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ON COAST DEFENSES

Squire, of Washington, Addresses the Senate.

OUR CONDITION LAMENTABLE

Our Entire Coast Exposed and Helpless Against Foreign Navies—Senators Morrill's Riribday.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Senator Morrill, of Vermont, reached the age of 86 years today, and the event was referred to in the opening prayer of the chaplain, who spoke of the white-haired senator as hale in body, clear, sound and vigorous in intellect, and esteemed by his brother senators, by his state and by the whole country. At the conclusion of the prayer Morrill received congratulations from many of his associates. Shortly after the session opened Morrill announced that Thursday next he would speak on the necessity of additional quarters for the national museum. Squire was then recognized for a speech on coast defenses. He said all the evidence taken by the committee on coast defenses is lamentable in the extreme. The defensive works are of a character incapable of resisting modern artillery. The evidence is overwhelming that in case of war our whole people would suffer immeasurably. He concluded: "We are encircled as a nation with a chain of foreign fortresses and while our rich sea coast cities or ports, coaling stations impervious to attack, including San Diego, San Francisco, Portland and Puget sound lay exposed and helpless against the attack of foreign powers that possess navies."

WILL DECIDE IN A WEEK.

Whether Nicaragua Canal Bill Shall Be Reported to the House.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Nicaragua canal and Hawaiian cable questions were considered by the house committee on commerce today, but no vote was taken on any of the bills. It was decided to dispose finally of the question of reporting the canal bill to the house one week from next Friday. In the meantime hearings may be continued, and probably some of the government engineers will be called upon to give their views.

General Wagner Swaine, who represents the Pacific Cable Company, of New Jersey, of which Colonel Spaulding, of the Hawaiian islands, is president, made a statement to the committee in the interests of that company. A resolution was adopted, by a vote of 10 to 4, expressing that the sense of the committee is that the government should aid, by subsidy, the construction of a Pacific cable. Neither of the two rival companies, which are competing for government patronage, were named in the resolution, and no terms were suggested.

IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE.

Southern Pacific to Create a Town Similar to Pullman.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—In connection with the plan of the Southern Pacific company to construct a short line to Baden, via Potrero and South San Francisco, there is another important enterprise. This is said to be nothing less than the creation of a railroad town, similar to that of Pullman, near Chicago, on the property of the Southern Pacific company and its individual shareholders in this and San Mateo counties, where the two counties join.

It has long been known that the railroad contemplated constructing a short line through this section, and that this would have been the original route, but for the opposition of certain landholders 25 years ago, but it is only recently that numerous developments have indicated that the Southern Pacific people have something more in view in making heavy land purchases in the Potrero, and more particularly in South San Francisco, than securing a right of way.

It is proposed to remove the company's repair shops and roundhouse to the new town. It is said that work on the project is only delayed by the company's lack of ready money.

IT WILL BE REFUSED.

Cleveland's Offer as Mediator—Said to Have Reached Canovas.

LONDON, April 14.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Pall Mall Gazette, says Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish premier, is ill, and cannot be interviewed. His relatives, however, confirm the existence of a "communique" from President Cleveland. But, in the present state of public feeling, it will be impossible for the government to accept his offer.

Matters are very complicated, and while the government will do everything in its power to avoid a quarrel with the United States, it will prefer to fight rather than lose Cuba through foreign pressure. The coming cortes will grant Cuba every reasonable franchise which has been enjoyed under the Spanish flag.

Unheard of at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Nothing is known at the state department of any such communication from President Cleveland to the Spanish premier, Senor Castillo, as is referred to in the telegram from Madrid. It is surmised, however, that the matter is entering into Spanish politics and is, perhaps, being more or less distorted to serve party purposes.

THE CAREY FACTION.

Portland City and County Convention in Session.

It is certain that never in the history of Multnomah county politics has such deep, earnest interest been aroused as that which characterizes the present campaign. The division in the Republican ranks has given hope to Democratic, Independent, Populist and Prohibition candidates alike, and with one accord the adherents of these different parties have gathered at the many meetings and conventions which have marked the preliminary work of the coming election.

Particularly was this interest noticeable at the convention of the Carey delegates held this morning at the Chamber of Commerce. The hour for opening the convention had been named for 10 o'clock. An hour before that time the corridors of the building and assembly hall were filled with men, the partisans of every possible candidate on nomination on the ticket to be named being present.

The convention was called to order by Judge C. H. Carey as chairman, with Dan J. Malarkey as secretary.

