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FLED TO AVOID THE BROWN FATE

ARCHIE PHILIPS SHOWS UP IN
PORTLAND TODAY

LIVES BECAUSE HE FLED

Like Harvey Brown He Knew Too
Much For Safety

Portland, March 31.—The missing witness in the Steve Adams case, Archie Philips, whose testimony is considered so valuable that the state has searched far and wide for him, turned up in Portland today. He states he has been in the District of Columbia in hiding.

He also declares he was hurried out of the United States in fear of the fate which met Harvey Brown, who was a friend of his, and who knew much the same testimony as he did. He affirms that he has been made many tempting offers to return to Idaho and be ready to testify against Adams, but will not accept them. He says he is sure that the only thing which saved him from suffering the same fate which befell Brown, was the fact that he left the country, and Brown didn't.

New Powder to Blame.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—Lack of familiarity with the new powder now in use in the navy is held responsible for the explosion yesterday on board the Missouri. The fact that the powder is slower in combustion than that formerly used, was not taken into account by the gunners, say the experts, and this caused the accident.

READY FOR THE GRIND.

Nelson Pulls Up to Even Money With
Abe Attel in 'Frisco.

San Francisco, March 31.—Trained to the hour, both confident of winning the fight. Battling Nelson and Abe Attel are ready for the second class. The seat sale indicates a crowded house. Today the men are resting. Contrary to all expectations Attel has not been made a favorite over Nelson, betting being at even money. Eddie Smith will referee as Graney is sick.

ASKS CHINA TO STEP LIVELIER

BLOODY BOYCOTT ON
JAPANESE MUST CEASE.

Japanese Government Reaches End of
Patience and Notifies China That
the Boycott Must Cease at Once—
Mikado Believes Chinese Are Wink-
ing at the Practice and Not Really
Trying to Stop It—Calls for More
Stringent Action.

Tokio, March 31.—The foreign office today notified the Chinese government that the "bloody boycott" on the Japs, now being conducted in China, must be stopped at once. Bloodshed has followed violations of this boycott and to this the Japanese object.

The notice was served to Tsung Lei Yamen and broadly intimates that the Japanese believe the Chinese are winking at the boycott and making only a half-hearted attempt to check it.

It warns China that the government will be forced to indemnify Japanese merchants unless her authorities are more diligent. Breaking up the embargo situation is one cause of renewal of the feeling against the Chinese throughout the country.

The Weather.

Fair tonight, with freezing tempera-
ture; Wednesday fair.

OFFICE ASPIRANTS BEFORE THE COMING APRIL PRIMARIES

PRACTICALLY THE TICKET AS IT WILL APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL
BALLOT APRIL SEVENTEEN

FILING TIME LIMIT EXPIRES TOMORROW EVENING

A Few Avowed Candidates Have Not Yet Fulfilled All the Requirements
in Becoming Full-Fledged Office-Seekers

With one day yet more in which to
file their declaration and papers, prospective candidates must act quickly, if at all. At 5 o'clock tomorrow, the candidates who will be voted upon at the April primaries will all have stepped into the political limelight.

There are several who have not completed the final details of the "red tape" requisite in becoming a candidate, but this will all be done before tomorrow night, if the candidate wishes to continue in the race.

Following is a list of those who have already filed their declaration:

Representative, Union County.

*Stephen F. Richardson, Rep.
J. B. Stoddard, Rep., La Grande.
Signed statement No. 1.

*Has recently decided to abide by
statement No. 1.

For Sheriff.

E. W. Davis, Rep., La Grande.
W. W. Randall, Rep., La Grande.
F. P. Childers, Dem., La Grande.
T. B. Johnson, Dem., La Grande.

For County Commissioner.

J. M. Selder, Rep., Cove.
R. Blumenstein, Dem., Elgin.

For County Clerk.

W. F. Anderson, Rep., La Grande.
Ed Wright, Rep., Island City.

H. E. Coolidge, Rep., La Grande.

For Recorder of Conveyances.

