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THE RAILROAD GRADE WORK

An Inspection Trip Was Made Yesterday by a Party of Officials and Capitalists.

TEN MILES NEARLY FINISHED

Embankments in Good Condition and Rapid Progress is Being Made - Good Feeling on the Part of All - Steamers Sticks in Mud.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a large party of railroad officials and capitalists took the steamer Dwyer for an inspection trip of the grade work being done above Tongue Point. The trip was made particularly in order to show Mr. Nelson Bennett the lay of the land and what had already been accomplished. The afternoon was a most pleasant one, and as the last bids for the new work were filed just prior to the departure of the boat, everybody was in good humor and prepared to enjoy the excursion. Those in the party were Mr. Nelson Bennett, Tacoma; G. Wingate, J. M. Turner, Geo. Noland, W. E. Niles, traveling freight agent of the Union Pacific; A. G. Barker, general agent Chicago and Northwestern; W. B. Adair, Col. John Adair, S. D. Adair, Samuel Brown, Attorney J. H. Smith, D. K. Warren, W. E. Tarrant, Dr. Alfred Klancy, David Burnside, R. Liddell, Robert Wakefield, Captain Balbridge, B. VanDusen, Dr. M. M. Walker, A. B. Hammond, L. B. Seeley, E. A. Seeley, Pete Larson, W. W. Corey, Mr. Greenough, Judge J. H. D. Gray, J. C. Trullinger, Horace Thing, Thos. Trullinger, C. W. Smith, and others.

The trip was made as a sort of celebration of the fact that the grade work in the closing of the Flavel road project and the receiving of bids for the construction of the balance of the line of railroad. The Astoria present among the foremost who have been for many years pushing for the advancement of their city. All were happy and there were many congratulations exchanged that affairs had progressed so favorably.

The strong north wind made the bay quite rough, but the sail was all the more enjoyable. Passing Tongue point the steamer Potter was sighted, and flags dipped. Entering Cathlamet bay a grand view was presented of the Oregon shore with Saddle Mountain looming up in the distance. Tongue Point had on its Sunday best and the bright spring foliage was never seen to better advantage. One of the gentlemen of the party mentioned the fact that the Flavel road had been made to turn the point into a city park, whereupon Mr. Hammond spoke up and said that if that ever occurred he would guarantee to buy the Montana two buffaloes, to be domiciled in the park. Montana now has probably the only buffalo herd in the United States of any pretensions except the wild ones in Yellowstone Park. The Montana herd numbers 126 head, and the animals are worth \$25 each.

On his part, General Weyler said he would make it his business to find Bernal in Spain, when hostilities would be renewed.

BOUGHT A BRIDE. For the Price of Her Passage Across the Sea.

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.-Mary Jacobson, a Swedish girl, was purchased by Stanley Johansen at Prairie Du Pont, Ill., for \$125. She was married by the village squire Tuesday afternoon in the presence of nearly all the villagers. The bride is a buxom looking girl, about 23 years of age, and emigrated to the United States six weeks ago, and came directly to Prairie Du Pont, Ill. Michael Sorenson, a St. Clair county coal miner, went to the country with her, and he paid all the expenses of bringing her from Sweden to Prairie Du Pont. But the old flame of childhood love appears to have been extinguished. She liked Michael, but she did not love him. She had been at a few days in the pretty little village when she met Stanley Johansen, a young and good-looking coal miner. They fell in love at first sight and in a week he asked Mary to marry him. She said she would if Sorenson would release her. Sorenson consented, and she was married to Stanley Johansen. Sorenson said that he did not want to marry a girl who did not love him, but said he was out \$25 on his trip to Sweden and return, and he thought Johansen, if he took the girl, ought to pay him back the money that he was out. Johansen had but \$25, and Sorenson accepted.

COLORADO PLATFORM. Pueblo, May 12.-Senator Teller will be endorsed by a formal resolution tomorrow by the Colorado Republican state convention and will be chosen by acclamation to head the delegation to St. Louis.