Chairman Carey suggested that the delegates from the different wards seat themselves together, and that seats that might then remain vacant be occupied by the spectators.

Secretary Malarkey then read the minutes of the meeting of the delegates held April 6th, which were adopted, the name of Mitchell, as it occurred in the reading, being received with rousing cheers. The chair then announced that the selection of candidates for the several offices to be voted for at the coming election would next be in order, the legislative nominees coming first. He would hear the nominations for four state senators.

State senators—J. A. Haseltine, J. J. Fisher, A. H. Tanner and W. M. Killingsworth.

Representatives—H. A. Hogue, W. E. Thomas, Jonathan Bourne, jr., Van B. Tucker, Henry Wagner, Charles E. Cleveland, T. A. Marquam.

Clerk of circuit court Dan J. Moore
Clerk of county court F. A. Newton
County recorder C. A. Burckhardt
Sheriff William Frazer
County treasurer Ralph W. Hoyt
County assessor R. S. Greenleaf
County sup't schools F. A. Armstrong
County surveyor H. L. Neville
County commissioner J. Kenworthy
Coroner Geo. F. Koehler

Justice of the peace, East Portland district—T. B. McDevitt; constable, J. N. Wheeler.

Justice of the peace, Powell's Valley—G. C. Miller.
Mayor W. S. Mason
Municipal judge L. A. McNary
City attorney W. M. Cake
City auditor S. A. Arment
City surveyor T. M. Hurlburt
City sup't streets John Wood
City treasurer Arthur Wilson

Councilmen—First ward, J. R. Stipe; second ward, Charles Logus; third ward, L. H. Tarpley; fourth ward, David Dalgleish; sixth ward, John Robinson; seventh ward, T. C. Malone; eighth ward, T. A. Davey; ninth ward, Samuel L. Woodward; tenth ward, J. M. Pittenger; eleventh ward, M. A. Share.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Maine Republicans are in session today.

Gov. W. O. Bradley will be Kentucky's choice for the presidency.

North Dakota voices for McKinley and against free silver. They also renew their devotion to the policy of protection.

Nebraska Republicans selected McKinley delegates. H. A. Thompson, of St. Louis, a member of the executive committee of the advisory board of the A. P. A., arrived in Omaha direct from the Cincinnati meeting of the board, at which it was decided to oppose the nomination of McKinley.

BORN.

Tuesday, April 14th, to the wife of J. W. Jenkins, a son.

HALLS OF CONGRESS

Senate Considers Peffer's Bond Resolution.

HILL'S SPEECH IN OPPOSITION

He Said Investigation Was Proposed Without Charges Being Made—Blue's Amendment De-feated.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—At 2:35 p. m. Peffer's resolution for an investigation of the bond sales was laid before the senate and the struggle for precedence occurred.

Quillon, Allison and Hale urged the appropriation bills, but it was finally determined to consider the bond resolution.

Hill took the floor to oppose the resolution. He said this was a Populist resolution and no one had a better right to control it than Peffer. Hill declared the investigation was proposed without charges or grounds for imputing wrongdoing. Peffer wanted a bond investigation because he thought there was a popular curiosity about bond issues. The senators who wanted a bond investigation should have made specifications. Their course was extraordinary, and was taken because no one wanted to be responsible for it if it was found nothing wrong had been done. It was preferred to take the gossip of the street and newspaper insinuations rather than well-known, actual facts.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The house defeated Blue's amendment to substitute General Howard's name for General Franklin's as trustee of the Soldiers' Homes, by a rising vote of 55 to 130.

BOXING MADE HARMLESS.

The Novel Invention of a Chicago Amateur Boxer.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Boxing made as harmless as top-spinning or any other child's play, the manly art of self-defense reduced to punting-bag exercise—this astonishing transformation of pugilism was illustrated in this city last evening. The new scheme for making blows harmless consists of a vest of padded material and a mask for the jaw and nose. It is so built that even the most heavily landed blows seem to the wearer like a gentle tapping and a person provided with the device is practically invulnerable against a knockout.

Bob Fraser, a local amateur boxer, is the inventor. He completed this new suit of his invention three days ago. Besides the protection afforded the wearer is an electrical registering device to count the number of blows struck. This will result in making sparring a contest for points in which no referee is needed to give the decision. When a vulnerable point is struck a stiff spring is compressed, an electrical contact is made, a small bell makes a single stroke and the register counts one. The batteries, wires, register and bell are all fitted in the back of the suit, and are extremely light. Only punting blows are made to count.

