

Secede From Old Order.

Japan's Strength in the Field.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 8.—The Junior Order of United American Mechanics, which has been in existence half a century and has a membership that extends throughout the entire country, is facing a critical situation as a result of the disunion in its ranks. There has been trouble in the order for years, but it was not until recently that matters reached an acute stage. The national convention was in session at Minneapolis in June, 1899, when the National Council made changes in the object of the order, it is said. Many of the members declared that this action was arbitrary, and that the matter should have been put to a popular vote. The Council decided to establish an insurance branch, and appropriated money from the National Council to defray expenses. Immediately after the convention a protest came from five states. It was ignored. The insurgents refused to pay any more per capita tax. Charges were preferred against the state council of Pennsylvania, and there was a trial before the judiciary board of the national body. As a result the state council was directed to pay the national tax or forfeit its charter. The tax was paid. Then the insurgents, representing twenty-five councils, asked the National Board to call a special session to settle the differences. The request was ignored. The council was threatened with mandamus proceedings, and a call for a meeting for June, 1900, was issued. Seven days before this meeting the National Council met in Philadelphia and decided that any subordinate council delinquent in its per capita tax could not be represented in the state council's session. More trouble ensued and the feeling grew very bitter. The subordinate councils insisted upon representation, and were arrested and fined for contempt of court. In September the act of secession was officially carried out, and the insurgents instituted suit to determine which set of officers had been regularly elected. No decision was rendered until last month, when the court declared in favor of the officers chosen by the regulars, and said they were entitled to act for the order. This led to the final split in the order. Two weeks ago the insurgents met in convention at Reading and organized under the name of the Order of Independent Americans. The promoters of the insurgent movement are now planning an organization even greater than that from which its members seceded. There are said to be about 100,000 seceders from the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. A conference has been called to enlist all of these in the new organization and later steps will be taken to extend the membership throughout the country. The first national convention of the new order is to be held at Altoona in September.

London, July 8.—There are four Japanese armies now in the field, three of which are acting in cooperation in the general advance against General Kurapatkin in Manchuria, leaving the fourth engaged in the siege of Port Arthur. The four armies are accompanied respectively by Generals Kuroki, Oku, Nodzu and Nogi. Marquis Oyama, the commander-in-chief, is expected in Manchuria the coming week to take supreme command of the four armies. The First Army, General Kuroki's, is that which was disembarked at Chemulpho between February 8 and March 1, consisting of 22,500 men—17,000 combatants and 5,500 coolies—with 5,000 horses and 38 guns and an immense supply of stores and ammunition. This army is that which marched through Korea to the Yalu, crossed that river at the battle of Chin-Lien-Cheng on May 1, and having occupied Feng-Wang-Cheng, has made its headquarters there pending the development of the plan of campaign. Kuroki's army was originally composed of the Imperial Guards division, the Second and Twelfth divisions, and possibly has been reinforced by the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth divisions, these three being those kept back for disposition as circumstances might require. The Second Army, under General Oku, is that which was landed at Pitsewo and elsewhere on the Liaotung peninsula. After obtaining possession of Kao-Chow and the neck of the peninsula by the battle of Nashan, this army was divided, two divisions and possibly another being instructed, as the Fourth Army, with the task of subjugating Port Arthur, under General Nogi, while General Oku led the rest of his force northward along the line of the Manchurian railway to co-operate with Kuroki and Nodzu. It was this army which engaged and drove back General Skakelberg at the battle of Wafangow. It originally consisted of the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth divisions. Lastly, the Third Army is that of General Nodzu, which was landed at Taku-Shan and concentrated in the neighborhood of Siu-Yen. It is composed of the Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh divisions. Including the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth divisions, the location of which is not certain, this accounts for all the thirteen divisions of the Japanese army. Roughly speaking, the strength of a Japanese division, combatants and non-combatants, is 25,000. If the permanent active army has been put into the field there would be altogether 203 battalions, 55 squadrons of cavalry, 684 cannon, 61,390 horses, 7,500 officers and 193,700 men. It has been reported that the reserve battalions of each division have also been sent into the field. This adds 52 battalions, 17 squadrons, 114 cannon, 9,600 horses, 1,000 officers and 36,600 men, making the total of fighting men 228,300 rank and file and 8,500 officers. Allowing for troops guarding communications, garrisons and 50,000 engaged at Port Arthur this would give 150,000 men, or 160,000 approximately, as opposed to the Russian army at General Kurapatkin's disposal.

