

LAST EDITION. PEACE LIKELY IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS

London Chronicle Believes That the War Is Over for Certain.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) LONDON, May 23.—Unusual interest attaches to the Cabinet session, which began at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

PEACE ASSURED. LONDON, May 23.—The Daily Chronicle this morning claims that peace in South Africa is practically assured.

Cabling from Pretoria under date of Wednesday, May 21, the correspondent of the Times says the Boer meeting there is not necessarily final.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT. LONDON, May 23.—The Cabinet concluded its deliberations at 5 o'clock.

NEW COMPANIES

E. E. Hull, James G. Wilson and Henry F. Conner today filed articles of incorporation of the Columbia Timber Company.

Articles of incorporation of the Fruit Growers' Market Association were filed with the clerk of the County Court today by G. T. Hunt, A. P. Vail, A. J. Henneman, H. J. Mickelson and J. W. Grallie.

FIERCE BATTLE

Between Turks and Arabs—Hundreds Were Killed.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) VIENNA, May 23.—A fierce battle between Turks and Arab rebels is reported at Ibb. The Turks lost 300 killed.

GOES HOME

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) CRONSTADT, May 23.—President Loubet sailed for home this afternoon.

NOTED MAN DEAD

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) MEXICO CITY, May 23.—General Mariano Escobedo, to whom the Emperor Maximilian surrendered, died here on Thursday.

RIVER BULLETINS.

The stage of the river at Portland today is 16.6 feet. The Dalles 25.6 feet. Umatilla 17.4 feet. Northport 19 feet.

The temperatures this morning over the upper Columbia and the Snake river basins range between 42 and 56 degrees.

The lower Columbia river at Portland will come to a stand at about 17.5 feet Saturday afternoon.

The river at The Dalles will remain nearly stationary at a stage of 29 feet during Saturday and Sunday.

THE WEATHER.

Although the weather has been cloudy and threatening in the North Pacific states, the rainfall has been light.

It is decidedly warmer in Nevada and Utah, and correspondingly cooler in British Columbia, while elsewhere the changes in temperature have been small and unimportant.

The indications are for fair weather in this district Saturday.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Wheat, 73 1/2c.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Wheat, 81 1/4.

GRANTED TWO DIVORCES.

Circuit Judge Fraser today granted divorce as follows: Barbara Gray from Willie B. Gray, cruel treatment; Ennis J. Hamlin from Lillie M. Hamlin, abandonment.

TROUBLE AHEAD

Lively Times in Sheriff's Office.

H. C. Oviatt, chief deputy in the tax collecting department of the Sheriff's office, requested this morning that the petition of the Taxpayers' League, asking the County Court to have the books of the Sheriff expurgated, be granted.

The question of appointing an expert is now under consideration by the County Court. The County Judge, W. M. Calk, and Commissioners William Showers and J. G. Mack informed the Taxpayers' League that the irregularities of the Sheriff's office complained of would be speedily examined.

The investigation started by the Taxpayers' league has created quite a stir about the Courthouse, and sensational charges of mismanagement have been made. On the other hand, Head Clerk Oviatt makes a statement which seems to vindicate himself and any of the apparent irregularities of the office.

An individual who is well acquainted with the inner workings of the office, in commenting on the way things are conducted, said: "The county is paying salaries of from \$75 to \$100 per month to a number of clerical employees who do not half earn their salt."

"They are being paid for night work when, as a matter of fact, no night work is being done. The Courthouse is dark every night, yet Multnomah County is paying a heavy bill and receives nothing in return."

"The head clerk has reported for duty at night time, and went away without scratching a pen. At the end of the month he draws his pay for overtime, receiving from \$25 to \$50 therefor."

"T. C. Powell drew \$90 in April, and I doubt if he actually put in two hours of solid work."

"D. B. Mackie, whose salary is \$90 per month, puts in nearly all his time keeping the Sheriff's private books at the livery stable."

"J. M. Stott, receiving \$75 a month, is out doing politics nearly all of the time."

"C. A. Brandes, who until recently was getting \$75 a month to do clerical work, is a candidate for County Auditor."

"A. M. Brown, another \$75 man, is supposed to work nights."

