

CITIZENS' LEAGUE WAS LAUNCHED

Temporary Organization of Business Men Was Effected at Evening

MEASURES FAVOR GOOD ORDER AND CONSERVATISM.

Men Are Excluded From the... Midnight and Sunday Closing... Licenses of Saloons Permitted Women or Minors to Frequent Part of Their Establishments

Meeting held at the Commercial association rooms last night was held by about a score of local property owners.

Large Attendance Invited... The formation of the league is a matter of vital importance to every person who has the health and welfare of Pendleton at heart.

Objects of Organization... Resolutions submitted last evening are as follows: The name of the association shall be the Citizens' League.

Members... The membership is to consist of all men over 21 years of age who are owners of real property, or who pay property tax within the limits of the city of Pendleton.

Officers... The officers of this league shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and they shall be elected by members of this league.

Members... We are in favor of closing all saloons at not later than midnight each night. We are in favor of closing all saloons on Sunday.

Members... We favor revoking the license of saloons that permits women in or about the premises.

Members... J. A. BORIE, J. H. RALEY, J. R. DICKSON, "Committee."

LONE TRAIN ROBBER.

Release of Man Who Dynamited Car and Got \$4000.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 28.—The doors of the Missouri penitentiary will open tomorrow to Sam Wilson, known as the "lone train robber," who was received at the penitentiary July 3, 1893, and he will be set at liberty, having served three-fourths of the 15 years to which he was sentenced.

The most notable exploit in Wilson's criminal career was the robbery of the Missouri Pacific train which left St. Louis on the night of May 24, 1892. It was held up one mile west of the town of Pacific. The express car was shattered with dynamite and the express messenger was compelled to open the safe and deliver its contents, amounting to \$4000 in silver, to the lone robber.

TEMPORARY MARRIAGES.

George Meredith Says Time of Contract Marriages is Coming.

London, Sept. 28.—A silly-season newspaper discussion of the marriage question has provoked an opinion from George Meredith, who in an interview in the Daily Mail, welcomes free discussion of the subject, though, as he confesses, "everything that ought to be said has to be cut in half."

He predicts a change in the legal ends of marriage and foresees a state of society permitting marriages for certain limited periods, the state enforcing a provision of money during that period to provide for and educate children, the government possibly taking charge of this fund.

HOAR IS WEAKER.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 28.—There is no material change in Senator Hoar's condition this morning. He is a little weaker, if anything.

SEES THE FINISH OF LABOR UNIONS

OVER 200,000 UNIONISTS QUIT PAYING DUES.

Barney Cohen, President of Illinois Federation of Labor, Says Unless Unions Are Reorganized on Better Lines They Must Lose Their Force—Blames Unwise Leadership, Political Crafters and Untimely Strikes for the Trouble—Must Adopt Better Methods of Warfare.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—A sensation was caused here by the announcement that 100,000 men, members of labor unions, have ceased to pay their dues.

The Chicago excitement was augmented today by an interview from Barney Cohen, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, in which he said the union forces in the state are rapidly disintegrating, and unless reorganized, destruction of the unions would speedily follow.

MERGER TO BE DISSOLVED.

Reputed Terms of Settlement of Famous Dispute.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Strong rumors in financial and railroad circles of Chicago and New York are that the parties to the Northern Securities dispute have reached a basis of amicable settlement on a plan as follows: Union Pacific will take the Burlington; the Great Northern will be retained intact by Hill; St. Paul to take the Northern Pacific, and the Atchafalpa to be merged with the Erie. The merger to be dissolved.

COUNTY COURT THREATENED.

Talk of Lynching Commissioner at Butte Over Election Appointments

Butte, Mont., Sept. 28.—Threats were freely made here this morning, that the county commissioner would be lynched or driven out of the city unless the board rescinds its action in naming the election officers.

The people's party chairman, in a mandamus suit in the district court, alleges that the commissioners named the election officers from the democratic employees of the Amalgamated Copper Company, over the protest of the other parties.

LADY CURSON RALLIES.

London, Sept. 28.—This morning a bulletin says Lady Curson has distinctly rallied. Her condition is less grave, though still critical.

WESTERN PAPERS LIBEL PRESIDENT

Print Imaginary Article From Roosevelt Reflecting on the Chicago Strikers.

EVENING POST EDITORIAL WAS MISUNDERSTOOD.

Western Papers Accepted Personal Utterances of the President as Genuine and Used Them to Prejudice Voters—Imaginary Correspondence Between Roosevelt and Donnelly Was Printed as Genuine Letter in Denver Magazine—Post Comes to the Rescue and Relieves Intense Strife in Political Circles—Letter Made Strikers Mad.

New York, Sept. 28.—The alleged forgery of the president's signature to a magazine article printed in Denver, which reflects on the Chicago meat strikers, has created intense strife in political circles.

The source of the letter was explained today, when the Evening Post printed a letter and introductory paragraph which appeared in its editorial columns August 1.

The caption and introductory paragraph, which explains and justifies the letter, says: "President Roosevelt to Donnelly: The following letter is one which President Roosevelt might have written with advantage to himself and his country."

