

PRIMARIES IN MANY COUNTIES

Gov. Geer Secures Delegations in the Most of Them

CLACKAMAS, JACKSON, SHERMAN AND YAMHILL ARE NEARLY SOLID FOR HIM.

L. L. Porter for State Printer, Has His County's Support—Fullerton Defeated in Roseburg by the Forces of A. M. Crawford—Johns Carried Baker County—Eugene Reports Harmony and Astoria Was Quiet.

OREGON CITY, Or., Mar. 22.—The Republican primary returns show L. L. Porter will have a solid delegation for State Printer, Geo. C. Brownell will be nominated State Senator without opposition. The indications are that Ryan has won in the contest for the nomination for county judge. The delegation to the State Convention is for Geer for Governor.

JACKSON FOR GEER. Ashland, Or., Mar. 22.—The returns from the Republican primaries thus far indicate a delegation favorable to the re-nomination of Governor Geer.

Moody and Geer. Higge, Or., Mar. 22.—The Sherman county primaries went solid for Moody and Geer.

Fullerton is Out. Roseburg, Or., Mar. 22.—At the Republican primaries, with two tickets, representing Fullerton for Governor, and Crawford for Attorney General, respectively, the Roseburg precincts went two to one in favor of Crawford. The county precincts heard from are about equally divided.

Geer Has Yamhill. McMinnville, Or., Mar. 22.—The Republican primaries throughout the county elected delegates favorable to Geer, except possibly one or two precincts. There is no opposition to Tongue.

Harmony at Eugene. Eugene, Or., Mar. 22.—The Republican primaries were decidedly harmonious. It is impossible to state in whose favor the convention will stand as regards nominations.

Johns Has Baker. Baker City, Or., Mar. 22.—The Republican primaries in this county passed quietly. A conservative estimate of the result tonight gives Moody the advantage over Williamson. The contest for Joint Senator for Baker, Malheur and Harney counties is favorable to Rand. The delegates from this county will be for Johns for Governor.

Cut and Dried. Astoria, Or., Mar. 22.—The Republican primary election passed quietly. The delegates elected by the county central committee were elected without opposition.

In Union County. Union, Or., Mar. 22.—The Republican primaries in this county resulted in a partial defeat for the Church faction, the Scriber people winning out. King Edward's coronation will open.

RIOTOUS DISTURBANCES. Strike Sympathizers Cause Trouble to Passengers on Street Cars.

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 22.—Riotous disturbances by sympathizers with the striking street railway men were resumed here, and at Atlantic City, tonight. Three cars were raided by the strike sympathizers who drove the passengers out, severely beat the non-union truncheon, and ran the cars into the suburbs where they were disabled and abandoned. In Atlantic City several shots were fired by the crowd which attacked a car. Two of the rioters were arrested.

AMERICANS THE VICTORS. Oxford Defeated Cambridge Because of Their Foreign Students.

LONDON, March 22.—The fact that Oxford's victory in the annual field sports with Cambridge, on Friday, was due to a double win of Coe, an American, and that two Americans rowed in the Oxford boat in the race with Cambridge today, has given rise to no little discussion in athletic circles. It is remarked that if the Americans continue to patronize the English universities and athletic meetings, the Oxford-Cambridge competition will soon develop into inter-American contests.

The latest London novelty is the somersault cure for fat women. A West End surgeon's house has been fitted up as a gymnasium where aristocratic patients turn somersaults on the Swedish principle. In the hope of reducing their obesity. The "cure" is said to be most efficacious.

KIDNAPED HIS CHILD. VANCOUVER, Wash., Mar. 22.—Oscar Guenther, of Portland, is wanted by

the police for kidnaping his own child. His wife left her husband several months ago. Guenther appeared at Harborton, Clarke county, where she has been staying, snatched up the child and disappeared, and has not been seen since.

