RUSSIAN CROP SHORT

The Richest Provinces Suffering From Food Shortages.

CHEMAWA-MULTNOMAH FOOTBALL.

Special to the Guard.

SALEM, Oct 27.—The Chemawa Indian football team met the Multnomahs on the the gridiron today.

The game was close and exciting. Neither team scored.

CHINESE TIGRESS-EMPRESS.

Special to the GUARD.

TIENTSIN, Oct 27.—Reports from responsible sources concur in the statement that the Dowager Empress of China is dangerously ill.

WARSHIPS AND EXPANSION,

Special to the Guard.

WASHINGTON, Oct 27.—The enlargement of our interests in foreign waters has set the bureau of naval construction actively at work.

The naval is board considering plans for the immediate construction of forty war vessels.

BANANAS DUTY FREE.

Special to the Guard.

WASHINGTON, Oct 27.—The government of Guatemala has revoked a decree placing an export duty on bananas.

IMMENSE REPUBLICAN PARADE.

Special to the Guard

CHICAGO, Oct 27 2 p m—The greatest political parade in the history of Chicago is now in progress for McKinely and Roosevelt.

125,000 men, representing every branch of industry, forming a continuous line 40 miles long, are parading the streets. The last of the parade will not be witnessed before 10 o'clock this evening.

Senator Hanna and many Republicans of national prominence are reviewing the parade. Two live elephants march at the head of the procession.

MORE PHILIPPINE TROOPS.

Special to the GUARD.

MANILA, Oct. 27.—The transport, Thomas, with 600 troops and a staff of nurses and surgeons has arrived.

BOER AND BRITISH FIGHT.

Special to the Guard.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Lord Roberts reports an engagement with the Boers under Dewet.

British loss 41; Boers 43 killed and 26 taken prisoners.

BRYAN FORCES UNITE.

Special to the Guard.

HELENA, Oct. 27.—The Union Labor candidate for governor withdraws from the contest.

He announces that the Labor vote will support the fusion candidate.

THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH.

Steam Shovel to be moved From Harrisburg to Armitage's.

Special to the Guard.

PORTLAND, Or, Oct 27.—The high water has driven the S P Co's steam shovel out of the river gravel pit near Harrisburg and the shovel will be immediately moved for filling work on the Springfield branch.

Carpenters are now busy arranging the high trestle east of Springfield so it can be filled and next week the filling will be commenced. As soon as this trestle is filled the McKenzie bridge trestle near Coburg will be filled.

THROUGH A BRIDGE.—While R L Yeager, an old soldier, was driving his team across the mill race on a bridge, near Fairmount, the structure gave away. Mr Yeager received a number of bruises and was internally injured. His team was not hurt. About the same time a stranger drove his horses into the race near the same place and it was hard work to save them from drowning.

HOP BUYERS RUSTLING.—Dallas Observer, Oct 26: Hopbuyers are flocking in here to get the remainder of the hops that have not been sold. One grower is said this morning to have refused a 15-cent offer from Portland.

AT PAOLI, KANSAS.—Rev Henry Hopkins is pastor of a Congregational church at Paoli, Kansas, and has a fine congregation. Dwight Hopkins is visiting with his brother at that place. He expects to come home in about two weeks.

A Sample of Bluster.

The following from Chicago gives a sample of the republican betting this year:

J J Townsend, a stock broker, came up with $50 000 today to bet Henry C Payne that Bryan will receive as many electoral votes as he did in 1896. Mr Payne, vice chairman of the republican national committee, said yesterday he would bet 2 to 1 that Bryan would not have as many as four years ago, when he had 176. This morning he said he did not have money enough to cover Townsend's money, but would try and get it. A dozen men, each with a roll as big as an elephant's foot, kept calling on Mr Payne and he was kept busy explaining now he did not have any money. It was an embarrassing spectacle.

Vice Chairman Johnson returned to democratic headquarters today after a trip of investigation through Ohio.

"I talked with many leading democrats in the state and they all had the same story to tell," said Mr Johnson. "They are all confident that they will carry the state for Mr Bryan. Senator Foraker's prediction yesterday that the republicans would carry the state by 100,000, provoked audible mirth among the Ohio democrats, principally as this prediction was made soon after Mr Foraker was yelled down by a Cleveland audience and not allowed to speak.

"Governor Roosevelt received a good reception at Cleveland, but at other points in the state his audiences were neither large nor enthusiastic. The followers of Mayor Jones, of Toledo, will, with a few exceptions, vote for Mr Bryan. I was unable to learn that anyone who voted for Jones for governor intended to vote for Mr McKinley."

