

TROUBLE WITH CLAIM JUMPERS.

Serious Difficulty in Different Idaho Localities. St. Maries, Idaho, June 29.—A fatal fight occurred on Marble creek between homesteaders and claim jumpers.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

M. E. Church, South, Observance July 2 and 3. The fourth quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church, South will take place next Saturday and Sunday.

CLOUDBURST.

Some Loss of Life and Great Loss of Property. Pittsburg, June 29.—One body has been recovered from a number of men, women and children reported as missing.

YALE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

CONFERRED DEGREES ON SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR.

Important in the Recognition of Talent in the Arts and Law in the Philippines—Degree Conferred Also on a Reformer of the Tenement House System of New York City—Inclement Weather Prevents Parade.

New Haven, June 29.—A drizzling rain today caused the abandonment of an elaborate procession at Yale commencement.

Degrees were conferred on 624 candidates, and honorary degrees conferred on the following: Brothers at law, Don Gayetano Arellano, chief justice of the Philippines; W. A. Halstead, professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins; R. W. DeForest, first tenement house commissioner in New York; Charles Van Hise, geologist of Wisconsin, and United States Judge Holt. Doctors of divinity, H. C. King, president of Oberlin; Stewart Means, rector of St. John's, New Haven. Doctor of music, Frank Darnroesch of New York.

Among those in master of arts, Isparido De Tavera, senior member of the Filipino commission of Filipino awards, the first important recognition of the islands by an American university.

MORE MEN DEPORTED.

Depopulating Colorado of Its Union Miners.

Denver, June 29.—Thirty-nine men affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners, who have been arrested at various times since the 6th instant, were deported last night.

JUST MISSED THE TRAIN.

Cyclone Crosses Track of a Burlington Train.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 29.—Word has been received here of considerable damage wrought by a cyclone in Weston county. Trees were uprooted, churches and houses blown down, hay stacks scattered, livestock and several persons injured.

Jack Gannon, a section hand on the Great Northern railway at Portal, Mont., was almost instantly killed Tuesday, by swallowing a drink of prussic acid for whiskey. A crazy tramp offered him a drink from a flask and he took it without asking the contents. He died two minutes after in horrible agony.

GEN. MILES' BOOM FAULTY

Has Written a Letter Which Compromises His Chance for the Nomination.

HIS FRIENDS ARE LOYAL, ORGANIZED AND ACTIVE.

Twelve Hundred Delegates Have Arrive — Prediction by Politicians Confidently Made That Prohibitionists Will Poll Half a Million Votes in November — Boom for Virginia Man for Vice President—Keynote Speech Made by the Pennsylvanian Who Was Chosen Chairman.

Indianapolis, June 29.—General Miles' letter is construed by some as indicating his withdrawal, and has materially interfered with his boom.

A midnight conference of the Miles men resulted in the adoption of resolutions pledging him their support and appointment of a steering committee to push the boom. Professor Evans, of Massachusetts, is to place the general in nomination.

Prayer Not a Formality.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 29.—Twelve hundred delegates, many of them women, are present. The hall is by no means filled, and there is plenty of room in the galleries.

"There is one political party, where the offering of prayer is not merely a formality," said Chairman Stewart as he introduced Rev. George H. Peak of Sandusky, O.

W. S. Doane delivered the address of welcome, predicting the prohibition candidate would poll half a million votes in November.

At the conclusion of his speech the Virginia delegation called for cheers for Doane, "next vice-president," which were given with a will.

Stewart, replying informally to the address of welcome, branched into a prohibition speech, declaring the other parties have no real issue. Then he submitted as chairman of the temporary organization, Homer Castle of Pittsburg, and W. S. Calderwood of Minneapolis, as secretary. Castle held the closest attention of the delegates, in a carefully prepared keynote speech.

DEMOCRATIC PRELIMINARIES.

Oregon and Washington Delegations Arrive at St. Louis.