"The informant requested that his name be published. 'You can rely on what I am telling you, though, and if it comes to a show-down, I can substantiate every word of it,' he added."

Head Clerk N. C. Oviatt was called upon and shown a copy of the petition of the Taxpayers' League.

Mr. Oviatt laid everything else aside and proceeded to put his side of the case before the court.

"You have heard one side; now listen to what I have to say. In the first place I am willing and anxious, now that this matter has gone so far, to have the books of this office expurgated, and have so informed the County Court. I think they will find as good a set of books here as Multnomah County has ever had. Mistakes may have been made in the handling of so large an amount of money and the wonder to me is that there are not more. We handled over \$1,000,000 in a month's time. We started out with 3 men when the tax roll, amounting to \$1,216,101.06, was turned over for collection, February 17 last. As the rush gradually subsided, the clerical force was cut down to 14 men. Five of these are collecting personal taxes, and will have completed their labors and will be discharged Saturday night. Seven men are employed on the books in the day time. Two men work nights, crediting up the receipts. Everything has to be checked up, and all those employed now have to do so. Our object is to get the books completed by the end of the term of the July 1 we can hand over to his successor a clean, correct set of books."

"The statement that no night work is being done is false. These charges are all trumped up by soreheads and intended for political purposes partly."

"Regarding the overcharge of non-residents, whatever money has been taken in that way is now on hand. At the most it does not amount to much."

"The overcharges may easily be made by the clerks in making the entries. Regarding the carbon copies suggested, tried them once, and found that they made too much work and I gave them up."

"J. M. Stott, candidate for County Clerk, was let out May 20. As for M. 'Sowell,' I think he can give a good account of himself."

Sheriff Frazier made the following statement: "For several years after I took the office all tax statements and receipts were made out to the exact cent. When tax were paid, change was made to the nearest 5 cents."

Sheriff Frazier further stated that if the collection of more than \$1,000,000 of taxes each year, necessarily some error would be made. In every instance this error was made good by the Sheriff without loss to the county.

In the matter of the number of men employed to collect taxes, he stated that under the new law now in force, nearly \$1,000,000 had to be collected in 23 working days. This necessitated the employment of a large force of men, both day and night; a great deal of checking up, distributing, etc., had to be done later. There has been a reduction from time to time since then, as often as the work to be done would permit. A small force is employed in the office at the present time.

"I have had five men out collecting delinquent personal taxes," he said. "These have about finished their work, and will be discharged at the end of the week."

A TONG WAR BREAKS OUT

Bloody Doings in Chinatown—One Man is Shot.

Another Chinatown highbinder war has broken out, the result being the shooting of a Chinaman this morning.

Last week Deputy Constable Wagner ejected the tenants of a saloon and store at 29 Second street, on proceedings brought in the Justice Court. At the time there were angry murmurs among the Chinese, who claimed that a rich firm was going to take in the whole corner and freeze out the lesser lights. The police were notified of this fact and kept a sharp lookout for any trouble which might occur, but on the surface there seemed to be "nothing doing."

At 11:45 o'clock this morning, however, Lee Hing, a member of an aggrieved firm, met Chin Louie, member of the other faction, in front of 29 Second street, and without a word drew a 4-caliber Colt's revolver and fired three shots at Louie, all of which took effect.

Deputy Constable Wagner, who happened to be near, grabbed the man with the gun and was soon reinforced by Detectives Day and Cordano from the station. The latter two officers placed the Chinaman who wielded the gun under arrest, while the injured man was hurried to the Good Samaritan hospital.

Lee Hing, who is locked up in the "tanks," will not talk. All one can get out of him is "no sabbe," although he is known to be conversant with the English language.

Dr. James C. Zan made an examination of the wounds of the injured man at the hospital and found that one of the bullets had passed through the muscles of the left arm. Another had penetrated the left side of the body and lodged in the muscles of the back. The third bullet did not do much harm, as it entered the left side, just above the hip, and after passing under the superficial tissues, passed out of the back.

The only wound to be feared is the one through the arm. The bullet in this case carried with it into the wound a portion of the clothing, and septic poisoning may set in. This has been guarded against as well as possible, however.

