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## GOVERNOR WELLS ON ELECTION DAY.

Issues Proclamation for Big Ballot Contest to be Held in November.

## THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED.

All Are Given in Legal Form Order From the Last to the Least of the Entire List.

DATE OF ELECTION IS NOV. 8.

Judicial and County Tickets Are Included in the Official Designation Issued by the Governor.

Governor Wells today issued his election proclamation for the general state election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The proclamation follows:

By the Governor of the State of Utah. A Proclamation.

Whereas, Section 780 of the revised statutes of this state fixes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year 1904, as the day for holding the general election, and

Whereas, Section 783 of the revised statutes provides that at least 60 days before a general election the governor shall issue an election proclamation,

Now, therefore, I, Heber M. Wells, governor of the State of Utah, pursuant to such legislative requirement, do hereby proclaim that on the 8th day of November, 1904, that being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in said month, there will be held in the several election districts of this state a general election for the purpose of electing the following officers:

Three electors of president and vice president of the United States, governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, judge of the supreme court, representative of the Fifteenth Congress of the United States.

One state senator from each of the following senatorial districts: The First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Tenth.

Three state senators from the Sixth senatorial district.

One representative in the State Legislature from each of the following representative districts: The First, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh.

Four representatives in the State Legislature from the Second representative district.

Four representatives in the State Legislature from each of the Fourth and Eleventh representative districts.

Two representatives in the State Legislature from the Fourteenth representative district.

Two representatives in the state two county except the Third, one district judge; in the Third judicial district four district judges;

In each judicial district in the state one district attorney;

In each county in the state two county commissioners, a county clerk, a sheriff, a county recorder, a county attorney, an assessor, a treasurer and a surveyor.

In each county having a property valuation of \$1,000,000 and upwards a county auditor;

In each precinct in the state a justice of the peace and a constable.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Utah to be hereunto affixed, at Salt Lake City, this 6th day of September, A. D. 1904.

HEBER M. WELLS, Governor.

J. T. HAMMOND, Secretary of State.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

Those for Democratic Convention Will be Decided Upon Today.

The arrangement and finance committee, appointed by the Democratic state committee and designated to select temporary officers of the state convention to be held on Thursday, will meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon. That committee consists of Messrs. Leary, Sloan, Daly, Critchlow and Mulvey. They will meet in Secy. Dale's office. This far the principal men spoken of for presiding officers are State Senator Abel J. Evans for the temporary organization, and Hon. David Evans for the permanent. However, it is not known definitely whether either one of them will act. But it is presumed that both will have a great deal of legislative experience, and both are good parliamentarians.

DAVIS DELEGATES

Elected to Attend State, Judicial, and Senatorial Conventions.

The Democrats of Davis county have elected the following delegates to the state convention, to be held in this city on Thursday next:

Philander Hatch, J. Fisher, David Van Cott, J. J. Holbrook, J. W. Birmingham, J. Reading, John A. Bourne, E. S. Rose, T. H. Phillips, J. G. M. Barnes, Hyrum Stewart, George Dibble, David E. Nielder, Peter Christensen, William H. Miller, C. A. Flinders, Andrew Patterson, D. W. Guinn.

Delegates to the judicial convention to be held at Ogden Sept. 17 were elected as follows:

James Bryson, P. W. Roberts, David Stoker, Alma Hardy, James Green, W. A. Streeper, A. H. Wilcox, A. M. Lamb, David L. Rice, J. G. M. Barnes, H. J. Sheffield, H. J. Jackson, Seth Nalder, James Warren, George Williams, E. H. Paul, James Barber.

The following delegates were elected to the senatorial convention to be held at Farmington on Sept. 9:

T. White, William H. Haight, C. E. Layton, J. R. Barnes, Thomas H. Phillips, George W. Green, Thomas Evans,

David Gailer, Joseph A. Willey, Matthew Bambrugh, Alexander Patterson, George S. Stoddard.

AT PLEASANT GROVE. Republicans of Utah County Will Meet There Sept. 10.

The Republicans of Utah county will hold their convention at Pleasant Grove on Saturday, Sept. 10. That the visiting delegates may be properly entertained during their stay there, committees have been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the meeting. These are made up as follows:

Finance—D. Noble, A. Holman and A. G. Johnson.

Decorations—J. D. Thorne, Anton Hecker, William M. Hampton, William Ellis, Joseph Jacobs, H. Nielsen and Carl Hanson.