A HARDWARE COMBINE. Four of the Largest Wholesale Dealers to Consolidate.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 22.—The Post Dispatch will say tomorrow: E. C. Simmons, of the Simmons Hardware Company, stated tonight that there was a \$30,000,000 deal on which would probably end in the consolidation of four of the largest hardware concerns in the country. "I am not in a position to make definite statements regarding the deal," he said, "but will say that there is such a movement on foot."

MAN WAS A WOMAN. Mysterious Death of a Person Disclosed Sex.

CANANDIGUA, N. Y., March 22.—A person who was known here for five years as William C. Howard, died suddenly on Wednesday night, and the autopsy showed that the supposed man was a woman. Howard came here five years ago with a woman known as Mrs. Howard. A child was born to the supposed wife. The cause of the woman's death is a mystery. On Wednesday night she took two tablets for a throat affliction, and was dead in 10 minutes. The medicine was sent from Wellsville, in this state, where her relatives reside. It further developed that the person known as William C. Howard was Alice M. Howard, and that she went through a marriage ceremony in 1892, with Edith Dyer.

SITUATION IN CHINA. The State Department is Anxious Regarding Affairs There.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—The situation in Southern China is attracting the attention of the State Department officials, who are in no mood to become again involved in that quarter of the world. The last advice to the Department was contained in a cablegram from United States Consul McWade, at Canton, dated March 18th, saying: "The Viceroy reports the rebellion in Kwang Si almost crushed." This is not borne out by the press service of a later date, hence the anxiety of the officials.

SETTLERS FOR PHILIPPINES. Efforts Made to Colonize the Islands with Eastern People.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—Efforts are being made by a number of local capitalists to take advantage of the low railroad rates from the East, and send a rush of colonists to Manila. The projector of the enterprise hopes to get up a number of the islands that will equal if not eclipse the rush to the northern gold fields. As soon as legislation relating to the islands, now pending before Congress, is finally passed, a wholesale descent will be made upon the islands.

SHE WAS DISCHARGED. A Woman Held for Five Weeks on Suspicion of Committing Murder.

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Florence Burns, a young Brooklyn woman who has been in custody since February 15th, under suspicion of knowing how Walter Brooks met his death, was discharged by Justice Mayer tonight. Brooks had been keeping company with Florence Burns. He was found dead in a hotel. The gas in his room was turned on, and there was a bullet wound in his head.

SENATOR HANNA'S DINNER. WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Senator Hanna gave a dinner tonight to the Gridiron Club. It was attended by only the members of the club, who took occasion to see that the Senator did not escape being placed on the Gridiron, even though he was host. It was an enjoyable affair.

BROKE A RECORD. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Mar. 22.—At the Gun and Rod Club's regular shoot today, T. R. Geisel made a successful attempt upon the world's 1000 shot record on the American standard target at 200 yards, and raised it three points to 998. The record was held by Bergeon of Cheyenne, Wyo.

CUBAN AFFAIRS. WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—A conference on Cuban affairs will be held tomorrow, between Governor General Wood, now on his way to Washington, and the President and Secretary of War.

LOGS GO TO SEA. BANGOR, Me., Mar. 22.—A boom at Snows Island, containing 5,000,000 feet of logs, was carried away by the ice from Mattawamkeag and the West Branch, and the logs have begun to run past Bangor to the sea. The logs are worth \$75,000.

EDUCATE YOUR BOWELS WITH CASAROTS. Candy Cathartic, cures constipation forever. 10c. 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

NINETY-NINE YEARS. BUTTE, Mont., March 22.—A special to the Miner from Phillipsburg says the jury found J. C. Hunter, charged with the murder of H. O. Walbridge, guilty in the second degree, fixing his sentence at 99 years in the penitentiary.

A CONFERENCE ON RECIPROCIITY

Republican Members of Congress Meet the President

AN INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS HAD

NO EFFORT MADE BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO INFLUENCE THE CONVICTIONS

Of Opponents of the Measure, Advocated by the Ways and Means Committee, Who Were Present—Roosevelt Hopes to Settle the Differences Between Leaders of the Sides.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—A conference was held at the White House this afternoon, between the President and several Republican members of the House, who have been foremost in opposing the plan of Cuban reciprocity urged by the Ways and Means Committee.