The present shooting is thought to be but a starter of trouble in Chinatown over the ejection proceedings. There is great excitement in the Chinese quarters over the matter and the different tongues are making all kinds of threats. At any time a general Chinatown war may occur, similar to several which have happened here in the past.

MAN HANGED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WHATCOM, May 23.—Alfred Hamilton was hanged here this morning for the murder of D. M. Woodbury, a prominent attorney, on December 7, 1899. He fought through three trials and an attempt for pardon. He was a notoriously bad man, and a former opium smuggler.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

J. A. Burden and wife to Ida M. Burden, lots 7 and 8, block 23, Sullivan's Addition. \$500

Ada M. Hart (trustee) to William M. Hart, 11.92 acres, Samuel Kyle claim. 1

Vellis Larsen and wife to P. J. Erickson, 7 1/2 acres. 1,000

James A. Kelly and wife to A. J. and Louisa Brigham, lot 7, block 21, Portland City Homestead. 250

E. McHolland and wife to 2 1/2 acres. 625

W. McHolland and wife to 2 1/2 acres. 625

W. Workman and wife to Samuel M. Boine, 10 acres. 2,000

Florian Puchs et al. to G. W. Kinney, 5 acres, section 20, township 1 south, range 1 east. 1

Jack Meyer and husband to Kate L. Hall, 53100 feet, block 264, Holaday's Addition. \$60

David Campbell and wife to C. Minsinger, north 8 1/2 feet lot 15, south 18-1-2 feet lot 16, Watson's Addition. 15,000

W. Craig and wife to same, south 15 feet lot 17, north 61-2-3 feet lot 15, Watson's Addition. 15,000

Elizabeth Cox and husband to L. M. Leland, lots 17 and 18, block 18, Mount Taber Villa. 175

L. M. Leland and husband to A. Osburn, lot 5, block 12a, East Portland. 3,250

Chas. Buckman to James W. Blanchet, lot 9, block 1, Wild Rose. 200

J. M. Strupler and husband to Mary Strupler, part lots 14 and 15, block 8, Albina. 1

mile Strupler to Laura Broke, same. 1,600

obert Brunke to Emma M. Brunke, one acre, section 17, township 1 south, range 1 east. 1

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DEATHS.

Eva Westerfeld, aged 44 years, 1282 Macadam; pneumonia.

Arnold Kubrik, aged 7 years, Mount Tabor; scarlet fever.

Eather Huntley, aged 20 years, La Center, Wash.; pleurisy.

The Edward Holman Undertaking Co., funeral directors and embalmers, 280 Yamhill, Phone 507.

J. P. Finley & Son, Undertakers and Embalmers, corner Third and Jefferson streets, do first-class work and deal honorably with all.

Otto Schumann, monumental and building work, 204 Third St. East. Estimates on first class work only.

Subscriptions received for The Journal at any of B. Rich's cigar stores.

STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED SOON

Secretary Lawton of the Building Trades Council came to the door of the executive hall at 2:15 p. m. and made the following address to the clamoring crowd of strikers and others who were waiting for news:

"Gentlemen, we do not like to keep you in the dark, but we are pledged to secrecy. Any news circulated on the streets or published in the papers purporting to be from us is absolutely unauthentic. I will state this much however: You will all be able to return to work in a short time. I have important information that I cannot impart."

THE FIELD OF SPORT

Baseball. Championship. Baseball. Pacific Northwest League. Saturday, 3:30 P. M. Grounds, 24th and Vaughn, Butte.

Portland. Admission, 25c. Grandstand, 50c. Game played, 3:30. Baseball. Baseball. Baseball.

HOW THE LEAGUE CLUBS STAND.

Seattle 12 5 722
Portland 9 6 560
Spokane 9 9 590
Tacoma 6 10 444
Butte 7 10 412
Helena 6 11 313

THE RESULTS YESTERDAY.

Portland 3, Butte 1.
Helena 4, Spokane 5.
Seattle 1, Tacoma 4.

SUPERIOR PLAYING WON.

Yesterday's game on the home league grounds was one of the most interesting ever witnessed here.

Mahaffey, in the box for the home team, was in fine form, and Hawley, for the visitors, delivered the goods in good shape, but when they arrived at their destination they were somewhat battered by Vigneux and his men.