Entertainment—Mrs. Robert Thorne, N. K. Nielsen, B. W. Driggs, E. S. Humphries, F. Right, Joseph Jacobs, Hattie Thorne, Luella Thorne, A. E. Cooper, J. H. Walker, A. B. Walker and Mrs. J. Ellis.

At the convention Pleasant Grove will be represented by the following who are pledged to work as a unit for all candidates from the home town:

N. K. Nielsen, C. F. Westphall, C. A. Cobbley, Alex. Bullock, James C. Jensen, Ben Walker, Robert Thorne, A. E. Cooper, J. D. Thomas, A. B. Walker, A. G. Johnson, A. E. Holman, C. P. Warnick, F. S. Humphries, A. G. Benson, F. Hoers, and B. W. Driggs.

Alternates—Mrs. Alex. Ellis, Mrs. Robert Thorne, Mrs. J. D. Wadley, Mrs. J. R. Halliday, Mrs. Ben Walker, Mrs. Edna Warwick, Mrs. R. E. Driggs, Mrs. Hennis Peterson.

DELEGATES NAMED.

Democrats of Pleasant Grove Choose Their Representatives.

The Democrats of Pleasant Grove met Friday night and selected delegates to the state, judicial and county conventions. They are as follows:

To State Convention—D. H. Robison, C. F. Fugate, Mrs. Helen Harvey, L. P. Lund and Mrs. Guy Robison.

To State Convention—L. W. Lund, Mark Bezzant, Lydia Lund, Joseph Dickerson and C. B. Harper.

Utah County Convention—Robert Cobbley, L. S. Robison, J. P. Hayes, D. F. West, J. C. Nelson, J. L. Harvey, Thomas Carlson, E. G. Banks, Jens Fugate, Mark Bezzant, Mrs. J. Harmon, Dickerson, C. B. Harper, D. H. Robison, M. D. Atwood, E. P. Walker, P. E. Brown, Joseph Dickerson, J. H. Gilman, E. R. Halliday, Roney Robison, George Richards, Annie Walker, F. W. Newman, Emma Larson, A. E. Cobbley, Miss Emily Bullock, D. Miley Smith and L. W. Lund.

D. H. Robison was named as chairman of the Democratic county committee for two years.

IN EMERY COUNTY.

Democrats Name Delegates and Will Support Harmon.

Special Correspondence.

Huntington, Utah, Sept. 3.—At the Democratic county convention held today at Ferron, with Hon. Jasper Robertson, chairman and O. J. Sitterud, secretary, the following delegates to the Democratic state convention were elected:

Wm. Howard and A. M. Truman of Huntington; Carl Wilberg and C. E. Larsen of Castle Dale; E. W. Fox and A. Tuttle of Orangeville; J. H. Cook and Lavey Olsen of Ferron; Rasmus Johnson of Clawson and Nepl L. Williams of Emery; and O. J. Harmon and E. A. Howard of Huntington, J. T. Edwards of Emery, C. P. Anderson of Castle Dale, and Geo. Fox of Orangeville as alternates.

There was nothing said in the convention in regard to state officers, but in private talk among the delegates it developed they were not united on any one man for state officers, except it was for Hon. Levi N. Harmon of Carbon county for secretary of state. It is understood that the Carbon county Democrats, as well as lots of others in various parts of the state, are pushing Mr. Harmon for that position.

The delegation to the state convention met and appointed Wm. Howard chairman, and A. J. Harmon will go to Salt Lake next week.

SEVIER REPUBLICANS.

Meet in Convention and Name a Good County Ticket.

Special Correspondence.

Richfield, Utah, Sept. 3.—The Sevier county Republicans held their county convention here today and placed in the field what is generally considered as a good ticket.

Everything passed off harmoniously and with enthusiasm.

The Roosevelt, Jr., glee club of little girls that sang in the state convention, the Monroe Male Glee club and the richfield Cornet band were all in evidence and rendered selections suitable for the occasion.

Joseph H. Erickson of Richfield was made chairman and Mrs. Lydia Coveley of Glenwood, secretary of the convention. The ticket as named follows:

Representative to the State Legislature, Asa R. Hawley, Central; commissioner, four-year term, Morten Jensen, Richfield; commissioner two-year term, H. C. Larsen, Elsinore; sheriff, M. A. Abbott, Annabella; assessor, P. C. Scott, Salina; clerk, Parley Magbely, Monroe; recorder, Mrs. Lydia Carolee, Glenwood; treasurer, J. M. Lauritzen, Richfield; attorney, G. T. Bean, Richfield; superintendent of schools, D. P. Jensen, Monroe; surveyor, Oscar Anderson, Salina.