St. Louis, June 29.—None but the national leaders and but few democratic delegates have arrived and the political pot is quiet today. Tomorrow and Friday crowds are expected to arrive.

The Oregon delegation, with Governor Chamberlain at the head, will arrive this afternoon. The Washington delegation got in this morning and expect to hold a meeting tonight to lay out a plan of action to forestall anything savoring of the endorsement of Cleveland. The delegation will be against Hearst and probably for Parker.

Labor Unions Oppose Morton.

Washington, June 29.—The Central Labor Union is arranging to hold a mass meeting to protest against the appointment of Morton to be secretary of the navy, it being held that he is an enemy to organized labor.

CAPTURED THREE RUSSIAN FORTS

Advantages Gained Bring the Japanese Closer to Port Arthur Fortress.

JAPS CAPTURE MOTIEN PASS AFTER HOT FIGHT.

Kuropatkin is Retreating and Another Russian Army is on the Run to Avoid Being Entirely Cut Off—Two Russian Warships of Baltic Fleet Collide, and One is Sunk—Submarine Boat Sinks and the Crew of Twenty-two Are Drowned.

Tokio, June 29.—It is reported a force of Japanese captured three forts to the southeast of Port Arthur defenses Sunday.

Japs Win Big Victory.

Rome, June 29.—The Agenzia Libera Tokyo correspondent reports that the Japanese occupation of Motien Ling Pass by Kuroki was as stated in Kuropatkin's dispatch, adding that the fight was long and sanguinary. Kuropatkin is reported to be retreating on Lalo Yeng, refusing to engage in a general action.

Port Arthur Hotly Assailed.

Chee Foo, June 29.—The Russian fleet again emerged from Port Arthur today and remained outside some time. The fighting there is continuous on the land side, while frequent attacks are made by the Japanese ships on the front by sea.

Russians Suffer Severely.

St. Petersburg, June 29.—A correspondent of Russ describing the Tallen Pass struggle, says the fire from the Japanese siege guns on Sunday was murderous, many Russian gunners being killed. The Russian officers reported: "Our losses during the two days were very heavy."

Twenty-Two Drowned.

St. Petersburg, June 29.—While experimenting with a converted torpedo boat intended for a submarine today, 22 sailors were drowned at the Baltic works. The manhole had been improperly closed.

Russian Loss Confirmed.

Tokio, June 29.—An unofficial dispatch says the three forts outside Port Arthur captured were Soo Chan, Chick Wan Shan, Chitau Shan. The Russians lost 40 dead.

Russians Defeated.

Tien Tsai, June 29.—It is reported the Russians were defeated 16 miles east of Hai Cheng yesterday. The report adds that owing to the Japanese rapid advance on Tai Hi Chaw the Russians have hastily retired northward, fearing a retreat would be cut off.

Russian Vessels Collide.

St. Petersburg, June 29.—The report is current that two ironclad vessels of the Baltic fleet collided and one was sunk, with considerable loss of life.

Collision at Cronstadt.

St. Petersburg, June 29.—The battleships in collision were the Netron Menia and the Navarin. The collision occurred at Cronstadt, but no details are given.

OFFICIAL CHANGES ON THE O. R. & N.

It is persistently rumored in railroad circles and has not been denied, that in the very near future, important changes in the official roster of the Harriman lines in Oregon will be made.

According to the report now widely circulated among railroad men, J. P. O'Brien, the efficient and popular superintendent of the O. R. & N. system, will be made general superintendent of the Harriman lines north of California and west of Huntington, including the O. R. & N. system in Oregon and Washington and the Southern Pacific system in Oregon.

The same rumor says that M. J. Buckley, now assistant superintendent of the O. R. & N. at La Grande, will go to Portland as Mr. O'Brien's successor as superintendent of the O. R. & N. system.

Following the order of the changes on down the line, it is said that J. D. Matheson, now mechanical foreman at La Grande will be assistant superintendent at La Grande in Mr. Buckley's place.

vision of J. P. O'Brien, the O. R. & N. system has attained its present proficiency and importance in the railroad world, and the promotions will all be deserving and profitable to the Harriman system.