The members who called were Tawney and Morris, of Minnesota; Dick, of Ohio; William A. Smith, of Michigan; Minor, of Wisconsin; Metcalfe, of California, and Dayton, of West Virginia. The call was at the request of the President. It was stated afterwards, by those who participated, that the conference was most pleasant, and there was not

AN OIL STRIKE AT THE HIRSCHBERG WELL

Rumor Has It that Petroleum Was Found Yesterday, Near Monmouth, at a Depth of Seven Hundred and Fifty Feet--Could Not Be Confirmed Last Night.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 24.—The oil well, being sunk near here by H. Hirschberg, the Independence banker, has at last resulted in something tangible. Oil, that Ignis Fatuus of the prospector in the Northwest, has been struck at a depth of about 750 feet, according to a well-defined rumor here, though the owner and his force of men, conservative to a degree, keep close counsel, and the matter cannot be confirmed. For several days natural gas has come up out of the prospect hole, and today the drill penetrated what is said to be an oil stratum. Mr. Hirschberg was away at the time, but he was called home, and tomorrow, it is expected, the great discovery, of which there can be no doubt, will be given to the world.

the remotest suggestion on the part of the Chief Executive which could be construed as seeking to urge them to yield their personal convictions.

At the conclusion of the conference, a general understanding was reached that no statements made to the public would be to the general effect that no conclusions were reached, and that the conference was confined to a general interchange of views. It is understood that the President will see some of the members of the Ways and Means Committee tomorrow, thus familiarizing himself with both sides of the issue, which has recently arisen in the House. He hopes that this general interchange with the leaders from both sides may bring about a unanimity of action in whatever is best in behalf of Cuba.

Palma Meets Roosevelt. Washington, Mar. 23.—Tomas Estrada Palma, President-elect of Cuba, met President Roosevelt in his official capacity for the first time this evening, when the former was the guest of honor at an informal dinner at the White House.

The actual date of the transfer of the Cuban Government has been tentatively fixed as May 1st, but it has become apparent that for various reasons there may have to be a postponement of the transfer to a date later in the month.

Oleomargarine Bill. Washington, Mar. 24.—Consideration was begun by the Senate today, of the oleomargarine bill. The measure places a tax of 10 cents a pound on oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter, and reduces the present tax of 2 cents per pound on oleomargarine to a quarter of one cent a pound in its uncolored form. Proctor made the opening statement in support of the measure. A few bills of minor importance were passed before the oleomargarine bill was taken up.

The Goebel Law. Washington, Mar. 24.—Boreing (Ky.) injected an attack on the Goebel election law into the discussion of the Moss-Rhea contested election case from the Third Kentucky District, which again occupied the attention of the House today, but Rhea declined to be drawn into an extended debate on issues not directly involved in the case. Rhea made a strong presentation of his side of the case, but had not concluded when the House adjourned. The vote will be taken tomorrow.

RICE MURDER CASE. Defendant's Counsel Says Prosecution Has Shown No Motive.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Robert M. Moore began today the summing up for the defense in the trial of Albert T. Patrick, accused of the murder of W. M. Rice. In opening he said the prosecution had shown no motive for the killing of Rice by Patrick, because Patrick, under the 1900 will, was not to inherit Rice's millions for himself, but for the carrying out of a trust. Jones' statement that Rice was killed at the direction of Patrick, the lawyer contended, was unworthy of belief, because Jones had a motive in making that statement.

Mr. Moore laid stress on the wording of the will of 1896, which, he declared, gave far greater power over the Rice estate to Captain Baker than the 1900 will gave to Patrick. He said the Rice Institute, of Houston, Tex., was merely a scheme to head off the Holt litigation over the will of the deceased Mrs. Rice. Patrick's conduct throughout, Mr. Moore said, was that of an honorable and innocent man.

