

Late General News

San Jose, Cal., May 25—A high wind yesterday practically destroyed the cherry crop. The loss is fully two thirds, and from twenty to thirty-five million pounds of prunes will be lost.

New York, May 25—The Freight Handlers' strike continues today despite the plentitude of non-unionist help secured by the company. Boats are arriving and departing on time. The decision of the teamsters to remain at work is a body blow to the strikers, who still claim to be able to win.

Hong Kong, May 25—The Viceroy of Canton has demanded the extradition from Macao of a fugitive from justice and the demand may result in trouble with Portugal. Four Chinese gunboats and two destroyers have arrived at Macao to back the demand.

The Portuguese are prepared to resist the demand.

Berlin, May 25—The Lokal Anzeiger reports an attempt to assassinate the Czar during his majesty's recent trip, the plan being to wreck the imperial train near Krenmentzshg by tearing up rails. The pilot train sent in advance was wrecked ten minutes before the Czar's train was due on the spot.

Portland, Ore., May 25—H. Middleton, a well-known resident of Portland, while enroute here on the Southern Pacific overland last night, went suddenly insane. He terrorized the passengers on the car at junction city, with cane and knife. Suddenly he sprang from the train while going at sixty miles per hour. The train was stopped and an ineffectual search instituted, which is being continued today.

Paris, May 25—It is reported that at Tuesday's meeting of the Council of Ministers a conflict arose between Premier Combs and Foreign Minister Delcasse. The premier advocated the handing of passports to the Papal Nuncio, while Delcasse opposed. No decision was reached and it is expected that the question will be reopened at the next meeting.

Los Angeles, May 24—Election of editors for Methodist periodicals was made this morning as follows:

V. Kelly, Methodist Review; J.M. Buckley, Christian Advocate; Levi Gilbert, Western Christian Advocate; D. D. Thompson, Northwestern Christian Advocate; Goe. B. Spencer, Central Christian Advocate; Wm. Smith, Pittsburg Christian Advocate; D. L. Rader, Pacific Christian Advocate; A. J. Naet, Christian Apologist; Frederick Munshaus and Herd, German Chicago publication.

Nine editors were elected on the first ballot.

New York, May 25—President Truesdale, of the Lackawana, was the chief witness at this morning's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Counsel for Hearst repeated the questions asked last year, which Truesdale refused to answer then but is compelled to answer now, by the Supreme Court decision:

"Do you know who fixes the price of the anthracite coal carried by your roads?"

"I suppose I do, after action by the board of directors," was the answer.

"How do you account for the fact that price circulars are uniform if there is no agreement?"

Truesdale said that the circulars were issued each year prior to the

first of April, and that a meeting of coal carriers was held every spring and prices agreed upon prior to the issuance of the circulars. These prices were based on prices of coal at tide water.

Quay Improving

Beaver, Pa., May 24—Quay improving today.

Back to Washington

Washington, May 25—The President returned this morning from Groton.

Mumm's Extra Dry

Frankfort, May 25—Hermann Von Mumm, the famous wine merchant, is dead.

Painters Strike

Boston, May 25—Sixteen hundred painters and decorators voted to strike today for an increased scale and eight hours.

Seven Drowned

Kieff, May 25—The steamer Czarina collided with a small vessel this morning.

The latter sank, drowning seven, while three hundred others had a narrow escape.

ANOTHER BOXER

UPRISING FEARED

Harbin, May 25—Missionaries here report a movement of Chinese in northern Shan Tung province resembling that which preceded the boxer uprising.

CHINESE LABORERS FOR THE TRANSVAAL

Hong Kong, May 25—Sixteen hundred Chinese laborers sailed today for the Transvaal. This is the first importation under the treaty recently signed in London.

Columbus, Ohio, May 26—Guard Gernhardt, who was shot yesterday by Convict Green, died this morning.

Simla, May 26—No news has arrived from Gyantse, Thibet, where a British station is located, for three days, and a disaster is feared.

Rising Sun, Ind., May 26—At the conclusion of the address of counsel in the Gillespie case today the court announced that he would charge the jury Friday.

Portland, Ind., May 26—Robt. J. Knox, formerly a lawyer and society man, and a college graduate, was found guilty this morning of forgery and will receive a sentence of from two to fourteen years. This is his third prison sentence.

Liverpool, May 26—The excursion steamer Queen Victoria, with eight hundred passengers, which has been missing for twenty-four hours, was disabled in the Irish sea and towed back.

