

CONFIDENCE IN RUSSIA IS STEADILY DIMINISHING

THE OFFICIALS OF FRANCE VIEW
THE RECENT RESULTS WITH
MUCH MISGIVING.

DISQUIETING NEWS FROM CHINA

Japanese Military Genius Challenging
Admiration and Praise From
German Papers.

The Change of Tone Prevails Not Only
the Military Critics, But Political
Leaders Also—Prediction That China
Will Side With Japan Soon.

PARIS, May 14.—French confidence in Russian prowess is much shaken as a result of recent developments concerning the weakness of General Kuropatkin's land forces. Early Japanese successes were accepted as merely preliminary, it being believed by officials and publishers that General Kuropatkin was concentrating his vast force, approximately 400,000 men, which eventually would annihilate the smaller Japanese army. But the reports of the last ten days have shown the constant shrinkage of Kuropatkin's army, until it is now generally accepted in official circles that he has not over 200,000 men including those locked up in Port Arthur, and in other garrisons. Officials and the public generally continue to believe that Kuropatkin is working a strategic plan, attracting the Japanese far inland, where ultimately he will overwhelm them. The feeling of confidence, however, is steadily diminishing.

Fearing the Chinese.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—Disquieting news regarding the attitude of the Chinese is shown in a dispatch from officers at the front issued by the General Staff tonight. In addition to further details of the cutting off of Port Arthur and confirming the report of the Japanese advance upon Liao Yang, these dispatches state specifically that the Chinese have commenced hostilities against the Russians. General Karavich reports that the Chinese attacked his outposts in the Feng Wang Cheng road leading to Saimatsi.

Germany Changes Tone.
Berlin, May 14.—Newspapers of all parties have begun vying with one another in praise of Japanese military genius and in prophecies of continued defeat to the Russians. Several morning journals openly declare that the Russians' cause is lost, one intimating that Russia will prefer to make an attempt to recover her prestige in another sphere—evidently meaning Southern Asia, rather than to continue the struggle in Manchuria indefinitely. This change of tone pervades not only military criticisms, but political leaders alike. The National Zeitung, which is regarded as the principal organ of the foreign office, predicts that China will side with Japan as soon as Port Arthur falls.

Attack on Three Sides.

Paris, May 15.—A correspondent in St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris, gives a high staff officer's resume of the situation in the far East as follows: "The Japanese are advancing toward Russian positions along three routes. Kuroki's army is marching upon Liao Yang from Feng Wang Cheng, Oka's force has left Bagachu for Yinkow, following the Siyuen road, and Ozawa's army is investigating Port Arthur."

Japanese Cruelty Charged.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—In an official dispatch from Mukden, General Plung reports exhaustive inquiries regarding the allegation that the Japanese fired on a Red Cross train bound from Port Arthur on May 6, proved that the Red Cross flag was flying on the train as it left Tainju and not a shot was fired from the train. The Japanese, General Plung says, opened fire spontaneously and only ceased when the train was beyond range.

Prisoners of War.

Nagasaki, May 15, 10 a. m.—The steamer Colombo passed Mogi today with 452 Russians who were captured at Chiu Lien Cheng. The prisoners included 291 men who were not wounded. The Colombo is bound for Matsuyama.

SHUT OUT FOR ROSEBURG.

EUGENE, Or., May 14.—(Special to Statesman.)—The Eugene Blues administered a shut-out to Roseburg's sons of Erin today, the score was 11 to 0. The features of the game were Clyde's home run over left field fence; Romer's pitching and Eugene's fine team work at critical times, also Romer's pitching, having struck out eight men to Reed's two.

Score.

Eugene 11 9 3
Roseburg 0 11 3
McKune, Eugene's new second baseman is a crack-jack.

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PRINCETON DEFEATS COLUMBIA.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 14.—Princeton defeated Columbia in the dual track meet today, 61½ to 34½ points.

a majority of all the votes cast on that subject. For instance, if there are 100,000 votes cast for supreme judge, and only 10,000 of the voters mark their ballots on the question of local option, and 5001 of them vote yes on that subject, it will be a law. Or if the same number, or more, of the 10,000 vote no, it will fail to become a law. This would not be the case with a constitutional amendment, proposed in the old way. That would require a majority of all the electors voting, without reference to whether they marked their ballots on the amendment pending.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again," writes D. H. Turner, of Dempsytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c, at Dan J. Fry's drug store.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Coney, who are now stationed at Albany, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to spend a few days with their former parishioners of the Episcopal church.

Isaac A. Manning, who keeps track of local political movements for the Statesman, starts this morning for Astoria, to attend the great gathering of Odd Fellows in Grand Lodge and Encampment.

OUT AT LIBERTY

ENTHUSIASTIC REPUBLICAN
GATHERING AT THE GOOD
ROADS CENTER.

