

RUSSIAN SCHEME TO PROMOTE SHIPPING

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—Finance Minister White has devised a plan to promote shipbuilding and shipping in Russia, which contests the palm of originality with the sugar reorganizations. Grand Duke Alex Michaelovich, who is competent in the matter, turned the project over to the St. Petersburg Vedomosti, in order that it might be discussed freely.

He invites critics to address him personally. Beneficiaries, under the plan, which follows, are to be Russians, or companies whose stock is held only by Russians:

1. Owners of new ships made in Russia from Russian materials, will receive from the government a non-interest bearing loan to 50 per cent. of their value, payable in equal twenty-year installments.
2. Plans and specifications of such vessels, which must be Lloyd's first-class, must be approved by the finance ministry, and vessels exceeding 1,000 tons must make ten knots; smaller vessels must exceed eight knots.
3. The government assumes insurance risk up to two-thirds of the current value of a ship, charging therefor a premium of 2 per cent. annually. Owners must insure the remaining risk. The current value never can be taken at less than half the original value.
4. The state will pay for half the fuel consumed, provided Russian fuel is used, on voyages to and from Russia, and on condition that outgoing vessels are loaded to three-quarters of their capacity with Russian goods and on return trips have at least half their space occupied.
5. The same favor will be enjoyed by vessels plying between Russian ports, provided half the cargo is foreign going goods, or that the entire initial cargo is salt, fuel, iron or castiron from the Azov and Black seas to the Russian ports on the Baltic.
6. The subsidies are limited to eight years from January 1, 1903.

LIBEL SUITS DISPOSED OF

(Journal Special Service.)

BOSTON, April 22.—At the time a libel suit was brought by Mrs. Josephine Curtis Woodbury against Mrs. Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, on the ground of having been instrumental in the circulation of Mrs. Eddy's message, suits were brought against J. Armstrong, manager of the Christian Science Publishing Society; John W. Reed, the trustee of the publishing society; W. P. McKensie, Thomas Hatten and Joseph Clark, the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist; Ira O. Knapp, Stephen A. Chase, J. Armstrong and William B. Johnson; Judge Hanna, editor of the Christian Science Journal, and the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

All of these cases have been finally disposed of, judgment having been entered in favor of the defendants.

The charge against Mrs. Eddy was dismissed a year ago, the plaintiff having failed to establish a case.

WESTERN CATTLE IN FINE CONDITION

CHICAGO, April 22.—Joseph Rosenbaum, Charles Haas and Emil Ingwersen have returned from a trip of nearly three weeks in the Northwest and report things in most prosperous condition among the cattlemen of the great range section.

Cattle never wintered better than during last winter, which was remarkably mild throughout. Immense quantities of hay that were put up last winter to carry the cattle through bad weather have not been touched and are still in good condition for the coming year. The Dakotas are especially full of cattle that are in fine condition to ship early, and show good gains on the range.

Late rains and snow there have afforded an abundance of water, but in Montana it is still rather too dry in the region of Helena and many other sections, but there is an abundance of feed from cured grass, and cattle are strong and thrifty, the losses during the winter having been below the average of recent years.

All agree that with a favorable season from this time out the marketing of good beef cattle from the ranges will be the heaviest in some years, the estimates ranging at an increase of 25 to 40 per cent on the marketing of last year.

HERE ON SICK LEAVE.

Cadet Huntington Johnston of the battleship Wisconsin, is visiting Portland friends. He is the son of Colonel Johnston, now deceased, who was well known in Portland. Cadet Johnston came to Oregon from Philadelphia in 1893. In 1896 he was appointed from this district, through Congressman Ellis, to a cadetship at Annapolis. At the same time his brother, E. Neels Johnston, was appointed to West Point. The latter graduated last year. Huntington Johnston graduated from the Government Naval Academy in 1900. He is here now on sick leave for two months, being troubled to some extent with his eyes.

BAR PILOT EXPLAINS.

Secretary Reed, of the Chamber of Commerce, has received a letter from C. S. Gunderson, Oregon bar pilot, answering the complaint made against him by Captain Gordon, of the steamship Argyle. Captain Gordon complained that he had been kept from entering the mouth of the Columbia River by the non-appearance of any pilot to guide him.

