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ARBITRATION IS PROPOSED

Advisory Committee Said to Be Willing to Accept Proof in the Matter.

WILL CALL THE STRIKE OFF

Provided That Cannerymen Can Establish the Fact That They Cannot Pay Five Cents and Do Business at a Fair Profit.

No little excitement was created throughout the city yesterday when the news was received from Clifton of the attempt made by unknown parties to shoot down fishermen returning in their boats with the results of the day's labor. From that the discussion branched to the general subject of the strike. Many opinions were advanced and each had a different theory of the cause and effect of the present trouble. It was understood among the majority of those who are supposed to be posted in the affairs of the union, that the advisory committee of that body declared yesterday that if the cannerymen could prove to their satisfaction that they could not pay five cents for fish, and do business at a profit, that the advisory committee would then declare the strike off and advise the men to go to work.

Last evening one of the most prominent as well as one of the largest packers on the Columbia river, called at the Astorian office and while there, in discussing the entire subject, he stated to an Astorian reporter that he thought the whole question was susceptible of settlement on a basis fair to all. "There is a way to bring both sides concerned in this matter together with credit and without any undue backdown on either side. It is to be assumed that when the fishermen's union meets each spring and establishes the price of our fish, that they take into consideration each year the ability of the market to stand the price so fixed. Otherwise there would be no occasion for formally determining the price to be paid at the beginning of each season, since the fixed price might be determined and demanded indefinitely, were it not dependent upon the market fluctuations. So it is to be assumed that the fishermen are willing to concede that the condition of the market has to do with the price they can demand of the canners for the raw fish.

"It has been stated that the union would be willing to declare the strike off providing it could be shown that the cannerymen were unable to pay five cents and pack their fish at a fair profit. Now this is a fact that is susceptible of easy demonstration one way or the other, and if this is now the disposition of the fishermen, the strike can certainly be settled on that basis.

"Let the union and the cannerymen agree upon a committee of disinterested merchants or business men to act as arbitrators upon the question. Let this arbitration committee investigate the matter of the ability of the cannerymen to pay more than four cents for fish. Let it be agreed that if that committee shall find that the cannerymen are unable, in justice to themselves, to pay five cents for fish, that then the union shall formally rescind the price fixed by them at five cents and shall establish a differentprice such as may be reported by the committee and recommended by them to be a fair equivalent for raw fish. This is an honorable, a practicable, and an equitable method of settling the difficulties of the present situation, and it should be adopted without delay.

"There is little doubt that if this plan could have been agreed upon in the beginning, that fishing would have commenced promptly upon the opening of the season, and there might have been saved hundreds of thousands of dollars to the mutual advantage of packers and fishermen, as well as business men generally, of every class and description."

The proposition suggested by the gentleman in his interview above, seems to be an eminently fair one, and worthy of a trial. From the concensus of opinion throughout the city, it can certainly be taken as a fact that ninety-nine per cent of the business men and citizens generally are anxious to see this much-vexed question settled amicably and upon a basis fair to all concerned. There must be common grounds upon which both parties to the disagreement can meet. The question is, to find that ground.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE.

In Fact, the Demand for Nearly All Classes of Goods Has Decreased.

New York, June 5.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say.

General trade continues depressed in almost all lines. The demand is smaller than a week ago, and the request for and offerings of commercial paper have decreased. Mercantile collections continue complained of, and the tendency of prices, particularly of cereals, sugar, coffee, pork products, cotton and cotton goods, and iron and steel, continues downward. There is a moderate increase in the demand for dry goods at Chicago, but business generally is disappointing. The check in trade at St. Louis is in part the result of delays in the distribution of merchandise on account of the late storm. The unseasonable cold weather and rain have interfered with the retail trade in the territory tributary to Kansas City. Eastern advices are that wool is as full and weak as ever, with larger stocks of old carried over than for years, and a light demand for new clips. In the face of this, Portland, Oregon, wires that about 4,000 tons of wool will be handled at The Dalles this year; that it has begun to move, but that Eastern buyers have not put in an appearance.

The total number of business failures throughout the United States this week is 236, compared with 227 last week, and 236 in the first week in June, 1895. There are 19 business failures in Canada, against 25 last week, 27 in the week a year ago, and 37 two years ago.

WHAT IS THE DECISION?

Pretoria, June 5.—The executive council, after a long discussion, has prepared a final decision regarding the release of the four reform leaders, Colonel Francis Rhodes, John Hays Hammond, Lionel Phillips and George Farrar.