There were several very pretty plays in the game, but they cannot be credited to the Butte players. Portland played an errorless game, while the visitors made only one error, and that was charged to Marshall.

The score:

PORTLAND.

Muller, 1 f. 3 0 0 2 0 0
Deisel, s. s. 3 0 0 3 0 0
Van Buren, c. f. 3 1 2 3 0 0
Anderson, 2b. 0 1 3 5 0 0
Hupp, r. f. 2 1 1 1 0 0
Weed, 3b. 4 0 1 3 0 0
Mahaffey, lb. 3 0 10 0 0 0
Vigneux, c. 3 0 2 2 0 0
J. Mahaffey, p. 2 1 1 0 3 0
Totals 27 3 6 27 10 0

BUTTE.

Kane, c. f. 2 0 0 1 0 0
Houts, 1 f. 2 1 0 0 0 0
Zearfos, c. 3 0 1 10 4 0
Marshall, 3b. 4 0 2 0 0 0
McIntyre, s. 0 1 3 5 0 0
Treadway, r. f. 4 0 2 2 0 0
Ward, 2b. 4 0 0 0 0 0
McDonough, lb. 3 0 0 3 0 0
Hawley, p. 3 0 1 0 1 0
Totals 30 1 7 24 8 1

Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Portland 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 3
Butte 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
Bases on balls—Off Hawley 4, off Mahaffey 2.

Strike out—By Hawley 5, by Mahaffey 2. Double play—Zearfos to McDonough. Sacrifice hits—Muller, Houts, Zearfos. Hit by pitched ball—By Hawley 1. Error—Marshall.

Stolen bases—Van Buren, Hupp. Left on bases—Portland 5, Butte 6. Time of game—One hour and 35 minutes. Umpire—Cunningham.

ONE MORE FOR HELENA.

Partridge was in the box for Helena yesterday when the team opposed Spokane. The Falls City pipe played ragged ball, and Helena won by a narrow margin. The summary:

Spokane 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Helena 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 4 6

THIS WAS GOOD.

In the best game played there this season, Seattle won out with two men out in the ninth. Babbitt hit for three bases and Hurlbut sent one through Fisher too hot to handle, winning the game. Up to the ninth Drinkwater held Seattle down to a single hit. Both sides did sensational fielding. The score was 1 to 0.

As predicted, William M. Calk was chosen president of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club last night, to succeed F. A. Mitchey, resigned.

Judge Calk has served two terms as president of the club, and is very popular with the members. He will devote considerable time to preparations for the fall carnival, which the club has decided to hold in September.

The meet this afternoon between the University of Oregon track team and the Multnomah Athletic Club team promises to be a warm one.

The Turn Verein classes give their annual gymnastic exhibition at Turner Hall gymnasium this evening, under the direction of Instructor Robert Krohn.

An excellent program has been arranged and a pleasant evening is assured.

Two tiers of circus seats have been put in to accommodate the crowd which never fails to attend these exhibitions. The seating capacity has thus been doubled, and all will be comfortably seated.

The program embraces work on apparatus, drills, dances and games. A basketball game between two teams composed of members of the ladies' class will be played at the close of the performance.

YOUTHFUL BURGLARS.

Lavin Curtis and Victor Burns, boys, are under arrest on a charge of burglary. They are charged with breaking into the store of A. E. Seigel, at Seventh and Flanders streets, and stealing 300 cigars, a lot of tobacco and cigarettes and 150 trade checks. In the money line they took 200 pennies. Detectives Ford and Cordano made the arrests.

THE JOURNAL VACATION TRIP

To the most popular young woman in Portland The Journal will give a ten days trip to the seaside and pay her expenses down and back, and her hotel bill while there.

To determine her popularity a vote will be taken and the one receiving the most votes will get the trip. The one getting the next highest number will be given a trip lasting from Saturday to Monday, all free. The one who is third in the list will receive a trip up the lordly Columbia and return.

This is a chance for the worthy young women who fill busy places in the city to take a vacation trip. It will be appreciated.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE? CUT OUT THIS COUPON. I VOTE FOR. At. AS THE ONE TO TAKE THE Journal Vacation Trip.