Hamburg, May 26—The Zionist Congress has adjourned. The Central Committee formally asked the Russian Government whether it would be willing to support the Jewish-colonization in Palestine, by influencing the Sultan, to grant his consent to the ceding of land for the purpose. Russia replied affirmatively. The president also read a sympathetic message from the Kaiser.

Yozoo City, Miss., May 26—One hundred and twenty five buildings were destroyed by fire today including the opera house, the city hall, four churches, and every bank. Total loss is estimated at two and a quarter millions. Mayor Holmes and John Chambers were seriously injured.

Yozoo City, Miss., May 26—A train load of supplies arrived this morning for the fire sufferers and the homeless. Fire adjusters will settle as soon as they have relieved the distress. Banks opened in temporary quarters at 10 o'clock this morning. The original estimate of two million loss holds good.

Chicago May 26—The police are advised of the arrest at San Juan del Rio, Mexico, of Hermann Haaf, an auditor of the Corn Exchange National Bank, who has been missing for weeks. The bank, according to the police, claims to have thus far found a shortage of \$17,000.

Haaf will fight extradition. He left a wife and two children here. He began work in the bank in a humble position.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 26—S. K. Harbin was elected editor of the Epworth League Herald in the Methodist conference this morning. The delegates from Deming were released to return home. Much important business is still to be transacted. The election of the Book Concern agents and secretaries occupied the morning session. Consecration of bishops takes place tonight.

In the election of book agents, Homer Eaton and Geo. P. Mains were re-elected for the New York house. The vote made Mains the senior member, but by his request and the consent of Conference, the New York house will be known as before as "Eaton & Mains." Rev. H. C. Jennings and E. R. Graham were elected agents of the Western Publishing House.

Louisville, Ky., May 26—The boilers of the towboat Fred Wilson exploded this morning, killing twelve or fifteen men and seriously injuring ten others.

Where the wreck occurred was off Riverview park as the boat was about to tie up. The boiler was a large one, and the detonation was very heavy. The crew were blown into the air, some falling into the river, others on the embankment, while the less fortunate were caught in the wreckage and killed instantly.

The dead are Captain Price, of Pittsburg, Pilot Meller, Mate Sykes, A. W. Kenny, a Pittsburg, insurance man making a pleasure trip, Engineer Shively, six colored deckhands, cook and steward, white men.

The boat was recently remodeled and was valued at \$40,000. She was bound to New Orleans with a tow of coal barges.

Louisville, Ky., May 26—The revised list of killed is as follows: Captain Joseph Price, Second Engineer Shively, Steward Quinn, all of Pittsburg; W. A. Holland, an insurance agent of Braddock, Pa., on a pleasure trip, Pilot Miller of New Orleans; Deckhands White, and Johnson, Cook Thornton. It is thought that other deckhands and kitchen assistants are in the wreckage.

Chehalis, May 26—Henry C. Foote, a wealthy member of the Tacoma firm of Bartlett, Foote & Co., and an officer of the Chehalis Condensed Milk Company, suicided with a small revolver last night on the roadside near Chehalis. The cause is unknown. The body will be sent to Chicago for burial. He has a wife and son in New York.

New York, May 26—President Thomas of the Lehigh Valley road, was the first interstate witness this morning. Asked if he could say how the price of coal at tidewater was fixed prior to January, 1901, he said it was determined through a conference between the companies. Lawyer Ahearn repeated the question which Thomas refused to answer last year as to who fixed the price of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's coal at tide water, and Thomas replied that as a general thing he, Thomas, did.

Answering repeated questions of last year, Thomas said he certainly did not believe in reckless competition, and could not say he would promote competition with other coal carrying roads.

"Then you don't favor competition?"

"On the contrary, I most emphatically believe in it. It is for the betterment of trade."

He said his company produced a better article than others and if it sold at the same price others would find a ready sale. Coal is a commodity, the price of which is governed by general conditions and cost of production, demand and amount of the supply. Anthracite coal is not a necessity, he maintained, when Ahearn endeavored to ascertain whether it could be put to any price. It is a luxury, like diamonds. People of St. Louis, a Pittsburg get along without it, use bituminous coal, which they are glad to get. People of the East get anthracite at a fair rate. He denied that the Lehigh paid dividends on watered stock. He had conferred with Baer, Truesdale and others as to the situation in the coal business, but had no compact as to price or amount to be mined.

News of the War

MORE BOMBARDMENT

Chefoo, May 25—Japanese battleships and cruisers bombarded Port Arthur Tuesday morning.