POLICEMAN EAST OF FLORENCE IS HELD FOR INCENDIARISM.

Damaging Evidence Brought Out at Preliminary Hearing.

Florence, July 7.—Comptroller General A. W. Jones and Assistant Attorney General W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, arrived here this morning, and today they held an examination under the Act of the Legislature, relating to incendiary fires, and as a result of that investigation the Comptroller General caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Samuel J. East, one of the city policemen, charging him with setting fire to and burning the Pee-Dee tobacco warehouse, in this city, on the night of April 28 last. The preliminary hearing will take place before Magistrate E. W. Lloyd tomorrow morning. Mr. W. F. Clayton, city attorney, will represent the State for the Attorney General, and will assist Solicitor Wilson in the prosecution. East, the policeman, is charged with arson, and Sheriff Barch, who served the warrant in person, has placed East in the county prison. A reward of \$650 was offered for the arrest of the guilty party—the city of Florence offering \$500 and the Governor \$150. It is stated that there will be some startling revelations made at the preliminary hearing in the morning. The arrest of East has caused considerable comment on the streets here this afternoon, inasmuch as he is a member of the police force and being paid to protect life and property, and arrested on a charge of this kind. East came here several years ago from Virginia, and has always been looked upon as being a straight forward man and had the confidence of a large number of our people.

Denver, Colo., July 5.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was released from custody by Sheriff Bell of Teller county in this city this afternoon after furnishing bonds for \$10,000 on the charges of murder and inciting riot, filed against him at Cripple Creek. Bonds were provided by a guarantee company. Moyer has been a prisoner 103 days and during the greater portion of that time was confined in the ball pen at Telluride, on the plea of "military necessity."

Springfield, Ill., July 5.—Thomas E. Watson of Georgia for president and Thomas E. Tibbles of Nebraska for vice president was the ticket nominated today by the Populist national convention. The names of Wm. V. Allen of Nebraska and Samuel W. Williams of Indiana were also placed before the convention for president, but before the list of States had been completed in the roll call their names were withdrawn and Watson was nominated by acclamation.

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Assault Case Compromised. Burlington, July 6.—An alleged attempted criminal assault on a little 8-year-old mulatto child yesterday by a young negro man aroused some interest here. The affair happened in town and the dusky youth was promptly arrested and locked up for a few hours. The child was uninjured and its mother accepted a compromise. The accused was released upon the payment of a sum of money satisfactory to all parties concerned. There was no excitement.

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Excursion Tickets to Popular Resorts Now on Sale by Atlantic Coast Line. The Atlantic Coast Line will sell week-end tickets, beginning May 28th and continuing until August 27th to the following named points. Tickets sold each Saturday are limited for return on Tuesday following date of sale. Rates on: Charleston, \$3.85; Cross Hill, \$3.65; Georgetown, \$3.00; Glenn Springs, \$4.10; Greenville, \$4.65; Isle of Palms, \$3.85; Spartanburg, \$4.10; Sullivan's Island, \$3.85; Waterloo, \$3.95; White Stone, S. C., \$3.90; Wilmington, N. C., \$3.85. J. T. China.

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East is still in jail. S. W. G. Shipp, his attorney, will institute habeas corpus proceedings and try to get him out on bond. The new act under which Comptroller General Jones is proceeding with the protection of the fire companies, there having been complaint for many years that small merchants were "doing" the insurance companies with two frequent fires. Section 2 of the act provides: "It shall be the duty of the comptroller general to examine, or cause examination to be made, either personally or by his deputy, into the cause, circumstances and origin of all fires occurring within the State, to which his attention has been called, by interested parties, by which property is accidentally or unlawfully burned, destroyed or damaged, whenever in his judgment the evidence is sufficient, to specially examine and decide whether the fire was the result of carelessness or the act of an incendiary. The said comptroller general or his deputy shall, when in his opinion said proceedings are necessary, take or cause to be taken the testimony, or both, of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts or to have means of knowledge in relation to the matter as to which an examination is herein required to be made, and shall cause the same to be reduced to writing, and if he shall be of the opinion that there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with the crime of arson, he shall cause such to be arrested and charged with such offense, and shall turnish to the solicitor of the district all such evidence, together with the names of witnesses and all the information obtained by him, including a copy of all pertinent and material testimony in the case."