Mr. Gunderson states that he, as well

GALVESTON REPEATED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

CHICAGO, April 22.—The great wind storm that lately swept through the Middle West left death and destruction in its path, though the loss of life will not be heavy, two being killed and six mortally injured at Joplin, Mo. Property damage will be heavy. Telephone and telegraph wires are prostrated in all directions.

In Chicago the gale was the most severe since the Galveston cyclone—72 miles per hour. At Galveston, during the height of the storm, its velocity was 71 miles.

SERIOUS JOKING.

Captain of Police Phillips of Astoria will think the second time before he again jobs a Portlander and throws him in jail for a "job." Some of his jokes have made his victims very angry, so when he came to Portland Friday on a visit he was pointed out to Officers Carpenter and Moth, as a desperate burglar and highwayman.

The North End police have strict orders from Chief McLaughlin to bring in all suspicious characters. No matter how Phillips protested, he was landed in jail. Recognition being mutual between the two, Chief McLaughlin invited the "joker" into his private office and talked shop for some time, much to the discomfort of the local jobbers.

BOARD OF TRADE.

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock on the second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building. J. N. Teal will address the board on "The New-Clay Charter." It is specially requested for all citizens to hear what Mr. Teal has to say, as he was one of the parties who drew up the new charter.

The question as to whether the city will rent the market block will be brought up for discussion.

The railroad committee will report on work of organization in forming a new company for the purchase of the Dalles-Callo Railway.

JURY FAILED TO AGREE.

The jury in the case of W. N. Daniels, proprietor of the La Grande Creamery, charged with selling short-weight butter, failed to agree in the Municipal Court Saturday.

The personnel of the jury was Dan Marx, A. Arfeld, E. R. Pittelkau, H. Moore, A. F. Smith and C. A. Routh. Questioned after they had been discharged, the jurymen in three instances said that the only question in their mind was whether the man making the butter or the one selling it was to be punished.

Furniture repairing at 209 Fourth street.

MEN KILLED—WOMAN ON TRIAL

(Journal Special Service.)

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 22.—A widespread public interest is manifested in the case of Mrs. Kate Soffel, which was called for trial today in the criminal court. Mrs. Soffel, who was the wife of the Warden of the Allegheny County jail, is charged with aiding in the escape of the Eddie, who was killed in an effort to escape capture, the bullets of the pursuing posse also seriously wounding Mrs. Soffel.

Able counsel has been secured to conduct the defense and the trial promises to be an interesting one.

MAYORS IN CONVENTION

(Journal Special Service.)

ALEXANDRIA, La., April 22.—A convention of the Mayors and other officials of the leading cities of Louisiana, the first gathering of the kind to be held in this state, opened here today and will continue until Wednesday. Important matters pertaining to municipal ownership will be discussed, and particular attention will be given public education and municipal ownership of public utilities.

As an adjunct to the convention there is a public exhibition of oil-burning energy plants and also practical demonstrations of good road making by the latest improved machinery. Another feature will be the opening tomorrow of the two new steel bridges across the Red river, which the delegates will attend in a body.

CROWDS OF WOMEN AT LOS ANGELES

(Journal Special Service.)

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—Signs of the sixth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are already appearing about the various places where the delegates and visitors are to gather, although the first regular session is three days distant.

Women of a far different type than usually are seen in hotel corridors are visible in the rotundas of the leading hostesses, and busy chairmen, clerks and secretaries are at work even today.

Some of the Southern delegates are already here and those from other parts of the continent are dropping in on every train. The reception committees did not begin the duties of meeting the crowded throngs until this morning, and those who arrived yesterday and last night missed the official welcome.

Late tonight and all day tomorrow and Wednesday innumerable trains are expected, bearing delegates to the convention. Every indication points to its being the largest of the six in the history of the federation. Nearly a thousand of the visitors have been assigned to private houses, where enthusiastic Los Angeles clubwomen have thrown wide the doors that give entrance to their hospitable homes, and the rest have rooms reserved at the hotels.

Work of some sort or other will be ready for the delegates almost as soon as they arrive. There will be a board of directors' meeting tomorrow, which will occupy the attention of some of the arrivals, and all of Wednesday will be taken up with the preliminary details which are beyond the power of the Los Angeles committees. There will be also several meetings of the council, of the state presidents and of the chairmen of the state correspondence.

Thursday the regular work of the convention will begin at the Simpson Auditorium. These meetings will be open to the public, although clubwomen will be given the first preference in the choice of seats. Governor Gage of California will deliver the principal address of welcome. Others who will extend greetings are Mayor Snyder of Los Angeles and Mrs. Kate Buckley, president of the California State Federation. Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, president of the general federation, will reply, and the usual committee reports will complete the opening session.