The resignation of John Meier as county chairman was accepted and James M. Bollito was elected in his stead. A new county central committee was also chosen as follows:

Annabella, R. H. Barney, Central, Wm. Ence, Burville, Wm. Hallows; Elsinore, Thos. Puntz; Glenwood, John D. Wilson; Richfield, Chris Peterson; Redwood, Niels Franden, Joseph T. R. Parker; Monroe, Walter Jones; Salina, J. W. Phillips; Vermilion, A. M. Anderson; Koshareem, Frands Peterson; Venice, A. W. Buchanan.

This committee chose Joseph H. Erickson of Richfield as its secretary and was empowered by the convention to fill any vacancy that might occur on the ticket.

Utah county Republican nomination for assessor.

State Senator Loose will have headquarters at the Kenyon hotel during the campaign.

Maj. H. P. Myton, one of the presidential electors on the Republican state ticket, is in western Montana on private business. To the Missoula Missoulian he made the optimistic statement that Utah will go Republican by a large majority, and that Mr. Cutler, the party's nominee for governor,

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## WAR SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

Brief Bulletins Tell the Story of the Rout of Kuropatkin's Russian Hosts—Viceroy Alexieff to the Rescue—Kuroki Occupies Yantai.

Harbin, Manchuria, Sept. 6.—Viceroy Alexieff and his staff have arrived from Vladivostok.

Tokio, Sept. 6, 2 p. m.—It is reported here that the Russians have retired beyond Yantai. General Kuroki has occupied the town.

Mukden, Sept. 6, 1:40 p. m.—The commissariat and columns of artillery are arriving here and proceeding northward. Gen. Kuropatkin's army is engaged in an extensive rear guard action.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 6:25 p. m.—Private reports from Mukden say that some of the rear guard actions in progress are quite severe, but no details have been received.

Tokio, Sept. 6, 5 p. m.—The French minister today formally notified the Japanese government that the Russian cruiser Diana will disarm at Saigon, French Indo-China, where she sought refuge August 20 after taking part in the battle of August 10 off Port Arthur.

Tokio, Sept. 6, 7 p. m.—It is officially announced that a portion of the Russian force remains at Ying Shuifu, south of Yantai, where the bulk of the Russian army is assembled.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 1:20 p. m.—The Novoe Vremya this morning got out an early edition announcing the fall of Port Arthur but it was recalled before the paper reached the streets. Such a report is current, but it seems to have no basis in fact.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—Viceroy Alexieff is on his way from Harbin to Mukden.

## GREAT RUSH FOR FORT HALL LANDS.

Spirited Scramble for Acreage Lying Within a Radius of Five Miles of Pocatello.

THROWN OPEN THIS MORNING.

Civil Authorities Maintaining Perfect Order, Although Six Shooters Are in Evidence.

(Special to the "News.")

Blackfoot, Ida., Sept. 6.—Up till noon today 41 entries had been made at the local land office. There were 69 in line this morning, five having dropped out before daybreak. Thus far everything has passed off very quietly, the only disturbance being the effort last night of a harness maker from Pocatello to break the line. However, the sheriff was promptly on the scene and quelled the disturbance before any damage was done. The work of making entries will probably be finished tonight. It is reported here that a great many "sooner" are on the ceded portion of the reservation, building shanties with a determination to contest the right of ownership, but it is not thought that this will lead to serious trouble among would-be settlers.

Blackfoot, Idaho, Sept. 6.—Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the United States land office at this place opened its doors and at the same time formally opened to filing those lands lying on the Fort Hall reservation, within a radius of five miles of Pocatello and known as the "Five Mile Limit Lands."

A line-up of something over a hundred weary homeseekers, some of whom had slept in line for nearly two weeks, to take advantage of the government's generosity, and to acquire a sage brush home at \$2.50 per acre, was on hand.

GUNS IN EVIDENCE.

The episode of yesterday, wherein a Pocatello harness maker attempted to usurp a place in the front rank and but for the timely interference of the sheriff, who ejected the usurper from the line, might have resulted seriously, was evidenced in bulging hip pockets and holsters that spoke of artillery of the four barrel calibre. The civil authorities, however are on hand and are maintaining perfect order.

WILL FINISH TOMORROW.

