

WILL BE TRIED TODAY

Competitors Crew to Be Court-martialed at Havana.

ALL ARE IN EXCELLENT SPITITS

How the Spaniards Tried to Force a Confession—Story of Captain Laborde.

New York, May 8.—A dispatch to the Herald, from Havana, says:

The crew of the Competitor will be tried in the arsenal at 8 o'clock this morning. Five of the men were permitted to send a letter to the American consul-general and to talk with one another last evening for the first time in nine days.

When seen by your correspondent in prison they were singing and talking Spanish. Captain Alfredo Laborde showed deep sores in his wrists, which were cut by ropes. He said:

"They tried to force me to make some sort of a confession. I assured them that I had told the truth from the outset, and though they tried to make it appear that I had knowledge of everything, I was really a victim. I had a wrecking license, permitting general freight and passenger business and sponge fishing along the Florida coast, though from a distance special custom-house papers are necessary. I arranged to carry 24 passengers from Key West to Lemon City, and we started at night. When near Cape Cable, the leaders, Colonel Monson, one Tagurde, and five others, came into the cabin. They said they had expected to reshipe for Cuba.

"They ordered me to sail about until it came, but I refused, and they seized the boat, saying:

"Well, we will do as we see fit."

"They had a pilot of their own and compelling us to be silent by threats, they steered for the Cuban coast. I received only \$2 for each man and never thought that I would carry them so far. When we reached the coast and had almost unloaded the Cubans ashore, a Spanish gunboat appeared and began firing. I sent the mate to raise the American flag, but the Spaniards kept shooting at him until he turned below. There was a quantity of dynamite on the deck, and fearing an explosion, we got into the water to keep at a safe distance. The gunboat continued to fire at us, though we did not resist."

William Golden, the mate, is an Englishman. Captain Laborde says he has been naturalized. Onajillon, another prisoner, is a native of Kansas. He says he became a correspondent for a Jacksonville paper and this was his first newspaper work. He had been waiting some time for a chance to secure a boat for Pinar del Rio, he says.

"Did you expect to land in Cuba from the Competitor?" I asked.

"I expect to land and transfer," he answered.

Captain Laborde turned and remarked:

"That is the only thing for which I blame you, for not telling me in advance."

"I wonder what became of the three others of the crew who were captured," he continued. "They are not here. I fear they are dead. Only two of the crew are here besides myself and the mate."

The owner of the Competitor is Joseph Wells, of Key West.

THE HALLS OF CONGRESS.

Mitchell's Resolution For Popular Election of Senators.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—In the senate today Mitchell gave notice that when the appropriation bills are all out of the way he will press the joint resolution for the election of senators by the people. The river and harbor bill was then taken up.

When the item for the deep-water harbor at Port Los Angeles, Santa Monica bay, California, authorizing contracts aggregating \$2,998,000 for the work, was reached, White offered an amendment for the creation of a board of three officers to report on the relative merits of Santa Monica bay and of San Pedro harbor. Large easels were brought in and maps of the Pacific coast, placed on them. With pointer in hand, White proceeded to point out the main points of the contest.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The house today passed a bill to establish a life-saving station at Point Bonita, Golden Gate, Cal.; also a bill appropriating \$5000 for the deportation of the Canadian Cree Indians from Montana.

The Oregon's Trial Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—The new

battle-ship Oregon will make her trial trip over the course staked out in the Santa Barbara channel next Monday, if the weather is favorable. She will leave this harbor bound for the course tomorrow morning.

The board of examiners, composed largely of officers of the Philadelphia, has been made up. The United States coast survey steamer Gedney has completed the survey of the course.

Captain Minor Goodall says he will try to make the Oregon excel the record of the Indiana, her sister ship, which gained a record of 16.67 knots. From his experience with the Oregon Wednesday and yesterday, he thinks she can come closer to the 17-knot mark than did the Indiana on her trial trip.