The letter then follows. The entire letter was reprinted in several Western papers as a genuine letter from the president to Donnelly.

FAIRBANKS' CAMPAIGN.

Candidate Takes a Day's Rest at Great Falls, After Hard Campaigning.

Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 28.—The Fairbanks' special arrived at 8 o'clock this morning after a slow night run from Butte on the Great Northern.

Fairbanks and Dolliver will have a day's rest here after the many meetings of the past few days.

Rains have seriously injured the wheat crop near Salem.

JUDGE ELLIS REFUSES TO ANNUL O. R. & N. ASSESSMENT

The assessment of the property of the O. R. & N. company, in Umatilla county, according to the decision rendered in the state circuit court this afternoon by Judge W. R. Ellis, is regular, with the exception of the descriptions of several minor tracts of land outside the right of way, embracing about 75 acres.

The action was brought last May by the railway company against the county court and the assessor to have the entire assessment of the O. R. & N. company annulled on the ground that the descriptions were vague and imperfect.

ASSESSMENT IS REGULAR.

In rendering his decision, Judge Ellis said: "I find that the action of the assessor in making the assessment on the property of the O. R. & N. company to be regular and with the exception of a few small tracts

GATHERING FOR A GREAT BATTLE

Fate of Northern Manchuria Depends on Issue of Contest Near Mukden.

JAPANESE VESSELS ARE SUNK BY HIDDEN MINES.

From Russian Sources It Is Learned That the Japanese Are Mobilizing and Reorganizing at the Yen Tai Mines—Claimed That Port Arthur Can Hold Out for Six More Months Russians Are Defiant and Will Have Naught to Do With Mediation or Compromise.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—It is expected that the battle of Mukden will occur to the east and northeast of the city between Foo Choo and Sin King.

The Japanese are marching toward the former point along good roads, from Yental. The Russians have front of 24 versts (29 miles) in length between the Liao river and a point north of Sin King.

NO MEDIATION PROBABLE.

Rome, Sept. 28.—The Russian embassy today issued an authoritative statement, denying that mediation is contemplated between the belligerents. It is announced that real fighting will not commence before the end of October.

KUROPATKIN SWALLOWS HIS IRE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—Kuropatkin, in replying to an affectionate letter from the czar, expressed his unreserved approval of the appointment of Gen. Grippendig, to command the Second Manchurian army.

FRENCH AND GERMAN ATTACHES MISSING.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Kistchenko, who has just arrived at Chee Foo from Port Arthur, says that missing French and German attaches had much trouble with the authorities at Port Arthur before leaving, on account of their intimate knowledge of conditions in the town and fortress. She thinks probably the attaches have been captured and held as Russian prisoners at Port Arthur.

CAN HOLD ON SIX MONTHS.

Rome, Sept. 28.—A General Stoessel states that the Japanese are wasting ammunition and lives in attempting to take the strong-

hold. He expressed the belief that the port could hold out six months longer.

JAP VESSELS STRIKE MINES.

London, Sept. 28.—The Vladivostok correspondent of the Central News reports that two Japanese torpedo boats, and one Japanese steamer have been sunk by mines near Port Arthur in the last few days.

JAPANESE ARE MOBILIZING.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—Kuropatkin reports today: "The Japanese vanguard remains in the same position, east of the railway. Small offensive parties have been repulsed by the Russian cavalry. The Japanese have concentrated at the Yen Tai mines, where pontoons are being built. At Ben Tsia Pudz several skirmishes have occurred in which a number of cattle and horses were captured."

COSSACKS SURPRISE JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—General Kuropatkin reports that Ural Cossacks during the night attacked a Japanese camp, and the Japanese were thrown into a panic. The Cossacks also ambushed a half squadron of Japanese who sustained considerable loss.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Eleven Miners Terribly Burned and Three Will Die.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 28.—As the result of a terrific explosion in Mount Jessup mine at Beckville, this morning, it is reported that 11 miners were terribly burned and some may die. Later—the injured are all foreigners, and three will die.

FIFTEEN INJURED IN WRECK.

Columbus, O., Sept. 28.—A head-on collision took place between two trolley cars on the Sciota Valley Traction line near here at 7:30 this morning. Out of 17 passengers on the two cars, all but two were injured, and one will die.

WESTON EDITOR A BOLD FORGER

A. E. LOVELL PASSES BAD CHECKS AND SKIPS.

Had Charge of Weston Leader During Absence of Clark Wood at St. Louis—Imitated Name of Justice L. S. Wood and Forgery Was Not Detected Until Three Days After Crime Was Committed—H. Hessel Loses \$14 and Weston Fair Store \$8.

Because he could imitate the signature of Justice L. S. Wood, of Weston, A. E. Lovell, temporary editor of the Weston Leader, succeeded in passing two forged checks at Weston last Saturday, which were thought to be genuine until yesterday afternoon.

Lovell has had charge of the Weston Leader during the absence of Clark Wood, father of Editor Clark Wood, who has been issuing checks in payment of the running expenses during Clark's absence, and Lovell forged L. S. Wood's name to two checks, one of \$14 which was cashed by H. Hessel, and one for \$8, cashed by the Fair Store at Weston.

