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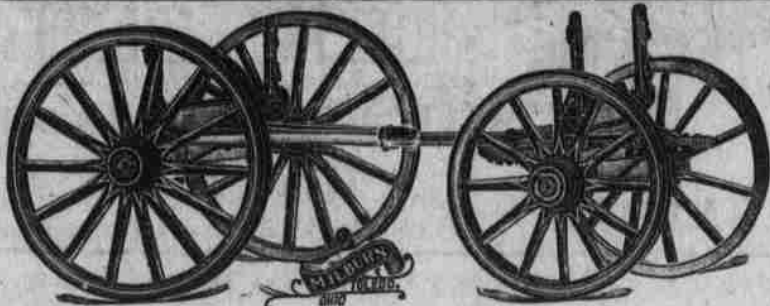
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TALKING ELECTION

WALLA WALLA MUNICIPAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL.

Probability that Issue Will Be on Party Lines This Year—Democrats Grooming Men.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 16.—The city election pot is beginning to simmer. The probable issue will be a purely political one between republicans and democrats, with a full democratic council ticket in the field. This will be the first time in years that the democrats will enter the field openly as a party. For several elections the contest has been between republican candidates.

Mayor Gilbert Hunt has not stated whether he would be a candidate for a third term or not. A strong democrat would probably be put against him. Councilman John F. McLean, republican, is reputed an aspirant for mayoralty honors if Mayor Hunt does not come out. Other republicans claim that F. S. Dement, who was narrowly defeated by mayor Hunt at the last election could be put in if he would run again.

The marshaling which was last year the principal bone of contention in the city election, may stir up no dissension this spring, as no candidate has yet appeared in opposition to Alvah Brown, serving his first term. The democrats would probably not oppose Brown, who would also draw the entire voting strength of the anti-Ankeny republicans, while the Ankeny republicans do not seem disposed to put out a man against him. It is said there is an understanding between the former republican factions that Brown shall be left undisturbed.

To what extent the republicans would be united on a straight republican ticket is uncertain, but it is thought they would vote together pretty closely with the proper disposition of offices. The present council numbers two or three anti-Ankeny men, while Marshal Brown is commonly classed with that faction.

Mrs. Dr. Thompson, the osteopathic physician, left yesterday for an extensive trip in the east, first visiting St. Louis and attending the exposition there.

JAPS ARE FIGHTING BY LAND AND SEA

Sixty Japanese War Vessels and Transports Sighted in Blacknij Bay.

London, May 17.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Post, cabling under date of May 16, says that, according to a native report from Port Arthur, the Japanese are vigorously besieging the fortress night and day, by land and by sea; that 60 Japanese warships and transports have been sighted in Blacknij bay, and heavy firing has been heard in Kinchau bay.

Kuropatkin in Danger.

London, May 17.—In the absence of news from the seat of war the London newspapers this morning comment on what is believed to be the precarious

position of General Kuropatkin, who is menaced by the possibility of Chinese rebels cutting his communications, as well as by the difficulty of divining the Japanese plan of campaign.

The Standard, which is rather inclined to be pro-Russian in its views, admits that Kuropatkin has at his disposal almost 100,000 troops of inferior quality, only 75,000 of which are available for active operations, while General Kuroki has 140,000 first class troops, equal to those in European armies.

"Under such conditions," the Standard says, "the issue of battle is very seldom doubtful."

Hearst Faction Snowed In

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 16.—A preliminary skirmish in the democratic state convention today was won by the forces opposed to sending a delegation to the national convention instructed to support the candidacy of Congressman William R. Hearst for the presidency, by a vote of 367 to 345. The test came

on the vote for temporary chairman. For this position the Hearst people named former Lieutenant Governor W. T. Jeter, of Santa Cruz, while Frank H. Gould of San Francisco, led the anti-Hearst forces. Gould's election was brought about by the vote of the San Francisco delegation, which was largely against Jeter.

CALEDONIANS WILL HAVE MOCK CIRCUS

It Will Be the Predominating Feature of an Imposing Street Parade.

At the Caledonian meeting Saturday evening, satisfactory reports were made by the various committees having in charge the arrangements, showing that they have every feature well in hand and with favorable weather conditions, nothing will be lacking to make the annual festivities a success in every particular.

The program for each day and the evening concert will be replete with interesting events, consisting of addresses by men of worth and standing; the old Scotch songs will be rendered by well known singers, and interspersed with these the pretty dances of Scotland will be given by professionals from the neighboring societies.

A unique and attractive feature will be the parade, in which a mock circus will be presented and in which cash prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be awarded by a committee to be selected on the grounds, to the best sustained characters. This is to be a contest which is free to all to enter, and it is hoped that many will embrace the opportunity to add some novel feature. Use your own ideas and try to win the prizes. For further information regarding this consult the parade committee, composed of Dan McIntyre, J. D. McIntyre and Henry Barrett, or the president of the society.