REFUGEES' STORY

Chefoo, May 25—Bombardment began at 11, according to a French refugee who arrived today. Broadships were fired at intervals of ten minutes, the warships circling before the harbor entrance for hours. Japanese attack on Dalny was expected hourly.

LEAVES ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg, May 25—The departure of the Korean minister at St. Petersburg has given rise to the rumor that his post will remain vacant till the end of the war.

JAPANESE COMMUNICATION

Paris, May 25—The Temps St. Petersburg correspondent reports that Kuropatkin has succeeded in cutting communication of the main Japanese force under Kuroki and the second division under Oku.

FORWARD MOVEMENT RESUMED

St. Petersburg, May 25—A dispatch says that the best obtainable information is to the effect that the Japanese have resumed the forward movement though the bulk of the invading army is near Feng Cheng.

Reports of a serious clash near Kinchow, Lia Tung Peninsula, continue in circulation. The Japanese are

JAPANESE ADVANCE BEGINS.

St. Petersburg, May 26—Official information has been received that the Japanese advance from Feng Huang Chang had begun. The main force of forty thousand advanced directly, while four flanking divisions of considerable force were making detours.

KAI PING EVACUATED.

Tokio, May 26—Dispatches this morning indicate that an attack by the Japanese on Kinchow, to the rear of Port Arthur, is imminent. Powerful artillery is in position for the onslaught on the Russian defenses consisting of thirty guns. It is reported that the Russians have evacuated Kai Ping, twenty miles southeast of New Chwang.

KINCHOW CAPTURED

London, May 26—The Central News' Tokio correspondent wires that word has been received there that the Japanese today stormed and carried Kinchow, to the rear of Port Arthur.

A Sure Thing

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Van Metre of Shepherdstown, W. V., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried every thing I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by Jno. Preuss, druggist. Trial bottle free, Reg. sizes 50c, \$1.00.

POLITICAL ARENA

To the Editor of the MAIL:—

Altho' the Hon. John S. Coke has clearly and convincingly explained the reasons for his present political affiliations, the fact remains that Democratic "still hunters" continue persistently and insistently, albeit incoherently, to pour into the ears of the Republican voters the specious argument that "A vote for Coke is a vote for a Democrat anyway, and it might better be cast for his opponent, who is, at least, a consistent Democrat."

Shades of Jefferson and—but scath! What would you my Democratic friend? The keynote of American push and progress, the keystone to American greatness, individually and as a na-

said to have been defeated with great loss. A small party of Japanese have been seen northeast of Mukden.

SKYDLOFF RECONOITERS

St. Petersburg, May 25—Private dispatches from Vladivostok state that Admiral Skydloff made a long excursion Tuesday aboard the cruiser Russian.

LOSSES ON YOSHINA

Tokio, May 25—According to an official report sixty-three non-commissioned officers and 230 blue jackets were drowned when the collision occurred between the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino, and the latter sank. The government officials are making a searching examination of the cause of the accident.

VARIOUS UNCONFIRMED TALES

Chefoo, May 25—Chinese junks continue to arrive with tales of various assortment as to the alleged movement of Japanese troops and warships in the attack of Port Arthur, but none is susceptible of ready corroboration.

Heavy firing in the direction of Port Arthur is reported, indicating a land attack, as the Japanese fleet has been in the vicinity.

Dalny refugees claim that General Stosel has taken all the money from Dalny and Port Arthur banks and depositors are unable to secure cash for their checks.

CLOSE TO PORT ARTHUR

Chefoo, May 26—The Japanese are now only ten miles from Port Arthur. Heavy fighting has occurred near Dalny, toward which the Japanese force is marching.

WILL CONTINUE TO SOW MINES

Berlin, May 26—The Foreign office has been informed that Russia recognizes the justice of the complaints of indiscriminate mine sowing, but will continue to use mines throughout the war, after which negotiations will be undertaken with the powers, regarding their limitations.

THE TAKING OF KINCHOW

Tokio, May 26—The attack on Kinchow began early this morning. The main assault was directed on the heights south of the castle with the artillery in commanding position. The Russians, after the Japanese captured the castle at Kinchow, retired to the southern heights, which the Japanese force attacked and carried.

tion, is the element that is as gold in the mental equipment of John S. Coke—the ability to see the wrong end of a proposition, and the grit to seize the other end.