TENNESSEE DRUMMERS

(Journal Special Service.)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 22.—The freedom of the city has been turned over to the traveling men for the three days beginning today, the occasion being the annual convention of the Tennessee division of the Travelers' Protective Association. Hotels and business houses are attired in national colors in honor of the visitors. At the opening business session this morning reports of officers were presented showing the affairs of the state association to be in a flourishing condition. At noon the convention adjourned until tomorrow morning in order to permit the delegates to attend the races.

CATTLEMEN'S CONVENTION.

(Journal Special Service.)

JACKSON, Miss., April 22.—Cattlemen to the number of several hundred are assembled here to complete the organization of the Southern Cattlemen's Protective Association.

It is proposed to embrace in the membership the cattlemen of the States of Louisiana, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

The objects of the association are to secure favorable legislation, to foster the livestock industry, to get proportionate and uniform railroad rates to the various markets of the country, and to secure from railroads free return passes for persons in charge of cattle shipments.

A MURDER TRIAL.

(Journal Special Service.)

GRANTS PASS, April 22.—James Clarke, tried for larceny in the store of E. C. Dixon, in this city, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Thomas J. Gibson, who shot and killed

STEEL CAR CASE

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GRANT FEAST

(Journal Special Service.)

DES MOINES, Ia., April 22.—The Grant Club has completed preparations on an elaborate scale for its annual banquet to be held tonight in celebration of the birthday anniversary of General U. S. Grant. The principal speaker of the evening will be Congressman Robert G. Cousins, who will respond to the toast, "General Grant."

SCHLEY'S WELCOME

(Journal Special Service.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 22.—Admiral and Mrs. Schley were royally welcomed upon their arrival here from Washington. They will remain in the city until Thursday and an elaborate programme of entertainment has been arranged in their honor.

IRISH LADIES SPEAK TONIGHT

(Journal Special Service.)

PEORIA, Ill., April 22.—Messrs. Redmond and Devlin, Irish members of Parliament, are in Peoria, for the purpose of addressing a meeting to be held tonight under the auspices of the United Irish Societies. Bishop Spalding has accepted an invitation to preside over the meeting.

CATTLE THIEVES

(Journal Special Service.)

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 22.—Cattle thieves stole three head of cattle from the Pense farm, near Yolo, driving them to this city at night and selling them at Sweetland's market. They were found and identified, and the officers are now in pursuit of the thieves.

RETIRED

(Journal Special Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—After many years of active service Pay Director Edward Bellows, of the navy, was retired today by operation of the age limit.

CITY BRIEFS.

Mark A. Mayer of the firm of Fleisher, Mayer & Co., was tendered a banquet by his friends at the Portland hotel on the other evening. There were twelve in attendance, and the affair was one of the most elegant and elaborate ever given by this popular hostelry. Mr. Mayer is the resident buyer at New York for Fleisher, Mayer & Company, and has been connected with the firm in that capacity for 13 years past.

The total expense of getting up the new City Charter was \$222,41. The printing came to \$82; salary of Clerk Anderson, \$90; and \$40 was paid out in office supplies, typewriting, etc.

A large congregation assembled at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning to listen to the sermon of Rev. Edward Marsden, a full-blooded Indian, on mission work among the Indians of Alaska.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Camp Hampton, Spanish War Veterans: President, Mrs. W. T. Bodley; senior vice-president, Mrs. Miles Bell; junior vice-president, Mrs. W. Harder; treasurer, Mrs. I. Pratt; chaplain, Mrs. D. McDonnell.

Watson's Restaurant, open nights to 1 a. m.

The Civil Service Commission will hold an examination in this city June 3 for the position of matron of the Indian service. Persons desiring to compete should call on or address Z. A. Leigh, Post-office Department.

Articles of Incorporation of the Columbia Masonic Cemetery association have been filed with the Clerk of the County Court by President Geo. P. Lent, Secretary and Treasurer W. W. Minor; Trustees Geo. P. Lent, L. S. Nomandin, and Henry Freeborough. The association will have legal control of the Masonic cemetery on the Columbia Slough road.

