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'FRISCO HOST TO THE ARMADA

ONE MILLION PEOPLE WITNESS IMPOSING SIGHT.

When Slight Fog Lifts From Off San Francisco Bay Thousands Are on Hand to See the Outlines of the Majestic Fleet in the Distance—Ships Go Through Maneuvers for Benefit of the Crowds—Has Passed the Golden Gate.

San Francisco, May 6.—The day broke cold and foggy, but notwithstanding by 7 o'clock thousands were leaving the city for the water front on both sides of the peninsula, the Presidio, Goat Island and the Berkeley hills to witness the arrival of the Atlantic fleet.

The Presidio is thrown wide open and the public is being admitted to stand even upon the ramparts of the batteries. Soon after 7 the haze lifted and it was possible to see 18 great white hulls slowly lifting and falling in the swell off the heads. With powerful glasses men could be seen moving about the decks. From the peak of the Connecticut fluttered the pennant of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans.

San Francisco Jammed. Every incoming train is jammed. Towns within a radius of 100 miles are practically depopulated. In some of the smaller places strangers were unable to secure meals at hotels and restaurants, and all homes are closed in order that the people might be in San Francisco.

As the Connecticut passed Alcatraz island, she let go her great turret guns in reply to the salutes from the forts. The great ship was almost hidden behind clouds of smoke from belching cannon. With clock-like precision the waiting ships fell in behind their leader and then in squadron formation the combined fleets continued their journey past Mission rock and maneuvered back to anchorage.

When the fleet passed through the

Golden Gate there were fully 1,000,000 spectators about the bay to witness the mighty ships steaming slowly to give the spectators a splendid opportunity to observe them as they passed.

Norman III Wins Race. New Market, England, May 6.—August Belmont's horse, Norman III, today won the two thousand guinea race, a classic English event. The odds against the American entry were 25 to 1.

Don't expect to strike any man favorably if you aim at his pocket-book.

WOODMEN HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

FRED B. CURREY IS DELEGATE TO PEORIA.

Oregon Woodmen of America Elect Their Officers in the Ashland Convention Today—Next State Head Camp Will Be Held at Hood River—F. A. Turner of Salem, is Head Consul—Full List of Delegates to the Peoria Camp.

Ashland, Ore., May 6.—The state convention of the Modern Woodmen of America elected officers here today. F. A. Turner of Salem, heads the list as state consul, and L. J. Corl of Forest Grove was elected state clerk.

The following delegates to the national head camp at Peoria, Ill., were elected:

W. F. Vaughn of Portland; alternate, J. W. McDonald of Columbia county. R. H. Meadow of Portland; alternate, E. L. Clark of Vale. Fred B. Curry of LaGrande; alternate, A. E. Friday of Baker City. S. N. Pell of Medford; alternate, H. C. Kelley of Coos county. R. W. Kennell, Junction City; alternate, F. M. Powers of Albany.

The next head camp will be held at Hood River.

About 150 district delegates are in attendance at the convention here.

CALIFORNIA SOLID FOR TAFT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MACHINE DEALT HARD BLOW.

One of the Worst Crimps in History Put in the Southern Pacific Political Machine Yesterday in California When Primaries Were Held—Many Old-Time Political War Horses Decapitated—Big Victory for Lincoln-Roosevelt League.

San Francisco, May 6.—Returns from a majority of the precincts of the state indicate that the Lincoln-Roosevelt league has swept the state and that it will have so large a majority in the state convention that Herrin and his Southern Pacific allies will not attempt to put up a fight, but will fall in line with a shout for "harmony."

Out of the 600 delegates voted for the league will have at least 400.

Crimp in S. P. Machine.

It is the worst defeat the Southern Pacific machine has ever experienced. It may mean that neither Governor Gillett, Senators Perkins nor Flint will be recognized as opponents to the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, and may be allowed to go to the national convention as delegates at large.

Stone Loses Out.

Col. George Stone will probably lose his position as chairman of the state republican committee.

The election of league delegates also means the withdrawal of the pretensions of Editor M. H. De Young of the Chronicle, Harrison Gray Otis, editor and proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, and George Knight, who seconded Roosevelt's nomination in 1904, for consideration as delegates at large. It will assure Taft a solid California delegation.

Ohioans Endorse Bryan.

Columbus, May 6.—Through the efforts of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, W. J. Bryan was endorsed today by the democratic state convention.

WILL FORCE A CONFESSION YET

MARTIN'S WIFE SAYS HUSBAND IS GUILTY.

Portland Police Have Not Yet Succeeded in Forcing a Confession From Martin, the Suspected Murderer of Jeweler Wolff—Starvation for Morphine Will Weaken Prisoner They Believe—Man Was insane at Salem at One Time.

Portland, May 6.—Edward Hugh Martin, a West Pointer, a captain in the Spanish-American war, the graduate of many colleges, a drug fiend and accused of the murder of Nathan Wolff, the Portland pawnbroker, who is now under arrest in the Portland city jail, has not yet confessed. The police state they will wait until he is weakened by loss of his usual portion of morphine and then renew the grueling examination which was started last night.

Was Once Insane.

Martin spent several months in a Salem, Ore., sanitarium, where he was given treatment for insanity caused by the use of cocaine. He was considered a violent patient.