If he succeeds in beating the latter's record the accomplishment will be exceedingly gratifying to the officers of the Union iron works, not so much on account of the bonus of \$25,000 for every quarter knot over the contract speed of 15 knots, as that it will prove a victory for the Pacific coast over Cramp Bros., of Philadelphia.

The Oregon plowed the waters of the bay from Hunter's Point to Red Rock yesterday and attracted much attention. Experienced tugboatmen who watched her, say she attained above 14 knots an hour.

PENALTY IS HANGING.

Carl Albrecht Found Guilty of Murder in First Degree.

Carl Albrecht, who killed his wife at Marshfield, Or., February, 18 last, was yesterday convicted in circuit court at Empire City of murder in the first degree. The jury brought in a verdict after 15 minutes' deliberation. Albrecht will be sentenced by Judge Fullerton Monday next.

Carl Albrecht shot and killed his wife on the street in Marshfield. The deed was committed because of the wife's refusal to support him. Albrecht had been very cruel to the woman for a number of years, and his treatment became so bitter a week before the crime that she left him and instituted divorce proceedings. Albrecht did his utmost to get her to return, and February 17 said that he would talk no longer, but would kill her. The next day, after Mrs. Albrecht returned from doing a day's washing for the family of John Preuss, in South Marshfield, he made good his threat.

Mrs. Albrecht had been at Preuss' home and was taking a basket of clothes to her daughter, when Albrecht met her. He spoke to her about leaving him, and she replied by asking him to go away and leave her alone; but this he would not do. Mrs. Albrecht first sought protection at Judge Watson's residence from her pursuing husband, and a little later started on her journey, but was intercepted by Albrecht. Mrs. Cox appeared then and began to intercede for Mrs. Albrecht, but he placed his hand to his hip pocket, as if to shoot Mrs. Cox, and the latter hurriedly got out of the way. A few moments later Albrecht walked up to his wife and placed a revolver to her back, firing five shots, the first two taking effect. After the first shot Mrs. Albrecht fell to the ground, and the other four shots were fired after she was down. She was dead when picked up.

When the dastardly deed was committed, Albrecht turned and pointed his revolver at himself, as if he were going to take his own life, and then took to his heels to get out of the reach of the officers. William Webster shadowed him in his flight, Albrecht keeping him at a respectable distance by threatening to shoot. Webster pointed out Albrecht's hiding-place to Marshal Elrod, who went up to him and ordered him to hold up his hands; but Albrecht only held up one, and was in the act of shooting Elrod when the latter fired. The third shot brought the wife-murderer to the ground. At first it was thought that Albrecht would die, but on examination it was found that he received only flesh wounds. Two bullets struck him, one in the right shoulder and one in the right hip.

In the fall of 1893 a son of Mr. T. A. McFarland, a prominent merchant of Live Oak, Sutter county, Calif., was taken with a very heavy cold. The pains in his chest were so severe that he had spasms and was threatened with pneumonia. His father gave him several large doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which broke up the cough and cured him. Mr. McFarland says whenever his children have croup he invariably gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always cures them. He considers it the best cough remedy in the market. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton's Drug store.

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WILL MAKE A RECORD

Battle-Ship Oregon's Fine Run to Santa Barbara.

FASTER THAN THE MASSACHUSETTS

The Trial Trip Will Probably Be Delayed Until Tuesday—Getting Stakeboats Into Position.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 10.—The battle-ship Oregon dropped anchor in the channel at 11 o'clock this morning, outside the kelp. An Associated Press reporter was the first aboard. In an interview, Irving M. Scott said:

"It will be Tuesday before we get off on the trip. The stakeboats have to get into position of the ranges. This must be carefully and accurately done. The position of the stakeboats will be as follows: At the eastern end, opposite Goleta wharf, the Unadilla; the McArthur at the western range, 31 miles north from the start; the Albatross off Gavita wharf; the Gedney at a point midway between the Unadilla and the Albatross, about 10 miles apart.

