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He congratulated the farmers of Umatilla county on having such strong, vigorous soil, and was glad to know that the wheat yield had held up to a high standard, despite the constant reduction of the soil forces by straight wheat raising. But he warned them to beware of the future. The day was coming when even nature will rebel against the thoughtless methods that take everything away and add nothing to the land.

C. L. Smith Speaks.

Professor C. L. Smith, editor of the Inland Farmer, of Spokane, and a lecturer in the employ of the state of Washington, in the institute work, spoke briefly in the forenoon on the need of agricultural education in the West. He said he had been in the institute work for over 30 years and had seen the revolution of many different farming sections in the West. Everywhere he had encountered the same apathy among the farming communities. They were loath to change their methods.

He caused a ripple of applause by saying in emphatic tones that the trouble with too many farmers is that they know too much that is not true, and not enough that is true. They refuse to be benefited by study and experience.

He estimated that one-half the energy used on farms today is wasted, that if better methods were followed, if crops that were adapted to certain kinds of soil were selected and grown, that the income from labor and energy would be doubled. Farmers allow enough valuable property and crops to go to waste each year to make a handsome profit. He cited an instance of a cattleman in Washington who turned out 800 head of cattle in the lanes and dry foothills and permitted the entire herd to wander for days without food, while the same farmer had idle land producing nothing. He was suffering a double loss by permitting the stock to die and depreciate and by allowing the land to lie idle.

He urged more thoughtful, earnest study among land owners, with a view to conserving the forces of the land for the future. He closed by telling a story of the old Irishman, who had made "dollars by thinking where he had not made cents, by hard work."

The Pendleton band furnished music for the forenoon and afternoon sessions. Numerous questions were asked by farmers in the audience, and while the attendance was very small for the banner wheat county in the state of Oregon, the interest was sufficient to warrant the effort.

The O. R. & N. company and the Pendleton Commercial Association are to be congratulated for the part they took in preparing for the meeting and furnishing the speakers free of all charge to the farmers.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

OHIO UNTERIFIED ARE NON-COMMITTAL.

Refers All General Issues to the National Convention and Declares Only About Matters of State Concern—Sends an Uninstructed Delegation, Conservatives Ruling.

Columbus, O., May 26.—The democratic state convention this afternoon nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of state, A. P. Sandles; supreme judge, P. J. Renner; clerk of the supreme court, H. M. Mahaffey; food commissioner, Quinan Gavette; member board public works, W. H. Ferguson.

The conservative faction controlled and the delegation to the St. Louis convention is uninstructed.

The platform is chiefly interesting for what it does not say.

All national questions are referred to the St. Louis convention, and expression is given only to state matters.

The Ohio delegation will vote as a unit upon a decision of a majority of the delegates to do so.

A plank favoring two-cent street car fares was adopted.

JAPS CLOSE IN ON PORT ARTHUR

They Capture Kin Chow, a Fortified Outlying Town of Great Importance.

RUSSIANS EVACUATE KAI PING, NEAR NIU CHWANG.

Japanese Are Making Forced Marches on Dalny, and Are Crowding the War at Every Point of Vantage—Russia Will Not Abandon Her Policy of Planting Submarine Mines Outside the Three-mile Limit. But Insists on Making Treaties Covering the Issue. After the War is Ended.

London, May 26.—A Central News Tokio correspondent wires that word is received there that the Japanese today stormed and carried Kin Chow, to the rear of Port Arthur.

Attack on Kin Chow.

Tokio, May 26.—An attack on Kin Chow began early this morning. The main assault was directed on Ureiths, south of the castle. The artillery is in a commanding position. The casualties are not reported.

Castle Heights Captured.

Tokio, May 26.—The Russians, after the Japanese captured the castle at Kin Chow, retired to the southern heights, which the Japanese in force attacked and carried.

Land Attack is Expected.

Tokio, May 26.—Dispatches this morning indicate that an attack by the Japanese on Kin Chow to the rear of Port Arthur is imminent. Powerful artillery is in position for an onslaught on the Russian defenses, consisting of thirty guns. It is reported the Russians have evacuated Kai Ping, 20 miles southeast of Niu Chwang.

Japs Ten Miles From Port Arthur.

Chee Foo, May 26.—The Japanese are now only 10 miles from Port Arthur. Heavy fighting has occurred near Dalny, toward which the Japanese are making forced marches.

Russia Will Persist.

Berlin, May 26.—The foreign office has information that Russia recognizes the justice of the complaints of indiscriminate mine sowing, but will continue to use mines throughout the war, after which negotiations will be undertaken with the powers regarding their limitations.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Editor Epworth Herald Selected and Book Concern Agents Will Be Soon.