It is the antipodes of fossilism and decay, and the death of that caste and class which compel a man born a pariah to remain a beggar and outcast all his life and to copy the garb and garb of his ancestor, tho' he dressed in petticoats, wore breeches or dangled a queue a yard long!

I have known Mr. Coke since the time when, a young man he came, with toil hardened hands from the farm and logging camp with the money he had earned and saved to permit of him pursuing his legal studies;

I knew him when a struggling young lawyer under a load of debt, he pushed his way up inch by inch professionally and financially until the debt was paid, and his standing as a trusted attorney was secure. I witnessed the determination with which he went to work to retrieve his losses when offices and library were destroyed in the Sengstacken-Smith Block fire. I knew him in the practice of his profession to place principle above a substantial retaining fee and espouse the cause of the other party to the action, because he believed that cause was just, without remuneration for his legal services.

I conversed with Mr. Coke at length

on the political situation in 1896, and particularly on the financial issue. Mr. Coke expressed uneasiness at the attitude of his party on this question but said he would not alter his political affiliations unless subsequent financial and industrial conditions in the nation should prove his party's position untenable. He said he should watch closely and with concern the full fruition of whichever party's policy was endorsed by the people; but at that time when neither had been given a full trial, he did not deem it just to renounce his allegiance to Democracy.

In that decision Mr. Coke gave evidence of the same practical sense that characterized the acts of the lamented Lincoln.

"Honest Abe" while listening attentively to the advice and appeals of those who had audience with him, was not to be convinced that calling a sheep's tail a leg made the animal, by any means a five legged sheep.

But after the McKinley administration had thoroughly settled to business, Mr. Coke looking abroad over the land, saw the great industries of the United States bound from their depression like a strong man to his feet after slumber. He saw the credit of the nation rise, phoenix-like, from its ashes and a yellow stream pouring into the depleted coffers of a federal treasury.

Directing his attention to home conditions, he witnessed disappear from streets and wharves the idle discontented throng of longshoremen, miners, loggers and mill-workers. He saw the whirring wheels go round, the booms filled with logs and the camps with well-paid, contented men.

The mines were worked to full capacity. Vessels were loading or discharging cargo at every pier.

He saw no more ten cent butter and forty cent potatoes offered and offered in vain, in the decaying markets.

Instead a growing demand for butter at 30 cents and 30 cents and potatoes at \$1 on the wharves, was the rule, and about him was a highly prosperous farming community.

The sound of the hammer and saw made music in his ears; tasteful cottages and elegant new residences and clean, well graded streets met his delighted vision as he strolled about his home city.

And so "honest John," conservative, wide-awake business man that he is, with a thought ever to the welfare of his home community, his state and the nation, quietly took his hat from its Democratic peg and crossed to the Republican side of the hall.

There was no burning of red fire, no fanfare of trumpets no pharisaical crying and breast beating in public places, but quietly and without ostentation, "honest John" stepped into the Republican ranks.

It was a plain common sense proposition that presented itself to Mr. Coke, and his good sense joined to a broad sympathy that delights in a well-paid, well-housed community and nation, prompted him to adopt it.

John S. Coke is a man who will never lend his manhood and the honor of his constituency to "grafts" and "four-flushings." But he is a man whose clear level head, inherent honesty, good judgement and urbane, gentlemanly bearing will count every time for the interests of his constituents, where such attributes most do count in legislative proceedings—in the committee, and vote in general session.

Wind and verbiage mark as a rule, the legislative light-weight. It is he who thinks hard and well before he speaks, whose voice and opinion have weight with his colleagues and decide the policies of his party and state.

Boys take a day off from the logging camp and give your vote for "honest John"—and your brother farmer.

He has been both logger and farmer and understand and is in sympathy with your respective interests.

Don't permit some dulcet voiced "still hunter" to lull you to sleep with his song of this being a "Republican year" and that out of the goodness of your heart you might give the other fellow a complimentary vote just to reduce the majority against him "you know". Neither permit him to persuade you that it matters not whether or no you go to the polls; that it is your busy season and your party's nominee will win in any case.

Don't stay from election because you haven't registered. It can all be arranged on election day. All that is needed is to establish the fact that you are an elector of your precinct. Come and bring your neighbor. Yours may be the ballot necessary to the election of John Coke to the Oregon Senate. His vote may break the deadlock that prevents the election of your party's candidate to the United States Senate. The vote of that Senator, if he be elected, may secure the majority needed to hold in place one of the best monetary systems in the world today; and your vote may determine the financial and industrial policies of this nation for years.

FARMER.