Republican Speaking at Liberty Large-ly Attended—Good Doctrine and Good Advice—Contingent From Salem.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

A clear, cool evening was the weather feature at the Republican meeting at Liberty school house last evening. The attendance, which included a large number of ladies, was sufficient to fill the auditorium of the school house, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm manifested.

Those who attended from Salem were County Chairman C. A. Murphy, Hon. J. N. Brown, Hon. Thos. B. Kay, Hon. J. H. McNary, Judge J. H. Scott, Hon. W. J. Culver, Hon. J. G. Graham, Hon. Fred Rice, Col. E. Hofer, H. H. Turner, Jas. Kyle, R. O. Donaldson, H. H. Humphreys and others.

Precedent Committee man Bruce Cunningham called the meeting to order and after stating the object of the meeting, introduced Hon. J. G. Graham who said that he was always glad to visit Liberty as he had a recent pleasant experience there with a certain picnic dinner. He said, however, that they were all out this time to work for the election of the entire Republican ticket from Judge F. A. Moore for the Supreme Court, to R. O. Donaldson, "the chaperone" of the candidates.

Mr. T. B. Kay was the next speaker, who passed the time in a discussion of local political matters and referred to his own record. He called their attention to the other legislative candidates and said all could be safely voted for. He referred to the registration law, suggesting that it should be either repealed, or so amended as to avoid the annual or biennial registration, but making it so one would register once every ten years, only, unless he should change his residence. He referred briefly to the indirect or corporation tax law which has been effect a year and which has brought to the state a income of over \$110,000, which is so much relief to the producer, realty holder, farmer and others affected by direct taxation. Referred to his position on the "child labor bill" which he supported. Mr. Kay said he was a laborer himself and knew no other mode of life. Also referred to his flat salary bill which passed the last House but failed in the Senate, charging the Democrats with equal blame for the defeat of the bill. Mr. Kay's speech was enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. Fred Rice, candidate for assessor, promised to perform his duty properly if elected, and was followed by Mr. H. H. Turner, candidate for justice of the peace, who was glad to have an opportunity to speak to the residents of the greatest good roads precinct in Oregon. Mr. Turner's speech was eloquent and pointed. He said safety of the nation lays in the integrity of the people, and that the party should elect candidates for their integrity.

Judge Scott followed with a speech that should certainly make every man in Liberty vote for him, if they had not so decided before. His speech was for good roads for this and every other section of the county. Referred to the fact that the county had been put on a cash basis during the four years of his administration, and that the county had nearly \$50,000 in the treasury for county purposes, after paying the state taxes.

to appear, having been detained unavoidably, and Mr. McNary was suffering from a severe sore throat, and as the hour was late did not speak. Mr. Krause moved a vote of thanks to those who came out from Salem to speak, and the meeting then adjourned. The meeting was fully successful, and all those present were well pleased.

Frank P. Toews, who is making the news department of the Albany Herald take on a strong metropolitan character, was in Salem over Sunday, and took home in his vest pocket the new baseball team purchased for that city.

Dr. W. C. Smith made a visit to Turner yesterday on professional business.

AGED BISHOPS MUST RETIRE

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE AT
LOS ANGELES PERFORMS A
PAINFUL AND DELICATE TASK.

FIVE BISHOPS ARE RETIRED

Senior Bishop Merrill Asks to Be Placed
On the List of Super-annuated.

These Vacancies, With Two Deaths
Which Have Occurred, Make Necessary
the Election of Eight New
Bishops By the Conference Now in
Session.

LOS ANGELES, May 14.—The Methodist Conference today performed its most delicate as well as its most painful duties. It retired from all active participation in church work five of its venerable bishops. They are Bishops Andrews, of New York; Walden, of Cincinnati; Vincent, of Sucrich, Switzerland; Mallaleu, of Boston, and Foss, of Philadelphia.

The ballot on retirement was taken at noon today and while the result is closely guarded and will not be made public until the tellers report to the Conference next Monday morning, it can be stated with every assurance that those above named will be placed on the superannuated roll. The Conference also accepted the request of Senior Bishop Merrill for retirement.

The action of the Conference today created six vacancies. These, together with two resulting from the deaths of Bishops Nind and Hurst during the last quadrennium, make necessary the election of eight bishops by the present Conference. It is also said two missionary bishops will be chosen.

A MEAN SWINDLE

HUNDREDS OF LABORERS SHIP-
PED TO BRITISH COLUMBIA
WITH PROMISE OF WORK.