Russian Troops in Field.

London, July 9.—According to the latest estimate of the available fighting strength at General Kurapatkin's command it is improbable, after allowing for losses already sustained casualties and ill, that the Russian commander in chief can dispose of more than 94,000 bayonets and sabres, with 293 field guns. His force can hardly, on a liberal calculation, exceed 100,000 infantry, 3,000 engineers, 10,000 Cossacks and 311 field guns. With this number General Kurapatkin has to retard the Japanese advance and defend the long line from Niu-Chung to Siamese, on the road to Mukden from the Yalu river, in order to keep his line of communications open along the Trans-Manchurian Railway to Harbin, 600 miles from the sea. This army forms the main group of the Russian forces. It consists of sixty-three battalions of the East Siberian Rifle, of the Seventh, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth and Ninth divisions, sixteen battalions of the Tenth and Seventeenth Army Corps and forty-eight battalions of Siberian infantry, or a total of 127 battalions, with forty-one batteries of field and two of machine guns.

The second group is that of General Stoussel, entrusted with the defense of Port Arthur, consisting of the Fourth division, three infantry regiments and the Seventh division, the total making probably about twenty-eight thousand of the land army, allowing for sick and a loss of two thousand at Kin-Chow. With 10,000 sailors his combative strength should be thirty-eight thousand men, with some fifty field guns and four hundred siege guns, besides naval ordnance. The third and last group of the Russian forces in the field is that of the troops assigned to Vladivostok, consisting of the Eighth division, and fortress troops, and a number of Cossack raiding in northern Corea. These are under the command of General Linevitch, and in number probably do not exceed twelve thousand.

The Russian staff has arranged for the despatch of 102,000 men and 83,000 tons of stores during the six months from May to October, a monthly supply of 27,000 men and 13,833 tons of stores. With the most favorable circumstances and the unhampered use of the Trans-Siberian Railway, it seems improbable that General Kurapatkin within the next few weeks can oppose anything like equal numbers of the Japanese arms attacking him.

Stateburg Smart Set.

One of the most successful as well as enjoyable events of the season was the "Leap Year Ball" given by the young ladies of Stateburg to their gentlemen friends on Friday evening, July 1st. The spacious rooms at Cherry Vale the residence of Mrs. E. N. Frierson in their green and white decoration were particularly attractive. At 12:30 o'clock the young ladies with their chosen partners descended to the spacious dining hall where a delicious repast of ices and cakes were served. The music was furnished by the Sumter band, and the weary dancers were loathe to leave when in the wee sma' hours of the morning the neighboring farm bells told of approaching day.