Last evening Mr. Fraser donned his suit for a go with J. J. Corbett. The big man chased his little antagonist about the stage, delivering blows with both hands until the register on the back of Mr. Fraser's suit indicated 109 blows. Mr. Fraser's score was about six. After the trial the ex-champion expressed himself astonished and delighted with the new invention and said it would prove a great benefit to the art of boxing. A person equipped with it would be practically secure against a knockout, even by a far superior antagonist.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalled for April 17, 1896. Persons uncalled for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

Brown, H J	Brawn, C A
Blakely, Billy C	Connors, Mrs O B
Clossner, E	Cook, Mrs M J
Falt, James E	Fosler, Mrs F R
Green, Mr Geo E (2)	Havely, John B
Helmer, Rose	Higby, F A
Hall, Mr C R	Herr, Mrs T F
Howard, Mr Tom	Margan, Mrs M
Hughes, Mrs C	Porter, Mrs Julia
Moore, Lewis	Thomas, Mr J N
Scott, Mrs Walter	White, Miss Alice.

J. A. CROSSES, P. M.

Joined the Cubans.

A former Spokaneite, unless recently killed, is now numbered among the Cubans who are making a struggle for freedom from the yoke of Spain. He is John Lund, the eldest son of Olof Lund, a Scandinavian politician of Spokane.

Dry Goods Clothing Furnishings

DEATH!

Ladies, Gents AND Children's SHOES.

At the end of the present month the

BOSS CASH STORE DIES.

Purchases made prior to that date effect a saving of

25 CENTS to 45 CENTS on the DOLLAR

1 Mirror, French Plate, 56x32; 1 No. 8 Cooking Stove, of superior make; 1 Large Heating Stove; 2 Small Stoves.

M. HONYWILL

ENGINEERS MURDERED.

Three Americans Massacred by Hostile Matabeles.

CHICAGO, April 15.—A cable message from Cape Town reports the killing of three engineers near Bulawayo. The names of two of the victims are given as Hammond and Palmer. Miss May E. Squire, manager of Handel music hall, has grave fears that the third is her cousin, Richard Lyle Mason, who was in the vicinity of Bulawayo when last heard from. The last letter received from him gave his address as "Care A. R. Hammond, Bulawayo, Matabeleland, South Africa. The letter was dated January 18, and was received here March 18. It was written in the heart of Matabeleland, 500 miles from the coast, and was taken by a native courier 30 miles to Bulawayo to be posted. Mr. Mason was given exclusive charge of the mines in the Zambesi district, Matabeleland, and at the time he wrote was engaged in moving, with a force of 20 men and 100 mules, some heavy machinery required for the development of the mines. They had passed beyond the fever districts, and were 40 or 50 miles distant from the uprising in the Transvaal. He went there last September.

Though the party was 60 miles or more from the scene of the first trouble in the Transvaal, Mr. Mason wrote that he had no desire to get nearer, because "those niggers shot too straight to suit him." He thought the natives had been incited by the Dutch to rise against the English in the first place.

Mr. Mason is a native of Australia, but America is his adopted country. His parents live in Australia, and he has no other relative except Miss Squire in this country. She has made every effort to secure information in regard to Mr. Mason and his possible fate, but with little success so far. The United States has at present no representative at Cape Town, the newly accredited consul, James H. Mulligan, being now en route to his post.

Mr. Mason, though only 37 years old, has acquired a fine reputation as an expert mechanical and mining engineer. He is a graduate of the school of design in Melbourne, and first practiced his profession in the Australian gold fields. Then he came to America and remained here nine years. In that time he was employed in every large machinery manufacturing plant in the country, from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

An offer of £5000 a year decided him to go to South Africa. He is one of the one hundred expert mining engineers whose services have been secured by the English capital invested in the South African fields. The head of this force is John Hays Hammond of San Francisco, a cousin of A. R. Hammond, in whose care Mr. Mason's mail was to be sent. It seems probable that A. R. Hammond and Mr. Mason were two of the three victims of the natives. Mr. Mason, it is known, had two other engineers associated with him in the Zambesi mining district.

Burned to Death.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—Across the river in Polk county last night an old bachelor, living alone, named Eugene Newton, set his house on fire and was burned to death in the building. It is supposed to be an accident caused by his being intoxicated.

MAY BEAR GOOD FRUIT.

Spain Shows Signs of Accepting Cleveland's Offer.