SEATTLE, May 14.—One hundred and eighty-two laborers from Kansas City arrived at Vancouver, B. C., yesterday and 107 are due there in a day or two over the Canadian Pacific, all victims of what appears to be a fake employment agency scheme operated from Kansas City. One hundred other men, also from the Southwest, have come to Seattle over the Burlington in the past few days, victims of the same scheme. They were hired by the Alaska and Yukon Construction Company, room 20, No. 15 West Ninth street, Kansas City, and promised extremely high wages to go to Alaska for work in building the Alaska Central and Yukon Railroad from Valdez. As a matter of fact no railway is being built from Valdez. The Alaska Central Railroad is being built by the Tanana Construction Company from Seward. Officials of these two latter companies pronounce the Kansas City scheme a swindle. Stranded men at Vancouver have appealed to the American Consul and he is investigating the matter. The alleged agents shipped the men in large lots, securing low railroad rates thereby, and charged the men full fare, the difference being profit.

THE BANK ACCOUNT SMALL.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Chas. H. Jones, of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, E. T. Moores, county superintendent, and L. R. Traver, city superintendent, have been engaged for some months in gathering information from various parts of the state covering the financial results of the labors of school teachers, and have compiled a statistical table from the reports received which will prove somewhat interesting.

One series of the tables cover statistics from Cottage Grove, The Dalles, Antelope, Centre Point, Creswell, Oakland, Langlois, Joseph, Summerville, Pendleton, Woodburn, Ontario, Newberg, Albany, Jacksonville, Warrenton, Crowley, and Garibaldi, which include points from fifteen counties, and the averages of all these are as follows:

Salary per month, \$51.15; months employed, 8.3; salary for year, \$429.35; salary per month, \$35.78; expenses per month cost of board and lodging, \$14.48; laundry, \$1.55; clothing, \$5.40; newspapers, books, etc., \$1.18; church and charity, \$1.22; amusements and institutes, \$1.18; car fare and travel, \$1.36; recreation and summer outing, \$1 cents; health, medicine, etc., \$1.34; incidentals, \$2.99; total, \$31.09. Net gain per month, \$4.66.

Another table covers districts No. 2, 3, 9, 16, 29, 24, (Salem), 30, 33, 44, 46, 59, 63, 71, 79, 86, 82, 95 and 103, of Marion county, and the averages for those 21 districts are: Salary per month, \$43.27; months taught, 7.20; salary for year, \$320.47; per calendar month, \$26.19; board, \$11.75; laundry, \$1.23; clothing, \$7.49; papers, etc., 88 cents; church, etc., 82 cents; amusements, 73 cents; car fare and travel, \$1.44; recreation, \$1.62; health and medicine, \$1.52; incidentals, \$1.61;

WILLIAM R. HEARST IS STILL A DEMOCRAT

total expense, \$27.03. Net gain per calendar month, \$2.28. The showing on its face does not make the profession of teaching look very lucrative.

Lost Two Goats—

Bill Ramsden of this city, is bewailing the loss of two fine goats, from his farm out on Howell Prairie. They were killed by dogs, or a dog. The old fashioned billy goat, the kind that used to live in the back yards on the tin cans and other like provender, were tough, and they could stand off a sheep killing dog, and would not make good eating for such a dog any way. But the silken fleeced and lady like little Angora nannies of commerce and the fancy is a very different animal. Hence this mourning. Bill wants the men who are running for the Legislature to agree to enact a law making a goat killing dog an outlaw, like the outlaws of the olden time, whom any one might with impunity knock on the head or fill with lead, for the good of the general state. A goat killing dog, he thinks, and most Willamette valley farmers will conclude, is the meanest and mangiest thing that walks on four legs, excepting perhaps, the sheep killing dog.

Jenks Harding, Democratic candidate for sheriff, was a visitor in Turner yesterday, looking after his political fences.

IS STILL SHORT

SIX HUNDRED NAMES NECESSARY
TO EQUAL REGISTRATION
OF 1902.

County Clerk Roland Decides to Hold
Books Open Until 5 O'Clock P. M.
Tomorrow—Many Voters Expected
to Take Advantage of Extra Day—
Registration to Date.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

County Clerk J. W. Roland has decided to keep the registration books open until 5 o'clock tomorrow (Monday) afternoon. Mr. Roland received an opinion to this effect from Deputy District Attorney J. H. McNary several days ago, but did not fully decide as to what course he would pursue until yesterday, on account of the adverse opinion recently rendered by Attorney General Crawford.

The books were kept open until 8 o'clock last evening and when the office was finally closed the records showed a total of 5359 registrations. This is still 605 short of the registration of 1902, and it is not likely that the difference will be made up, although it is expected that a large number of voters will take advantage of the extra day and have their names added to the list tomorrow.

