

ROOM FOR THE FILIPINOS

Mass Meeting Called Sunday in the City of

THE BETTER CLASSES.

W. & C. R. ELECTS OFFICERS. Old Officers All Re-elected and Condition of the System is Prosperous.

Walla Walla, Oct. 6.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington & Columbia River railway, held yesterday, every share of stock was represented, either by person or by proxy.

The meeting received reports of the year's work and appointed a board of trustees without change. Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, the trustees re-elected the old board of officers, which was as follows:

President, Howard Elliott. Vice-president and general manager, Joseph McCabe.

Secretary, George H. Earl. Assistant secretary, R. H. Helf. Comptroller, M. P. Martin. Assistant comptroller, Rowland Smith.

Treasurer, C. A. Clark. Assistant treasurer, J. G. Cutler.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE COMING.

Spokane, Oct. 6.—O. Lund, state committeeman of the socialist party, received a communication today from William Mully, national secretary, saying that Benjamin F. Hanford, the socialist candidate for vice-president, could be in Spokane October 25, if suitable arrangements could be made.

HEARST CASE POSTPONED.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The case of William Randolph Hearst against the anthracite coal roads which was assigned for a hearing before the interstate commerce commission at Chicago, on the 11th, has been transferred to New York for hearing October 24.

COLUMBIA BAR IS DISAPPEARING

NEW JETTY HAS MADE A DEEPER CHANNEL.

Portland, Oct. 6.—Results of the extension of the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia are already apparent in the increasing depth of water upon the bar. The scour produced by the jetty is steadily slicing of the top of the bar, so that recent soundings are said to give materially better depth than those taken a year ago.

MAJOR LANGFILL, THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF THE JETTY WORK, DECLINES AT THIS TIME TO GIVE PARTICULARS AS TO THE RESULTS OF RECENT SOUNDINGS, SAYING THAT A REPORT WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH AND UNTIL THEN HE PREFERS NOT TO MAKE ANY DEFINITE STATEMENT.

"You can say this, however," he said, "there are evidences that the jetty is causing a scour which is reducing the bar. We have taken some soundings, and we shall take more this month or next. Then a map will be prepared showing the results."

BOYS' CONFESSION CLEARS MYSTERY

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Hanged Herself and Body Cut Down by Brother.

WAS THOUGHT TO BE A HORRIBLE MURDER.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—From the confession of John Harmering, a brother of 15-year-old Minnie Harmering, who was believed to have been murdered in her father's barn near Palatine, Wednesday, it developed today that the girl hung herself to a rafter in the barn.

The boy and two younger children discovered the body and cut it down and hid the rope in order to save the parents from the shock. Today the brother broke down and confessed.

A posse had been organized to hunt down a Polish peddler seen at the house yesterday evening, as it was believed he was guilty of the supposed murder.

As the leader of the posse was asking the state penitentiary for the use of bloodhounds for the chase, the boy confessed to having seen his sister commit suicide and also that he knew his mother would be crazed if she saw the body hanging, and cut it down to make the crime more bearable for his mother.

CHURCHES ARE IDENTICAL.

Archbishop of Canterbury Says Closer Union is Needed.

Boston, Oct. 6.—The Archbishop of Canterbury today addressed the house of deputies of the Episcopal general assembly. He said the paramount necessity was to work for the family and home relations between the English church and the church of the United States, which are identical, rather than fraternal or filial.

CHICAGO WHEAT PRICES.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—December wheat opened at \$1.11 1/4 and closed at \$1.09 3/4. May opened at \$1.11 1/4 and closed at \$1.10. Corn opened at 51 1/2 cents and closed at 51 3/4 cents. Oats opened at 31 1/2 cents and closed at 30 3/4 cents.

NO LOCAL SALES.

HERREROS VANQUISHED.

Berlin, Oct. 6.—General Von Throthe in command of the German forces, operating against the rebel Herreros in Southwest Africa, cabled today that he has quelled the rebellion and is now pursuing the remnants of the insurgents.