CHICAGO, April 15.—A special dispatch to the Times-Herald from Washington says:

There is now hope that the efforts of the United States to mediate between Spain and the Cuban insurgents will result in the bringing about of negotiations between the rebel leaders and the Spanish government. At least, Spain

shows signs of acceding to the request recently made by President Cleveland for the acceptance of the good offices of the United States.

The negotiations are in the hands of Secretary Olney and Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at this capital. Senor de Lome, acting under instructions from his government, has made certain inquiries as to the method which the president proposes to follow.

If the Spanish minister of foreign affairs finally accept the good offices of this government, General Fitzhugh Lee, our new consul general at Havana, will be instructed to sound the insurgent leaders as to their willingness to accept reforms in Cuba, and on these being guaranteed to lay down their arms.

Wasco County Leads the State.

It is apparent the Wasco county fruit crop this year will lead the state. Less harm has resulted from frosts or other causes. The only failure in our history as a fruit producing county was in 1878. January and the first few days of February were almost summer-like in temperature. Flowers bloomed and the sap rose in the trees. Then came the severest cold weather ever known. The thermometer descended from 15 to 30 degrees below zero, varying with locality, and the trees were killed by its long continuance. Great trouble was experienced with water pipes, many being frozen three feet underground. Nothing as disastrous ever occurred before or since. Throughout all the years since then, though at times the crop has been less than at others, there has always been plenty of fruit when bearing time rolled around.

A New Study for School Children.

Mr. Emil Schanno returned last night from the meeting of the state board of horticulture which convened April 14th in Salem. The board meets semi-annually, its next session being in October. The most important business done was the drawing of a set of resolutions by the board asking the educational board to introduce suitable text books on horticulture in the public schools. This is a very wise action and should be taken up with becoming ardor and promptness. Gov. Lord took occasion to compliment the board for this action, saying that every child, whether living in the city or the country, should have a primary knowledge of how to decorate and benefit a home through the planting and cultivation of trees and shrubs.

EASTERN OREGON.

J. B. Patterson, late of Arlington, died in Walla Walla April 13th, of heart failure. He was 84 years of age.

A wreck occurred on the O. R. & N. near Wallula Wednesday afternoon in which Engineer Kimball was severely injured and Fireman Rhody considerably hurt. They were on a freight train of which four cars left the track. The locomotive, it is said, turned completely over.

The levee at Pendleton continues to disappear into the hungry waters of the Umatilla. The river shows no signs of subsiding and the work of destruction still goes on. Before many days the situation will become dangerous to those residing in the lower portion of town. The end of the levee is still washing rapidly and a place just below the suspension bridge is caving in at a rate that is indeed alarming.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NOT A SICK DAY For Over Thirty Years!

RESULT OF USING
AYER'S PILLS

"Ayer's Cathartic Pills for over thirty years have kept me in good health, never having had a sick day in all that time. Before, I was twenty I suffered almost continually—as a result of constipation—from dyspepsia, headaches, neuralgia, or boils and other eruptive diseases. When I became convinced



that nine-tenths of my troubles were caused by constipation, I began the use of Ayer's Pills, with the most satisfactory results, never having a single attack that did not readily yield to this remedy. My wife, who had had an invalid for years, also began to use Ayer's Pills, and her health was quickly restored. With my children I had noticed that nearly all their ailments were preceded by constipation, and I soon had the pleasure of knowing that with children as with parents, Ayer's Pills, if taken in season, avert all danger of sickness."—H. WETSTEIN, Byron, Ill.

AYER'S PILLS

Highest Honors at World's Fair.
Ayer's Sarsaparilla Strengthens the System.

Tramp's Bluff Didn't Work.

A burly-appearing tramp appeared at the residence of Mrs. Verne Kooztz this morning and, Mrs. M. D. L. French coming to the door, he asked for something to eat in an insolent tone. She is one of those kind of women who won't stand a bluff and she refused point blank. He then demanded some food, and was met with an equally determined front not to give it to him. He then said he would go away, but would come back "heeled" and she would be glad to give him something. She said she would be heeled too. She sent for the marshal, but there was a little trouble in finding him, and he did not appear soon enough to make the arrest. In the meantime the fellow had hung around the block and came back twice afterward, renewing his demands. Mrs. French maintained her position at the door until he finally went away and was lost to sight.

Overcome by the Heat.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—The mercury went up to 84 yesterday. It was one of the hottest April days on record in this city. George Sebela was overcome by the heat and died in the Germantown hospital.

Dall Reed left Arlington Wednesday with two car loads of horses for Hamilton, Montana, where they will be sold to farmers.