OREGON DAIRIES. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—A census bulletin issued today contains the following figures relating to the dairy industry in Oregon: Number of dairy cows, 122,447; value of the product in 1899, \$2,550,953; milk produced, 48,582,943 gallons; milk sold, 10,308,119 gallons; received from sales, \$1,111,073; cream sold, 154,549 gallons; received from sales, \$73,439; butter made, 8,107,450 pounds; butter sold, 4,992,642 pounds; received from sales, \$777,989; cheese made, 47,256 pounds; cheese sold, 397,967 pounds; received from sales, \$43,896.

BIG DAMAGE SUIT. Filed Against a Coast Railroad by a Vancouver Man.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Mar. 24.—W. D. Tenant filed a suit against the

MINERS' STRIKE IS THREATENED

The Anthracite Region Will See Another Tie-Up

UNLESS THE OPERATORS YIELD

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF MINERWORKERS AT SHAMOKIN

Declaring for a Walk-out if the Coal-Carrying Roads Do Not Advance Wages and Recognize Miners—General Arbitration Committee Has Been Called to Meet Tomorrow.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Mar. 24.—A resolution presented at today's session of the United Mineworkers of America, made a provisional strike recommendation which was unanimously adopted. President Mitchell made this statement:

"The resolution declares that the Mineworkers cannot continue at work during the coming year under the present low wages and indefinite conditions of employment, and provides for a general suspension of work, upon a date to be designated by the executive boards of districts 1, 7 and 9.

It provides, however, that before resorting to such drastic measures an appeal will be made to the executive committee of the National Civic Federation. If the Civic Federation refuses to act or should fail in its efforts to arrange a satisfactory adjustment prior to April 1st, and if after that date negotiations are still pending, all Anthracite Mineworkers, except those necessary to keep the mines in repair, shall remain away from the mines, strippings, washers and breakers, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week. Should the strike take place no settlement will be made in any separate district, and will not terminate until officially declared ended by a committee representing the three anthracite districts.

Commenting on the action of the convention, President Mitchell said: "I am free to confess that a strike is imminent." The resolution adopted today was the result of a difference of opinion among the delegates as to methods to be pursued in enforcing the Mineworkers' demands. Resolutions had been presented to the convention from several districts, but none were satisfactory to the entire body of delegates. It was then decided to place the matter in the hands of President Mitchell, and the district presidents and vice-presidents. Before completing the draft of the resolution, President Mitchell communicated with the presidents of coal-carrying roads, making a last appeal for a conference.

He received several replies, all of which refused to meet the representatives of the union. Others made no reply. The text of the replies were not made public.

WILL ARBITRATE. New York, Mar. 24.—Notice was given out tonight, by Ralph M. Easley, Secretary of the National Civic Federation, that the conciliation committee would hold a special session Wednesday morning, to consider the threatened miners' strike. Senator Hanna has telegraphed that he will attend, and others expected are Bishop Potter, Oscar Strauss, Chas. A. Moore, Frank P. Sargent, Jas. Duncan, Jno. Mitchell and Franklin McVeagh.

FROZEN TO DEATH. Two Young Men, While Crossing Tillamook Mountains, Lose Their Lives.

ASTORIA, Or., Mar. 24.—Summer Elmore brought the body of Arthur Ward from Tillamook tonight. Ward and Miles Kaufman, of Portland, started across the mountains from Tillamook to Yamhill county Friday, and were found frozen to death two miles apart in the snow, Saturday morning, by the mail carrier. The boys were about 17 years old. Ward's parents live here.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA. Mr. C. B. Wingfield, of Fair Play, Mo., who suffered from chronic dysentery for thirty-five years, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy did him more good than any other medicine he had ever used. For sale by Dr. Stone's Drug Stores.

FOR CHINESE REBELS. A Yokohama Merchant Goes to New York to Buy Arms.

VICTORIA, B. C., Mar. 25.—Marcus C. Hill, a Yokohama merchant, who has arrived here, is said to be carrying orders to New York for arms and ammunition for the rebels in Southern China. Hill says recruits are flocking to the rebel standard, and their hope is to reach Canton. Here they expect to get sufficient ammunition, arms and treasure to carry on the rebellion, which will eventually result in the overthrow of the reigning power in China.