Los Angeles, May 26.—Discussion of the report upon the consolidation of the benevolent societies of the church exhausted the afternoon session of the Methodist conference. A dozen speeches were made for and against consolidation.

Editor Epworth Herald.

Los Angeles, May 26.—S. J. Harbin was elected editor of the Epworth Herald by the conference this afternoon.

Many delegates are demanding release to return home and much important business is still to be transacted.

The election of Book Concern agents and secretaries will occur later and the session for the consecration of bishops tonight.

Cardinal Satoli Coming Here.

Rome, May 26.—Cardinal Satoli has engaged passage for New York and will sail from Naples tomorrow. It is understood that he goes to America with no special mission. He will spend some time in Washington and Baltimore and expects to visit the St. Louis exposition before returning to Italy.

Killed by Storm.

Sioux City, Ia., May 26.—Three were killed and two fatally injured by the storm last night in this section.

EXCURSION STEAMER AT LARGE.

Was Disabled in the Irish Sea, With 800 People Aboard.

WHO FIXES THE PRICE OF COAL?

Coal Trust Magnates Admit That the Laws of Supply and Demand Do Not.

ADMISSIONS MADE BY THEM ON WITNESS STAND.

One Man Fixes the Price of Lehigh Coal at Tidewater, and Tidewater Prices Regulate Prices Elsewhere—In Other Instances Conferences Between Directors of Railroads and Coal Companies Established Selling Prices for Entire Country.

New York, May 26.—President Truesdale of the Lackawanna, was chief witness this morning at the session of the interstate commerce commission. The counsel for Hearst repeated the questions asked last year which he refused to answer then, but is compelled to now according to the supreme court decision.

"Do you know who fixes the price of anthracite coal carried by your roads?"

"Suppose I do, after action by the board of directors," was the answer.

"How do you account for the fact that the price circulars are uniform, if there is no agreement?"

"Circulars were issued each year prior to the first of April that a meeting of the coal carriers was held every spring and prices agreed upon prior to the issuance of the circulars. The prices were based on the prices of coal at Tidewater."

WHAT IS LOCAL OPTION?

Press Committee of the Temperance Forces Issues a Statement.

The press committee of the local option cause has prepared the following circular letter which is being widely distributed throughout the county:

"What is Local Option?"

Many people ask what is this local option issue now pending? Let it be understood that it is not prohibition. It will not close a saloon. It is absolutely protective and not prohibitive. It is not a partisan bill. You can vote for it and be loyal to your regular party ticket.

Option means choice. Local option is local self-government—it is home rule. By voting for it you are not voting for or against the saloon, but you are voting to give the people of each locality, if they so desire, the right of choosing for themselves what they shall have; saloon or no saloon. Is not that fair?

Why Vote It?

Because there is every reason for and no reason against. No one having a clear conception of the genius of American institutions can consistently oppose it or fail to vote for it.

It concedes the right of the majority to rule. The power is taken out of the hands of councils or county commissioners and placed exclusively in the hands of the people. It is in accordance with the initiative and referendum law as declared by a majority of the voters. It takes the liquor problem out of politics by making it a non-partisan issue.

Every consistent democrat will vote for it, because he believes in the rights of the sovereign people to have a voice in governmental affairs. He emphasizes state and local rights.

Every consistent republican will vote for it, because he believes in the principle of protection, domestic and local protection as well as industrial. He believes in moral issues—in Abraham Lincoln's immortal declaration, a government of, for and by the people.

Every consistent socialist will vote for it, because one of his fundamental principles is the initiative and referendum law, and this bill is the first presented under that popular law in our state.

No saloonkeeper or liquor dealer or gambler or those in sympathy with the same can conscientiously vote against it without forfeiting their claim to belief in personal liberty and personal rights.

Local option appeals to every American citizen as a "basic principle of American government."

Would it not be an un-American proceeding to vote against it, because it would be to vote against the "majority rule?" We appeal to every fair-minded person who believes in equal rights and privileges and in the sovereign power of the people to vote for local option at the coming election.

LIVES LOST BY AN EXPLOSION

Boilers in an Ohio Towboat Give Way With Awful Results at Louisville.

NEARLY TWENTY MEN KNOWN TO BE KILLED.

Many Others Wounded and Missing in the River and Beneath Debris—Boat Was Bound for New Orleans With a Tow of Coal Barges—Boat Had Been Recently Remodeled and Refitted—A Pittsburg Pleasure Party Broken Up by the Disaster.