David H. Proctor, Rep., La Grande.
Ira R. Snook, Rep., La Grande.

Lewis A. Gassett, Dem.

For Superintendent of Schools.

John Frawley, Rep., La Grande.
Omen Bishop, Rep., Union.

E. E. Bragg, Dem., La Grande.

For Coroner.

John M. S. Smith, Rep., Cove.
T. R. Monk, Rep., Summerville.

For Assessor.

J. H. Childs, Rep., La Grande.
R. A. Hug, Rep., La Grande.

Thomas A. Rinehart, Dem., Elgin.

For County Surveyor.

C. R. Thornton, Rep., La Grande.

For Justice of the Peace.

W. H. Gilmore, Rep., Elgin district.
Ole T. Severs, Rep., Cove district.

C. W. P. Elsworth, Dem., La Grande.

B. C. Hudson, Dem., La Grande.

Angus Stewart, Rep., La Grande.

For Constable.

I. W. Faulk, Rep., La Grande district.

Herbert B. Morrison, Rep., La Grande district.

For Precinct Committeemen.

C. A. Galloway, Rep., North Elgin precinct.

F. A. Bidwell, Rep., Union precinct No. 2.

John A. Matott, Rep., La Grande precinct No. 1.

C. H. Bidwell, Rep., Island City precinct.

Geo. W. Hansen, Rep., North Powder precinct.

L. A. Wright, Rep., Union precinct No. 1.

J. H. Peare, Rep., precinct No. 3.

John K. Sheak, Rep., La Grande precinct No. 4.

David Bay, Rep., La Grande No. 2.

Charles Playle, Rep., Allice precinct.

H. Cook, Rep., Medical Springs precinct.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Hill's Name Sent Into Senate as
Successor of Ambassador Tower.

Washington, March 31.—It was announced at the White House today that the resignation of Charlemagne Tower, as ambassador to Germany had been accepted and that it would take effect June 1.

This afternoon President Roosevelt will send to the senate the nomination of David Jayne Hill as ambassador to Germany to succeed Tower.

CASTRO'S ACTIONS CALLED FAULTY

SENATE CONSIDERING
VENEZUELAN AFFAIR.

Government of the United States Likely
to Bring Serious Action Against
President Castro for His Action in
the Asphalt Matter—Several Charges
Included in the Report by Commis-
sioner Calhoun, Who Provoked the
Entire Matter.

New York, March 31.—Secretary of State Elihu Root today transmitted to congress all the correspondence of an official nature bearing upon American claims against the Venezuelan government in the asphalt claims.

Drastic action against President Castro at his government is expected to follow. Five claims against Venezuela are involved. All are in connection with asphalt claims. Trumped-up charges against the company by Castro, seizure of American property and violation of contract are charged.

Commissioner Calhoun, who investigated for the United States, holds that the \$10,000,000 damages assessed against the company by the Venezuelan supreme court was made without giving the company a chance to defend itself.

Washington, March 31.—A crisis in the affairs of the United States and Venezuela is imminent. At a special meeting of the cabinet this afternoon the advisability of a blockade of the ports of that country will be discussed. At a conference of the state and navy departments today a list of vessels ready for service was made out. Four cruisers are included in this list it is said.

GOULD FAMILY QUARREL.

Anna Leaves Home and Takes Up
Quarters at Hotel.

New York, March 31.—Following a quarrel with her family over her intended marriage with Prince de Sagan, Mme. Anna Gould has made arrangement to leave the Gould home and live at the St. Regis hotel. What is supposed to have been the final conference between Mme. Anna and the balance of the family held last night. The result is believed to have caused a rupture. It is said the entire family is arrayed against Anna in the matter of her proposed alliance.

ARMY SCANDAL BOBBING UP

COL. W. F. STEWART CALLED AN
AMERICAN "DREYFUS"

EXILED WITHOUT A HEARING

Army Department May Be Called to
Account After Investigation

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The army is facing a scandal as a result of a report reaching here from San Francisco that Col. William F. Stewart, formerly in command of the fort finances in Florida, has been made an American "Dreyfus" by being exiled to Fort Grant, a deserted and run down army post in Arizona, where his only associates are one enlisted man and two army mules.