THE $700,000 ABSCONDER

Probably Under Surveillance With the Object of Securing Return of Part of Money.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The Evening World says:

"Developments this morning indicate that the whereabouts of Cornelius L Alvord, the absconding note-teller of the First National Bank, are known both to his attorneys and the bank officials. That no warrant for his arrest has been asked is due to the efforts of his friends. Negotiations are now on with the bank officials in their behalf that will lead it is said, to the restoration within a few days of almost half the amount stolen. Alvord's arrest would be an immediate bar to restitution on his part. In the meantime the man, who is said by intimate friends to be in his house at Mt Vernon, and by others to be somewhere in the vicinity, is under close surveillance by detectives. His escape is an impossibility.

Alvord is said to have had an enormous sum of ready cash when he took his final departure from the bank. This, with his real estate holdings, several blocks of securities, his wife's diamonds, his horses and livery and his interest in several New York business concerns, are under consideration in the negotiations between Alvord's friends and those from whom he stole. One of the absconder's friends asserts that Alvord's holdings, when realized on, will make him only $100,000 to the bad on the amount of his defalcation."

M. E. Church Dedicated.

Cottage Grove Leader.

A large congregation assembled at the elegant new M E church last Sunday to witness the dedication of the new building. Elder Ford, of Eugene, preached the dedicatory sermon in his plain and forcible style, holding the close attention of the vast throng for an hour. It was then announced that the church indebtedness of some $550 must be raised before the building could be formally dedicated. Donations were then called for and more than the entire amount was raised in less than thirty minutes, thus again proving the wonderful liberality of the good people of Cottage Grove. Religious services were held in the afternoon and evening at which the large and commodious building was well filled.

The building is a splendid edifice built upon modern lines, well ventilated, lighted and heated at a cost of $3,500. It is an elegant addition to our little city and one that the people are proud of.

University Observatory.

The attention of the GUARD has been called to the condition in which the abandoned State University observatory on Skinner's Butte is allowed to remain. There are no windows or doors remaining in the building, access being free. The white plastered walls have been decorated and written upon in a vile manner. The butte is quite an attraction on pleasant days, especially to strangers who may be sojourning in the city, and naturally few fail to enter the observatory building.

The city authorities or regents of the University should lose no time in securely boarding up the open doors and windows. It is a vile offense against public decency.

THE CORVALLIS COLLEGE.—Here is the report of the last quarter: For salaries, $9,769.05; incidentals, $7,729 16; total, $17,498,21. The total annual salaries amount to $40,373. The Gazette says: "Quite a change is to be made shortly in the management of the ladies' dormitory at the O A C. Miss Snell, who has had charge of this institution for a number of years has asked to be relieved of these duties on account of failing health, and will take up her residence in her home in town. Mr and Mrs T Callahan will take charge of the management of the hall, while Miss Chamberlain and Miss Crawford will have charge of the discipline."

HALLOWE'EN.—Wednesday, October 31, will be hallowe'en. Tradition has it this night the fairies hold convention supreme, while the goblins and spooks are out in full force. Nowadays the small boy does the work of the spooks. It is the small boy's night off. What he cannot think of in the way of mischief Satan never would miss. The older people indulge in games suitable to the occasion and which are supposed to be indications from the fairies as to their future fortune. Hallowe'en parties will now be the order of the day.

Corvallis Times: James D Despain, of Lane county, has purchased the 66 acre farm of Miles Young, near Philomath. The price paid was $750. Mr Young is now removing to Corvallis to reside, and Mr Despain will at once occupy the new residence.

SOCIAL.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The newly-elected officers of the High School student body were entertained last night by the Liberals, at the home of Miss Cora Wold. The event was most enjoyable. Those present were: Misses Leone Kays, Delia Tibbets, Mary Warfield, Camille Carroll, Connie Close, Myrtle Green, Maud King, Anita Thurston, Margaret Stewart, Norma Hendricks, Sadie Ford, Cora Wold and Messrs Carl Washburne, Roy Kerns, Loris Johnson, Fay Howe, Orville Waller, Webster Kincaid, Ralph Robinson, Frank Taylor, Edward Lister, Charles Austin, Chester Washburne.

DANCING PARTY.

The opening party of the Sorosis Dancing Club at Armory Hall last night was well attended and was an indicator of many similar enjoyable occasions during the winter. The club has a good membership, an efficient corps of managers and is representative of the social life of the city. The music was first class, a number of new pieces were introduced and the instrumentation is but the nucleus of what will be made a fine orchestra during the winter.

G. A. R. ENTERTAINMENT.

Last evening J W Geary Post entertained members of the Post, W R C, Ladies of the G A R, S V and their families. About 150 persons were present. A short and pleasant program consisting of songs by Miss Mabel Craw, Mrs Yerington, and Walter Ross with his gramophone, Prof McElroy, M J Hillegas and others made brief talks. A lunch was served and the evening was enjoyably spent in a social manner.

AN ASYLUM INCIDENT.

