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THE WOOL GROWERS' CIRCULAR.

Railroads Receiving Attention From The Committee.

CHAIRMAN QUAY TO RESIGN

Special by THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The house Pacific railroad committee met to-day, and practically agreed on the Van-derver bill. The chief features of the bill correspond with the senate measure already reported, the terms of interest and time for payment of the debt of the respective roads being the same. The most important amendment adopted was the extension of the same time to both roads, as to the funding of one half of the interest for the first ten years.

The committee will meet again Thursday, and it is expected that the bill practically agreed upon to-day will then be formally passed upon and reported to the house.

Presidential Appointments.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The president to-day appointed A. P. Hammond post master at Island, Or. John P. Jackson, assistant U. S. treasurer, at San Francisco.

Good For Senator Mitchell.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—At senator Mitchell's request, the post office department has ordered the route between Oswego and Wilsonville, Oregon, to be extended to the city of Aurora, and ordered an increase of service on the whole line, from Oswego to Aurora, six times a week.

Would Not Strike It Out.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—In the house, a motion of Hank, of Tennessee, to strike out the appropriation for the civil service commission in the legislative bill, was lost.

Circular to Wool Growers.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The wool growers national association issued the following to-night: "To the wool growers of the United States: After calculation and a careful study of the proposed tariff bill, known as the McKinley bill, and with the approbation of all wool growers present, we have joined in recommending to the committee on ways and means, the following change of duty: For third class wool, on such wool, the value whereof shall be 13 cents, including charges, the duty shall be 32 per centum ad valorem, and on such wool, the value whereof shall be over 13 cents including charges, the duty shall be 50 per centum ad valorem. These rates are slightly lower than those in the proposed bill upon very inferior grades, but are higher upon better grades, which come directly in competition with our quarter blood and common wool, and we therefore request your earnest efforts to secure its enactment into a law, with full confidence and faith that its effect will be to place wool growing, again among the prominent industries of the country."

Artistic Playing.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

BOSTON, April 24.—The Brooklyn and Boston clubs of the Players League played their fifth game to-day, and it was won by Keller's men, but he was hit in the eighth inning. Radbourne and Murphy were batting for Boston. Both did well. Radbourne kept the visitors from getting a run until the seventh inning. Ward's playing was great. Mike Kelly caught for the first time in several days, and handled himself in great style.

The Situation Growing Worse.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Sherman, of New York, introduced the house bill providing for a suspension of interest on all government bonds, and other public buildings were all destroyed.

Objected to the Empire.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

BOSTON, April 24.—The National League baseball game to-day between Boston and New York, was forfeited by the latter, who refused to abide by the league's decision in the sixth inning. The game was given to Boston by a score of nine to nothing.

Socialists Not Liked.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, April 24.—The States Zeitung has a special from Berlin, denouncing the stories concerning the reactionary course of the emperor, regarding socialism, as nonsense.

Large Fire in Syracuse.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SYRACUSE, April 23.—A big fire in the business section of the city to-night. The damage is estimated at \$100,000. The stores of Dey Bros. & Co., D. McCarthy & Co., J. B. Ginty & Son, all large dry goods firms, will lose considerably. Several smaller firms also sustained losses.

SILVER CERTIFICATES ADVANCE.

A Caucus Agreement Causes A Decided Rise.

Twelve Bloody Rounds.

Special by THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, April 24.—The agreement of the Republican caucus in congress for the compulsory coinage of 4,500,000 ounces of silver per month, acted at once as a bull point on the market for silver bullion certificates, and upwards of 200,000 ounces were bought before noon at the price of 102 1/2 cents and 102 1/2 cents per ounce, above yesterday's quotations.

Oregon R. R. Stock Advancing.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

New York, April 24.—The price of Oregon Navigation stock went up five points on the expectation of a considerable order to buy from Philadelphia, coming on a narrow supply. At the same time, the Oregon Short Line stock was moved up. The real bull point of the point on these stocks is a redemption of our excellent school system, by engineer's experts, to extend their line at once, northward to Seattle and Tacoma, instead of relying upon the Northern Pacific connections.