Eight houses near Steel bridge on payment of \$15 to \$25 per month at low prices. Houses on Eleventh and Kearney, West Side, for \$150, at \$15 per month; 14-room double house, North Portland, for \$150, at \$20 per month. Also choice farm lands. Thirty-five choice lots at Twenty-third and Clinton at \$20 each, at \$5 per month. Lots in Cloverdale, \$150 each, at \$5 per month. Lots in Highland Park, \$75 each, at \$5 a month. Lots near Woodlawn, \$45 each, \$2.50 a month. A full block of 28 lots for \$275, \$5 per month. Apply to owner, W. Reid, room 15, Washington block, Fourth and Washington streets. Open till 7 p. m.

The Portland Railway Company is putting down a track of the most approved fashion, on Burnside street, between Third and Fifth. The rails are 7-inch groove, set in concrete and paved between the rails and for a foot on each side with stone blocks set in concrete and grouted in cement. The City & Suburban Railway Company will lay the same kind of a track on Third street this summer.

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BLINDNESS AND RESOURCES.

What would you do if you lost your eyesight?

It is a question that deals with man's resources within himself, with his power to work and remain a useful member of society under conditions that naturally breed sorrow.

Millionaire Rouse in New York recently offered \$1,000,000 for a pair of eyes, and died without them. For years his one pitiful cry was: "Take my fortune and give me light."

Omar Schober of Detroit passed two years of sorrow and died. He entered his home one day and began lighting matches in the basement, thinking night had come. The flame burned his fingers, but he saw no light. He was blind.

This man's life depended on his sight. He had some wealth and a fine business, but lacked that mysterious something that keeps the heart young even when "damster comes."

A musician, he laid away his violin and closed the piano. He cared no more for flowers or children. He was moody and irritable. His only solace was to enter his printing house and listen to the rumble of the presses. He endured his sorrow two years, and death was not unwelcome.

But there are men who suffer and smile. They say: "Life is good, and I'll do my best to make sunshine if I cannot see it. I'll take the things that nature has left me and make the best of them."

Hubert L. Pierson, president of the Second National Bank of Orange, N. J., and manufacturer of renown, has been totally blind for 14 years. He never lost a minute repining when the trouble came, but set himself to work to show how much a blind man can do, and succeeded.

At Tomah, Wis., lives Eugene L. Hitchcock. He is blind, and has been a traveling man for 35 years. He is the only blind traveling man in the world, it is said, and his life is a lesson in courage and devotion to duty. He doesn't feel like a martyr or parade his affliction. He works and refuses to worry, which is the secret of his happiness.

There are thousands of brave but afflicted men and women in this country who are cheerful breadwinners under circumstances that call for a wonderful type of courage.

When you see them working, laughing, planning and hoping in their world of perpetual darkness, don't forget to be thankful for your own sound body, and lend a helping hand when you can.—St. Louis Chronicle.

MINES AND MINING.

Forty-six mining claims, near the Copper Queen property in Arizona, were sold the other day by the Biabac Company to George R. Campbell of Calumet, Mich., for \$1,200,000.

The Uncle Sam group of claims, on Bald Mountain, in the eastern part of the state, are showing up splendidly. Continuing the developments begun, a 500-foot tunnel will be driven on the main ledge, giving 250 feet vertical depth. The work already done reveals a ledge from five to seven feet in width, which the former owners assayed from \$8 to \$77.

The Quartzburg district in the Eastern Oregon gold belt is reported unusually lively. About 50 men are employed in developing the Badger mine. Installation of the large concentrating plant is now near being completed. Henceforth shipment of values from the Badger will be attended with comparatively few difficulties, as the plant will reduce ore from three and four to one.

The strike recently made in the Mountain Ram, about eight miles from Idaho City, is attracting a great deal of attention. The ledge was cross-cut at a depth of 30 feet, the tunnel being about 20 feet. There are over four feet of ore and gold is plainly seen all through it. The Mountain Ram is owned by the Lucky Boy Company.

D. R. Ladd of Portland, son of Mrs. Finnicase, who owns the famous Knott mine in Bohemia, arrived in Cottage Grove Tuesday for a few days' visit. Mr. Ladd, wife and mother will renew their acquaintance with Cottage Grove and Bohemia as soon as the season fairly opens, and active development will be carried on at the mine.—Bohemia Nugget.

William L. Long, an Oregon man, claims to have a process by which he is able to extract from three to four times

as much gold from ore as is possible by the smelting process. His pretensions are along the same line as those made by Professor Wynn, the prominent chemist, who recently died in Denver. The inventor of the new process has not divulged his secret to the world yet.