The best chemical compound for washing powder is "Soap Foam," as it will not "yellow the clothes," nor burn the hands. It's the finest thing in the world for the bath. One trial will convince you.

OREGON ELECTION AND HAMMOND

Railroad Not Affected by the Turn of Political Affairs in the State.

FUNDS PROVIDED LONG AGO

Payrolls Promptly Met and Contractors' Bills Paid—Work and Men Gradually Increasing—Entire Line Will Soon Be Under Way.

An article appearing in yesterday's Oregonian as a telegram from Astoria, in which it is stated that many leading Republicans had expressed a fear that, as one of the results of the disastrous election in the state of Oregon, Mr. A. B. Hammond, the promoter of the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad, who had recently gone to the East, presumably for the purpose of assuring himself of the continued willingness of his financial friends to place their money in the project, might find their purse strings closed against him, caused much indignation in railroad circles yesterday, and the officials of the road, as well as Mr. Hammond's most intimate friends, denounced the entire article as an outrage against that gentleman, and the project itself. While the article at its end, assures the reader that the croakers referred to were laughed at and states that the friends of the railroad claimed that all the money necessary for the enterprise is in readiness, yet the general effect of the article throughout the state, will be to throw a doubt upon the ability of Mr. Hammond to carry out his project, as well as to give Astoria at least a black eye for the present.

Mr. S. H. Brown, Jr., of Boston, and Mr. L. B. Seeley, of Portland, who are largely interested in pushing the Flavel Hotel project forward, and who are perhaps as well acquainted with Mr. Hammond and his plans and resources as any one on the Pacific coast, stated last evening just before returning to Portland, that the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad had been financed eighteen months ago, and that every dollar necessary for its construction, has been at all times since then ready for use. Mr. Seeley said: "Of course such statements as these do not hurt Mr. Hammond in the least; but they do hurt Astoria, and her citizens who are trying to establish manufacturing industries and interest foreign capital in this city. The building of the Astoria railroad does not in any manner, shape or form, depend upon the election in this state. The road will go forward regardless of who is president, congressman, or member of the state legislature. It is a shame that just when affairs are beginning to take a turn for the better, and people are becoming interested in the development of the city, cold water should be thrown upon our prospects by an unauthorized rumor of this nature. The greatest harm is sometimes done by these "rumors," and while they may be partially contradicted by statements at the bottom of an article, yet the manner in which headlines and introductions are written, causes the damage and attracts the attention of the people at large."

Mr. W. G. Gosslin, land agent of the railroad, and one of Mr. Hammond's managers, stated last night to an Astorian reporter that the account published in yesterday's Oregonian concerning any probable trouble on Mr. Hammond's part as to finances necessary for the railroad building, was absolutely false in every particular. "There can be no possible question about Mr. Hammond having already provided every dollar that he needs for this enterprise, not only by putting up some of his own fortune, but by securing funds from a syndicate of his friends. What could have been the animus of such a dispatch from this city I do not understand. And while in itself it really says nothing, and would carry no weight with a thinking man or one who is acquainted with the circumstances, yet with the casual reader, throughout the state, or perhaps in various sections in the east who are strangers to Astoria and the situation here, it would have some influence."

It is useless and entirely unnecessary, so far as Astorians are concerned, to dwell further upon the subject or recite what the railroad company is doing in the way of construction, the completion of the bridge, the securing of rolling stock, the building of the line along the city water front, and the preparation of plans for the grading to Goble and the erection of the depot at Scow bay. All these things are well known for themselves. Never has a payroll been passed or contractors held waiting for their money. Money talks, and actions speak louder than words.

GERMANS LEAVING NANKING.

Alleged Chinese Scheme to Put the Army Under Russian Control.

London, June 5.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that, in consequence of the indignities to which German officers have been subjected recently by Chinese soldiers, whom they were detailed to train, which culminated in the murder of several Germans by the bodyguard of the viceroy of Nanking, many of these officers have left Nanking. German warships have arrived there and have demanded heavy indemnity for the attacks made by the Chinese upon the German officers. These attacks, according to the special dispatch, are believed to be part of a scheme to drive out the Germans and place the Chinese army under Russian control.

CORNER ON SPUDS.

Kansas City Broker Will Raise the Price of Potatoes.

Kansas City, June 5.—James McKinney, of the commission firm of McKinney Bros., has practically cornered the potato market. McKinney is said to have more of the product to sell than all the other potato brokers in the West. Within the past four days McKinney has raised the price of potatoes 25 cents, and a further rise is anticipated. Twenty days ago McKinney contracted for the only available potatoes in the West, 100 carloads, from Greeley, Col. McKinney is said to have cornered the market five years ago, when he raised the price from 25 cents to $1 per bushel.