The land office is disposing of the applicants at the rate of about 30 per hour, which should clear the line by tomorrow evening. Of the lands offered to settlement about 6,000 acres are susceptible of irrigation. Those now in line will doubtless take the greater part of the agricultural lands. A corporation canal which has been dug to within six miles of the north end of the land is the hope of the settlers. Without water the land is valueless.

STRUCK WITH BEER GLASS

As a Result William Wayne Charges Jacob Raleigh With Battery.

A complaint was issued this morning by county Attorney Whitaker against Jacob Raleigh, charging him with battery. The complaining witness in the case is William Wayne, who charges that yesterday afternoon at Calder's park Raleigh hit him over the head with a beer glass and cut quite a gash in his head. The complaint will be filed in Justice Rider's court at Mill Creek.

## WILL CONSIDER SMOKE NUISANCE.

Smeltermen and Farmers Arrange for a Conference Thursday Morning.

BOTH INCLINED TO BE FAIR.

Will Reason Together and Agree on a Satisfactory Solution of the Problem.

The first practical step in the solution of the smelter smoke problem was taken by the smelter operators today, when they held a preliminary meeting to decide upon a course of action to be submitted to the farmers at the conference planned for Thursday morning.

Heretofore the farmers have been thought to be exaggerating their grievance and to be blaming every evil to crops and cattle to the smelters, while the smelter men have been prone to deny every case of damage until it could be proven absolutely to result from the smoke. But recently so many facts have been made public that both sides realize that the two great economic interests of the state are clashing and that both sides have serious interests involved, which must be protected.

It is expected that at the meeting Thursday both the representatives of the farmers and of the smelters will meet the problem in a spirit of fairness to both sides, and that the smelters will be ready to undertake a series of experiments to find the best way of overcoming the sulphur gas.

At the first mass meeting it was thought that smoke consumers would be all that was necessary, but the work of Mr. John Widtsoe of the state agricultural college experiment station at Murray, has demonstrated that these would be ineffective. The only hope for relieving the situation now seems to be in the development of some new device, and the farmers seem disposed to grant the smelters time to experiment before commencing litigation against them.

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WILL GIVE A BANQUET.

Local Press and Cambrian Society Officially the Guests of Honor.

The members of the Salt Lake press to have an opportunity to dine tomorrow night. Mr. T. F. Thomas, who has had the restaurant privileges at Saitair during the season, will be the host at the dinner, which will be given to the pressmen and their ladies, and to the members of the Cambrian association. By the courtesy of J. E. Langford, manager of the resort, a special train will be at the disposal of the party which will leave the Saitair depot at 7:30 p. m.

THE COUNTY'S POOR.

During August Pauper Clerk Sabine Expended the Sum of \$1,489.

The report of Pauper Clerk James Sabine, of the board of county commissioners, for the month of August shows that a total of \$1,489.50 was paid out during the month in aiding the indigent of the county. Of that amount \$381.05 was paid for railroad fares and rentals, and \$1,108.45 for food and clothing. A total of 255 families or 747 persons received aid. Of those 255 families or 81 persons resided in the county outside of the city limits and the others resided inside the city. The average amount paid to each family was \$5.84 and the average per person was \$1.82.

## STORY OF BATTLE BY EYE WITNESS.

Associated Press Correspondent Shot Through Lungs While at Post of Duty.

HOW RUSSIANS MET THE JAPS.

Cracked Jokes While Facing Death—General Stakelberg Slightly Wounded in the Leg

Mukden, Sept. 6.—The following message describing the earlier events of the Japanese attack on Gen. Stakelberg's corps southwest of Liao Yang, Aug. 30, was written on the battlefield by M. Kirilloff, one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents, and sent to Mukden for transmission, just before the correspondent was shot through the lungs:

"This morning around Liao Yang guns thundered unceasingly. The heights forming a semi-circle around the city were dotted with jets of flame and little black and white clouds. The spectacle was clearly visible from the water tower of Liao Yang. The Russian left alone was not engaged."

ATTACK ON CENTER.

"At 7 a. m. the correspondent rode to the Russian center where the Japanese were concentrating in an attempt to break through and climbed the neighboring heights following a detachment sent to relieve the skirmishers who had been covering the battery commanded by Pokotloff, one of the heroes of Kiokehong. The Japanese, according to custom, were shelling places where they believed the Russian reserves were located. Before the correspondent could reach the battery he had to cross a danger zone of 150 yards, which was falling and burning on it until the very ground seemed to quiver with wrath."

