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NEW KID BELTS, ALL COLORS
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BIG DEFICIT.

The Directors of the May Festival Face Shortage But Pay the Bills Without Murmuring.

The directors of the Oratorio Society met last night and audited its bills. The total expenses amounted to \$836 the principal items being \$475 for orchestra, and soloists \$145. The additional \$191 being made up for hall rent, advertising, and other small items. The receipts were \$498, leaving a deficit of \$348.

In order to give the people of Salem the best May Festival ever presented in Oregon it was necessary to get the best musicians in the orchestra that could be had, and for some of these it cost \$7.50 per day and expenses. The best soloists in the Northwest were secured and they charged accordingly.

At the May Festivals at both Corvallis and Eugene the attendance was such that the receipts were more than sufficient to meet the expenses, those at the latter place being over \$1400, as against \$498 at Salem, and yet Salem is classed as a musical town and boasts of two and a half times the population of the city referred to.

The managers of the Oratorio Society however, say they are not discouraged and will pay all bills in full, and promptly. They have arranged with Mr. M. Edwin Robinson of Chicago, to put on Esther, the Beautiful Queen, a sacred opera. The costumes which Mr. Robinson furnishes cost something like \$3000, and are gorgeously oriental. The

music is bright and sparkling and is in no sense classical. The drills and dancing of the king's maidens will be one of the special features. It will be given in the Grand Opera House, Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16. It is not unlikely that Miss Ethel May Raymond will be here and take the part of Queen Esther.

Prof. R. A. Heritage told the writer a few days ago that Mr. Robinson gave Queen Esther as he had seen no other person give it, that he was the best in that line he had ever known. So the people of Salem will be given an opportunity to contribute to make up the deficit and attend the best presentation of non-classical music ever given in Salem. All parts will be committed and it will be given without books. As soon as arrangements are completed further announcements will be made.

PROMISE OF SETTLEMENT.

ROME, May 23.—Information received by the Vatican authorities, indicates that the situation growing out of the papal protest against President Loubet's visit to Rome and the recall of Ambassador Nisard has assumed a more satisfactory phase. It is understood the Vatican has been assured that the government, unless compelled by action of the Chamber of Deputies, practically intends to allow the matter to drop.

LOOKING AFTER THE BOYS.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Roosevelt left here today for Groton, Mass., to attend prize day exercises at the school which Theodore, Jr., and Kermit Roosevelt attend.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND JAPANESE KILLED AT PORT ARTHUR

SUCH IS RUSSIAN VERSION OF REPORTED LAND ATTACK ON THAT STRONGHOLD.

RUSSIAN LOSS THREE THOUSAND

Ludicrous Experience of an American Railroad Magnate While Traveling in Japan.

The Russian Battleship Orel Said to Be Damaged By an Explosion and Ten Stokers Killed—Russians Evidently Preparing a Retreat—Japs Defeat Band of Cossacks in Corea.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has received a message from the Russian Consul at Chefoo saying the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur and in doing so lost 15,000 men killed or wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 3000 men. The ultimate outcome of the fighting is not stated.

The Orel Damaged.

London, May 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News says there was an explosion today on the battleship Orel at Cronstadt and ten stokers were killed. The vessel, the correspondent says, was damaged and it will take weeks to effect repairs. The explosion, according to the dispatch, was the result of an accumulation of gas in her bunkers.

Hoodooed in Japan.

Omaha, Neb., May 23.—Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific railroad, who has been traveling in the Orient, has written to a friend in this city that shortly after his arrival in Japan newspapers all over the Empire published an article to the effect that he was about to be placed in control of the trans-Siberian railroad. He was at once placed under espionage, and Japanese detectives followed him from place to place until he was forced to appeal to the American Consul for relief. The Consul secured a retraction by the press of the story that had caused the trouble.

Preparing to Retreat.

London, May 24.—A dispatch to the Mail from Yankow says: "The Japanese army is mobilizing at Hiroshima. A change in the Japanese plan arising from the naval disaster involves utilizing the second army for a reliction of Port Arthur and therefore the first army is retreating at Feng Wang Cheng."

The Post's Shanghai correspondent says it is reported that the Russians are removing stores and provisions to Harbin and 100 locomotives and 800 cars are collected at Liao Yang in readiness to convey passengers and goods. Therefore, he says, the conclusion is that the Russians are preparing to retreat.

Japs Rout Cossacks.

Fusan, Corea, May 23.—A company of Japanese infantry routed a company of Cossacks at Sementu yesterday. The Japanese did not suffer any casualties, while native reports say the Russians lost 20 men. The Russians are still in Hain Yen, their position being a semi-circle with all its parts about 50 miles distant from Feng Wang Cheng.

Big Catch, If True.

Paris, May 24.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "It is persistently rumored that the Vladivostok squadron has captured three cruisers bought by Japan from Chile."

WELCOME TO MARION COUNTY.

