H. Middleton, a well known resident of Portland, while en route here on the Southern Pacific overland last night, became suddenly insane. He terrorized the passengers in the car at Junction City with a cane and knife, and suddenly sprang from the train while going 60 miles per hour. The train was stopped and an infirmary train instituted, which is continued today.

### South Carolina Fire.

Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—A million dollar fire is reported at Greenwood, S. C.

### Voted to Strike.

Boston, May 25.—Sixteen hundred painters and decorators voted to strike today for an increased scale and an eight hour day.