An investigation is sure to result and a scandal seems inevitable. If the charges of Stewart's friends are true and he has been condemned without trial or hearing, some one in the war department will be called upon to explain. If, on the other hand, some justification for barbarous treatment accorded the old officer, the sensation will be greater.

The incident is veiled in mystery. Stewart's friends say he was given the alternative of resigning or taking the desert post. He refused to resign and demanded an inquiry. This was refused him and he was hustled to Arizona, where he says he has since vainly tried to get a hearing.

EVANS WILL LAND.

Will Reach San Diego Today and Will
Go to Hot Springs.

San Diego, Cal., March 31.—A wireless message affirms the report that the battleship Connecticut with Admiral Evans aboard, will reach here today. The private car Sacramento has been sent here, presumably to take Evans to the San Luis Obispo hot springs, where he will endeavor to recuperate. The tender Yankton is supposed to be accompanying the flag-ship.

Confer on Railroad Strike.

Denver, March 31.—A conference between the Gould railroad officials and Union men will determine the question of a general strike on the road of a renewal of the closed shop contract. The issue is based on the closed shop. Boiler-makers and the blacksmiths have voted to strike if the contracts are not renewed.

LADIES' SUITS

The Newest New York Creations in Ladies' Suits are coming in by every express and if you have any suit wants a visit to our Suit Department will convince you that the BEST SUIT IDEAS of the season are represented here.

It is a well known fact that the most popular styles, as a rule, cannot be determined upon until the season is somewhat advanced—Here we have an advantage enjoyed by no other suit house in the county—Having a resident buyer in New York we can, and do get the latest and, as a rule, the styles which Fashion Centers approve as THE CORRECT STYLES. Suits in the new Blues, Tans, Browns, also in Black and Navy, from \$15.00 up

LADIES' JACKETS

In plain and striped Coverts in fitted, semi-fitting and bag backs, in colors, Black, Tan Gray and Novelty Mixtures \$3.50 up

NEW TURN-OVER COLLARS

Large assortment of Linen Turn-overs in eyelet, and plain embroidered effects, some excellent values 15c up

BARGAINS IN SHOES THIS WEEK

85c Child's Shoes

49c

\$1.50 Misses' Shoes

98c

\$2.00 \$2.25

LADIES' SHOES

\$1.38

\$2.00 Boy's Shoes

\$1.58

\$2.75 Youths Shoes

\$1.98

\$3.50 Men's Shoes

\$2.89

\$5.00 Men's Shoes

\$3.49

in black and colored Vici Kid, turned sole, also the popular Foot Form shoes included.

in Oxfords and high shoes with welt and turned soles, special this week \$1.38

in Box Calf, Velour Calf and Vici Kid in Bal and Blucher cuts

in Box Calf, Velour Calf, Vici Kid, Patent Calf and enameled Calf at special prices this week.

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The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON

PACIFIC STATES

BLACK 1301

LA GRANDE TO HAVE LOW RATES

EASTERN OREGON-PORTLAND
FREIGHT RATES SLASHED.

State Railroad Commission Ends Remarkable Session—All Points in Oregon East of The Dalles Get 25 Per Cent Reduction on First-Class Freight—Rates Cut From One-Sixth to One-Tenth on First-Class Matter—Other Rates Accordingly.

Salem, March 31.—(Bulletin.)—The state railroad commission today ended the most important session in its existence, cutting freight rates in Oregon from one-sixth to one-tenth of the present first-class rates. All other freight rates are cut accordingly.

The basis of the decision is that all rates from Portland to points in eastern Oregon, east of The Dalles, shall be reduced a portion of the excess above the rate from Portland to The Dalles, which is 25 per cent on first-class rate.

FOR THE SICK ROOM

There is no time when the really proper articles are so essential as when illness comes to the home. No matter what your needs may be, we furnish you with the desired article. Our prompt delivery service is at your service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande

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