RUSSIANS CRACKED JOKES.

"There was a touching scene when the skirmishers were reached. A Russian soldier met a brother whom he had last seen in their native village. There were joyous greetings and a quick exchange of news from home. Then each went his way and settled down to the work of firing, coolly and deliberately. The Japanese fire was sporadic. Their bullets sang like birds as they sped overhead and the Russians cracked jokes about it."

TERIBLE SLAUGHTER.

"Two hours later the correspondent reached the battery and found that Pokotloff and another officer, Cosloff, had been killed. Out of 60 runners 40 were killed or wounded. Capt. Tarasoff was in charge of the battery. His quiet courtesy recalled the hero of one of Count Tolstoy's novels. Fifty yards away was a splendid looking runner, whose duty it was to record the success or failure of each shot, the grim song of death, with deadly messengers hurled all around him, and the Russian gunner stood erect and utterly without heeding the danger to which he was exposed."

"The Russian officers had not eaten anything since the previous day and the correspondent shared with them what provisions he had. The taste of food caused them to realize the intensity of their hunger. Prudence urged the correspondent to leave the spot but he was fascinated."

GEN. STAKELBERG WOUNDED.

Here the message ended. The officer who sent forward M. Kirilloff's last dispatch added:

"M. Kirilloff, who was an enthusiast in his work, had gained universal respect and sympathy. He was shot through the right lung while standing by our battery and fell back suffering intense agony. The blood spurting from

his mouth. Yet his devotion to duty enabled him to overcome his suffering. He insisted upon being placed on a horse so that he could get to Liao Yang and file his dispatch. It took him five hours to cover the five and a half miles to Liao Yang. When he reached there M. Kirilloff was so exhausted and weak from loss of blood that we got him into the hospital, although against his protest. He asked me to complete his message for him. I am a soldier and no writer, but I will say that after the awful fight today we are still holding our positions. The Japanese have thrown all the heights. Their losses must run into the tens of thousands. We have lost 5,000 thus far. A sharp shell burst two paces from Gen. Stakelberg, (who remained for 15 hours under fire) killing two officers. The general was slightly wounded in the leg."

REPUBLICAN GAINS.

Claim 25,000 Plurality in Vermont—Situation in Arkansas.

White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 6.—Fair weather and the conditions could not make it more necessary to bring out the large vote desired by all parties prevailed throughout Vermont on this day of the biennial state election. The fact that the election was the first to be held in an eastern state this year, gave it a national significance as the disclosure of the prospect of the Democratic and Republican strength in a way would be prophetic of the situation throughout the country on national issues. The election today was to choose state officers, two congressmen, members of the state senate and house of representatives, and county officers.

There were four tickets for state officers, the Prohibition and Socialist parties both having nominated a full set of candidates. Charles J. Bell, of Walden, is the Republican nominee for governor, and his Democratic opponent is Eli P. Porter of Wilmington. The Prohibition candidate is Homer J. Comings, of Keokuk, and the Socialist nominee is Clarence Myers of Springfield.

The Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists also had nominated candidates for congressmen, but re-election of the present Republican congressmen, Edward H. Harkin of Brattleboro, and David J. Foster of Burlington, was felt to be assured.

The legislature to be elected today will vote for United States senator at the coming session. There is felt to be no question that both branches will be Republican and that Senator Redfield Proctor will be chosen for another term.

Reports received from all over the state to noon, showed that all candidates were likely to be re-elected. Information received by the Republican state committee indicated that Mr. Bell, the Republican nominee for governor, was being cut by the farmers because of his policy, while cattle commissioner, in ordering the slaughter of many cattle in Crittenden county on account of the prevalence of tuberculosis.

At noon the Republican officials were looking for a final plurality in the state of more than 25,000. The Democrats declined to give an estimate.

IN ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 6.—Sufficient return from the state election have been received to indicate the election of Gov. Davis for a third term by a plurality of 20,000. Several other state officers were voted for, but all the other Democratic candidates had an open field, Davis alone having opposition.

Several counties have given Republican majorities which heretofore have gone Democratic, but in the main the county Democratic tickets have been elected.

Wedding in Berlin.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—The wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin will take place in Berlin, where the visiting members of royal families will be entertained better than at the bride's home. The marriage probably take place early in the new year.

CUBAN SENATE.

Quorum Assembles Despite Protests of Sen. Cisneros.

