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First Delegates Will Arrive for the Convention Tonight

All Political Controversies Will Be Cut Out of the Proceedings Entirely

The attendance at the Willamette Valley Development Convention promises to be so large that the city council chamber will not begin to hold the crowd, and the committee this afternoon decided to secure the army in the third floor of the same building. This will seat from 300 to 500 people.

Withdrawal of the Portland Development convention will make the Salem gathering the big state event of the kind for this year, and larger delegations will be the result. The Salem convention may have to be held in a larger hall, and may have more delegates than attendance than had been expected.

The Banquet
At Hotel Willamette will be the grand feature, and Salem people who hold extra tickets are already offering the committee the use of the tickets to seat all the visitors first, and will take what is left for the home guests. This is the right spirit—the Salem way of doing things—and will insure a grand result for the success of the convention.

The reception committee met this morning under call of Mayor Waters and made arrangements to meet all trains and boats, and also have a part of their committee at the hotels to welcome delegates.

Flags and hunting have been tendered for the decoration of the city, and will be used by the committee on decoration, composed of Chief of Police

Cornelius, Milton Meyers and Fred A. Wiggins.

Landlord Conner announces that he has added Toke Point oysters on the half-shell to the menu, and that his dining room will be made as beautiful as greenhouse and national colors can make it. The indications are that every plate of the 200 to be provided will be taken.

A Salem special to a Portland paper has this:
The abandonment of the annual convention of the Oregon Development League, as announced today, is expected to increase very materially the attendance at the Willamette Valley League convention, which will meet here Thursday at 11:30 a. m. Great preparations have been made for the convention, and the whole day will be crowded full of discussions upon subjects of interest to the commercial welfare of the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon.

From information received by the committees in charge of the work, it is evident that there will be delegates from every valley county, and from all the larger-valley towns.

The banquet in the evening, when the members of the Greater Salem Commercial Club will entertain the delegates and visitors at the Willamette Hotel, will be not the least of the features of the convention. A good program of toasts will be arranged and some of the best speakers in the western part of the state will be heard.

ENVELOPE JAPANESE WATCHWORD

One Wing of Army Seeks to Cut Off Retreat of Fleeing Cossacks

St. Petersburg Looks on Latest Move With Concern and Fears for Safety of Troops

St. Petersburg, March 22.—General Linevitch reports today that on Monday the Russian advance posts observed Japanese cavalry in large numbers, behind which appeared numerous bodies of infantry near the village of Machantzky. This is taken here to mean that General Kawamura's army is about to attempt an enveloping movement from the Russian rear, and fear is expressed as to the probable outcome.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A dispatch from Gunshu Pass, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, stated that General Kuropatkin arrived there yesterday to assume command of the first army. He received a great ovation from the troops. This place, which has a large railroad station and Red Cross settlement, with all army facilities, is now an enormous camp, overflowing with soldiers. The booming of guns was heard on the right flank today.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A dispatch from Gunshu Pass, dated March 20th, states: "Our rear guard now occupies Aipingha, 70 miles north of Tie Ling. The enemy continues to follow, but the pursuit is slow. The main Japanese army is apparently remaining in Tie Ling, and our four-days' rest at Tie Ling gave us a chance to reform our army and recover from recent hardships. Since then the march has continued in orderly fashion, but so rapidly that many horses and cattle have died of exhaustion. Our columns have moved along a half dozen roads, parallel with the railway. There's a report that a force of irregulars, which was operating to the eastward, was cut off before the news of the battle of Mukden reached them, and they were compelled to retire to the northeast, probably making for Kirin."

St. Petersburg, March 22.—It is reported that the Czar intends to issue an order making education compulsory throughout Russia, and that the Zemstvos will be invited to send delegates to St. Petersburg to discuss the matter with the minister of public instruction.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A telegram from Libau states that the authorities have not yet been able to organize the proposed fourth squadron, on account of the inability to secure seamen. Many of the officers are mere boys, without sea training, and the crews are composed largely of peasants never before aboard a ship.

