

DOWAGER STEPS BACK

Chinese Empress Appoints Commission to Breathe the Public for Her.

IS PERHAPS NOT SO ARBITRARY NOW

New Plan Seems to Indicate Less Inclination to Run Things Herself.

MEN CROSS NOT THE MOST DESIRABLE

Too Weak or Too Hostile to Aid Foreign Movement Much.

WASHINGTON THINKS NEWS IMPORTANT

Believes She Seeks to Place Herself in Position to Deny Responsibility for Future Events in China.

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The empress dowager has appointed a board of national administration to relieve her of her public functions. They embrace three members of the cabinet now with the empress at Siang Fu and Prince Ching, Viceroy Li and Prince Kung, who are now in Peking.

This news is regarded as of importance, indicating as it does the relinquishment by the empress dowager of the arbitrary powers she heretofore has exercised. It also is apparent that she has placed herself in a position to deny responsibility to the foreigners for whatever may happen in the future and the board will have to bear the brunt of any complaint.

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TEACHES TO READ AND TO SEE

Vienna Physician Uses Brains to Distinguish White and Black Objects.

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He was induced to attempt the method, because he had taught seventy-two deaf and dumb children with normal ears to hear and speak by working on the brain. The method consists in teaching the child in a perfectly dark room with one moveable disc of light to distinguish the light from darkness he has been unable to see.

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AMERICAN ACTRESS ACQUITTED

Sylvia Thorn's Complaint Against Miss Donkersley in London is Dismissed.

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GRASPS BEAUMONT FIELDS

Standard Oil Company Has New Texas Wells Nailed In.

BUYS ALL PORT ARTHUR TERMINALS

Also the Wharves and Thereby Gains Control of the Outlet and Incidentally the Gashears Themselves.

BEAUMONT, Tex., April 26.—The Beaumont Oil exchange today posted the statement that the Standard Oil company had purchased the railroad terminals, wharves and shipping facilities at Port Arthur and 90,000 acres of land surrounding the port. The price was not given.

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Judge A. M. Post of Columbus, Neb., is in the city. He leaves for home tomorrow.

Second Lieutenant Graham L. Johnson, Eleventh United States infantry, has been ordered to Omaha for recruiting duty under Colonel William F. Spurgin, Fourth United States infantry, at Sixteenth and Dodge streets.

These reserve agents have been approved: Continental National bank of Chicago; First National of Des Moines; National bank of Des Moines for Pella; National bank of Pella, Ia.

The application to convert the McCook County State bank of Salem, S. D., into the First National of Salem, with \$25,000 capital, has been approved.

Dr. A. A. Colton was appointed pension examining surgeon, at Vermillion, S. D.

CABINET MEMBERS SANGUINE

Hopital that After Cuban Commission Returns 'Will Be Accepted.'

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The cabinet meeting today, the last one before the president's departure for the coast, was occupied almost exclusively with the discussion of the visit of the Cuban commission. Secretary Root, who has been conducting the conference with the commission, admitted rather exhaustively an account of the interviews he had with them.

He told the president and the cabinet of the objections which the commissioners raised to the Platt amendment and of some of the misrepresentations regarding it.

There was a general exchange of opinion among the members of the cabinet regarding the situation and in light of the views expressed, Secretary Root will hold another conference with the commissioners before their departure. The president will not see them again, except to formally bid them farewell.

While there are one or two points upon which some of the members of the commission are insistent the general feeling of the cabinet, as reflected in their exchange of views today, was that the result of the commission's visit could not be beneficial in relieving erroneous impressions which it is expected are entertained in the constitutional convention regarding the purposes of the United States.

Altogether it would not be too much to say that the cabinet generally regarded the convention, after hearing the report of the commission, will be much more disposed to accept our terms than it has been heretofore.

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FIRST CLASH ON THE GRADE

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 26.—A special to the Herald from Uvada, Utah, says: The first clash between the Short Line and Senator Clark's forces for possession of the disputed Utah and California grade occurred today, when twenty-two wagons loaded with ties were driven up to the right-of-way by order of Superintendent Young. The first team was promptly stopped by the Clark forces. Sheriff Johnson then demanded that the teams be allowed to pass over the public roads, but the Clark forces again refused to allow the teams to proceed.

The teams then attempted to force their horses through, but the Clark men, heavily reinforced and armed with shotguns and pick-axes, rushed to the horses' heads and again stopped them.

For two hours the struggle was kept up, several of the teamsters in the meantime succeeding in breaking through and getting their wagons on to the right-of-way. Finally the Clark forces asked for an armistice, and an agreement was reached whereby the wagons are not to be unloaded and the Clark forces are to retire to their second line of defense, at the barbed wire tracks, two miles down the grade, pending a determination in court of the respective rights of the claimants. This action, it is believed, removes the danger of further clash between the rival forces.

RATES FOR THE ENDEAVORS

Western Roads Arrange a Cut for the Society's Convention in Cincinnati, July 6-10.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Western roads have agreed on rates for the annual convention of the United Society of Christian Endeavor to be held at Cincinnati, July 6 to 10. The rate in western territory will be one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, except from points from which the rate to the eastern gateway of the western roads is \$5 or less, where it will be a fare and a third for the round trip, to be added to one for the round trip from the eastern gateway to Cincinnati. At points from which the rate to Chicago is \$2, or less, 50 cents will be added to cover the transfer on the return trip. The tickets will be sold July 4, 5 and 6, but passengers must reach eastern gateway not earlier than July 5, or later than July 7. The return trip may be begun not earlier than July 8, or later than July 14, except that by depositing tickets with the joint agent at Cincinnati, on or before July 21 and paying 50 cents, the return limit may be extended to leave Cincinnati August 31.

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JIM CALLAHAN'S DEFENSE THWARTED

A motion to instruct a verdict finding Jim Callahan not guilty of robbery as charged in the complaint upon which he is being tried has been overruled by the court, and it will now be necessary for the defense to proceed with the introduction of whatever evidence it has at hand.

The motion to instruct for acquittal was made on the ground that the facts alleged in the complaint, constituting the crime of robbery, had not been sustained by the evidence adduced by the state.

Callahan's counsel argued that Mr. Cudaby delivered up the \$25,000 willingly and without having force and violence exercised over him.

It was also argued that the money was not taken from the person of Mr. Cudaby, but was given up by him voluntarily.

General Cowin, for the state, argued that the threat of the abductors to burn out the eyes of Mr. Cudaby's son put him in the fear that forced him to give up the money. It was this fear that constituted the force and violence necessary to complete the crime of robbery.

Judge Baker agreed with General Cowin and overruled the motion to instruct the jury.

The defense will now undertake to establish an alibi.

GIGANTIC LABOR UNION

If Capital is to Have Its Trusts, So is the Workingman.

ALL BRANCHES TO JOIN FEDERATION

All the Unions of the Country to Unite in Central Council of the United States, for Co-Operation Among All Classes.

PITTSBURGH, April 26.—The Dispatch today says: At a meeting in this city on May 3 a movement will be started for the organization of the Central Labor Council of the United States, which is aimed to be an amalgamation of all the labor unions of the country with central headquarters, the object being to secure co