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COMPLETED ON THE 17th.

The Chinese Plenipotentiary Left for Home the Same Day. Island of Formosa and Port Arthur to Japan.

WASHINGTON, April, .—A telegram has been received at the Japanese legation to the effect that the treaty of peace between Japan and China was signed the 17th instant. The same day the Chinese plenipotentiary and suite left Simonosaki for China. Ratifications are to be exchanged at Che-Foo within three weeks from the date of signing. The utmost reticence is observed with respect to the exact terms of the treaty. The Japanese minister says that information is confidential, and it would be a breach of trust to discuss matters until the treaty is formally agreed to. There is no doubt, however, that the indemnity will be much smaller than the original sum of $300,000,000 taels All reports that Japan is to occupy territory outside of Formosa and Port Arthur is pronounced untrue.

It is thought Port Arthur is to remain in possession of Japan for a certain term of years for strategic purposes and then be restored to the control of China. Formosa, it is said, will be governed by a prefecture having a local autonomy and possibly a partial representation. It is denied that the liken tax which China imposes upon all goods transported to points in the interior, has been abolished. It is said, however, that China has agreed to make the tax uniform.

TIEN-TSIN, April, .—Japan's occupation of Port Arthur is temporary, thus insuring China's integrity on the main land of Asia after a term of years, and averting the possibility of European intervention.

A Tragedy in Oregon.

ARLINGTON, Or., April 21.—A shooting affray took place between five and six o'clock this morning at the residence of Harry Clay, on Rock creek, twenty miles south of here, resulting in the death of Henry Grider Grider had been working for Mr. Clay for about a year, and had been looked upon as a faithful law-abiding citizen. Recently, however, Grider seems to have gained the impression that he owned the ranch, and was going to run things to suit himself. He made threats of killing Mr. Clay, and had been carrying a revolver for sometime. This morning the two men had some little dispute about matters pertaining to the ranch, and, without provocation, Grider drew a revolver and fired two shots at Mr. Clay without effect. He was following him up, with the evident intention of killing him, when Mr Clay ran into the house and procured a shotgun. He emptied one of the barrels into Grider's side below the left arm, killing him instantly. He then gave himself up to the authorities. He will be given a preliminary trial tomorrow morning Mr. Clay has a fine ranch on Rock creek, and deals extentively in stock, having recently made a large shipment to Chicago. He is highly esteemed as a peaceable, law-abiding citizen. Although the shooting on his part was clearly in self defense, the occurrence is greatly deplored by himself and friends.

A Jump in Wheat.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Transactions in wheat this morning about equaled the heaviest entire day's trading this year, being 15,525,000 bushels, and the advance of 2¼ cents in prices over Saturday was the biggest single jump the market has had in months. Traders were fairly crushed in their wild efforts to execute buying orders. The price fluctuated violently, and soon after opening began to slide down again, only increasing the excited feeling. It is generally conceded the advance was the result of bull enthusiasm, which had at last broken loose in real earnest, well backed up by outside support.

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A Letter.

RIVERSIDE, CAL., Apr. 15, '95.

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As much has been said and written about Southern California, perhaps a few words from one who is entirely disinterested might be of some interest to your readers. In what I shall say, I wish to be fully understood. It is not my purpose to cry it down, or to blow it up. The country is a desert, except, that it is dotted here and there with the finest spots it has ever been my good fortune to look upon. Los Angeles, the southern metropolis, is the most beautiful city my eyes ever beheld and is surrounded by a country but not very extensive. As a country place, Riverside is far ahead of any where, that I have been, in the way of improvements, with its beautiful avenues and orange groves, it must be seen to be appreciated; it would be impossible for me to paint a pen picture of it that would convey to the reader's mind any conception of its beauties. I find this orange belt inhabited by a thrifty intelligent hospitable people who have shown me many kindnesses which I shall not soon forget This letter would be incomplete if I did not mention the fact that I was at San Bernardino yesterday and spent the Sabbath with our former fellow townsman, C. C. Hackleman and his estimable wife, which event I shall cherish as a green spot in my memory for many a day. They are getting along nicely and send greetings to all their old friends in Lebanon and vicinity. As I think Charlie will probably write you soon, I will leave him to tell how we spent the day.