WORLD'S GRAIN CROP.

Amount Needed for Consumption Less Than the Amount Produced. The Hungarian minister of agriculture estimates that the world's production of grain this year (1904) will be as follows: Wheat, 84,400,000 metric tons (of 2,204 pounds each); rye, 29,500,000 metric tons; barley, 29,100,000 metric tons; oats, 48,800,000 metric tons; maize, 89,600,000 metric tons. This year's European grain crop is expected to be 14 1/5 per cent less than that of 1903. The shortage in the world's crop this year will amount to 5 per cent.

The amount required for consumption in the current year is estimated to be: Wheat, 86,438,000 metric tons; rye, 41,427,000 metric tons; barley, 28,880,000 metric tons; oats, 51,220,000 metric tons; and maize, 82,880,000 metric tons.

THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION WILL BE MADE UP FROM THE "VISIBLE SUPPLY," WHICH NOW AMOUNTS TO 14,260,000 TONS OF GRAIN.

All over Europe there exists a serious scarcity of feedstuffs for animals.—George H. Murphy, vice and deputy consul general, Frankfurt, Germany.

TENT MEETING.

The gospel services conducted by the United Evangelical church are still being held every evening. The large tent on the north side, near Jackson street, is comfortably warmed by a large stove. Rev. G. H. Phelps, who is to be present to assist, has not yet arrived, but Rev. G. L. Lovell will speak tonight and Friday evening at 7:45. All are invited.

DALLAS LOSSES BY FIRE.

Dallas, Oct. 6.—Fire this morning burned the best part of the business section. The loss will probably reach 100,000.

Over \$15,000,000 in taxes was paid into the city treasury of New York City Tuesday.

NAVAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS

Russian Fleet Made Desperate Sortie and Encountered the Japanese.

FAILURE OF ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BLOCKADE.

Fleet of Eight Chinese Junks Organized to Carry Arms and Provisions to Port Arthur—Japanese Fire on a British Vessel and Capture It—Much Skirmishing in Manchuria With Little Resulting From It—Russians Report Important Captures.—Kuropatkin Will Make Winter Headquarters at Mukden.

London, Oct. 6.—A Central News dispatch dated at Chee Foo, at 2 o'clock this morning, states that a big naval battle is proceeding outside of the harbor of Chee Foo. It is thought the Port Arthur fleet made a sortie to reach Chee Foo harbor and that the Russians encountered the Japanese squadron.

FIRE AT BRITISH VESSEL.

Chee Foo, Oct. 6.—The British steamer, Chenan arrived from Taku, reports that last night, when 60 miles west of Miaofo Islands, a Japanese cruiser fired a shot which narrowly missed striking the vessel. The vessel was then boarded but was at once released.

SECURE JAPANESE ARMS.

Harbin, Oct. 6.—Refugees who succeeded in reaching here declare that the garrison at Port Arthur have taken 30,000 rifles, besides ammunition, from Japanese soldiers fallen in the attacks on the strongholds.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—General Sakharoff reports today that Tuesday's dispatches show no change in the situation. Skirmishes occurred at Hinglu between our outposts and four companies of Japanese infantry. One squadron of cavalry reinforcements and outflanking movement was ordered, compelling the Japanese to retire to Tadushampo with considerable loss. In the evening a detachment of Cossacks approached within four versts of the Yental nopes and met four squadrons of Japanese with three companies of infantry. The Japanese retired. Our force reconnoitered the Japanese position and returned, having lost one killed and three wounded. Two Japanese were taken prisoners.

ATTEMPT TO RUN BLOCKADE FAILED.

Tokio, Oct. 6.—The Japanese fleet, off Port Arthur today, captured a junk laden with provisions which was trying to enter the harbor. Statements of the crew indicate the existence of a fleet of 80 junks, organized to run the blockade from the vicinity of Tsingtau. The junks were to enter tonight, the Russian guns and mines given them the advantage over the vessels of the blockading fleet.