Free coinage and protection will be declared the cardinal principles of the Republican faith in this state, but no instructions for candidate for presidential nomination will be given. Further, there is little likelihood that the convention will instruct the Colorado delegates to bolt the St. Louis gathering. If a good standard plank is adopted and a man in harmony with such a view is nominated,

Many Matters of Interest Considered at Last Night's Meeting. The Chamber of Commerce met last evening. Present, G. Wingate, president; James W. Welch, vice president; E. C. Holden, secretary; Judge Gray, J. Q. A. Bowley, M. J. Kinney, J. E. Grates, P. P. Kendall, James Finlayson, J. S. Dellinger and others.

After the usual routine business, the secretary read communications from Governor Lord, Senator Mitchell, and Capt. W. L. Flek, U. S. Engineer, and the following from the secretary of war

WARM DEBATE OVER CONTEST

Downing-Rinkner Election Case From Illinois Recommended After a Hard Battle.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL Passed by the Senate, and Carries an Aggregate of About \$70,000,000 - More Indian Fighters Granted Pensions.

Washington, May 12.-After one of the hardest fought parliamentary battles of the session, which continued until almost 3 o'clock tonight, the house re-committed the contested election case of Rinkner vs. Downing, from the Sixteenth Illinois district, to the committee on election, with instructions to recede the balance in dispute. The vote stood 121 to 25, divided as follows: Ayes-47 Republicans, 4 Democrats, and 1 Republican; noes-55 Republicans.

The supporters of the majority report to unsent Downing, a Democrat, and seat the contestant, realized that the disaffection on their side was so strong that the minority report would probably be adopted and they inaugurated a systematic filibuster to gain time to rally their forces. The first test of strength, on the motion to adjourn, 96 to 120, confirmed their suspicions, but they fought valiantly to the end and went down in the last ditch after having off final action for four hours. The speaker gave them considerable leeway at the beginning of the fight, but towards the end he declined to tolerate dilatory tactics. As a last resort many of the supporters of the majority refused to vote, but the speaker counted them, and the Democrats and dissenting Republicans scored their victory.

In closing the debate Deland declared that a partisan decision of the case would be a disgrace to a Republican congress. The speaker, after having exhausted every expedient, was obliged to allow a vote to be taken on the substitute for the majority report in favor of seating Rinkner. Several advocates of the majority resolution left the house on roll call, but the quorum held and the substitute was agreed to, 135 to 23, present and not voting. The resolution as amended was then passed. The speaker counted the 23 present and not voting to make up the quorum. Hopkins carried his obstructive tactics to the last ditch and then, after a vote on the motion to reconsider, which on a rising vote resulted 129 to 40, The

HOW THE SPANISH CENSOR EDITS CUBAN SPECIALS

Dispatch as It Was Originally Written and Filed for Transmission by the Tribune Correspondent.

Chicago Tribune. [Special Cable by Fred W. Lawrence.] Havana, May 7.-[Copyrighted, 1896, by the New York Journal]-General Bernal, of the Spanish army, has been driven out of Cuba by General Weyler. The "butcher" and Bernal parted bitter enemies, and are likely to fight a duel if they meet. Bernal's column has been operating in Pinar del Rio, against Maceo. At the battle of Cacaleara Bernal's column failed to support the regular troops and the Spanish army with a terrible defeat, losing hundreds of men. Weyler today figuratively kicked Bernal out of the island. At the interview he said the two men both were glad to see Bernal threatened the captain-general with personal violence if he ever met him in Spain.

On his part, General Weyler said he would make it his business to find Bernal in Spain, when hostilities would be renewed.

THE OLDEST WOMAN In the United States Dying - Wedded at Eighty-Eight.

Chicopee, Mass., May 12.-Mrs. Margaret Bowen, who is 82 years old, is dying in a little cottage on the outer skirts of the town. The doctors say she cannot live but a few days at the most. She came to this country from Ireland on the day Lincoln was assassinated. She is one of a family of nine, all of whom lived to be 70. She married when she was 28 years old, her husband being a widower, with two children. Mrs. Bowen says she is ready to die, as she believes her time has come. She speaks only the Irish language. She refuses to have any medical treatment, as she never took any medicine in her life. The little hut in which she lived was so small that she had to scoop a hole in the earthen floor in order to find a place for her coal and wood. Mrs. Bowen is the oldest woman in the United States.

THE CLARK STAKES.