Pendleton Don't Celebrate

Pendleton, May 17.—Pendleton will not celebrate the Fourth of July, at least the celebration will not be held under the auspices of the Central Trades and Labor council. This was the decision as arrived at by the council at its meeting last night, after they had canvassed the town for subscriptions. The reason for abandoning the proposition is that

not sufficient money was subscribed. A committee of three from the Trades and Labor Council visited the merchants of the city yesterday to ascertain how much they would subscribe towards a celebration. The three banks and a few of the leading business houses subscribed very liberally, but the majority seemed indifferent as to whether the national holiday should be observed or not.

He Jumped From a Train

Walla Walla, May 16.—Postoffice Inspector Clark returned this morning from Southern Idaho where he arrested J. C. Harvey, whom he caught at Caldwell. Harvey is charged with sending obscene matter through the mails to his divorced wife and other persons. The alleged letters were vile beyond description. At Nampa Inspector Clark had an exciting experience with Harvey,

who had come the distance peacefully, but suddenly concluded he would not go farther without a warrant. Leaping from his seat he rushed down the aisle and out at the door with Mr. Clark in close pursuit. He was brought to earth after having pulled out of his coat, and was finally landed back on the train, having to be carried on board like a log.

THE WORK GOES ON

UMATILLA PROJECT WILL NOT BE ABANDONED THIS YEAR.

Chief Newell's Visit to Oregon is in Interest of Land Department Frauds.

Pendleton, May 16.—The press dispatches announce that Chief Newell of the reclamation service and Chief Forester Pinchot would leave Washington in a few days for an inspection tour of Oregon and Washington. The general impression seems to be that Mr. Newell is making this trip for the purpose of inspecting the various proposed irrigation schemes and passing upon them. This is not the object of Mr. Newell's visit. When interviewed by a Tribune reporter John T. Whistler, engineer in charge of the reclamation service in Oregon, said that Mr. Newell would probably visit the proposed irrigation scheme in Malheur county for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legal aspects of the situation. Mr. Whistler said he hardly expected Mr. Newell to stop off to look over the Umatilla scheme. "The feasibility of a proposed government reclamation scheme is passed upon by a board of consulting engineers composed of the very best men in the country," said Mr. Whistler. "These engineers decide whether the scheme is possible or not so far as the irrigation question is concerned. Mr. Newell passes upon the rights, titles, etc., in the case."

"Probably the real object of Mr. Newell's visit is business in connection with the land frauds of this state and Washington," continued Mr. Whistler. "He is the chief inspector in that department and is coming out here to look into the matter. Mr. Newell and Mr. Pinchot are both very busy men and I doubt very much if they could spare the time to look over the Umatilla situation and I hardly think it would do any good if they did, for these matters are all settled by reports made by officers in charge."

The rumor has gained credence that since the government has tentatively approved the Malheur project work on the Umatilla scheme will be discontinued. This rumor is not confirmed in any respect by the official reports or by Mr. Whistler who says work will continue on the Umatilla project until it has been completed. The mere fact that the government has set aside \$2,000,000 for this purpose does not mean that it shall be expended on the Malheur project. If the proposition should be abandoned that money would be available for the Umatilla or some other scheme. This is the opinion of those who are authority in the business.

MURRY IS FINED.

Admits Giving Liquor to Anna Githens and is Fined \$100.

Pendleton, May 16.—J. J. Murry, the veterinary surgeon charged with giving liquor to a minor, was Saturday arraigned before Judge Ellis of the circuit court and pleaded guilty to the charge. The court then imposed a fine of \$100 on the prisoner. Mr. Murry is at present languishing in the county jail, but informed the officials that he believed he could raise the necessary amount of money to secure his freedom. He is the man who is mixed up with the case from Athena wherein Hugh and Mollie Roby were bound over to the circuit court on the charge of giving liquor to Anna Githens, a girl aged 15 years. Murry skipped the country at the time the officers began the investigation but was arrested in Ritzville, escaped and was rearrested and brought back to Pendleton to face the charge.

Masked Men Hold up Saloon.

Hilgard, May 14.—About 10:30 last night two masked men walked into the saloon of Nels Holverson, at Hilgard, with pistols in their hands and fired one shot into a crowd of seven or eight men, hitting John Thompson just below the ear and cutting a gash about half an inch along the side of his neck, at the same time ordering hands up and demanding the money in the till from Holverson. One man jumped over the counter and took the money, amounting to about \$70. The other occupants of the saloon were not molested. There is no clue to the robbers, who appeared to be badly rattled, as though they were new hands at the business.

Mrs. F. F. Humeston and Mrs. Frank Saling, of Weston, were guests of the Friday Afternoon club at the home of Mrs. A. B. McEwen last Friday.

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