WILL WINTER AT MUKDEN.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—A telegram from Mukden asserts that Kuropatkin has ordered his troops to prepare for winter quarters at Mukden. This indicates that Kuropatkin thinks the danger of a successful attack on the city by the Japanese is remote.

TORPEDO BOATS DAMAGED.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—According to a telegram from Chee Foo, three Japanese torpedo boats were damaged off Chee Foo during the storm yesterday evening.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

H. L. SWAGGART BRINGS SUIT FOR DISSOLUTION OF BONDS.

H. L. Swaggart, who brought suit in the state circuit court this afternoon for a divorce from Ida May Swaggart, alleges in his complaint that his wife has made life so burdensome for him that he cannot sleep nights. The defendant is charged with cruel and inhuman treatment and of falsely accusing her husband of undue intimacy with other women.

MR. AND MRS. VERT RETURN.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vert have returned from an extensive trip to California. Mrs. Vert has been away from home since July. She visited at Salem and at North Beach during the summer. September 2, Mr. Vert joined her and they went to San Francisco and attended the Knights Templar convocation. Later they visited in Southern California.

PANAMA IS DISSATISFIED.

Will Appeal American Treaty to The Hague Tribunal.

New York, Oct. 6.—Senator Edouard Mangle, of Colon, who is here on a mission from the government of Panama, says that strong protests, which have been made from time to time by the republic of Panama against the methods employed by the United States in taking authority over the Isthmian canal zone, are reaching a crisis.

Since the arrival here of a delegation of leading men of the Panama government, it is learned a movement has been started to appeal to other nations through The Hague tribunal.

Declaring that conditions on the isthmus have become intolerable, representatives of the new republic say that the treaty of Panama ratified with the United States has been construed in a way never intended or thought of by the people of Panama.

It is declared that a feeling of intense bitterness prevails throughout Panama, resulting in the movement to appeal for arbitration at The Hague.

Should the United States decline to become a party to the proposed arbitration, it is argued, that Panama will at least have published to the world its case.

YOUNG CHINESE POLITICIANS.

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—Native Sons of the Golden State is the name given to a new organization of Chinese young men. Although using the name of Native Sons, the Chinese parlor has no connection whatever with the original organization. One aim in common with the original organization is mutual benefit for members, and as an influence in Chinese politics.

PROHIBITIONISTS FILE PETITIONS

UMATILLA COUNTY WILL VOTE ON LIQUOR QUESTION

Last Petition Filed Yesterday Evening—The Liquor Issue Will Now Be Submitted to a County Vote as Well as a Precinct Vote—Total Number Necessary to Get County Vote Was 404 Names—October 8 Last Day of Filing.

The proposition as to whether the entire county of Umatilla shall be without saloons, will be voted upon at the coming general election.

The additional names necessary to bring the matter before the voters were filed yesterday afternoon with the county clerk. The petition was filed a fortnight ago, but 25 names were lacking to give the 10 per cent of the registered voters. The list presented yesterday contained 64 names.

The vote for supreme judge at the last election, taken on the basis, was 4928. Ten per cent would mean 492.8 names to the petition. The local option law requires that petitions must be filed at least 30 days before the date of election. October 8 is the last day set for presenting petitions.

If the majority vote is in favor of prohibition, every saloon in Umatilla county will be closed. Several precinct petitions are also on file. The result of the county vote will not effect the precinct petitions in case the prohibitionists lose, and if any of these carry, even if the county vote is lost, saloons in their jurisdiction will be closed.

BOISE ICE FAMINE.

Stock is Completely Exhausted and Plant Can't Supply the Demand.

Portland, Oct. 6.—The Boise people are up against an ice famine and from the present indications the refrigerators in private houses will remain as only a pleasant memory of the hot summer days.

