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Showers tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight; light, southerly winds.

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WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6, 1904.

PRICE ONE CENT.

LOCAL DEMOCRATS MAKE RULES FOR PRIMARYS

Election Commission Issues Regulations at Shoreham.

THE END OF RING RULE

Polls Open for Five Hours; Judges, Party Men—Each Must Sign Certificate.

The election commission appointed by the subcommittee of the Democratic National Committee met at the Shoreham Hotel this afternoon and adopted the rules for the primaries and convention, the substance of which were published in The Times yesterday. There were present all of the members of the commission, Edwin Sefton, chairman; Henry S. Mathews, J. Holdsworth Gordon, and Cotter T. Bride. In addition to the rules, the commission issued a statement to the delegates of the District, making important suggestions for the election of a national committee and the selection of a central committee.

All old methods are abolished by the rules, and in the statement it is recommended that the delegates to the national convention be instructed to vote for the choice of the convention for national committee. It is also recommended that hereafter the District convention be empowered to go outside of the delegates in the selection of members of the central committee and the national convention. It is also recommended that hereafter the District convention be empowered to go outside of the delegates in the selection of members of the central committee and the national convention. It is also recommended that hereafter the District convention be empowered to go outside of the delegates in the selection of members of the central committee and the national convention.

Three Election Judges.

There will be three judges of elections, two appointed by the commission, and the third to be selected by the two appointed.

Should the judges fail to appoint a third man, they will be removed, and two more judges appointed. It is ruled that no person shall serve as a judge or clerk unless known to be a Democrat. No candidate for delegate to the local convention can be a judge or clerk. Judges will be elected by the voters at the polls. The men selected must file in the district in which they represent, and they need not be delegates to the convention.

Registration Rules.

Concerning the registration of voters the rules set forth that each voter must sign a printed statement giving his age, his name and address, that he has been a resident of the district at least a year prior to the date of the primary, that he resides in the district in which he votes, that he is a Democrat, and that he expects to support the nominees of the party for President and Vice President. Anyone refusing to sign will be disqualified from voting unless he is physically unable to sign his name.

Balls will be signed by the commission, and no other sheets will be recognized. Candidates must announce their names to the commission at least one week before the convention.

In challenges a majority of the judges must decide upon the right of a voter to cast his ballot. Each candidate to delegate to the District convention will be taxed \$5. The election must pay \$3. Balls must be crossed with a lead pencil as are State ballots. Any ballot containing a mark other than the cross will be thrown out.

Counting the Ballots.

It is provided that ballots shall be counted immediately after the closing of the polls. Boxes must be locked again and, with all papers, returned to the election commission.

All certificates of election must be issued by the election commission, judges and clerks must call at the office of the chairman at 4 p. m. the day preceding the primaries, where they will be furnished with election material. In case of any interference with voting, the judges are instructed to call upon the police for assistance in arresting the offenders.

LONGSTREET'S SALARY TO BE GIVEN WIDOW

Mr. Bard of California has offered an amendment to the sundry bill in the Senate providing that the widow of Gen. James Longstreet be paid the unpaid salary of \$12,225.25. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MANCHURIAN BANDITS ATTACK RUSSIANS.



PAYING OFF OLD SCORES.

The bandits of Manchuria numbering a hundred thousand are relied upon by Japan to do much damage to the forces of the Czar. They have already played havoc with the line of communication.

HOUSE ACTS UPON DISTRICT AFFAIRS

To Prevent Persons From Wearing Badges Wrongfully—Discussion Provoked Over Measure Said to Make Divorce Easy.

Immediately after the approval of the journal in the House today Chairman Babcock called up District business. The first bill considered and passed was the measure to prevent the wearing of any badge or insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic, or other soldiers' organization, by any persons not rightfully entitled to wear such badge or insignia.

The bill was prepared by the Department of Potomac of the Grand Army of the Republic. Violation of the law is made a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$20, imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

The next measure called up was the bill drafted by Secretary Root and introduced by Speaker Cannon to incorporate the Carnegie Institution. The provisions of the measure have been printed in The Times. The bill was favorably acted upon without discussion.

WEATHER REPORT.

There will be showers tonight and tomorrow in the middle Atlantic States and eastern lower lake region. There will be showers tonight in the upper Ohio valley and the south Atlantic States, continuing tomorrow along the coast and in eastern Florida. Temperature changes will not be marked.

TEMPERATURE.

5 a. m.	46
8 a. m.	50
11 a. m.	52
2 p. m.	54

THE SUN.

Sun sets today, 6:27 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow, 5:37 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today	12:41 p. m.
High tide tomorrow	1:12 a. m., 1:34 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	7:45 a. m., 8:22 p. m.

TAFT COMPROMISES WITH THE Y. M. C. A.

May Use Buildings on Army Reservations, But Only Upon Recommendation of the Commanding Officers.

Secretary Taft has approved an order granting the Young Men's Christian Association permission to establish its work at army posts, and to use army buildings, in case such buildings be available, and commanding officers think their use for such purposes wise.

The order is a compromise measure, and grants commanding officers full authority to regulate the work of the association. Secretary Taft approved an order granting greater privileges to the association, but this was modified because of the protests made by prominent army officials, who declared it unwise to allow civilians to enter army posts unless subject to the orders of officers.

Naval Officers Enter An Emphatic Denial

Protest They Did Not Receive Dispatches From Washington in Illinois-Missouri Court-Martial Case.

Emphatic denial of the story that the Illinois-Missouri board of inquiry received dispatches from Washington while investigating the collision is entered by all three of the officers who constituted the board.

NEW TREATY WITH CUBA SIGNED THIS MORNING

Secretary Hay and Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister, this morning signed a treaty for the extradition of criminals between the two countries represented. The new treaty is very broad in its provisions. It was practically drafted by the State Department.

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JAPANESE LOSE FIVE OFFICERS

General Kuropatkin Reports Skirmish Near Wiju, in Which the Czar's Troops Won a Minor Victory.

RUSSIANS WERE AGGRESSORS, VOLUNTEERS MAKING ATTACK

Tokyo Admits That Admiral Togo Has Failed to Block the Channel at Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.—An official report from General Kuropatkin, the Russian command-in-chief, brings news of another skirmish between the Japanese and Russians near Wiju.

General Kuropatkin says the Japanese had five officers killed. The Russians had several men wounded, but none killed. The Japanese have devastated Yongampo, the Russian general reports.

General Kuropatkin states that the news of the fight came from General Kashtalisky, who is stationed near Turenchen, on the Island of Mortutsa, not far from Wiju.

The Russians were the aggressors, volunteers making the attack.

The skirmish reported by General Kuropatkin probably took place before the evacuation of Wiju by the Russians.

Port Arthur's Channel Navigable to Vessels

TOKYO, April 6.—It is now known that the channel of Port Arthur, as the result of the Japanese attempts to block it, has now a width of only from 30 to 200 yards, with a maximum depth of thirty feet (insufficient for the big ships).

LONDON, April 6.—A dispatch to the "Chronicle" from Tokyo says that the Japanese merchantmen that were sunk at Port Arthur are causing great trouble. The Russians are trying to blow them up with dynamite, but it is difficult to dislodge the huge stones with which they are loaded.

Fleets Not Seen.

The "Times" prints a dispatch sent by wireless telegraph to Well-hal-well, dated 5 p. m., April 5. It says: "I have now been cruising in the vicinity of Port Arthur for fifteen hours and have not seen the vessels of either the belligerents, not even scouts. The only evidence of hostilities is the searchlight on the Golden Hill fort."

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