One thing I might mention which I have not referred to, and that is the climate. At present it is as near perfect as I ever saw anywhere; it is brilliant sunshine all day long but not uncomfortably warm; about seventy-five degrees in the shade during the warmest part of the day, but has fallen to sixty at this writing, 8:30 p. m., but I realize the fact that I am seeing the country at its best.

You can give this letter space either in your columns or waste basket as you see proper and I will be satisfied.

E. E. HAMMACK.

Are After Their Pay.

Col. J. B. Eddy of the Oregon Railroad commission has sued out a writ of mandamus before Judge Hewitt of the circuit court, to compel Secretary of State Kincaid to pay the salaries of the commission, and filed the same with the clerk of the court of Marion county and a copy of the same was served on Mr. Kincaid by Sheriff Knight. The petition recites as facts the statement that the commission was elected on February 20, 1893, when it qualified, took oath and filed bonds. That it has held office and performed the duties of the same and now holds and occupies the same; that plaintiff is entitled to salary payable quarterly at $2500 a year. That successor to the said plaintiff as such commissioner has not been elected by the legislative assembly in joint convention or otherwise, nor has such commissioner ever qualified since the appointment of the plaintiff. That there is due $245.55 for the quarter ending March 31, 1895, which the secretary is commanded to pay.

Cyrus Dolph, E. E. Mallory, Joseph Simon, ex-Supreme Judge Strahan and J. C. Moreland are attorneys for the commission, the complaint being sworn to by James B. Eddy, April 16.

The writ was issued by Judge H. H. Hewitt, and directs that warrant immediately issue to the plaintiff as prayed in petition, or that he show cause why he has not done so at Salem, Oregon, on the 29th day of April at 2:00 p. m.

As Attorney General Idleman seems to be in sympathy with commissioners it is proposed to hire private attorneys to defend the case. One Portland man has offered to contribute $100 and the secretary thinks enough can be secured by voluntary contributions to conduct the defense. A Portland attorney has offered to represent the state for $250, and Mr. Schilbrede, of Roseburg, today tendered his services gratis. Mr. Schlorede thinks Rosburg will also contribute funds. The secretary is confirmed in the belief that the citizens of the state almost universally endorse his refusal to recognize the holdover commissioners.

When in need of overalls always buy those which are warranted not to rip. Can't bust 'em overalls with five pockets and continuous fly. They are the best and strongest in the market and cost no more than common ones. Don't forget that the largest circulating library in town is at the Racket store, with books at less than half the regular price.

About Hops.

The New York Price Current says: Farmers in this state have not been able to work much in the yards as yet, and no reliable reports have been received regarding the condition of the roots. There is still a moderate quantity of hops in growers' hands, but prices are so low that no one seems anxious to sell at present; indeed there seems to be a disposition to sell the remaining lots of desirable quality rather firmly. Advices from the Pacific coast report the vine growing nicely, and in some sections farmers have commenced the first tying. Regarding the local market there is not much to be said. No new features have been developed, and the sales making show no change in the line of values. Here and there a lot is taken for London but the foreign orders are few and generally small, and do not give much support to the market. Brewers buy occasionally, but it seems as though they are well stocked and were not largely interested in new business. The fact that growers are not pressing stock for sale makes the offerings here less urgent and tends to give the position some steadiness.

The filing of hop contracts for 1895 still continues in the office of the Marion county clerk, the party of the second part being Lilienthal & Co., of San Francisco. S. J. Kerr & Sons, of St. Paul, agree to deliver to the above firm 10,000 pounds of the coming hops at 8 cents, and 6000 pounds at 9 cents, 5 cents to be advanced to them at the time of picking. J. J. Coyle, of St. Paul, Will transfere 6000 pounds at 8 cents with 5 cents advanced for picking money. C. Bunning and C. H. Ernst, of the same place, contract 6000 pounds at 9 cents, requiring an advance of 4 cents. Byron J. Grim, of Aurora, has contracted 10,000 pounds of his new crop for 9 cents to be paid at the time of delivery, and L. B. Saunders of Butterville, does the same with 6000 pounds at 8 cents.

Tennessee.

John Swink, T. P. McKnight and James Blacklaw sold their potatoes for 25 cents per bushel.

