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EXPOSE SAD SOCIAL STATUS

YOUNG GIRL ARRESTED; VILE PRACTICE UNCOVERED.

In Arresting a Girl—of 16 the La Grande Police Learn Startling Facts Which Have Existed Within the City Limits—Young Girls Given Drink and Ruined—Rooms Provided Above Amusement Hall for Use of Fiends—Pitiful Story.

There is now confined in the city jail serving a \$25 fine, a young girl not yet 18 years of age. She is charged with roaming the streets at night after 8 o'clock without first having secured a permit from parents or guardian. She was taken in charge by the night officers last Saturday night about 10 o'clock and placed in the city jail to await the action of the court. This morning she was arraigned and pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined as above stated. In default of the money she was placed in the cell where she will serve the 12 days required to complete the sentence. The girl admits that she has been roaming the streets, in fact, has been leading a fast life, and keeping company with friends whose only object in life is to have the usual "fast, good time." As a matter of fact, the arrest was made in order that the officers might secure information which will enable them to prosecute certain persons whom they consider a dis-

credit to the peace and dignity of the city. According to the confession which the girl makes the officers have made no mistake. The girl reveals a condition of affairs existing in this city which would shame the White Chapel district of a city. She recites how girls are invited to amusement places where drinks are to be had, rooms provided and company waiting. She even contends that to her knowledge girls have been drugged in order that fiends in human form might accomplish their beastly purposes. Officers are now working on the information and it is not unlikely that arrests will soon be made.

The girl's story is indeed a sad one. It appears that she has neither mother nor father living. According to her statement she does not know anything about her mother, and her father died some five or six years ago. She continued to live with her stepmother. She says that she has been "rather wild for several years," but never actually "went wrong" until about the time the Nat Reese Carnival company visited this city. Then she says she made the start. Since then she has been gradually going "faster" until the limit was reached when she was taken in charge by the officers. This morning, when first seen by the reporter, she put on a bold front and said she did not care what happened to her, that the officers had it in for her, and that she guessed that they would be satisfied, now that they had her. But after a few moments conversation she threw aside the bold front and in a trembling voice demanded:

"What is a girl like me to do? Tell me that. If I wanted to straighten up and go to work, I would like to know

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STENOGRAPHERS DOGGING FULTON

TWO RAPID WRITERS CAMP ON FULTON'S TRAIL.

Fulton and His Political Followers Anxious to Know Who is Employing the Stenographers Who Follow the Senator About the State in His Campaign—Thought to Be Handiwork of ex-Senator Smith or Perhaps Governor Chamberlain.

Portland, Ore., April 6.—"Who are the employers of the two mysterious stenographers who have shadowed Senator C. W. Fulton throughout his entire speaking campaign and taken notes of every speech?" would be the welcome information at the Fulton headquarters. The stenographers were not discovered until Saturday night at Sale, when a Fulton man who has accompanied the senator throughout the trip, located them in the back of the hall.

The theory advanced is that they may be employed by J. S. Smith, the ex-senator, who is suing Fulton for slander, or they may be in the employ of Governor Chamberlain, who wanted to get a complete copy of Fulton's speeches for campaign purposes. Still others maintain that they are employed by Francis J. Heney, through Detective Burns of San Francisco.

Will Elect National Delegates.

Madison, Wis., April 6.—Elections will be held in the several towns, wards, villages and election districts of Wisconsin tomorrow for the election of a justice of the supreme court, circuit and municipal judges and delegates to the national party conventions. Each political party will elect 26 delegates from Wisconsin to its national convention.

South Dakota for Taft.

Huron, S. D., April 6.—Delegates are beginning to arrive in Huron today for the republican state convention of South Dakota, which will be held tomorrow. No serious opposition has developed to the state committee's endorsement of Secretary Taft, and the delegates elected will undoubtedly be pledged to support him in the Chicago convention.

ALDRICH BILL IN DISFAVOR.

Believed the Financial Bill Will Not Become a Law.