Attendants Bathed and Prepared to Care for a Woman Who Happened to Be Sane.

SALEM, Oct. 26.—The monotony of of life at a big institution like the state insane asylum is sometimes relieved by a real good joke, and one of these, which transpired not more than 40 years ago, has escaped outside the walls.

The sheriff of one of the counties arrived at the asylum with an imbecile child, being assisted in the care of the child by a woman who was a native of a foreign country, and "cannot yet speak United States," so as to be understood. The sheriff took his charge to the receiving ward, the woman accompanying. Attendants thinking woman and child were both patients, proceeded to follow the usual rule. They hustled the woman to the bathroom, had her undressed and soused into the tub before the real facts in the case were ascertained. The woman had vigorously and vociferously protested against the system of free baths imposed upon her, but her language fell upon unappreciative ears—ears that were unable to digest its sounds.

The sheriff's anxiety on account of the nonappearance of his assistant resulted in the early discovery of her enforced ablutions, and her release from further restraint.

Creswell Items.

Oct. 26.

The S P Co. has just put up a water tank at this place with a steam pump, utilizing the old well that has not been used for some years.

The new sidewalk, built by donated labor, the material paid for with proceeds of a social held last spring, is a great improvement to the town.

A special school meeting has been called here to vote on the question of a two-mill tax levy for school purposes. Several such atttempts in the past have failed.

We are anxious to hear how Hons. McClung and Booth will attempt to put acceptable features on the hideous beast of Imperialism, and other things in the Philippines.

There are hundreds of bushels of fine winter apples in this vicinity that would have brought first class prices if they had been thoroughly sprayed. As it is they are little more than fit for hog feed.

We understand that the union Sunday school of this place, will hereafter meet at 10 o'clock a m, instead of the afternoon hour.

ZEPH.

DIED.—Salem Journal Oct. 26: At the Oregon Hospital for the Insane, Thursday morning, October 25, 1900, Mrs C B DuBois, aged 71 years. Mrs DuBois was committed to the asylum twelve years ago from this city, and was well known here, having been at one time the landlady of the Willamette hotel, then the home of her husband is now living at McMinnville and is himself quite ill. The remains were shipped to Albany today for burial, accompanied by a son, Jos. DuBois, of McMinnville.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PRESIDENT.

Chas M Hays Succeeds Huntington—More Modern Methods of Railroading Promised.

NEW YORK, Oct 26.—The Evening Post says that the selection of Charles M Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railroad, as president of the Southern Pacific, was confirmed today by the highest Southern Pacific authority. His appointment will be acted upon by the board next week. He is already unanimously agreed to, however, and the directors consider that they have been fortunate in securing the best possible railroad man for the presidency.

Mr Hays will reside in San Francisco and will have complete charge of the operations of the railroad, with Mr C H Tweed, as chairman, in New York. It was stated today by a director there would be no friction in the management over Mr Hays' appointment, and that he will have the cordial support of the whole board in his plans for the development of the Southern Pacific. It is believed more modern methods of railroading will largely increase its net earning ability.

Court House Items.

Mortgage	$700 00
Satisfaction of mortgage	650 00
Chattel mortgage	$535 48
Mortgage	500 00

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John Shelley to Wm Smith lot 4 blk 9 Moore ad to Florence, $230.

Z S Cather to Booth-Kelly Lumber Co 440 acres in tp 20 s r 2 w, $1.

N Humphrey et ux to A H Stinson 140.67 acres in Lane county, $10.

W W Withers, sheriff, to A H Lajoie 20 acres in tp 20 s r 3 w.

Mary E Sherwood to Mrs E A Cattle, lot 3 blk 8, Long & Landess ad to Cottatile Grove; $800.

Jane Henderson to W S Michael, 29 05 acres in tp 15 s r 4 w; also lot 6 blk 7, Lancaster; $550.

G F Skipworth, admr, to W L Wright, lots 9, 10, blk 19 Washburne & Millorn's ad to Junction; $55.

John Kizer to Hattie Coruthers, 16 acres in tp 17 s r 2 w; $[illegible]

PROBATE ORDER.

In the matter of the estate of James V Leon and Emma H Leon, minors. Order made appointing H Lyons guardian. Bond filed in the sum of $1000, with A E Whitlock, C W Lyons and Wm West, jr., as sureties. Probable value of estate $500.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Northern Counties Trust & Inv Co to Robert Livingstone and Zera Snow power of attorney to sell land.

MINING LOCATIONS.

Dolly Varden claim, Blue River, C G Craig locator.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Curtis Hayden and Georgia Barr, J J Walton witness.

Died.

Junction City Times, October 27: "James M Butler died in Lombard, Montana, October 6, aged 58, of heart trouble. He was a brother of J J Butler, of this city. In an early day James Butler owned one of the best wheat farms in this section and refused $10,000 cash for his farm. He left a widow and a large family of grown children. One daughter is in Chicago, one in Portland, two sons in Pendleton, one son in Wendling and the rest of the family are at home in Montana."