Louisville, Ky., May 26.—The boilers of the towboat Fred Wilson exploded this morning, killing about 18 men and seriously injuring 10 others. Where the wrecking of the boat occurred was off Riverview park, as the boat was about to tie up.

The boiler was a large one and the detonation heavy. The crew was blown into the air, some falling into the river, others on the embankment, while the less fortunate were caught in the wreckage and instantly killed.

The dead are Captain Price of Pittsburg; Pilot Mellier, Mate Sykes; A. W. Kennedy of Pittsburg, an insurance man, making a pleasure trip; Engineer Suvley, six colored deck hands, and the cook and steward, white men.

The boat was recently remodeled and was valued at \$40,000. She was bound to New Orleans with a tow of coal barges.

Additional Killed.

To the list of killed is added Second Engineer Shiever and Steward Quinn, of Pittsburg; W. A. Holland, an insurance agent of Braddock, Pa., also on a pleasure trip; Deck Hands White and Johnson, and Cook Thornton. It is thought other deck hands and kitchen assistants are in the wreckage.

Fortune Left by Miser.

London, May 26.—An extraordinary affair is reported this week from Zurich. The police, on examining the room of an old man who had died from starvation, found a veritable gold mine. In every nook money, notes, and bonds were discovered, and on an inventory being made it was found that the miser had left nearly \$200,000. Nobody was ever seen to visit the old man, and as there was no will the authorities are greatly puzzled as to how to dispose of the fortune.

California Prohibitionists.

Oakland, Cal., May 26.—Making up in enthusiasm what they lack in numbers, the prohibitionists of California assembled in state convention here today. In addition to choosing delegates to the national convention, plans will be discussed for waging a vigorous campaign throughout the state this fall on behalf of the prohibition movement.

ZIONIST CONGRESS.

Promoting Plans for Colonization of Palestine.

Hamburg, May 26.—The Zionist congress adjourned today.

The central committee formally asked the Russian government whether it would be willing to support Jewish colonization in Palestine by influencing the sultan to grant his consent to ceding of land for the purpose. Russia replied affirmatively. The president also read a sympathetic message from the sultan.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, May 26.—Wheat opened at 96½; old July opened 87½, closed 87½; new July opened 86½, closed 86½; July corn opened 48½, closed 48½.

British Surrounded.

Sims, May 26.—No news has arrived from Gyan Giss. Tibet, where a British force has been surrounded for three days.

Auditor Missing.

Chicago, May 26.—The police are advised of the arrest at San Juan Del Rio, Mexico, of Herman Haaff, an auditor of the Corn Exchange National Bank, who has been missing four weeks. The police claim to have thus far found a shortage of \$17,000. Haaff will fight extradition. He left a wife and two children here. He began work in the bank in an humble position.

ECHO FRUIT IS TO BE EXPORTED

HEREAFTER LESS WILL BE FED TO LIVESTOCK.

Agreement With a Hood River Expert to Pick, Pack and Market Fruit Which Would Otherwise Be Fed or More or Less Wasted—Big and Profitable Scheme.

Plans are now under way by which to save the large amount of fruit which has annually gone to waste in the orchards in the Echo country, and this year all the fruit will be saved and sold.

A committee of business men from Echo made an investigation some time ago and found that at least six carloads of fine fruit was wasted each year. The matter was then taken up and H. T. Davison, of the Davison Fruit Company, of Hood River, has promised to find a market for such fruit as is picked and rightly cared for by the Echo people.

Mr. Davison was in Echo a few days ago, and while there met with some of the fruit growers and estimated the number of boxes and crates necessary to handle the crop. These will be furnished by him and he will send men to oversee the picking, so that the product will reach the markets in good shape.

If the Echo farmers save and sell their fruit instead of allowing it to be fed to the hogs as in the past, it will bring many more dollars into their pockets than heretofore.

There are many acres of fruit throughout the Echo country, and the trees, in the majority of cases, are just beginning to come into their maturity. If the water is put on all the land adapted to trees and fruit throughout the belt, Echo will in a short time be the center of one of the largest and most prosperous fruit growing districts in the Northwest.

Marion county paid \$75,092.50 state tax this year.

TWO FOREST RESERVES RECOMMENDED

Portland, May 26.—A special to the Journal from Washington today:

"Forester Pinchot today recommended the establishment of the Maury mountains forest reserve in Crook county, and the Blue mountain

forest reserve, extending across Umatilla, Union, Grant, Harney, Baker and Crook counties. The commissioner of the general land office will make a thorough examination of the proposed reserves before acting on Pinchot's recommendation.