The registration as it now stands in the different precincts is as follows:

Aumsville	128
Aurora	112
Breitenbush	33
Brooks	159
Butteville	113
Champoeg	247
Chemawa	24
Elkhorn	11
Fairfield	35
Gervais	194
Horeb	76
Howell	102
Hubbard	144
Jefferson	158
Liberty	267
Maclean	73
Marion	77
Mehama	90
Monitor	83
Mount Angel	126
Salem No. 1	164
Salem No. 2	363
Salem No. 3	165
Salem No. 4	273
Salem No. 5	203
Salem No. 6	200
Salem No. 7	151
Salem, East	91
Scotts Mills	17
Sidney	55
Silver Falls	15
Silverton, South	105
Silverton	174
Silverton, North	120
St. Paul	99
Stanton	126
Sublimity	144
Turner	173
Woodburn	343
Total	5359

WISDOM OF NOVELISTS.

There is no man so cautious about money as your reformed spendthrift—G. B. Burgin.

Men who stand much upon their dignity have not, as a rule, much else to stand upon.—Seton Merriman.

The virtues of our loved ones we admire. Their failings we would forget. But over their follies we love to linger smiling.—Jerome R. Jerome.

Any fool can get a notion. It needs training to drive a thing through training and conviction, not rushing after the first fancy.—Rudyard Kipling.

Sometimes a chance remark, which has very little significance for the person who makes it, is like an aperture that lets in light on the whole character.—Sarah Grand.

Superstition, in its essence, is merely a recognition of the truth that in a universe of mysteries and contradictions, like ours, nothing conceivable or inconceivable is impossible.—Henry Harland.

DECLARES HIS INTENTION TO
SUPPORT THE NOMINEE AT
ST. LOUIS, WHOEVER HE IS

NO BOLT IS CONTEMPLATED

Another Day of Fruitless Balloting in
Illinois and Adjournment Tak-
en to Monday Afternoon.

The Delegates Refused to Be Governed
by Leading Party Managers and Per-
sist in Voting as They Please—At-
tempt to Stampede Convention Fails
—Result of Ballot.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—William R. Hearst will support the nominee of the St. Louis Democratic convention, whoever he may be. He today authorized the Washington Post to make this statement unequivocally. He ridicules the story sent from Albany that he and Mr. Bryan, Arthur Brisbane, J. B. Weaver of Iowa, and others were planning a huge bolt and the formation of a new party. He said he had been making his fight for nomination in the name of progressive Democracy, but his fight had been within party lines and would continue to be so. What ever the result, he intended, personally and through his newspapers, to support the regular ticket.

Another Fruitless Day.

Springfield, Ill., May 14.—After another day of fruitless balloting the Republican state convention adjourned at 7:55 p. m., until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, without having broken the gubernatorial deadlock. Tonight the party leaders were in conference attempting to bring about a solution of the situation, but they were powerless to do so. Delegates to the convention have taken things into their own hands and with practically unanimity they decline to be delivered by the men at the head of the organization.

The only change in the situation today resulted in a slight advantage to Attorney General Hamlin. On the 23d ballot he gained 38 votes, and his enthusiastic followers made an attempt to stampede the convention to him. They failed, however, and on the next ballot he lost 13 votes which had gone to him.

The last ballot taken resulted as follows: Yates, 483 4-5; Lowden, 398; Deenen, 375; Hamlin, 135 4-5; Warner, 36 4-5; Sherman, 49; Pierce, 21.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$7322 as follows:

Emma A. Johnson et al to C. D. Minton, lots 9 and 10, block 82, Salem; wd.	\$ 3,100
N. A. and G. C. Lee to H. Rue, 10.01 acres in t 7 s, r 1 w; wd.	1,500
M. F. and M. L. Ryan to R. A. Pfeil, lot 5, block 8, North Salem; wd.	1,190
P. M. and C. M. Cammack to David S. Livesay, lot 2, block 3, in Woodburn; wd.	500
R. L. and M. Young to Thos. Howell, .45 of an acre sec. 10, t 6 s, r 1 w; wd.	400
J. G. Parker to Geo. H. Jones, 2.60 acres in Salem; wd.	200
D. S. and M. J. Livesay to A. Davidson, the south one-third of lot 2, block 4, Woodburn; wd.	200
D. S. and M. J. Livesay to A. P. Brainerd, the middle one-third of lot 2, block 4, Woodburn; wd.	200
R. T. Rowland to E. J. Wardle, lot 5, block 24, Highland addition to Salem; wd.	30
C. and A. T. Cone to Maude M. Johnson, 40 acres in sec. 33, t 3 s, r 1 w; wd.	1
Wm. Ratzeburg, et ux, to Capital National Bank, 52 acres in t 8 s, r 3 w; wd.	1
Total	\$ 7,322

He's on the Road—

This is from the Corvallis Times: The Salem Statesman in winding up a social item describing a recent marriage of prominent people says, "The happy couple has gone to the asylum where the honeymoon will be spent." The fellow who wrote that slander on the society editor of the Statesman is evidently in a condition to be soon placed

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