Louisville, May 12.-Next in importance to the Kentucky derby is the Clark stakes at a mile and one-eighth, and today that event was decided before 700 people on a fast track and in fine weather. The race was a disappointment, owing to Ben Brush being scratched. Mike Dwyer gave W. McGuigan a check for \$10,000 and became the owner of Ben Eder, who was raced in Dwyer's colors and was ridden by Sims. Ben Eder won; Semper Ego second; Parson, third. Time, 1:26 1/2.

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THE METHODISTS IN CONFERENCE

Delay in Proceedings Will Soon Be at an End and Delegates Get Down to Work.

SEVERAL BISHOPS RETIRED

One of the Bishops to Be Elected Will Be of African Descent - Change to Be Made in Rules Governing Terms of Pastors.

Cleveland, May 12.-The delay in the proceedings of the Methodist General Conference on account of the failure of several committees to present their resolutions is about at an end. With the election of bishops and conference officers, which begins tomorrow morning, the conference will get down to real, solid work, and the sessions from now on are likely to be full of interest.

The committee on Episcopacy decided today to recommend to the conference that Bishops Bowman and Foster be declared non-effective, which is equivalent to retirement, and that three new bishops be elected. It was practically decided to take the same action in regard to Bishop Taylor, of Africa, but his speech to the committee induced it to defer action. Bishop Bowman is 80 years old, Bishop Foster 76, and Bishop Taylor 72. The committee decided to recommend that one of the new bishops be of African descent. The candidate is the colored delegate Dr. Bowen, of the Gammon theological institute.

The committee on itinerancy will recommend that the five-year limit may be extended one year by the appeal of the congregation to the quarterly conference where it must have a three-quarter vote, after which it must receive the vote of a majority of the cabinet of presiding elders, including that of the presiding elder having charge of the church and the bishop most conversant. This may be done year after year for five years, making the longest possible pastorate ten years. The lay claims it will defeat this plan tomorrow.

The minority committee report asking for the abolishment of the time limit will be submitted to the conference and will probably be supported by the lay.

WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS

The Session at Everett Will Be Harmless - California Populists.

Seattle, May 12.-Probably the most harmonious political convention ever held in this state will assemble at Everett tomorrow. The outlook is that there will be little friction in the convention proceedings. Whitman and Spokane county delegates will probably try to bring out a silver platform, but the tone of the convention will be almost entirely for sound money.

CALIFORNIA POPULISTS.

Sacramento, May 12.-The Populist state convention tonight adopted a platform declaring for women's suffrage, free silver, postal savings banks, and demanding the abolition of the national banking laws. The union of Populists with silverites at St. Louis is favored. The delegates of California are: W. M. Gilbert, of Yakima; Al Goldsmith, of Walla Walla; and Harry Frohlich, of Whatcom. The indications are that the delegation will be instructed for McKinley, although there is a strong sentiment in favor of sending the delegation absolutely uncommitted.

A. P. A. SUPREME COUNCIL.

Transacted Business in Washington Behind Closed Doors.

Washington, May 12.-The supreme council of the American Protective Association declared its routine business today behind closed doors. An effort was made by the newspaper men who are delegates to secure admission to the meetings for members of the press, but the motion was lost.

There is really nothing done in the meetings that could not properly be found in public. said Mr. DeWolfe, of the Boston Standard, chairman of the press committee. The question of sustaining the advisory committee which blackballed McKinley causes more interest than any other question connected with the council. Many of the delegates wear McKinley buttons. Buttons bearing the likeness of Congressman Linton, of Michigan, are also worn by many of the delegates. Little talk of Linton as a presidential candidate is heard, but there is a movement on foot to secure endorsement of him by the Republicans for the vice-presidency.

The secretary's report showed a great growth of the order during the past year. It stated that 98 charters for new councils had been issued during the year; that the voting strength of the order has been doubled, and that the order is planted in every state and territory.

The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory financial condition and was approved by the auditing committee. Several resolutions were introduced relating to questions before congress. Among them were resolutions calling for more stringent immigration laws, for the complete separation of church and state, and for the removal of the statue of Father Marquette from the capitol.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, May 12.-Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 red winter, 6s 6d; No. 1 hard, 6s 10d; No. 1 California, 5s 4d.

Portland, May 12.-Wheat, unchanged.

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