London, March 22.—A dispatch to Reuters' Agency states that the Russian army has reached a place of safety, but irregulars and stragglers were cut off by the Japanese. The place of the Russian rendezvous is not given.

Japs Launch Vessel.
Newcastle, Eng., March 22.—The battleship Kashima was launched today at the Elswick ship yard. The Kashima is one of the most powerful vessels of her class.

Bomb Was Deadly.
Warsaw, March 22.—Three of the six soldiers who were wounded by the bomb explosion last night on Volsk street are reported dying. No arrests have been made.

Meteor Fell in Streets.
Portland, March 22.—A fiery visitor from the heavens, called by savants a meteor, was overpowered by curiosity to visit Portland yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock, probably to investigate the Lewis and Clark expedition. But if

this was so, the meteor missed its location by more than a mile, for it landed on the pavement at First and Oak streets, and the largest piece fell into a pool of water, where it hissed and spluttered. Three feet away stood Special Officer Childress, thanking his stars that the meteor didn't land on him. He waited until the fiery visitor had time to cool, and afterwards took the fragments to an assayer, who gave their weight as seven and one-half pennyweights. He also analyzed the fragments, and said they consisted of crystallized quartz, white in hue, and so "feathered" by heat that part resembled pumice stone. If the fragments could speak, what a strange tale they could tell! Childress insists that the meteor is a bona fide one, and that no

INTEREST DEVELOPS IN TRIAL

Beef Trust Inquiry Shows That Packers Fear Final Results

Chicago, March 22.—The federal court is infested with agents of the beef trust, and many ugly rumors are heard concerning their work. Detectives are watching their movements, and the coming trials promise to become the most noted for years.

Chicago, March 22.—The federal grand jury impaneled to investigate the alleged beef trust was completed this morning with 22 men. They were sworn in and instructed by Judge Humphrey, who said the matter to be presented involved violations of the United States statutes. He directed the jurors' attention to the law which

fixes the penalty for a violation of the laws against restraint in trade. He cautioned the jury to exercise the greatest secrecy. The bailiffs were sworn in to guard the jury from improper intrusion. Eight witnesses were summoned to appear before the jury forthwith. The agents of the packers are everywhere in evidence about the building in which the jury sessions are held.

years, was this morning committed to the reform school on the complaint of his mother, Mrs. H. McConville. The plaintiff stated that the lad was incorrigible, paying no attention to the wishes and desires of his elders. It was further stated that the boy stayed out late at night, and sometimes did not return until the next day. These were considered sufficient reasons to warrant sending the boy up.

Boy Sent to Reform School.
Chester McConville, a youth of 13

NEW YORK BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

New York, March 22.—The Empire State building, a nine-story structure at the corner of Broadway and Bleeker street, is burning. The three upper floors are in flames, and as a large num-

ber of girls are employed in the building, it is feared that a great loss of life will result.

ROBBERS KILLED MERCHANT

Los Angeles, March 22.—Robbers murdered J. W. Shumate, a merchant at Colton, last night. Shumate was sleeping in his store, and the robbers pried open the front door. It is evident that the merchant made a fight with a shotgun, one barrel of which had been fired, which was found by his side. A revolver, with five chambers empty, was found in the store.

Flowers Find Mrs. Stanford's Casket.

Palo Alto, March 22.—Behind drawn curtains, and the door open only to those who have business there, the remains of Mrs. Stanford rest today in the parlor of the Stanford mansion on the university campus. All morning long almost an unbroken line of men carrying flowers, sent from all parts of the state, have been making their way up the road to the residence. Among the early callers was Prof. Jordan, who came to see that there was no hitch in the funeral arrangements. Miss Berner also called, remaining a few minutes. Her grief shows plainly, and only her indomitable will prevents a physical collapse. The student body met today and adopted resolutions of respect.

Deposition Was Valueless.

Sheridan, Wyo., March 22.—The principal deposition for the defense in the Cody divorce case was torn to pieces by the objections of Judge Ridgley, Cody's attorney. But a short time will be allowed for arguments, and the decision will be passed down Saturday.

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