"The run down was most satisfactory. We left the whistling buoy off the bar at 10:15 Saturday, the engines making revolutions of 96½, with an average speed of 13½ knots. We arrived at Port Harford at 12 o'clock. From Port Harford to Point Conception, we loafed along until daylight, to catch beacons and become familiar with the course. Here we 'hit her up' and made time from this point to the lower range at a rate of 16.34 knots, for a distance of 15 or 18 miles."

Enthusiasm aboardship is unbounded, and the record of the Massachusetts, of 16.15 knots, is doomed, crowning the Oregon queen, and placing her at the very front among ships of her class, in all the nauties of the world.

Admiral Beardslee, Captain Cotton, Captain Goodall, and all the members of the trial board, corroborated the statement of Mr. Scott.

"The Oregon behaved admirably and we will beat the Massachusetts or beat something," said Chief Engineer Forsythe.

A WAR CANDIDATE.

John Bookwalter Believes Cleveland Will Be Nominated.

CINCINNATI, May 10.—A special to the Commercial Gazette from Springfield, O., gives an interview with John W. Bookwalter, the democratic candidate for governor of Ohio in 1877. He predicts that Grover Cleveland will be nominated for the fourth time at the Chicago convention. He enlorges the president as the leader of tariff reform, and says he is now wanted as the leader of the war party in this country. Mr. Bookwalter believes the condition of foreign affairs, especially with Great Britain and Spain, will be such, two months hence, as to compel the democracy to take up President Cleveland, and that the war sentiment will be in his favor in November. He says the administration will be heard at the proper time on the Cuban question, and also on the Venezuela boundary, and then it will be Cleveland's call. Mr. Bookwalter also predicts a free silver platform, and that the party will thus be kept together for a great struggle. Mr. Bookwalter is away much of his time, but is now cultivating his old home constituencies, and expects to go to the Chicago convention as a delegate.

MR. STAGGE GONE.

Denver People Said to be Looking Anxiously for Him.

Blood will tell. Lionel Stagge turns out to be a rogue after all. Some two years ago a good deal of sympathy was wasted upon this gentleman, who with a penitentiary record, was appointed receiver for a prominent Portland bank. The experiment of covering a wrongdoer with a mantle of charity, has in this case proven a failure, and re-establishes the truth of an old saw: "Once a rogue, always a rogue."

The Denver Post of Tuesday, May 5th, has the following, which will be of interest in Oregon:

"The police are looking for Lionel Stagge and a dozen or more mining brokers are mourning his sudden departure from the city. Under a pretext of publishing a manual of mining he gulled the brokers for a total of \$150, but he used an afternoon political organ as a cloak to cover his transactions, and the brokers are even more wrathful because of this. One broker said yesterday: 'It is certainly exasperating that, from quarters where honesty should be paramount, we encounter smooth crooks.' The afternoon organ was captured by the suave

manner and handsome appearance of Lionel, and the cash drawer is nearly empty. It was touched up to the tune of \$175, and the building is in mourning. Lionel drifted into this city about two months ago. He is a decided brunette, minus a moustache. The name under which he sailed is no doubt an assumed one. The police will for that reason have difficulty in locating their man.

"Lionel proposed the publication of a book devoted entirely to mining, and secured the cooperation of a Denver daily paper, and the principal mining brokers of the city. He worked for several weeks and used the hotel corridors as a scene of operations with out-of-town mining men. How many of them he caught no one will ever know. As he was well dressed and a good talker, he likely convinced many that his scheme was a great one. Without warning he left town on the 25th of last month, and the data collected went with him. His name has been removed from over the door of his office in the building of the Denver newspaper which had gone into the scheme with him."

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Cailloutte, Druggist, Bearersville, Ill. says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store.

INSURGENT CASUALTIES.

Five Thousand Men Killed Since the War Was Begun.