Hydraulic placer mining operations continue in full blast throughout the Josephine mining districts of Southern Oregon. Heavy rains of the past two months have kept an abundant supply of water in the ditches. The ground is so thoroughly soaked that all the larger hydraulic, deriving their water from the rivers and big streams, will be afforded a run until early summer. Mining men estimate that Josephine County will produce 50 per cent more gold this year than in any season past.

W. F. Yeck, manager and treasurer of the Darnell Mining & Milling Company of Kalama, Wash., is in the city. He thinks the development of the Kalama gold mines means much for Portland, as it is only 77 miles distant and the mine has been pronounced by experts one of four of the heaviest bodies of ore in the world. A Huntington mill and cyanide plant are to be installed, and as the value of the ore averages \$14.40 a ton, while the expense of crushing and cyaniding will not be over 40 cents, the profits of its working will be enormous. Tacoma people are largely interested in the property, while Salem men will put in the cyanide plant at an expense of \$4000.—Commercial New York.

BABIES AND MONKEYS.

A frequent action with babies is to turn the sole of feet sideways, opposite to one another, while the legs remain straight. Just this attitude would be assumed by a monkey when climbing a tree or walking on a branch in order to grasp the stems with its hind hands.

The inherited effects of this grasping tree trunk or limbs with the hind hands are often very marked in our young babies. The bow legs which are a feature of infancy and a matter of some anxiety to mothers, are no more than the relics of the tree-climbing stage. And the mother need not be frightened about this character—any normally healthy baby will grow out of it soon enough.

Then, if a young baby be held so that its feet touch the ground, one may see that the feet are not put flat to the surface; instead, the outer portions of the feet rest on the ground, while the sides of the feet are more or less opposed to one another—they have the bough-grasping attitude.—Pearson's.

ABOUT SANTOS-DUMONT.

Santos-Dumont is not yet 23 years old. His eyes are reddish hazel, with an expression of great alertness. They miss nothing. His temples are hollowed, and his thin thatch of straight brown hair is slightly grizzled. When one remembers the collisions and falls he has survived in his airship, the only surprise is that his hair is not white. The air navigator has a nose of medium length, a trifling humped, and—unlike a man of his pluck and persistence—a chin that distinctly recedes from lip to point. There is something bird-like in his build. He is 5 feet 5 inches tall, and his bony structure is of the slightest. He has slender, dainty hands and feet. It is doubtful if he weighs 125 pounds in his overcoat. He has a quick, staccato, almost explosive, way of talking.—New York Journal.

No Truce Declared.

A certain man of letter entertained at dinner a number of eminent contemporaries. Several of the courses had been served before it became obvious that Professor Smythe and Professor Browne, who were seated side by side, were apparently oblivious of each other's presence, while assiduously devoting themselves to the viands before them.

Professor Smythe, being rather a sensitive man, presently became cognizant of the situation he was inviting on himself. Therefore, crushing his amygdala for the time being, he turned to his adversary, and, in a most engaging manner, said:

"Browne, my head rings; can you account for it?"

For a moment Professor Browne's brows contracted, while courtesy and animosity contended. Then he smiled, indulgently as he replied:

"Naturally. It is hollow."

The silence became oppressive. Finally it was broken by Professor Smythe, who asked:

"And does your head never ring, my friend?"

"Never," came the response.

"Ah," reflectively; "so I thought. It is cracked."

And each philosopher applied himself diligently to the course before him.—Smart Set.

Spring Does as Bid.

"Let's see," said the Observant Boarder, "didn't the vernal poets say 'Hail, Gentle Spring?'"

"They did," replied the Cross-Eyed Boarder, "and Spring accepted the invitation,"—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Only Too True.

"When I have anything to say," remarked Henry Watterson the other day, "I write it; then I put it in my pocket. After a while I take it out, read it and write it again. Once more I put it away. Then I write it again and send it down

to the printer and have it put in type. When I get the proof I run over it closely and write it again, and again it goes to the printer. Afterward it is sent to me again in the revised proof. Then I make the last corrections and send it down again. An then," continued Mr. Watterson, with a heavy sigh, "the confused-printer gets it wrong."

Horrible Thought.

Flower Fields (under the tree)—Come in out of the sun, weary. Do first thing you know you'll be perspiring like a common workin' man.



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