ENERGETIC CHICAGO.

Chicago, June 5.—The Republican state central committee today adopted a resolution asking the Republican national committee to establish its headquarters in Chicago.

COLUMBIA RIVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD

Second Chapter in the Horrible Murder of Ester Gunion and Her Companions.

JACK LAMBERT'S BODY FOUND

The Skull Was Frightfully Crushed and There Was a Bullet Hole in the Neck—Evidence That Four Persons Were Murdered.

That four persons were foully murdered on the night of May 28 seems established beyond the shadow of a doubt. Yesterday morning Coroner Pohl and Sheriff Hare returned from a trip up the river, bringing with them the body of Jack Lambert, which was found near Quinn's point late Thursday evening.

As is well known, about 8 o'clock on the evening of May 28, Samuel Mellandt, Adolph Gunion, his sister, Esther Gunion, and Jack Lambert, were seen on a whisky scow some distance this side of Clifton. All were drinking heavily. About 9 o'clock the four persons started for their homes down the river, Lambert in a small skiff, the others in a fishing boat. Not one has since been seen alive.

Last Friday evening the mutilated body of Miss Gunion was found on the beach near Smith's point. Her head was crushed and there was every evidence of foul murder. At first it was thought the woman was murdered in this city, but it now transpires that the crime was committed up the river and the body brought to Smith's Point in a boat. It was said a milkman had identified the body as that of a woman whom he had seen on the roadway near the point; that she was in company with a man, and in an intoxicated condition; that the milkman was asked, and agreed, to take the woman to a hotel, as she was too drunk to walk; and that her companion was unable to lift her into the wagon, whereupon the milkman drove off. The police pronounce this story a fake, as, if it were true, the woman must have been murdered on or near the railroad trestle, in broad daylight. As men were and are working daily on the trestle, to commit such a crime without being seen would have been an utter impossibility.

Furthermore, Mellandt, Lambert and Gunion were missing. When last seen alive, the three men and the woman were together, and it was evident all were killed at the same time. A few days after the murder the fishing boat of Mellandt—"Kinney, No. 62,"—was found, with several large holes in the bottom, evidently made with the butt end of an oar. This in itself was proof positive that something had happened the men.

The finding of Lambert's skiff a day or two ago, badly smashed and blood-bespattered, strengthened the belief that the men also had been murdered. The discovery of the man's body Thursday, and the subsequent positive identification, tells its own story. That all four men were murdered is undoubtedly the case, except, perhaps, one of the two other missing men—Mellandt or Gunion—committed the deed. But it does not seem probable either the woman's lover or brother would take her life.

Lambert's body is in a badly decomposed condition, and has evidently been in the water for several days. However, the identification was positive. An examination revealed the fact that the man had been shot in the neck, the bullet entering the left side and the skull had also been crushed as if by a heavy blow from a club or other blunt instrument. Either wound would have caused death.

The authorities are working on the case and it is thought the murderers will be brought to justice.

FISHERMEN FIRED UPON.

Attempted Murder of Several Persons Near Clifton Yesterday.

Special to the Astorian.

Clifton, Or., June 5.—This morning about 7 o'clock, as one of the boats engaged in fishing for Cook's cannery was returning from a drift about a mile west of the cannery, its occupants were fired upon by unknown parties in ambush on shore. The fisherman and boat puller at once pulled away as fast as possible and succeeded in escaping unharmed, though their boat was punctured in many places by the bullets, one man receiving a shot through the rim of his hat.

It is claimed by the fishermen that about forty shots were fired. A similar assault was made from the same place, supposed to be by the same parties, on another boat about 11 o'clock today, but in this instance the fishermen returned the fire, shooting at the smoke from the guns of the assaulting parties, and the assailants ceased their attack. It is not definitely known who the cowardly assailants are. The first boat was in charge of a man by the name of Semo and the latter boat in charge of Mario Sverdrup.

LOOKS LIKE ELLIS.

The Republican Candidate Still in the Lead for Congress.

Portland, June 5.—Up to 6 o'clock tonight the returns show that Vanderburg, Populist, for congress in the First district, has a plurality of 34 over Tongue, Republican. Complete returns have been received from every county in the district except Curry, the vote of which has only been partially reported. As far as reported Curry gives Tongue 100 plurality. The full vote may wipe out Vanderburg's plurality.