These officials are all extremely popular with employees and the public and the rearrangement will be appreciated by the patrons of the road as well as those directly interested in the change.

Mr. O'Brien began on the O. R. & N. many years ago, as a telegraph operator, and has been promoted through the successive official positions, to that of superintendent. Mr. Buckley started as a brakeman 15 years ago, and has held every important official position in the train department up to assistant superintendent, which place he now occupies.

J. D. Matheson is the oldest engineer on the Mountain division and resigned his passenger run between Umatilla and La Grande three years ago, to become traveling engineer for the O. R. & N. system, which position he held until about four months ago, when he became foreman of the mechanical department at La Grande.

KILLING AT EMMETT.

Jealous Husband Shoots to Death Man Who Pays Attention to His Wife.

Emmett, Idaho, June 29.—Thomas Hamilton, proprietor of the Idaho Meat Market, was shot to death this morning in front of his place of business by Albert White. White gave himself up at once and was placed in custody to await the arrival of the sheriff from Caldwell.

The shooting occurred a few minutes before 8 o'clock and was caused by the alleged attentions of Hamilton to Mrs. White. White met Hamilton this morning and after a few words drew his revolver and fired, instantly killing Hamilton.

After Hamilton fell White fired a second shot into the body of the prostrate man and coolly walked away, giving himself up to the officers. Hamilton was 36 years of age and was well known in this section. White is a newcomer here and with his wife has been engaged in the restaurant business here.

The Havre Murderer.

St. Paul, June 29.—According to reports received at Winona, Minn., 20 Wisconsin militiamen and farmers are searching the territory between Trempealeau, Ettrick and Centerville, Wis., for the bandit, John Smith, the alleged murderer of Sheriff Harries, of Eau Claire county, Wis., and of a policeman at Havre, Mont. The local police are of the opinion that the murderer is hiding in the tamarack swamps along the Trempealeau river, near Arcadia.

Range Horse Sale.

Miles City, June 29.—A. B. Clarke's great range horse sale, which begins Monday, has attracted hundreds of horsemen to the city. Some 3,500 head are being herded on the outskirts to come in tomorrow. Some 4,000 head are looked to be sold during the week.

Dr. Ferguson Acquitted.

Colfax, Wash., June 29.—Dr. T. D. Ferguson, alleged slayer of Agnes Downs, was acquitted by the jury at a late hour tonight.

MASONS WILL GO IN SPECIAL CAR

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE AT 'FRISCO IN SEPTEMBER.

First on the Coast Since 1883—Half the Pendleton Membership of 35 Will Attend, a Detail in a Trainload of Twenty-one Cars From the Northwest — Headquarters Oregon Commandery Will Be at the Palace Hotel.

Oregon and Washington Masons will cut no inconspicuous figure in the triennial convocation of the Knights Templar, to be held at San Francisco September 6, the session to last a week. Pendleton Commandery No. 7 has a membership of 35, and about half that number will leave here September 1 in a special car for the Golden Gate. As this is the first triennial convocation to be held on the Pacific coast since 1883, every Mason west of the Rockies who can possibly absent himself from business cares for two weeks will be in attendance.

Twenty-one trainloads of knightly pilgrims are scheduled to pass through Portland over the northern lines on their way to the California Mecca. One trainload, consisting of exclusively of Oregon and Washington commanderies, will be made up at Portland. The headquarters of the Oregon commanderies will be at the Palace Hotel, and they have engaged the Maple room at that famous hostelry for an afternoon and evening in order to hold receptions.

San Francisco has made elaborate preparations to welcome her Masonic guests and a number of excursions have been planned, including trips on the bay and short runs by train to suburban points of interest.

Newspaper for Payette.