Washington, April 6.—Representative Hill today asserted that a secret poll of the house today showed that protests of the country against the Aldrich financial bill have been effective and that the bill would not have a majority in the house. He declares that there is a growing sentiment to have a financial commission appointed to consider the bill during the coming recess of congress, and report back at the next session.

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED VOTER?

REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE TUESDAY NIGHT.

While No Accurate Figures Can Be Obtained It Seems Certain That the Total Registration for the Primaries Will Total Close to Three Thousand—Many Blanks Not Returned to Office—Business Men Can Help This Move Along.

Although unable to estimate correctly, the county clerk's office holds that when all blanks for registration are returned, the total registration for the primary election will be something like 3000. Where are the other 900 of the county's voting strength?

The registration books close tomorrow night and will remain locked up until four days after the primary election, April 17, when they will again be laid before the voters of Union county, in time for all voters at the June election.

While the officials can name the registrations made on the books, which number between 2800 and 2900, they cannot give the figures for the entire county, as the blanks have not all been turned in and will not be until after tomorrow night, when the registration period ends.

There is time enough yet to bring the registration figures up where they should be. In the city of La Grande about 1075 have registered. Business men can help in this matter by urging their employes to "do it now." The last day for registration should be the liveliest of all.

Register, if you want a voice in the primary election!

Convicted Promoter Appeals.

St. Paul, Minn., April 6.—Samuel A. Phillips, a promoter, who was recently convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to seven years in prison, will appear before the state supreme court tomorrow on an appeal. Phillips was northwestern agent for the sale of stock of the Chicago-New York Air Line, a projected electric railway.

Delaware G. O. P. Convention.

Dover, Del., April 6.—Six delegates, four from the state at large and two to represent the Delaware congressional district, will be selected tomorrow to represent Delaware in the national republican convention in Chicago. Taft adherents are making strong efforts to secure the indorsement of their candidate, but it is likely that the delegation will go unpledged. Tomorrow's convention will consist of 160 delegates.

To Launch Lipton's Yacht.

London, April 6.—Final preparations are being made for the launching of Sir Thomas Lipton's new yacht Shamrock, which will take place at Fairlie within a week or two. The trials will be held in the Solent early in May.

is unable to form any estimate of the value of these securities, as few if any, of them are dealt in anywhere except in the office of the alleged bankrupt.

The receiver states that he finds notes payable, some of which are secured by stocks of questionable value amounting to \$97,363. He also finds cash on hand and in the bank amounting to \$23,900, on which there is a mortgage of \$15,000, while the equity is under attachment.

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 ♦ **Telegraphers to Strike.** ♦
 ♦ Chicago, April 6.—Resolutions ♦
 ♦ calling for another strike of ♦
 ♦ commercial telegraphers against ♦
 ♦ the Western Union and Postal ♦
 ♦ companies were passed by the ♦
 ♦ Chicago union yesterday. The ♦
 ♦ strike is to be called June 1 on ♦
 ♦ the Western Union, and July 1 ♦
 ♦ on the Postal. Operators de- ♦
 ♦ clare their wages have been re- ♦
 ♦ duced 10 per cent and that the ♦
 ♦ operators can lose nothing by ♦
 ♦ striking. ♦♦♦♦♦

Artillery for Philippines.

Washington, April 6.—Among the troops sailing on the Manila-bound transport from San Francisco today is the Thirty-fifth company of coast artillery, formerly stationed at Fort Monroe, Va. The company will be assigned to duty at Corregidor Island, at the entrance to Manila bay, where strong fortifications are being erected.

PORTLAND TO SEE FACTIONAL WAR

CHINESE GUN FIGHTERS LURKING ABOUT PORTLAND.

Astoria and Portland Tonga Have Raised Fund to Import Gun Fighters From San Francisco to Bring War on Portland Chinese—Deaths and Disappearances Have Already Occurred—Police Keep Eye on the Maneuvers of Visitors.