KLAMA, Wash., May 23.—Probably the oldest couple that ever came to Oregon to make a new home were on board the Northern Pacific train Saturday. Henry Altnow, aged 92, and his wife, aged 89, passed through here on their way from Gaylord, Minn., to Woodburn, Or., where their son, Henry J. Altnow, lives. Mr. and Mrs. Altnow celebrated the 69th anniversary of their marriage April 27. They are in fairly good health and stood the trip well.

A NICE IMPROVEMENT.

Chairman Manning, of the city park board, is busy these days with a force of men clearing the ground for a 12-foot avenue down through the center of Willson Park, exactly in line westward from the walk leading from the main steps of the Capitol. The location of the avenue has been surveyed and staked off, and yesterday the ground was plowed, to make possible the removal of the sod and such part of the soil as is necessary to make a level and

uniform grade. When this is done a foundation of screened gravel will be laid, on top of which will be put a heavy coating of decomposed granite. It is the intention later to construct serpentine walks from this main avenue to Court and State streets, at the several intersections, thus giving a pleasing landscape effect. The familiar old band stand, which stood in the center, was moved south a little distance yesterday and the removal of a few trees became necessary also. When these improvements are completed and the Breyman fountain is in place, the view westward from the steps of the Capitol will be much more pleasing to the eye and the Salem citizen who is showing the sights to an Eastern friend will not be so anxious to take him to the highest steps so that his eye will skip over the nearby scene and survey only the Polk county hills.

Dr. A. A. Jessup was a Portland visitor on Sunday.

FRUIT DAMAGED

CHERRY AND PRUNE CROP WILL BE SMALL—PLENTY OF STRAWBERRIES.

Marion County Fruit Growers' Union Meets But Excludes Reporters and Spies as Common Enemies—Strawberries Will Probably Be Contracted to Canneries—Secretary Kyle Reports.

The Marion County Fruit Growers' Union held a meeting Saturday afternoon in the court room of the Marion county court house, and a large number of small fruit growers from Marion and Polk counties were present to listen to the report of the secretary, J. M. Kyle, who recently returned from a trip through Portland and the Sound cities, looking after a market for cherries and strawberries.

Mr. Kyle's report was satisfactory inasmuch as it showed that he had thoroughly investigated the market conditions, but was not gratifying or promising of great things. It is likely that not much can be expected from the markets on the Sound, as the crop in the Willamette valley is behind about ten days, on account of a late season, and will come on at the same time as the Washington crop, consequently there will be no great demand for Oregon small fruit in those markets, and it is likely most of the berries from the Union will be sold to the canneries.

Deals are pending with several canneries, and one vague offer is claimed to have been made from a Portland canner of 4 cents per pound for strawberries. The Salem Canning Company has offered 3 1/2 cents and the Union voted before adjourning to sell to this firm in case 3 1/2 cents could be secured. This latter figure was set as the minimum price to be accepted by members of the Union for strawberries.

The reporter is unable to give a full account of the meeting, as after being invited to attend, and remaining fully ten minutes, he was gently informed that his presence was not desired. Shortly after his appearance, the president demanded a roll call to ascertain if there might not perchance be a traitor present, and while this was being done, the reporter awkwardly bowed himself out. The Statesman desires at all times to give all the news regarding the doings of the farmers and fruit growers, on account of the great importance of this great industry to the welfare of the community.

Fruit growers report various conditions of the cherry crop. In a few sections there will be a full crop, in others not more than a half crop, and in some none at all. It is thought at present that not more than half a crop can be expected throughout the valley.

The prune crop is in much worse condition, and not more than a third of a crop is expected. Some of the Rosedale growers expect a full crop, but at Liberty many orchards are almost a failure, and conditions are even worse North of Salem. Many of the orchards there are totally barren of fruit. The same reports are being received from Roseburg, and of a total failure from Clark county, Vancouver.

The apple crop will be larger this year, and the splendid red apples which have made Oregon famous will be gathered in great abundance next fall, and will be all the more valuable on account of the shortage of other fruits.

Apple trees all over the country seem to be loaded, from the sour, scrubby seedling to the big red Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, and the golden Bellflowers and Pippins. The young fruit has already attained considerable size, beyond all danger of frost and is thrifly growing.

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT.

MONTE VIDEO, Uruguay, May 23.—President Ordinez announces a victory over the revolutionists by the government troops under General Muniz. Eight revolutionists were killed and 200 wounded.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

BRYAN-HEARST MEN PROCLAIM THEIR ABILITY TO WIN OUT IN OHIO.

OPPONENTS MAKE LIKE CLAIM

There is Evidently a Warm Time Ahead When Factions Clash in the Convention.

New York State Democratic Central Committee Opens Headquarters at St. Louis and Will Take Care of Judge Parker's Interests Until Convention.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 23.—The

Hearst men claim a majority of twenty in the State Central Committee to morrow when the contests will be determined. The Bryan-Hearst men call themselves the "regulars," and the others the "re-organizers." Their opponents call themselves the "Conservatives," and the others "Radicals." The Bryan-Hearst men's poll for the 723 delegates is: Regulars, 351; Re-organizers, 172; doubtful, 200, the last named including the contested seats. The Conservatives say the contest will be decided in their favor by the committee on credentials, no matter what the State Committee does, and that their poll shows 323 Conservatives and 200 Radicals, without the 200 contested seats, and when the convention is permanently organized any ballot will show 523 Conservatives to 200 Radicals.