The German was gracefully led by Mr. Jas. Pazan and Miss Bettie Frierson. Those who enjoyed the German were: Mr. W. D. Frierson with Miss Annie Barwell, Mr. H. V. Frierson with Miss Amie N. Burgess, Mr. John L. Frierson with Miss Annie Rees, Mr. Wm. Barwell and Miss Mary Anderson of Summerton, Mr. F. P. Burgess with Miss Emma E. Barwell, Mr. R. M. Cantey and Miss Lottie Wilson, Mr. Algenon Alston and Miss Grace Carson, Mr. Wm. Seale, and Miss Graham, Mr. V. G. Nelson with Miss Anna Burgess, Mr. Harry Parker and Miss Powell of Columbia, Mr. Thornwell Parker and Miss Helen Frierson, Mr. Robert Rembert and Miss Julianne Frierson, Mr. Harry Bull and Miss Janie Nelson, Mr. Robt. Graham and Miss Annie Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Carson. The stags were: Messrs. Charlie Gailliard, Philip Gailliard, Louis Williamson, James Bull, Bruce Saunders and A. C. Carson. The chaperons who graced this festive occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Frierson, Mrs. E. N. Frierson, Mrs. Charlotte Garris of Georgia, Mr. E. F. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Fogle of Orangeburg. Miss Annie Barwell gowned in full evening dress of blue, Miss Annie Rees, attired in a costume of purest white, Miss Mary K. Anderson, a sweet and becoming dress of white organdy with blue ribbons, Miss Emma Barwell gown of white, Miss Lottie Nelson white over blue, Miss Charlotte Graham an elaborate creation of white over pink, Miss Grace Carson a becoming costume of blue mousseline and cream lace, Miss Powell, costume of white, Miss Anna Burgess most becomingly gowned in blue organdy and white lace, Miss Julianne Frierson costume of white and white lace, Miss Janie Nelson, dress of pink with black velvet and cream lace, Miss Annie Holmes attired in white organdy, lace, and blue ribbons, Miss Helen Frierson dress of blue and white ribbons, Miss Amie Burgess a most becoming costume of blue and white, Miss Bettie Frierson striking costume of white with black lace and velvet. A novel feature of the evening was the introduction of a second german, the first being so thoroughly enjoyed; this was led by Mr. J. L. Frierson of Geneva, N. Y., and Miss Lottie Nelson.

Miss E. M. Frierson is at home for a few days much to the delight of her many Stateburg friends. Miss Anna Burgess has returned from a most enjoyable visit to friends in Summerton. Miss Mary Anderson returned with her and her numerous friends, are glad to see her in Stateburg once more. Mr. John L. Frierson of Geneva, N. Y., is visiting his mother at Cherry Vale. Miss Amelia Holmes is at home for a few days before leaving for Lynchburg, Va. Miss Frinckley is visiting at Marston, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fogle. The family of Mr. A. M. Lee of Charleston are at "Farmhill" their summer home. Miss Mayo Rees a recent graduate of the Confederate Home is at home for the summer. Miss Anna P. Burgess has been elected teacher of the Stateburg High School for the ensuing term.

Scholarship Examinations.

Examinations were held Thursday at Court House by the County Superintendent of Education, for Winthrop, Clemson and the Charleston colleges. The examination for the South Carolina college was due to be held, but there were no applicants. There were 19 applicants for Winthrop, 5 for Clemson and 2 for Charleston college.

Death of Anthony Bracey.

The veteran hackman, Anthony Bracey, died at his home Thursday, after an illness of several weeks. Anthony was the pioneer colored hackman of Sumter when it was a town of fewer inhabitants and much less pretentious ways, and through all the years and changes, through fair weather and foul, day and night, until prevented by ill health, he has been a conspicuous figure on our streets, serving the public with fidelity and politeness. Everyone knew Anthony, and his many friends will hear of his death with sincere regret.

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Charlotte, N. C., July 6.—By a majority of over 400 votes, Charlotte today went dry. Three questions were submitted, viz.: Prohibition, dispensary and saloons. Less than 50 votes were cast for the dispensary. The election was quiet. There are now 18 saloons in Charlotte, each paying \$1,000 city tax annually.

O. B. Davis.

Asks the readers of this newspaper who are suffering with indigestion or dyspepsia to call on him at once and get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. If you knew the value of this remedy as we know it you would not suffer another day, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a thorough digestant and tissue building tonic as well. It is endorsed personally by hundreds of people whom it has cured of indigestion, dyspepsia, palpitation of the heart and stomach troubles generally. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It is pleasant, palatable and strengthening.

GASOLINE STOVE EXPLODED.

Rev. F. W. E. Peschau Heroically Saves His Wife From a Horrible Death. Rev. and Mrs. F. W. E. Peschau narrowly escaped a horrible death last Monday. Mrs. Peschau was preparing the noon meal when in some unaccountable manner the gasoline stove exploded setting her garments on fire. She ran into the yard screaming, and Dr. Peschau, who was in his study in the church near by, ran out and threw her upon the ground and extinguished the flames, but not until she was severely burned about the body. Rev. Peschau then hastened to the scene of the fire and threw water on it, causing the flames to burst forth setting fire to his clothing. But for his presence of mind he probably would have been fatally burned, but he immediately threw himself on the floor and thus extinguished the fire, but not until he was painfully burned about the face and hands. Had Dr. Peschau not been present at the time of the fire Mrs. Peschau would undoubtedly have been burned to death. That both did not meet a horrible death is miraculous.