Portland, April 6.—With 10 San Francisco hatchet men, headed by Lim Ga Gee, the noted gun fighter, skulking in the suburbs of Portland, awaiting an opportunity to enter the city without the knowledge of the police, a renewal of anxiety over a possible outbreak of the factional war on the Bong On tong has become manifest. This war has already resulted in one murder, one attempt at arson and two mysterious disappearances among the local Chinese.

Now Astoria and San Francisco tonga have taken a hand. The Astoria tong raised \$1000 to import 10 San Francisco gun fighters to Portland in order to square the grievance they have with the local Bong Ons in regard to the difference in opinion over a cannery contract. The police are watching every entrance to the city to prevent the Chinese coming in.

WILL REVISE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH IS TO BE DISPLACED BY GERMAN.

Stanford University Planning a Radical Reorganization of its Standard—English to Be Displaced by German as the Standard—First and Second Year to Disappear—Specialty Work in Law, Medicine and Engineering Will Follow.

Portland, April 6.—If plans contemplated by President David Starr Jordan are approved by the board of trustees, the entire system at Stanford university in Palo Alto, will be changed from the English standard to that of German. This change is to take place within the next five years.

It means the elimination of the freshman and sophomore classes, and the separation of all purely college courses from those of the university standard. This will bring about a change from the curriculum of general education now in force and the substitution thereof of one of the highly specialized branches in law, medicine and engineering.

FLAG SHIP SETS SAILING RECORD

ATLANTIC FLEET IS IN SPLENDID SHAPE.

Flagship Connecticut Breaks Record in Returning From San Diego—Established Mark of 16.85 Knots Per Hour—Better Than Its Trying-Out Record—Big Ships Are Being Covered With New Paint for Coast Voyage.

Magdalena Bay, April 6.—(By H. L. Clotworthy, staff correspondent of United Press.)—The magnificent condition of the ships of the fleet is shown by the flagship Connecticut, which broke her trial speed record in a run to rejoin the fleet at Magdalena Bay, after having taken Admiral Evans to San Diego. On this long run she sustained an average of 16.85 knots per hour. Taken in connection with the 16,000-mile trip from Hampton Roads and the fact that her bottom is foul with sea growths, the speed is remarkable.

The torpedo flotilla arrived last night one day ahead of schedule. The big ships are putting on snow-white coats and their best bib and tucker for the trip up the coast. Their coming reception is the sole topic among the men and officers of the fleet.



NEW ARRIVALS

New Beverly Skirts

Blacks, Browns, Tans and Novelty Suitings \$5.00 up

New Dress Goods

In wool Panamas, Voiles and novelties in stripes, checks and plaids, at the yard 50c up

New Waists

In beautifully sheer Lawns, lace and insertion trimmed \$1.25 up

New Wash Dresses

In Lawns, and Toile du Nord Wash Suiting in stripes, checks and solid colors \$4.75 up

THE FAIR

ASKS FOR INCREASED NAVAL STRENGTH

Washington, April 6.—Declaring that it is only natural that Japan should desire to dominate the Pacific, control China and the commerce of Asia, and lead the yellow race to world supremacy, Richard Pearson Hobson, in the house today averred that America was the only obstacle in Japan's path and that the United States is now helpless to meet the

crisis. He declared that it was absolutely necessary to place the navy on an equal footing with Japan in the Pacific and to make both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets so great that no nation dare attack us.

The congressman from Alabama was speaking in favor of increased naval appropriations.

Grand Jury Probes King.

Boston, April 6.—Creditors of Cardenio F. King, the absconding broker who fled from his magnificent offices in Boston on February 29, will appear before the Suffolk grand jury today to present evidence regarding King's alleged irregular methods of transacting his business. King's liabilities are said to be at least \$100,000, while the assets are of very uncertain character.

and disappearance, King had been an extensive advertiser and had branched out into the publishing business on his own account. He occupied a sumptuous suite of offices in a leading building and had a large staff of employes. The report of the receiver does not afford ground for hope that the creditors will realize much from King's assets.

A long list of securities which the receiver found at the office of King is given, and the receiver states that he

For some time before his failure

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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