WILL MAKE SUGAR. DENVER, March 24.—The Republican says: The American Sugar Refining Company has made the first move to take up the beet-sugar indus-

try in Colorado. Henry E. Niese, of New York, superintendent of construction and refiner, after two weeks spent in investigating the situation in Colorado, has returned to New York. Two companies to operate in Youlder, Larimer, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Morgan, Washington and Logan counties, have been incorporated with a combined capital of \$1,000,000, and Mr. Niese has secured options on lands suitable for beet culture and for the erections of sugar refineries. These lands are those which independent beet-sugar companies were examining with a view to purchase.

CUBAN EMBEZZLERS. Three of Postal Thieves Sent to Prison and Fined Heavily.

HAVANA, Mar. 24.—The trials before the Audiencia Court of the cases arising from the embezzlement of the Cuban postal funds have resulted in the following sentences: F. W. Neeley, ten years imprisonment and pay fine of \$56,701. W. H. Reeves, ten years in prison and pay fine of \$35,516. Estes G. Rathbone, ten years imprisonment and pay fine of \$35,324.

WILL RAISE ISLANDER. VICTORIA, B. C., Mar. 24.—Captain Cox, the British Columbia agent for Lloyd's London, has closed a contract with Surtees Hope, of Seattle, for raising the steamer Islander. The Islander was lost in a collision with an iceberg at the entrance of Lynn Canal, on the night of the 15th of August, last.

RHODES CONDITION. CAPE TOWN, March 23.—Cecil Rhodes had a fair night's rest, but there is no real improvement in his condition.

EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE To Secure Peace in South African Republics

AN ARMISTICE DECLARED AND COMMANDERS OF OPPOSING FORCES WILL MEET AND CONFER ON THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 24.—It is believed in Boer circles here, that the action of Acting President Schalkburger is the result of a communication from Boer representatives in Europe. A former member of the Transvaal Government said tonight:

"After the exchange of the Dutch-English notes a conference was attended by Kruger, Lleyds and the delegates, and it was decided to send six emissaries to South Africa by different routes, with dispatches for Steyn and Schalkburger. "The fact that the Boers in the field are inclined to compromise the demands for absolute independence, seems to be indicated by the plan Schalkburger has outlined for the government of the industrial centers. This consists of a British board of administration with a proportional representation."

OPERATIONS CEASE. London, Mar. 25.—The Daily Chronicle asserts that an armistice has been arranged, pending the duration of Schalkburger's mission to General Dewet, and that offensive operations against Dewet, Delarey and Botha have been suspended. The three Generals have agreed to observe the armistice honorably, until the return of the envoys to the Boer lines.

It is believed, continues the Chronicle, that the envoys after acquainting Botha with the result of their mission, will again confer with Kitchener, although no arrangement for a second conference has actually been made.

AT THUNDER MOUNTAIN. BOISE, Ida., March 24.—Several more deals in Thunder Mountain properties were made today. The most important is the sale, by Fred Holcomb, of ten claims at the mouth of Sunnyside creek. The price is believed to be about \$1,000,000, as a bid near that figure was recently made.

ROYAL YACHTING CRUISE. NEW YORK, March 21.—Contradictory statements are still current respecting the King's plans for a yachting cruise, says the Tribune's London correspondent. Several paragraphs do not like to admit that they were misinformed, respecting the Riviera plans, and suggest that the British Government had been warned that the King would be subjected to Boer machinations and insults. The King probably had only half made up his mind, and now has easily changed his plans.

FREIGHT SHEDS AFIRE. Winnipeg, Man., March 21.—The Canadian Pacific freight sheds are on fire, and the indications point to their total destruction. The loss will be enormous as the sheds are filled with large consignments for Western merchants, and settlers' effects.

MAXNIC WON. SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—Maxnic won the rich Western Produce Stakes for two-year-olds, at Oakland today. Five furlongs, Western Produce Stakes, value \$9880—Maxnic won; Sylvia Talbot second; Victim third. Time 1:02 1/2.