The Weston bank cashed the checks and the forgery was not detected until yesterday, when L. S. Wood discovered that his name was attached to checks not issued by him.

Lovell was seen to take the mixed train for Walla Walla on Saturday evening and since then has completely vanished. Besides cashing these two forged checks, Lovell also left numerous unpaid bills in Weston. He has been in the vicinity of Weston for the past six months, having worked through harvest near there.

Charles Wood, a brother of Editor Clark Wood, is now in charge of the Weston Leader and will manage the business until the return of Clark from the East, which is expected to be in about two weeks.

Lovell is about 26 years of age, a member of the eighth army corps of the Spanish war and wears tattoo in ink on his hands and arms.

"I thought the name L. S. Wood on the check I cashed was written in a smooth and flowing style, for a man Mr. Wood's years, but I did not suspect such a nice appearing young man as Mr. Lovell," said H. Hessel, who came down to start the officers on the forger's trail last night.

CANADIAN RAILROAD WRECK.

Buffalo, Sept. 28.—In a wreck of two Grand Trunk freights near Woodstock this morning, Conductor Falls, brakeman Benedict, Engineer Kirkland and Engineer Herron were killed.

Of the 1350 locomotives owned and operated by the Southern Pacific, 780 are now using oil as fuel.

INDIAN LEASES WILL BE SECURE

Farmers on Reservation Welcome Enforcement of Rent Regulations.

PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

T. J. Tweedy Says Renters Will Be Glad to Have Signature of Secretary of the Interior Attached to Their Leases—Will Also Welcome the Change Which Makes the Indian Agent the Recipient of Indian Rent Money as it Will Do Away With the Eternal Nagging of the Indian Landlord.

"I feel sure that I speak the sentiment of every renter on the Umatilla reservation, when I say that the renter welcomes the rigid enforcement of all the regulations concerning the leasing of Indian lands," said T. J. Tweedy, one of the most prominent farmers on the reservation this morning.

"We feel more secure in our leases when the signature of the secretary of the interior is attached to them; we will farm our lands just as in the past, minus the eternal nagging of the Indian landlord, when the agent is made the sole recipient of Indian rent money, and every man who is now farming on the reservation with money invested in teams, farming implements and other equipment will feel that he is fully secured in his lease, with the signature of the secretary attached to it, while with the old verbal agreement with the Indian now in force, no one knows the tenure of his lease nor feels sure of his stipulation with the Indian owner of the land."

STAMPING OUT DISEASE.

California Must Also Pay Higher Bounties on Wild Animals.

Willows, Cal., Sept. 28.—Dr. Chas. Keane, the state veterinarian, has just paid an official visit to this vicinity. He finds the cattle in an excellent condition, but advises greater precaution in the destruction of the carcasses of dead animals. He advocates the covering of the carcasses with coal oil and then burning. This method has proved quite effective in stamping out the anthrax, which had gained quite a foothold in the region of Colusa, and with its continuance there for another month Keane expects to have the disease entirely eradicated.

A mass meeting of the Stockmen's Defense Association has been called to further raise the bounty on animals that prey upon stock. It is proposed to raise the \$2.50 bounty on coyotes and to place a bounty on bears and panthers.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Slight Advance Takes Place in the Local Market.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—September wheat opened at \$1.10 and closed the same. December opened at \$1.11 and closed at \$1.12. Corn opened at 52 cents and closed at 53 cents. Oats opened at 29 cents and closed 1/4 cent higher.

LOCAL MARKET ADVANCES.

The local market today is a cent above yesterday. No sales are reported. Club is quoted at 71 cents and bluestem at 76 cents f. o. b.

INCREASED ENROLLMENT.

Three Additional Rooms Fitted Up, and More Must Be.

The 150 extra seats bought by the school board last year after the opening of school are now all filled, with a strong probability that another room, with new seats, will have to be equipped for the accommodation of new pupils.

The increase in the enrollment is approximately 200, and Mr. Conklin has not been able to equip but three additional rooms—two in the assembly building and one in the basement of the high school building. Each of these three rooms hold from 40 to 45 pupils and manifestly all the other rooms must be filled uncomfortably, when the total increase is nearly 200 and all the rooms were as full when school closed last spring, as they should be, and some of them overcrowded. Mr. Conklin believes it will be necessary later on to equip still another room, pending the completion of the new school houses.

The crowded condition of all the rooms increases the usual difficulties of classification and apportionment several fold, besides rendering the work unusually slow.

LIQUOR MEN TO TEST LOCAL OPTION LAW

Umatilla county saloon men do not intend to oppose the prohibition movement, on the grounds that they believe the local option law to be unconstitutional. In case it is voted to close any of the drinking places, the proprietors will continue to operate the saloons and defend themselves in the courts when suit is brought by their opponents.

"We do not believe in crying before the shoe pinches," he said. "The temperance people are making all the fight now and we intend to let them go ahead." "Prominent attorneys throughout the state have given their opinions that the local option law is unconstitutional, and we are prepared to demonstrate that it is."