The deceased was well known by Eugene old timers. "Jimmy," but for one unfortunate habit, was an excellent citizen. That eventually cost him his farm and a leg below the knee.

Monroe Fire.

Corvallis, Oct 26.—The dwelling house and barn of Miles T Starr, near Monroe, were burned to the ground last night. The loss is $2500; insurance, $1100.

President McKinley Registered.

CANTON, O, Oct. 26.—President McKinley is now fully qualified to vote, having registered this morning.

WHEAT CHEAP.—The Oregonian of today says that valley wheat is only worth 52 cents in that city. This would make it worth for export in Eugene 40 cents. However, owing to the failure, mills are paying 50 cents for valley wheat in Lane county.

Paul Chetel, formerly of Ashland, but more recently of Albany and Eugene, has removed to Portland.

Junction City Times, Oct 26. Mr [illegible] left on Thursday morning for California. Mr Hayden was accompanied as far as Portland by his daughter, Mrs John Lyons.

A Portland exchange says: Dr Talmage says "the fruit secured at this time of the year has proven to be of a delicious flavor."

A SPLENDID EFFORT.

Walter M. Pierce Did Excellent Work for Bryan Here.

Walter M. Pierce, of Pendleton, a Bryan presidential elector for Oregon, addressed a good sized audience at the court room last evening upon the political issues of the day. He is a fair, candid speaker, and the republicans present all praised the effort while the Bryan men think that he made the best speech by odds of this campaign, on either side. He was applauded from start to finish. The speech was made on the usual lines, but he emphasized the fact that Wm J Bryan was an ideal American and would not be a demagogue or hypocrite for a dozen presidential offices.

We are sorry the gentleman is suffering severely from neuralgia and may be compelled to call a substitute to complete his work. We hope not, for no man can make any more votes for Bryan and Stevenson than Mr Pierce.

A Campaign Straw.

L M Travis and Leon Edmundson, last night, addressed by far the largest and most enthusiastic political gathering so far held in Springfield on either side.

By actual count of the chairman of the meeting 154 persons were present, many having had to remain standing. About 25 republicans were present, several of whom at the close of the meeting came forward and obtained Bryan literature.

Regarding the Daily Register's "Impressions" that two "Bryanites" were persuaded to vote for McKinley at the republican meeting held in Springfield upon the previous evening, Mr George, of Springfield, wishes it to be known that he was one of the only two "Bryanites" who attended the republican speaking and that his convictions as to the righteousness of Bryan's principles have never wavered.

Mr George further states that, by actual count, only 23 persons attended the "large and enthusiastic" republican gathering.

Cottage Grove Men in Trouble.

Roseburg Review, Oct. 25.

Last evening Harlan Leonard and Joe Brown, of Cottage Grove, were placed under arrest on complaint of J W Gardner for assault and battery. The encounter was the outgrowth of a game of cards, and the complaining witness was struck with a rock. The culprits immediately left town but were caught at Shady Point by Deputy Sheriff Chas Parrott.

After hearing the evidence Justice Robinett fined Brown $50 for assault and Leonard $30 for carrying a concealed weapon. Both fines were promptly paid.

Ike Yoakum sold 206 bales of hops this week, at Dallas, for 15¼ cents per pound.

Arrangements are being made for the shipment of a trainload of apples, 17 cars, from Union, Oregon.

The Albany Democrat claims Linn county will give Bryan over 700 plurality. It gave about 600 four years ago.

Dallas Itemizer, Oct 26: Monday, Dave Hedges, at Independence sold 198 bales of hops at 15¼ cents, it being the best sell of the season.

Independence Enterprise: Claud Pengra, the assistant at the S P depot, is able to be on duty again, after a few days' lay off with a bruised foot.

Corvallis Gazette: A document was filed with Clerk Watters Wednesday, in which the bondsmen of David A Osburn et al have brought suit against said David A Osburn for the sum of $4,643.

The northbound freight train last evening had twenty-seven flat cars. These cars were destined for the Santiam and Coburg sawmills to be loaded with lumber.

Junction Bulletin: Alex Anderson was examined last Friday for the position of locomotive engineer, and made 100 per cent in his examination, a record that may well make him feel proud.

The Oregon City Enterprise, the home paper of Mr Brownell, under date of Friday, Oct. 26, says: "Hon George C Brownell's campaign dates have been cancelled on account of sickness."

The following from the Alfa News gives a new view of the rural mail delivery: [illegible] at the town than anything else. People who live in the country and have their mail delivered at their doors do not find it necessary to go to town as often as they did before the rural mail delivery system, hence business men are not pleased at the establishment of new routes.