BASIN BOARD OF TRADE

At the meeting of the Columbia River Basin Board of Trade, those present were President E. O. Hughes, Joseph Gaston, F. E. Beach, B. L. Paget, E. H. Libby, of Lewiston, Judge Seneca Smith, Dr. J. P. Tamise, of Hillsboro, and Mr. Heidel, of Hillsboro.

President Hughes, in his introductory remarks, said that the Columbia River Basin Board of Trade must be a factor in the progress of the Northwest or not exist. To make this organization a factor, he suggested that a fund be raised in each community to advertise that community; also to put a man in the field to organize various associations all over the Basin to promote the location of people in this Basin.

In answer to the question as to what amount of money would be necessary to do this work, Mr. Hughes replied that it would require \$1,500 and a time of six months to work on this proposition.

By motion of E. H. Libby it was decided that the President appoint a committee of three to make such arrangements regarding advertising as may be necessary; also to complete the organization of this board. Those appointed were E. G. Hughes, F. V. Beach and Judge Seneca Smith.

Joseph Gaston reported that the papers of organization of the Columbia Railway Company are almost completed. The only thing to do now is for Portland men to sign the papers, as the people outside of Portland have already signed them.

E. H. Libby reported that he had seen many bankers and prominent business men and that they had all promised to buy as much stock of this company as they possibly could afford.

Mr. Heidel, of Hillsboro, suggested that the various commercial organizations of the towns in the Basin should exchange literature, so that if anyone requires some regarding resources, all the literature can be sent.

The meeting adjourned till June 17.

Eastern Star Session.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will convene in its 12th annual session in this city at the Elks' hall in the Marquam building on June 9 at 9 A. M. and remain in session three days.

The grand officers will meet at the hall two days in advance of the convention to make preparations for the event.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for Oregon are: Mrs. Clara A. Mariden, Burns, W. S. M.; C. W. Miller, Portland, W. G. P.; Mrs. Allie Townsend, Dallas, A. G. M.; Darwin Bristol, Cottage Grove, A. G. P.; Mrs. Mary Scott Myers, The Dalles, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Della Houston, Portland, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Hattie White, Jacksonville, G. C.; Mrs. Susan P. Gatch, Salem, A. G. C.; Mrs. Susan G. Heppner, Portland, G. C.; Mrs. Rose J. Wilson, Corvallis, G. L.; Mrs. Amelia Coombs, Eugene, G. M.; Mrs. Ray Sherwin, Ashland, G. A.; Mrs. Mattie Miller, Ontario, G. R.; Mrs. Eugenie Meldrum, Oregon City, G. E.; Mrs. Sadie Rossiter, Dayton, G. M.; Mrs. Belle Dodson, Baker City, G. E.; Mrs. Mary Littlefield, Portland, G. W.; C. C. Parker, Albany, G. S.; Mrs. Mary Asbury, McMinnville, G. O.

MURDER CHARGED

District Attorney Manning today filed an information against James Williams, charging him with the murder of George Hicks, in this city May 11.

BUILDING PERMITS.

H. Bohlman, repairs, Ninth and Couch; \$500.
S. C. Barton, repairs, Tenth and Caruthers; \$300.
Paul Poth, 1-story cottage, Thirty-first and Pine; \$300.
T. W. Jenkins, repairs, Fourteenth and Lovejoy; \$350.

BIRTHS.

To Mrs. H. F. Todd, 204 Montgomery, a girl.
To Mrs. Harry H. Haislet, 875 Cable street, a boy.
To Mrs. William Fransenback, 757 Washington street, a boy.

HEALTH REPORT.

F. Freeman, 846 Seventh street, smallpox.
Saline Miner, same, smallpox.

JESTS AND JINGLES.

SENSITIVE.
"Your friend has a very sensitive disposition."
"No," answered Miss Cayenne, "she is one of the people who assume to be sensitive when they are merely irascible."
—Washington Star.

THE SPRING DEPARTMENT.

Disavowal—Where shall I find the Spring underclothes?
Department Store Floorwalker—Two aisles to the left, right next to the cough cure and patent medicine counter, Judge.