Taking Care of Parker.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—Headquarters for the New York State Democratic Committee were opened today at the Southern Hotel, under direction of Edgar S. Marston, who will be in charge for the present. Until the National Convention, the headquarters will also look after the interests of Parker.

For Democratic Convention.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—A sub-committee of the Democratic National Committee met here today and practically completed arrangements for the Democratic National Convention and adjourned to meet again June 15. The disposition of tickets for seats in the convention hall was taken care of and other matters were arranged. A resolution was adopted providing that "all applications for press tickets for newspapers for the Democratic National convention shall be made in the name of the publishers or managing editors of

TWO CANADIAN BANKERS SUPPOSED TO BE DROWNED

the newspapers and must be filed with Charles H. Mann, press gallery, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on or before June 8."

BIG STRIKE IMMINENT.

NEW YORK, May 23.—At a meeting of representatives of the Teamsters and Freight Handlers' Unions late tonight it was decided that unless the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford system consent to meet a committee from the strikers early tomorrow, the teamsters will go out in sympathy with the freight handlers. According to President Curran of the union, 58,000 will be involved.

FIRE AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Or., May 23.—Fire broke out in the Combination barber shop, in the heart of the business section of Albany, yesterday at noon. The shop was ruined, but a spread of the flames was prevented by good work of the fire department.

SUITS ARGUED

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT HEARS DISPUTE OVER DISTRIBUTION OF E. E. STOCK.

Harriman and Pierce Want to Receive Back the Identical \$79,000,000 of Northern Pacific Stock Which They Put in to the Northern Securities Company—The Tyner-Barrett Case Going to Jury.

TRENTON, N. J., May 23.—Argu-

ments were closed before Judge Bradford in the United States circuit court today in the case of the application of E. H. Harriman and Winslow F. Pierce to restrain the supposed plan of distribution of the assets of the Northern Securities Company, which was decided by the supreme court of the United States to be an illegal combination. Argument on both sides turned largely on the question as to the title to Northern Pacific stock which Harriman and Pierce put into the combination and which amounted to about \$79,000,000. The main contention of the Securities Company was that the stock had become the absolute property of that company, and it was perfectly legal for it to carry out the pro rata plan of distribution. The complaint's principal point was that by reason of the illegal combination, the title to the Northern Pacific stock had not passed from Harriman and Pierce, and in consequence they were entitled to have returned to them the particular stock they put into the combination and which involved control of the Northern Pacific Company.

The Tyner-Barrett Case.

Washington, May 23.—The Tyner-Barrett conspiracy case will be given to the jury within two or three days. The introduction of testimony was concluded at the morning session of court today. Arguments to the jury by counsel will probably be limited to two days.

BY THE CAPSIZING OF A BOAT IN LAKE OROMOCTO, IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

REPORT OF CORWIN'S WRECK

But Subsequent Information Shows That the Story Can Have No Foundation.

Valuable Power Plant on the Boise River Near Idaho's Capital, Swept Away By Flood, Involving Loss of \$150,000—Owners of Plant Live in New Hampshire.

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 23.—John H. Thompson, one of the most prominent shipping men in Canada, and R. P. Foster, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, are believed to have been drowned by the capsizing of a boat in Lake Oromocto yesterday.

Wreck of Corwin Reported.

Tacoma, May 23.—A report is current today supposed to have originated at Victoria, B. C., to the effect that wreckage from the Nome steamer, Corwin, have been found on the west shore of Vancouver island.

Report Is Contradicted.

Seattle, May 23.—The steamer Cottage City reports passing the Corwin May 21, between Ketchikan and Wrangell Narrows. This information fully disproves the sensational report to the effect that the Corwin was lost on the Vancouver island coast. When sighted by the Cottage City she was apparently heading into the narrows. So far as the Cottage City officers could observe the Corwin was in no trouble whatever.

Big Plant Destroyed.

Boise, Idaho, May 23.—The plant of the Highland Power Company, on the Boise river, 20 miles above this city, was swept away yesterday afternoon. The loss is about \$150,000. The river had been dammed with a crib dam and the power house stood under the river bank 60 feet below the dam. This plant was used for pumping water for placer mining, and was to be converted into an electric plant when the placer ground had been exhausted. The home office of the company is in New Hampshire.

GROWERS WELL SATISFIED.

PENDLETON, Or., May 23.—In the first sales today at Pendleton this year under the auspices of the Wool Growers' Association, 200,000 pounds of wool were sold, prices being 10 1/2 to 14 1/2 cents. There was a falling off in both price and quantity from the first sales day last year. The growers are well satisfied, however.

GOT HIS DESERTS.

NEW YORK, May 23.—David Rothschild, former president of the defunct Federal Bank, who last week was convicted of grand larceny, today was sentenced to serve nine years in the state prison. Rothschild was found guilty of the theft of a note of \$10,000 belonging to a man named Neesler, while the former was president of the bank.

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