Payette, June 29.—Payette will soon have a democratic newspaper. E. A. Heath, a newspaper man of Westfall, Ore., will be the editor and proprietor. He is now making arrangements to establish a plant here and some of the machinery has already been shipped. Mr. Heath is receiving encouragement from the citizens of Payette, and he is assured a growing patronage by establishing his paper at Payette.

Hard Day for Rowing.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 29.—The regatta morning dawned cloudy with enough wind to make rowing difficult. Record time will probably be impossible this afternoon. There are but few strangers in town and little betting. Cornell is the favorite 10 to 3 against the field in the varsity.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, June 29.—New July wheat opened 84%, closed 85%; old July opened 85%, closed 86%. July corn opened 47%, closed 47%.

WILL EXPAND IN DRUG BUSINESS

Will Occupy Increased Space With Corresponding Alterations Otherwise.

INCORPORATION NAME IS SCHMIDT DRUG COMPANY.

A. T. Van Cleave, the Well Known Drug Traveling Man, Will Go into Business in Pendleton, Associated With an Old Firm—The Enterprise Makes Necessary New Locations for Other Firms—Winslow Will Remain With New Firm—Hanlon, the Cigar Man, Will Move.

Commercially F. W. Schmidt, the druggist, is an expansionist. He has formed a copartnership with A. T. Van Cleave, of New York City, and the firm will soon file articles of incorporation, probably under the name of the Schmidt Drug Company. The intention is to enlarge the pharmacy located at 827 Main street, and to engage in business on a commensurate scale.

According to the plans of the new firm the structure now occupied by Winslow's jewelry store will be divided so as to include the selling department of the drug store, while the present quarters of the drug firm will be used principally as a store room. The two departments will be connected in the rear by a large arch.

Plate glass windows will be placed in the front of the remodeled store, new electric chandeliers will be installed, the soda fountain will be increased to double its present capacity and a number of other changes will be made along progressive lines. In order to secure the needed room the space now occupied by Hanlon's cigar store will be utilized and Hanlon will move to a location near the O. R. & N. depot.

Not only does Mr. Schmidt evince faith in the future of the city, but his partner in the enterprise, Mr. Van Cleave, concluded that he could not do better than engage in business here. For several years the latter has traveled throughout the Northwest as the representative of a large New York drug firm, and his choice of a location to engage in business for himself shows that the town "looks good" to outsiders.

FIGHTING IN THIBET.

Natives Badly Whipped, But the British Suffer.

Simla, June 29.—Heavy fighting has occurred between Thibetians and the British expedition. The Thibetians lost heavily. Captain Crazer, of the British, is reported dead.

The British casualties also included Captains Bliss and Humphrey. Five sepoy were wounded.

MRS. McLAUGHLIN DEAD.

Woman Stricken With Paralysis at North Fork, Dies at St. Anthony's Hospital This Morning.

Mrs. Bridger McLaughlin, of North Fork, died at St. Anthony's hospital this morning at 9 o'clock, after three weeks' illness from a paralytic stroke. Mrs. McLaughlin was stricken with paralysis, at her home at North Fork station, 30 miles east of this city, three weeks ago last Sunday, and was brought to the home of J. S. McLeod in this city, two weeks ago, from where she was removed to the hospital soon after, in hopes that the change and the greater facilities at the hospital would result in more speedy recovery.

Mrs. McLaughlin was 50 years and 4 months of age, and leaves a boy 11 years of age, her husband, John McLaughlin, having been killed by a train at North Fork two years ago. She was married to Mr. McLaughlin in this city 12 years ago, having come direct from her native land, Ireland, to Umatilla county, 13 years ago.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Catholic church, Father Van der Velde officiating, and interment will take place at Oley cemetery.

Mrs. McLaughlin's husband was a brother of Mrs. J. S. McLeod, of this city. No other relatives now reside in the United States.

Nebraska Cyclone.

Holmesville, Neb., June 29.—A tornado near this place today killed two persons, fatally injuring a third, and causing severe injury to five others. Great damage was done crops and stock, and many houses were destroyed. In Holmesville several buildings were blown to pieces.