NEW YORK, May 8.—A World dispatch from Madrid says:

According to the Spanish official figures, the Cuban insurgent casualties from the beginning of the insurrection, February 24, 1895, to December 31, 1895, were: Killed, 26 chiefs, 1190 men; wounded, 358; prisoners, four chiefs, 218 men. During the first four months of 1896 there are reported to have been killed 37 chiefs, 3085 men; wounded, 20 chiefs, 1618 men; prisoners, 20 chiefs, 330 men, besides 14 chiefs and 670 men, who came in and surrendered.

The total number of horses taken from the insurgents is given as 4637. The Spanish official statistics admit that the royal forces have lost in killed and those who died of wounds or disease, three generals, 29 field officers, 272 officers, and 4892 men, up to the end of March, 1896, which does not include the heavy casualties in April.

NOT THE SAME.

Beranger's Terse and Clever Characterization of Victor Hugo.

A terse and clever characterization was that by which Beranger, the poet, summed up Victor Hugo's relation to the great republican spirit of France. Hugo, although it is said that he was not a republican at the very beginning of his career, became a most enthusiastic and outspoken one. He represented the pictorial, dramatic side of popular feeling and became so picturesque a figure in French politics that he could not have failed to serve as a popular idol.

Beranger, who was a republican of the simplest type, notwithstanding his share in establishing Louis Philippe on the throne, denied the poet's attitude in one line.

One day, says the Contemporary Review, shortly after the revolution which overtopped that throne, an acquaintance of Beranger met him coming out of the Palais-Bourbon. "I shall feel obliged," said the poet, "if you will see me home, for I do not feel at all well. Those violent scenes inside there are not to my taste. I am not at all well," he continued, with a wistful smile; "I have been accused of having held the plank over which Louis Philippe went to the Tuilleries. I wish I could be the bridge across the Channel on which he would return. Certainly I would have liked a republic, but not such as we are having in there."

He pointed to the home of the Constituent assembly. "You ought to be pleased," said his friend, "Victor Hugo is in the same regiment with you."

"Victor Hugo is not in the regiment," was the quiet reply. "He is in the band."

How to Cure Rheumatism.

ARAGO, Coos Co., Oregon, Nov. 10, 1893.—I wish to inform you of the great good Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done my wife. She has been troubled with rheumatism of the arms and hands for six months, and has tried many remedies prescribed for that complaint, but found no relief until she used this Pain Balm; one bottle of which has completely cured her. I take pleasure in recommending it for that trouble. Yours truly, C. A. Bullard. 50 cents and \$1.00 bottles for sale by Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store.

THE REQUEST GRANTED

Execution of American Prisoners at Havana Delayed.

WILL BE POSTPONED SOME WEEKS

The Case Referred to the Supreme Tribunal of War—The Treaty to Be Discussed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—In the Competitor case it can be authoritatively stated that at the request of the United States the Spanish government will postpone the execution of the death sentences upon the American citizens until the views of the United States respecting the application of their cases to the treaty of 1795 and the protocol of 1877 can be considered.

The announcement of the postponement of the executions means a delay of some weeks. The matter will be taken up by the diplomatic representatives of the United States and Spain, and will be made the subject of an exchange of correspondence on the interpretation to be given the treaty provisions. Meanwhile, the effect will be to allay popular excitement both here and in Spain.

It was definitely announced today that on the day that the five men captured on the Competitor were tried, on Friday last, Admiral Navarro, in conformity with the petition of the prosecutor and the sentence of the naval tribunal, approved and signed the sentence of death imposed upon the filibusters, Alfredo Laborde, Dr. Elias Bedia, William Gildea, John Melton and Theodore Meta.

The announcement is supplemented by the statement that in view of high state considerations, the case has been referred for a final decision to the supreme tribunal of war and marine.

Two alleged filibusters, both citizens of the United States, said to have formed a part of the Competitor expedition have arrived here in custody from Bahia Honda. They were captured by the local guerrillas of Palma, sometime after the landing. The steamer Triton has brought here a small boat abandoned on the coast by the mayor of Berracos. The boat is believed to have belonged to a small expedition which landed in the vicinity of where the Competitor was sighted and captured.