The Tillman literary refused to accept Tennessee's challenge to debate. They said they would not come down to Tennessee. Well, we can debate without their assistance, and so we do. Last Saturday night we had the largest crowd we have ever had. In the debate it was decided by a unanimous vote that: "The love of woman exerts a greater influence over man than the love of money." Sherman Wallace and Lewis Russell had a debate of their own upon the same subject. Each tried with an undieing spirit to overpower his opponent. Sherman was the victor. We will have a mock trial next Saturday. All are invited.

Sherman Wallace has just finished the study of mathematics and has taken up a new one, it is "gubbinghoes."

Mr. E. E. Munsey formerly president of the Literary is teaching at Salt Lake now, although he is with us every Saturday evening.

Rev. Bashor of Sodaville preached at this place last Sunday morning.

Bert Blacklaw is thought to have visited Knox Butte Sunday.

Ethel Davis, daughter of G. C. Davis, returned suddenly from her long stay in Albany. Friends and relatives are glad to see her once more.

We close by asking a question. What is the definnition of "old maid?" We will be glad if any correspondent to this paper would answer.

CÆSAR.

Probate Record.

In the estate of Emiline Alford, I. N. Alford was appointed executor.

First accounts filed in estates of H. L. Brown, Nancy Briggs.

In estate of Martha Hunter, receipt William Hunter for $1805.17, distributive share filed, and executor discharged.

In estate of Mary Galloway, final account set for June 3.

In estate of D. J. Shahan, James Shahan was appointed administrator. Property appraised at $1,000.

In estate of James McMahan, personal property ordered sold.

In estate of Bessie Payne, a minor, Rosina Payne appointed guardian. Bond of $750 approved.

In estate of A. V. Gousette, citation issued to be heard June 5.

Another Railroad.

The California, Oregon & Idaho railway company have filed articles of incorporation; propose to construct, or otherwise acquire and equip a standard-gauge railroad, with telegraph line, beginning at tide water on the coast of Solano county, California, and running north and northeast through Solano, Yolo, Colusa, Glen, Tehama, Shasta, Lassens and Modoc counties, California, and Lake, Harney and Malheur counties, in Oregon, and Owyhee, Cassia, Oneida and Bingham counties, in Idaho, to a connection with one or more lines in Wyoming. Also a branch from Klamath Falls, Oregon, connecting with the main line in Modock county, California, and an other leaving the main line in Tehama county and terminating in Eureka. Capitol stock, $800,000; incorporators, J. M. Bassett, Oakland, California; L. W. Brown, Eugene, Oregon; Robert Blow, Junction City, Oregon. The temporary headquarters are Eugene.

Gov. Lord on Silver.

Oregon's present governor is in sympathy with the movement for financial reform but does not believe free coinage panacea for everything as some do. In his letter to Governor Rickard announcing the appointment of three strong silver men to the Salt Lake conference Governor Lord says: "While I have not been able to convince myself that unlimited coinage of silver would prove a remedy for our monetary troubles, I regard your conference with favor because it is non-partisan in a political sense, and has for its object the education of the public mind to the important question of finance." He is willing the question should be discussed and that the people should be educated upon the subject. He is rather a conservative bimetalist, but not hostile to silver as a money metal.

How the Preacher got Even.

Charles Dickens used to tell the following story about a Methodist preacher: "This preacher had been called to officiate at the funeral of a relative of a conservative editor, and as the preacher himself aimed to be a liberal leader in the district he and the editor had often crossed swords. This time the chance came to deliver a home thrust without a chance for either parry or reply. At the coffin of the deceased, beside which the editor and other mourners knelt together, the preacher made this appeal: 'Lord, overrule this affliction to the well fare of all assembled, including the reptile now sprawling in thy presence, who has frequently abused thy servant in the columns of his beastly publication."

Ten Coyotes.

J. M. Zoosman did a good day's work Wednesday. He was in the woods chopping, and noticing his bird dog acting a little strange around a large pine log, concluded to make an examination. On arriving at the log he heard a squealing noise on the inside, and immediately declared war upon the log with his axe. In a few minutes he had the scalps of ten young coyotes, and on this morning's train left for Albany, where he will exchange them for $25 in hard cash of the county's money. They were no larger than two day-old kittens. Three years ago Mr. Zoosman captured ten little fellows in a similar manner, and received $50 for the scalps, the bounty at that time being $5 each.—Brownsville Times.

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