New York, Sept. 6.—A quorum of the senate assembled Monday and approved the minutes of the last session, says a Tribune dispatch from Havana. Senator Cisneros protested against the action on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

The report of a committee against the export of material used in constructing Cuban tobacco boxes, also was adopted. The bills for extradition with the United States and for immigration measures were tabled.

Swimming Races.

St. Louis, Sept. 6.—The Olympic swimming championship races were continued today in "Life Savers" lake, and because of the well-known champions from various parts of the world participating, the attendance was large. Three Olympic championships were decided in today's contests—50-yard swim, 220-yard swim and swimming on back 300 yards. There were also a number of handicap and minor championship events on the program.

Chicago Cattleman Dead.

New York, Sept. 6.—John Clay, Jr., of Rochester, father of John Clay, Jr., the wealthy Chicago cattle merchant, is dead, says a Herald dispatch from London. His agricultural interests were among the most extensive in Scotland.

PEITITION BEARS FRUIT.

American Shipping Interests to be Protected by Government.

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—The petition sent by the commercial bodies of this city to the state department at Washington asking protection for shipments not contraband of war in American vessels to ports in Japan, Manchuria and Korea, has borne fruit. An answer to the communication from the acting secretary of state has been received and is now in the hands of the chamber of commerce. It is to the effect that American interests will be guarded and attention is called to the fact that the right of appeal has been conceded at St. Petersburg.

All is Quiet.

Island of Sakhalin, Sept. 6.—(Delayed in transmission.)—All is quiet on the island. The Japanese have not reappeared. A fishing boat with 13 Japanese aboard has been captured off the coast.

Opens the Campaign.

St. Louis, Sept. 6.—Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, presidential nominee of the People's Party, called on President Francis, who escorted him to the Louisiana Purchase monument, on the plaza of St. Louis, where he made an address opening the campaign of his party.

Wouldn't you like to draw an income, as a "silent partner," from a dozen different business ventures in this city? Place your idle money through a Business Opportunity advertisement.

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

## RUSSIAN RETREAT SHOWS GOOD ORDER

Long Trains of Commissariat Wagons Are Slowly Passing Through Mukden.

ROADS ARE IN AWFUL STATE.

Rendered Soggy by Soaking Rain—Storms of Yesterday and Today—Progress is Slow.

JAPS ARE WORRYING FLANKS.

Little Brown Men Are Keeping Up a Continuous Rear Guard Action With the Enemy.

Flighting a continuous rear guard action with the Japanese who hang to his flanks, Kuropatkin continues to fall back over roads made soggy by two days' heavy rain. The heads of his long commissariat trains have passed through Mukden and continue northward. It is reported that in spite of the bad roads and persistent attacks on the Russian rear, the retreat is orderly. Details of the fighting and the exact position of the opposing armies are lacking. The Russian general staff, while admitting it has received no official advice since last evening denies the report that Kuropatkin's rear guard has been annihilated.

From Tokio comes the official report that the bulk of the Russian forces is still at Yantai. Whether or not Kuropatkin will make another stand at Mukden is not indicated in today's advice. In St. Petersburg it is argued that the fact that his commissariat trains passed on through Mukden does not indicate that the Russian commander proposes to evacuate the city without a struggle, but only that they are taking up their proper positions in the rear.

Mukden, Sept. 6 (1:40 p. m.).—The retreat of Gen. Kuropatkin's army is being carried out in good order, despite the terrible condition of the roads, rendered soggy by the rains which fell yesterday and today, which mire the lumbering guns and heavy transport trains. Long lines of commissariat wagons, drawn by steaming mules, horses and even bullocks, are straining their way north over the soaking, cut up main road from Yantai. Behind them come long trains of artillery and back of them still Kuropatkin's army. The Japanese are hanging on Kuropatkin's flanks, keeping the Russians engaged in a continuous rear guard action. The progress of the retreating army has been slow, owing to the necessity of first getting through the baggage and guns; but the heads of the commissariat trains, already have passed through Mukden and are continuing their way towards the north.

The main Japanese army is marching up along the roads eastward of the Russian lines of retreat, which converge at Mukden. Another Japanese force is also heading for Mukden from the westward, coming from the direction of the Liao river.

Marshal Oyama seems to be making a race for Mukden. He evidently has great superiority in numbers, especially in artillery.

As this dispatch was filed, the correspondent of the Associated Press could hear the booming of the Japanese cannon which are in play 15 miles from Mukden.