Chairman Quay to Resign.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

New York, April 24.—The Journal of Commerce says senator Quay late to-night called a meeting of the Republican national committee to meet in New York, May 7. It is said he will then offer his resignation, in view of the serious charges made on Tuesday in the house by General Spooner and other Democrats. This has been forecast to do by President Harrison, Secretary Blaine and other party leaders. If in the meantime Quay can disprove the charges, the committee will refuse to accept his resignation and endorse him, as the state committee of Pennsylvania have just done so.

Startling Labor Statistics.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, April 23.—Joseph Greunert, who has long held a prominent place among the socialist labor agitators here, has compiled a table, showing the number of laboring people to-day who will either strike for eight hours on the 1st of May, or be made idle by strikes, in collateral industries. According to this table, the number of wage workers who will not be at work at that time reaches the surprising aggregate of 223,000. The number of firms involved is 11,500.

Fire and Loss of Life.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CATASQUA, Pa., April 24.—The Union silk mill was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is about \$200,000. Seven persons were killed, two fatally and many seriously injured. The loss of life was caused by an explosion of acids, which demolished the walls of the buildings, burning a number of friends, mill employees and spectators.

Twelve Bloody Rounds.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

New York, April 24.—Frank White, formerly champion light weight, fought twelve bloody rounds with Pete Daily, of New Brunswick, N. J., this morning. Daily cried enough in the third round, and the referee gave White the parse. White has been in the ring since 1875, and has won many fights. He tried to secure a fight with Jack McAniff in 1884, but failed.

Silver Certificates Go Up.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

New York, April 24.—In the stock exchange to-day, silver certificates advanced to a hundred and five and a quarter on large transactions. They were quoted at a hundred and two and three quarters at the close yesterday.

Adulteration of Wheat.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

New York, April 24.—Late advices from St. Petersburg are that the adulteration of wheat in Russia has been brought to a halt by the grain traders, who mix it with an inferior quality and make nearly 10 per cent profit. The business is increasing rapidly.

Breaks on the Mississippi.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—The Henderson Ashley levee in Concordia Parish, twenty-five miles below Natchez, broke this afternoon and by dark was one hundred feet wide and twelve feet deep. The water washed through in a great volume and with tremendous velocity, sweeping everything before it. It caused back water to rise in all directions, but lowered the river at the levee three inches over the front. No loss of life or stock occurred.

The levee at Point Pleasant, upper end of Tensas point, broke this morning, but no particulars have been received. It will flood Madison and Tensas parishes.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Proceedings, Platform, Nominations and Adopted Resolutions.

A VERY INTERESTING REPORT.

Penney for Governor, Townsend for Secretary of State, Geo. W. Webb, Treasurer, Geo. F. Bonham, Supreme Judge, Etc.

PORTLAND, April 24.—The Democratic state convention met to-day at Turner hall. Ashbel Bush, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order. P. F. Darcy, of Salem, was elected temporary chairman, and Carlis J. Trenchard, of Astoria, temporary secretary. Committees on credentials and platform were appointed, when the convention adjourned to 3 p. m.

The convention convened at 3:20 p. m. and a recess of 20 minutes was taken to allow time for the committee on credentials to make their report. The committee on credentials then made their report, which was read and adopted.

THE PLATFORM.

The Democratic party of the state of Oregon, in convention assembled, renew their pledges to democratic principles, and enunciate the following declarations:

We congratulate the democratic party in this and other states upon the signal victories achieved in the last elections in Iowa, Ohio and Rhode Island, and in the municipal elections held recently throughout the Union, and we hail their results as a certain proof of the disintegration of the party, which, championing the cause of special interests and privileged classes, is bound together only by the cohesiveness of public plunder, and the perpetration of that which has ever stood for equal rights of the whole people.

We denounce the fraud by which the people of Montana were deprived of their rights of representation in the United States senate, by senators of their choice.

We believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and therefore favor a tariff for revenue, limited to the expenses of government economy, and we specially denounce the attempt of all pledges made to the people, whereby its ascendancy was secured at the last national election, and especially do we condemn the tariff bill now pending before the house of representatives as an aggravation of existing evils.

We condemn the attempt of the Republican majority in congress to reduce the surplus in the treasury, by squandering and misappropriating the same, and we specially denounce the attempt to appropriate a portion of such surplus, which belongs to the whole people, to the payment of bounty on sugar which compels the people to pay a direct tribute to a few.

We direct the attention of the voters of Oregon to the record of the Democratic party upon the subject of Chinese immigration, and we demand a strict enforcement of the Scott exclusion act, and the passage by congress of further vigorous legislation, which will prevent the Chinese entering our territory by any evasion of law.

OUR NATURAL WEALTH.

Remarks of Our Neighbors Upon Its Rapid Development.

BY COMPETING RAILWAY LINES.

Special by THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The Bulletin in a railroad article this afternoon says, "The activity among the great railroads stretching across the continent, on the lines north of California is something remarkable. The Northern Pacific are engaged in opening up every corner of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, whose resources are being developed with great rapidity, and another very progressive road, the Great Northern, will soon be in the thick of the fight and increase the transportation facilities of our northern sister states. The Southern Pacific has also extended its lines into Oregon, and may be obliged to spend considerable money in construction, to maintain its ground. In the meantime Washington, Oregon and Idaho are growing at a rapid rate, and large cities now mark the sites of hamlets of a few years ago. The immense resources of these states in coal, iron, timber, precious metals, etc., are proving to be a stable basis for the wonderful growth which railroad enterprise and competition has rendered possible."

Killed His Wife and Himself.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Michael Lane, a stone cutter, aged 65, to-day crushed the skull of his wife with a hammer, and then shot her twice, fatally wounding her. He then shot and killed himself. The cause is believed to be due to insanity. The couple left eight children, all sons.

Ball Games Postponed.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The following players' games were postponed to-day, on account of rain: New York against Philadelphia, Pittsburg against Chicago. The following national games were postponed on account of rain: Brooklyn against Philadelphia, Pittsburg against Cincinnati, Cleveland against Cincinnati.

Chinese Crossing the Line.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN DIEGO, April 24.—Word comes from Tia Juana that another gang of Chinese is in camp, two miles below the international boundary, and patrols are watching the line, but from indications it is thought these are crossed into the United States last night.

The officers patrolling the frontier this evening, captured E. Walker, a 50 man who was aiding Chinese across. Other crosses are likely to be made before morning.

Trembling in Erisce and Vt. City.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The earthquake, which occurred about three forty this morning, was the severest and of the largest duration since that of 1868. Many people were badly scared, and nearly every person in the city was awakened, but like all California earthquakes, it caused no serious results. Isolated cases are reported of crockery falling from shelves, bells ringing and clocks stopping.

A similar phenomena is reported from interior towns for about fifty miles north of here and a hundred miles south. It lasted about twenty seconds. At Watsonville a railroad bridge was displaced and trains were delayed.

At San Juan, the south convent wall was thrown out, but 90 children who were in the building, were rescued without injury to any. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Capture of a Wife Poisoner.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SEATTLE, April 24.—Daniel Allen, who was convicted in Wisconsin in 1887, of poisoning his wife and a neighbor named Wright, and who escaped from jail before being sentenced to a life term in the state prison, was captured last night at Linden, Wash., and brought to this city to-day.

Allen and Wright's wife became very intimate and conspired to get rid of their companions. Mrs. Wright poisoned her husband. Two days later, Mrs. Allen died suddenly from poisoning. Allen after his escape went to Oregon, under the name of Jno. Harvey, was traced from Oregon to Seattle, then to Linden, where he was captured. The officer leaves to-night with Allen for Wisconsin.

Additional Telegraph on Fourth Page

The steam light house tender Manzanita is expected here on Sunday.

Numerous amusements and entertainments are to occur next week, rather more than usual.

The Alliance arrived down from Portland at four o'clock this morning.

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