Yesterday the ice companies notified their private customers that no more ice would be furnished to them. All of the natural ice has been exhausted and the only supply now is that made at the artificial ice plant.

Hotels, restaurants, butcher shops, saloons and drug stores, or places where perishable goods are kept, will be supplied. In case of sickness, also, ice will be supplied.

The dealers claim that they put up as much as last season as usual, but that the demand has been much greater than expected. It has taken an unusual amount to supply the refrigerators to move the immense fruit crop. Armour & Co. alone taking 800 tons from Butler Bros. The rapid growth of the city has also contributed toward depleting the stock.

The demand for ice at the present time amounts to about 10 tons per day, while the capacity of the ice plant is only about five tons. George Butler of Butler Bros. has just returned from a trip all along the line of the Oregon Short Line to replenish his stock, but at every place there was the same condition that exists in Boise, and he was unable to secure a pound.

SEWER QUESTION A LIVELY THEME

City Council Discusses the Delinquency in Making Connections.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Asked to Lay a Main to East End School House Site at Once, to Carry Off High Water and Permit Work to Proceed—A total of 317 Sewer Connections Now Made—Only Five Made During Month of September—New Street Crossings—Regular Bills Allowed—Richardson Offers to Settle.

"People with money are the ones who are not obeying the ordinance and connecting with the sewer," declared Councilman Sewell, at last night's council session. "The poor people who are afraid are the ones who are putting in the connections."

Dr. C. J. Smith, representing the school board, had just made a request that sewer mains be laid to the site of the new school building in Byers' grove, when Sewell remarked that the people in the lower end of town were entitled to a sewer just as much as those in the east end.

"But there are a great many persons in the lower end of town who will be broken up if they are compelled to connect with the sewer," some one stated.

"A great many are going broke as it is," retorted Sewell, and then he declared himself regarding the disobedience of the well-to-do.

Dr. Smith said that in all probability the new school house in Byers' addition would not be ready for occupancy before February 1, but that the contract called for connection with the sewer and that if the pipes were not soon laid, high water would prevent the work.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS FOR TIME.

The school board also requested the council to allow the use of the old closets at the high school building until the completion of the new schools. "We are crowded for space now," said Dr. Smith, "and are obliged to utilize the basement of the high school building for class rooms. If we are compelled to connect with the sewer at this time, we will have to hunt at least three school rooms. Just as soon as new quarters are ready, the school board will waste no time in putting in modern closets at the building on the hill."

The requests of the school board were referred to the sewer committee to report at a special meeting. The date of this meeting has not been set.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The reports of the recorder and city marshal for the month of September were read and placed on file.

Residents of Byers' Park petitioned the council to be allowed to place street crossings within the tract on grade. The petition was referred to the street committee.

Sewer Inspector Wilhee reported that five connections were made during the month of September. This makes a total of 317 sewer connections within the city.

RICHARDSON DAMAGE CASE.

S. M. Richardson appeared and wanted to know what action the council had taken regarding his claim for damages by reason of a sewer opening on his property. Richardson's original claim was for \$4000. He stated last night that he had been offered \$4000 for the place and that if the city would pay him an additional \$1000 he would be willing to settle the matter.

Bills for the month to the amount of \$688.08 were allowed.

BABY'S CORPSE IN A VALISE.

In a grip found in the ladies' waiting room at the Union depot in Portland yesterday morning, was the dead body of a child. At 1 o'clock when the porter was cleaning the ladies' waiting room he detected a peculiar odor coming from a valise, and supposing it contained decayed luncheon, opened it and to his horror found the body of a babe, probably 5 months old. It is believed that the woman who left it went to Seattle Monday, but nothing definite concerning the matter has been discovered.

"SALWARTS" WON'T SURRENDER.

Milwaukee, Oct. 6.—S. A. Cook, the regular candidate for governor, has announced that he will not run against La Follette. Ex-governor Scofield may take his place and run on the "stalwart" ticket.