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************************ THE LIBERAL CONVENTION G..............................

Columbia greatly to the advantage of The following self-explanatory circular the Liberal party. It was, in my opinhas been forwarded from Victoria to ion, good policy to thus recognize the prominent Liberals all over the pro- men who help to direct public opinion

and whose services to the Liberal Dear Sir-The Vancouver Liberal ascause in the past have been too sel-The sociation has assued a circular to the dom recognized or rewarded. of the province protesting executive also stipulated that the Lib-Liberals of the eral members of the British Columbia action against the of the Provincial Liberal legislature should be members of the executive convention, but as to this the Vanassociation in including as ex-officio delegates to the convention to be held at couver "protest" is altogether silent Vancouver on January 30: (1) The Of- Why? If it is wrong, or inexpedient ficers and executive of the British Col- to admit the editors, it is equally umbia Liberal Association (2) Liberal wrong to admit the members. The lateditors of newspapers supporting the ter, who were elected to the legislature Dominion government and (3) In ar- on the no-party platform, have no ranging that a credentials committee stronger claim for recognition than the should be doesen by the executive as former. But in my opinion both have soon as the delegates had assembled claims to be thus recognized. The acin Vancouver. This "protest," which is tion of the executive in this regard accompanied by a letter signed by the was manifestly in the interest of the chairman of the Vancouver Liberal as- party as a whole. The sole object was sociation explaining at greater length to strengthen the party by enlisting the reasons of the Vancouver association the co-operation of a class of men who for coming to this decision, calls for a take an active and intelligent interest statement from me in explanation of the in public affairs and whose influentia reasons actuating the executive in com- support at a general election we are all anxious to secure. ing to the decision that it did. (3) The proposal of the executive to

(1) The contention that the executive of the British Columbia Liberal associa- appoint a credentials committee as soon as the delegates arrived in Vancou tion-who are the omcers appointed at the New Westminster convention of 1897ver was due to a desire to expedite bu iness and to save time. It was felt that are not properly ex-officio members of the convention, is, according to my view, if this was done the convention would get down to business more quickly. untenable. In all associations, polari-or otherwise, where permanent organi-zation is maintained, the men appoint-rangement, and there enould be no dif-rangement, and there enould be no difuntenable. In all associations, political ciation remain in office until their sucficulty in adjusting it to the satisfaction cessors are appointed. Necessarily, the of all. It is the earnest wish of the execuofficers must be present at conventions

or meetings of the body of which they tive that the convention should be fully are officers, otherwise there would be no representative in orrer that the views of continuation of the organization. The the Liberals of the province as a whole absence of the secretary, for instance, should not only be presented but acted would deprive the convention of the re- upon, and that at least one result of the cord of proceedings of past meetings, while the failure of the other officers to party, so that its influence in the cause attend would be equally confusing. of good government, both Frederal and petitioners assert that the best people Surely, if a convention of a political Provincial, will be more potent than it party appoints officers to manage its af- has ever been before. fairs until they are replaced by new men, the following convention is not fore the meeting of th convention, and justified in saying to these officers: "You submit to it the "protest" of the Vanhave no standing here; come as delega-couver association and some other questes especially appointed, or do not come at all." That attitlde, I must say, cannot sincerely, be justified by precedent nor yet on the President ground of expediency. In my view the Associat Liberals of British Columbia will ap-

prove of the action of the executive in this matter, and will sustain the de-

officio members of the following con gauntlet of volleys of rocks. There has been a large innux of peo

ention, whenever it may be held. ple into Barcelona from the surround-(2 The admission of editors of newsing villages, and the Socialists and papers supporting the Liberal government at Ottawa was suggested to the anarchists are active in organizing executive by myself. I noticed that at attacks on the factories, which have the Manitoba Liberal convention edibeen compelled to close. A well know tors of Liberal papers were made eliwoman anarchist, Therese Claremont gible for membership, and I thought 'is among the persons arrested. the idea could be adopted in British

A feature of the situation is the militant action of the women. Meetings of the workwomen during the night decided to strike for nine hours' worl per day and to support the man strik ers. Women are now prominent in all the street demonstrations.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

The Dowager Empress Becomes a Little More Concinatory.

FEKIN, Jan. 4 .- The dowager empress has issued another edict display-ing a desire to conciliate foreigners. She says friendly relations with the ministers should be resumed immediately upon the court's return to Fekin, wheretore, it is desirable that the emperor grunt an audience and order an early date to be fixed for the reception of the ministers. Her majesty recalls the pleasure she experienced twice in receaving the ladies of the diplomatic corps and announces that she will soon arange another reception. The edict mentions the hall in which the emperor will receive the ministers. It is in the forbidden city, and in the same hall where the members of the council and the highest nobles are received. This conforms with the peace treaty. It is reported that a building along the route of the procession will be provided where the foreign ladies may witness the court's re-entry into Pekin by order of the dowager empress. This is a renarkable innovation. Today's edict confirms the report that

two missionaries were victims in the Kanan massacre, and orders the vigorous punishment of the persons con-

cerned in the outrage. The foreign office has received a petition signed by a multitude of Chinese merchants in the United States, remeeting will be the unification of the questing the government to oppose the re-enactment of the Chinese law. The in the United States are opposed to the law and only the coterie surounding President Roosevelt favor it; that all I, will call the executive together be-Chinese entering the country are regarded and treated as criminals; that both sexes are stripped nd examined for disease, and that the feelings of the respectable Chinese are outraged by the ordeal; and it is further alleged that many delicate persons have died as the rist of this treatment.



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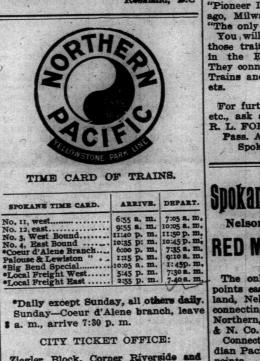
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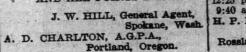
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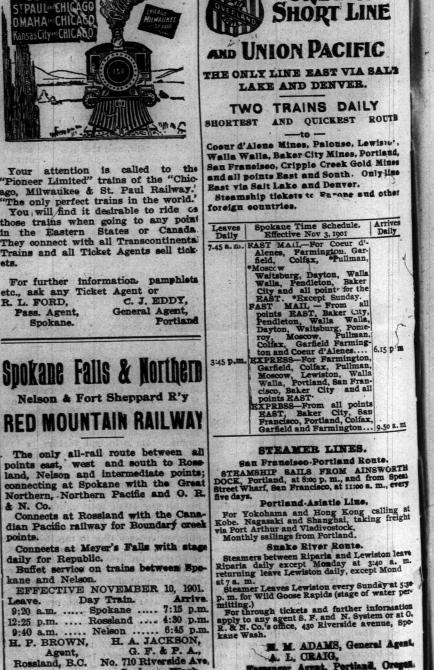
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