We clip the above from the Miamisburg (Ohio) News, of June 30. The citizens of Sumter no doubt remember Rev. Dr. Peschau, the Lutheran minister, who 15 or 18 years ago often visited this community and organized St. James Lutheran church. We are pleased to learn from private sources that both the Doctor and his wife are out of danger now and are slowly recovering.

Meeting of Board of Health.

The City Board of Health held a meeting Wednesday evening. Present: Dr. J. C. Spann, President; Dr. Van Telberg-Hofman, Dr. S. C. Baker, Mr. W. M. Graham and Health Officer Reardon. Absent, Mr. D. W. Cuttino. Dr. J. C. Spann, Dr. Van Telberg-Hofman and Dr. S. C. Baker committee on conference, with Chairman R. F. Haynsworth of committee on public works of City Council, in regard to enlarging Turkey Creek, reported that the committee had met with Alderman Haynsworth and discussed the proposition to widen and deepen the canal, but that Engineer W. L. Lee had surveyed the canal and did not find sufficient fall to guarantee the deepening of the canal. The canal is being thoroughly cleaned out, however, which will considerably increase the depth and width, as it had not been cleaned in several years. It was decided to wait until further information could be secured in regard to another route, viz: towards Rocky Bluff Swamp, for draining the water from that section of the city. Health Officer Reardon called attention, to the practice of the county authorities in bringing sick prisoners from the county chain gang, and keeping them in the county jail in Sumter, which practice he contended is not only an injustice to the other prisoners, but a menace to their health, and a nuisance to the prisoners, besides being a distinct source of infection to the City of Sumter; particularly in cases of tuberculosis, typhoid fever and other infectious and contagious diseases. He contended that it is the duty of the county authorities to build a separate hospital annex to the jail, safely constructed and with a view to sanitary regulations, for keeping sick prisoners, or to build this hospital at the poor house. He said he could not keep the jail in a cleanly condition, nor could the sheriff or the jailer do so, if sick prisoners are kept there, especially as there are no conveniences for isolation or treating the cases along up-to-date sanitary methods. Lunatics are also often kept there for days, and they are a nuisance, as it is impossible to keep their cells clean, and in consequence the jail is in a foul smelling condition very often, despite the efforts of the authorities to keep the place clean. Supervisor Seals has no other place at present to send sick convicts, and it is not his fault. He does the best he can under the circumstances. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and upon motion of Dr. Hoffman, the committee on inspection of public institutions and the health officer were instructed to look into the matter and recommend to the county authorities what kind of a building to construct, and to report to board of health at next meeting what has been done.

The health officer reported that there had been fewer cases of typhoid fever this year, and less sickness of all kinds, than in several years previous. The general sanitary conditions, in the absence of a sewerage, are as good as it is possible to maintain them. No complaints of mosquitos have been made so far and efforts are being made to keep them down. The drainage of the city has been considerably improved by City Council, and other public improvements looking to a better sanitary condition have been made by City Council. Statistics show that Sumter's death rate is lower, comparatively speaking, and the health of the community better, than most cities in this State. The board of health still thinks that a sewerage system should be put in as soon as possible, owing to the building of hundreds of new residences and places of business, the increasing population and the consequent increase of sewage.

The Martin Family Arrives.

The Martin family of musicians arrived Thursday night from Chicago, to lend their service in the evangelistic meetings being conducted by Mr. Martin at the Christian tabernacle. It will be a rare treat to the citizens of Sumter to have the privilege of listening to this musical family, as they have appeared before thousands, in nearly every state in the union as well as abroad. They will give a concert one night this week. The entire family are stopping at the home of Mrs. Britton on Warren street.

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This remedy is certain to be needed in almost every home before the summer is over. It can always be depended upon even in the most severe and dangerous cases. It is especially valuable for summer disorders in children. It is pleasant to take and never fails to give prompt relief. Why not buy it now? It may save life. For sale by China's Drug Store.

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