In the second district Ellis leads Quinn by 227, with the returns from four counties still incomplete.

Portland, June 5.—Additional returns from Grant and Crook counties tonight give Ellis an additional plurality of 156, making his plurality over Quinn 383.

NEW AMERICAN CONSUL.

Beards Weyler in His Den, with Excellent Results.

Havana, June 5.—General Fitzhugh Lee, the new consul-general for the United States had a long conference with Captain-General Weyler today.

Consul General Lee has interested himself in the case of Artist Thomas Dawley, who has been confined in Moro Castle incommunicado. When he called on General Weyler, he explained to Weyler that the artist had been sent to take pictures for newspapers in the United States. Gen. Weyler promised General Lee to remommend that his case be attended to at the earliest opportunity.

FOR ELECTIONS BY DIRECT VOTE

Bill Introduced by Senator Mitchell Laid Over Till Second Monday in December.

ADJOURNMENT NEXT MONDAY

Resolution Introduced for Such Action—Two Democrats Unseated by the House—Senate Still Considering Cuban Question.

Washington, June 5.—In the senate today, Mitchell, of Oregon, called up his bill, for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. Mitchell argued that the reform would do away with the poolroom debauchery of primaries, eliminate the influence of local bosses, minimise the influence of wealth, create closer relations between the people and the senate and overcome the element of monarchy and aristocracy in the present system. The measure was supported by Perkins. Chandler declared the elections of senators by the people to be a concession to Populistic tendencies.

Palmer, in responding to the suggestions of Chandler that he (Palmer) might not be returned to the senate, retorted that new issues had arisen since his former elections of a popular canvass.

"On these issues I have the misfortune to differ from the machine of my state," declared Palmer. "The machine has control of Illinois. The machine has control of other states; the machine is against me. I defy the machine, and whether the machine is stronger than the people remains to be seen."

Palmer went on to show that the most salutary result from the popular election of senators would be freedom from machine control. Hawley opposed the change, after which, at the request of Mitchell, the second Monday of December next was fixed for considering the subject. The feeling of an early adjournment was indicated by the introduction of a resolution by Aldrich fixing Monday next at 2 p. m. as the time for adjournment.

SLAUGHTERING DEMOCRATS.

Washington, June 5.—The house today unseated two more Democrats—Lockhart, from the Seventh North Carolina district, and Downing, from the 18th Illinois district, and seated in the place of the former Martin, a Populist, who had been indorsed by the Republicans, and in place of the latter, Binaker, a Republican. Downing was the only Democrat from Illinois. A good deal of partisan feeling was aroused among the Democrats by the ruling of Payne, who was in the chair, and on one or two occasions there was a mild reminder of the turbulent scenes of the Fifty-first congress. Several Demeocrats left the hall in an effort to break down a quorum, but Jayne declined to recognize the point of no quorum or to entertain an appeal from that decision. Grosvenor's resolution calling on the president and cabinet officials for a complete list of the removals since March 4, 1893, was laid over. Owing to the pressure of members for the passage of bills of local importance to them, and the refusal of Kem, of Nebraska, to consent to this character of legislation, a special order was adopted making tomorrow individual suspension day.

CUBAN QUESTION.

Washington, June 5.—The discussion in the senate behind closed doors today was devoted entirely to the Cuban question, and the greater part of the time was consumed by Morgan in the continuation of his speech in the open session. Sherman and Lodge made a brief explanation of their visit to the White House and their conference with President Cleveland. They expressed the opinion that the executive was using all due vigilance in the protection of American citizens in Cuba, and said that, while it may be well for congress to put forth its opinion in regard to the situation in Cuba in the shape of a joint resolution, there was little probability of getting such a resolution through without prolonging the debate, which, in view of the general desire for early adjournment, could not be had.

WARNED BY THE JUNTA.

Citizens Asked Not to Respond to Unauthorized Appeals for Aid.

New York, June 5.—The Cuban Junta here has sent out a warning to the public, in which they say:

"We desire to warn the public against all persons requesting contributions for the cause of Cuban independence, excepting the Cuban Army Sanitary Corps, Rafael Navarro, treasurer, who is duly authorized and appointed by this delegation. Also against persons advertising for parties or individuals to join the Cuban cause.

"Certain individuals are advertising exclusively for these purposes, and join to theirs the names of well known Cubans. There is no enlistment going on, and appeals for aid by individuals are entirely unauthorized by us."

ROENTGEN RAYS IMPROVED.