SPANISH NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Imparcial Says This Country Wants War With Spain.

MADRID, May 11.—The Imparcial, referring editorially to the strained relations between the United States and Spain says: The United States intends to wear out the patience of Spain and force her to declare war. It is preferable to hasten the event, as the inferiority of Spain will increase with time.

Captain-General Weyler has not yet replied to the command sent him to report to the supreme court the cases of the men sentenced to death in the Competitor expedition.

ONE OF THE CONDEMNED.

Owen Melton Was Born and Raised in Kansas.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 10.—Owen Melton, the young Kansan captured on the Competitor, and condemned to death, is a nephew of G. B. Jones, the proprietor of a dining hall in this city. Melton was born and raised near Vinland, eight miles south of Lawrence. He went, about six years ago, to Aurora, Ark., where his parents now reside. He was at the time of his capture, it is said, special correspondent for the Key West Times-Union.

WEYLER IS IRRITATED.

Says He is Much Hampered by American Meddling.

MADRID, May 11.—The Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, and the United States minister, had a conference to-day, the result of which is not known. It is reported that Captain General Weyler has cabled the Spanish government that the Spanish authorities are hampered by the "irritating meddling of America in Cuban affairs."

It is understood that the United States government has presented fresh claims for heavy indemnities through the losses on sugar plantations belonging to Americans, being burned by the insurgents.



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It is expected that these demands will lead to further complications.

THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

Political Matters Under Review at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—About fifty delegates to the supreme council of the A. P. A. are in the city for the convention which begins tomorrow, and which, on account of troublesome questions to be dealt with, will probably be in session several days. The most profound secrecy is observed by the delegates, so that it is difficult to secure information concerning the factional differences which are brewing.

The members do not conceal the fact that there will be a warm debate over the recent action of the executive committee in placing McKinley on the presidential blacklist. This step is to be reviewed by the executive committee, which will be required by the friends of McKinley in the order, chief of whom are the Ohio and Kentucky delegates, to present proof on which the charges against McKinley were based.

There is a well-defined rumor that the Western free silver delegates, who declare their intention to secure a free silver plank for the A. P. A. platform, will also endeavor to force the A. P. A. into a political alliance with the Populist party.

Supreme President H. J. Traynor today declared that if the old parties refuse to recognize the principles of the A. P. A., a call will be issued for a national convention to organize a new party, which Traynor said will be joined by citizens who are tired of Roman rule.

A meeting of the full advisory board will be held tomorrow when the action of the executive board on McKinley's candidacy will be called up, and it is thought will be approved. The fight will come in the council first.

Meetings were held to-day by the judiciary and executive committees, the latter for the purpose of reviewing the treasurer's accounts.

Most of the delegates are from Southern and Western states. Some of the most prominent are:

H. E. Taubeneck and J. E. Chols, of Georgia; H. J. Swayne, of California; Judge Jackson, of Texas; Judge H. D. Stevens, of Chicago; Colonel E. H. Sellers, of Detroit; Vice-President J. T. Gibson, of West Virginia; Charles Tucker, of Ohio; M. A. Wisley, of Missouri; C. G. Simmons, of Wisconsin; W. W. Lanning, of Washington; and G. W. Van Fossen and H. B. Ingraham, of New York.

Democratic Speaking.

Hon. A. S. Bennett, Democratic nominee for congress in the Second district, will address the voters of the district at the following places on the following dates:

Moro, Wednesday, May 13th, at 2 p. m.
Grass Valley, Thursday, May 14th, at 1:30 p. m.
Dufur, Saturday, May 16th, at 1:30 p. m.
St. Helens, Monday, May 18th, at 7:30 p. m.
Astoria, Tuesday, May 19th, at 8 p. m.
Troutdale, Wednesday, May 20th, at 7:30 p. m.
Portland, Thursday, May 21st, at 8 p. m.
Albina, Saturday, May 23d, at 8 p. m.

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