Berlin, June 5.—The General Electrical Society announces that an improvement has been made in the Roentgen process that enables the interior of the head, the larnyx and the action of the lungs and the heart to be observed on a fluorescent screen.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, June 5.—Wheat, spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 4½d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 2d; No. 1 California, stocks exhausted.

New York, June 5.—Hops, quiet.

Why does the door bell always ring when you are on the top floor and it is the maid's day out?

FARMER OSBORN HAD MUCH FUN

The Man From Oregon Tells of His Escapades in Boston Town With Miss Ashley.

THEY VISITED CEMETERIES

And the Naughty Fellow Kissed Fair Lillian Several Times—Testimony in the Ashley-Baldwin Suit in San Francisco.

San Francisco, June 5.—The cross-examination of the farmer, John Osborn, the man from Oregon, who came all the way from Portland to tell what he knew about Miss Lillian Ashley, occupied the whole session of Judge Slack's court in the Ashley-Baldwin case today. No new material was brought out. The only relief in the monotony was when the witness told a new incident of how he and Miss Ashley had gone driving in Boston. They had an exciting time, visiting cemeteries, and he kissed his companion repeatedly on the way home. Miss Ashley smiled broadly at these rehearsals. When the witness had finished repeating the story he had told the day before, the counsel for the plaintiff said:

"Now, you have come all the way here from Portland to tell this thing about this lady?"

"Yes, sir."

"You did not do it as a matter of revenge?"

"No, sir."

"You never told her you would get even with her for refusing to marry you?"

"I never did."

"You never wrote her a letter making this threat?"

"No."

The session ended with a rehearsal of the correspondence that had passed between Osborn and Miss Ashley after his return to Oregon. An endeavor was made to draw him into the admission that he had proposed to Miss Ashley, but in spite of two letters presented upon the previous day, in which she had referred to her abuse of his love and made pleas for forgiveness, Osburn could not recollect that he had ever told her either in word or writing that he loved her. He admitted that he had bought her some rings, but could not remember what sort, how many, or what he had paid for them.

BRITISH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Cape Town's Assembly Condemns the Transvaal and Calls for an Investigation.

Cape Town, June 5.—The house of assembly today, by a vote of 60 to 11, rejected the motion of Mr. Merriman, declaring that the exercise of sovereign rights by a trading and financial company is not consistent with the peace and prosperity of South Africa, and urging that an address be sent to Queen Victoria, requesting her to take the matter into her consideration with a view to the revocation or alteration of the terms of the charter of the British South Africa Company, and to make such provision for the government of the territories under the control of that company as may be advisable.

The house, without a division, being taken, adopted a motion offered by Mr. Schreiner declaring that the house condemned the invasion of the Transvaal; trusted that the British government would set on foot a searching inquiry into the origin and carrying out of the raid; promised assistance to the inquiry; recognized the steps already taken; trusted that her majesty's government would take further measures, by administration of the territories or otherwise, to prevent a repetition of the British South Africa Company's inroad, and felt assured that by proceeding in a spirit of actual conciliation and forbearance complete tranquility would be restored and further discord, so fatal to the peace of South Africa, would be prevented.

DR. EDSON TO SUE.

He Discovers Alleged Spurious Preparations of His Cure.

New York, June 5.—Dr. Cyrus Edson announced last fall that he had discovered a preparation which, if used in season, would, in a majority of cases, prove a cure for consumption. He has recently discovered that the country has been fairly flooded with spurious preparations, not only worthless, but full of danger. As a result of this discovery, Dr. Edson has just brought suit against two prominent drug concerns, placing his damages in each case at $20,000, and additional suits will be brought as soon as the necessary evidence is obtained.

"This is not a question of money with me," he said yesterday, "for I freely published the formula, in the hope that the use of the remedy would receive the widest extension. Personally, I object to the use of my name in connection with these spurious compounds the manufacture and sale of which is a crime of the vilest kind. I shall rigorously prosecute every person I find engaged in this infamous traffic."

CLEVELAND STILL AHEAD.

Washington, June 5.—Washington, 14; Louisville 7.

Brooklyn, June 5.—Brooklyn, 10; Cincinnati, 1.

New York, June 5.—New York 7; St. Louis 3.

Boston, June 5.—Boston 6; Chicago, 10.

Baltimore, June 5.—Cleveland 19; Baltimore 4.

Philadelphia, June 5.—Philadelphia 9; Pittsburg, 8.

CHOLERA IN EGYPT.

Cairo, June 5.—The official cholera returns for Wednesday and Thursday show that there were twenty deaths from the disease in Alexandria and fifty-three deaths in this city.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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