When he left he was apparently cured, but was warned he would go insane again if he began using the drug. He did not resume taking morphine until about four months ago.

Wife Believes Him Guilty.

Martin's wife has told District Attorney Manning that she believes he committed the deed and says she accused him of it Sunday, while passing Wolff's store.

It is known that Martin recently pawned his watch, a very valuable timepiece, with Wolff.

Martin's father is a retired real estate broker of New York, of considerable means.

Martin Has Criminal Record.

New York, May 6.—Edward H. Martin, arrested for the Wolff murder in Portland, Ore., first became known to the public when he married "Gussie McKee," a pool room queen. This was after he had been dismissed from the army for misdeeds and had sunk low from dissipation.

Later the McKee woman died and Martin spent a term in state prison for passing forged checks. He is a case of a man of unusual promise who went wrong. He was given medals for bravery in the Cuban war and was regarded as a model officer. When he was court-martialed he pleaded that he had contracted the morphine habit in an army hospital while under treatment for fever.

MISSION DISTRICT IS THREATENED

TWO COSTLY FIRES IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY.

Many Families Have Narrow Escapes From Death and the Entire Mission District of San Francisco is Threatened as a Result of a Fire That Broke Out This Morning—Loss in Mission District is \$100,000—Another Fire Starts.

San Francisco, May 6.—A \$100,000 fire broke out in the Mission district today and for a time threatened the entire section. The prompt arrival of the department and lack of a breeze saved many stores nearby.

Several families had narrow escapes from death in the flames.

Thieves Get Busy.

Thieves took advantage of the excitement and robbed a dozen or more places in the block.

Second Fire Starts.

While this fire was burning another broke out three blocks away and destroyed a hardware store and restaurant, causing a loss of \$50,000.

IMBLER NEWS NOTES. Imbler, Ore., May 6.—Miss Etta Co-

bie is reported quite sick.

Mrs. J. P. Larsen will put in a complete stock of millinery soon.

Ray W. Logan visited the inland city yesterday.

L. M. Jensen returned from Mantl, Utah, today, and reports his mother better. She has been seriously ill.

James Andrews had his leg severely cut in a wood saw a few days ago, but will be out in a week or two.

The young people's mutual services at the L. D. S. church was well attended Sunday evening. Those present had the pleasure of hearing Davis Gordon of LaGrande. His theme was "The Book of Mormons." There was special singing by the choir and quartet, also a selection by the mandolin and guitar club.

Rev. E. F. Zimmerman gave his lecture Monday evening in the Bon Ton to a fair-sized audience. Mr. Zimmerman is a pleasing speaker and is doing much good.

Imbler is soon to have a confectionery and ice cream parlor.

A Simpson of Spokane, visited Fruit Lane yesterday.

H. Rollins spent Sunday with Grant Tucker.

C. B. Renshaw expects his brother-in-law to arrive from Boulder, Col., this week.

Mrs. O. A. Fisher and son, Burton, took Sunday dinner with Mrs. E. H. Campbell.

B. Oldenberg went to the county seat yesterday.

GRANT REPRIEVE TO H. ORCHARD

PAIDON BOARD UNABLE TO ACT AT THIS TIME.

Harry Orchard Will Not Hang on May 15—Governor Gooding Will Issue a Reprieve and Board Will Decide in July—Prisoner Himself Disappointed andirate Over Action of His Attorney to Save Life of Crime Fiend—Attorney Dismissed.

Boise, May 6.—Governor Gooding will reprieve Harry Orchard's sentence of hanging May 15, and the case will not be considered by the board of pardons until the next regular meeting in July.

The legality of any act made by the board of pardons in relation to Orchard is held invalid by the attorney general, who states that the board cannot take up new business at a special meeting.

Orchard yesterday dismissed Attorney Wyman from his service and expressed his displeasure at Wyman's efforts to save his life and reiterated his desire to be hung. Wyman, who was appointed by the court, is not certain that Orchard has the power to dismiss him and will continue his efforts to protect Orchard's neck from the noose.

MORE EVIDENCE OF FOUL CRIME

MRS. GUNNESS' FARM A VERITABLE CRIME CENTER.

Detectives Continue to Find Remains of Men Who Were Lured to the Mrs. Gunness Farm and Then Robbed and Murdered—In All Thirteen Have Been Found in This Warrens State of Human Beings Nearby—Worst Discovery of Crime in Years.

La Porte, Ind., May 6.—Three more bodies were found on the farm of Mrs. Belle Gunness today. This makes 13 in all. One was dug up this morning and two more this afternoon. Mattresses had been placed over the bodies and dirt shoveled over them. A rib and several other human bones were found nearby.

As hours go by the Gunness farm horror increases and the police believe that they have unearthed the greatest crimes since the days of H. H. Holmes. The sixth body was dug up early today. Detectives believe that the Gunness farm was a clearing house for a band of murderers and that Mrs. Gunness shared the spoils and disposed of the bodies for the gang. It is known that three men appeared at the Gunness place within the last year in answer to matrimonial advertisements.

They are known to have disappeared within a few days.

Mrs. Gunness stated at the time that she had sent the men away as unsatisfactory.

Detectives are now looking for their bodies. It is thought the woman's aim was to use matrimonial advertisements as a lure to get men on the farm so as to murder and rob them.

ISLAND CITY ITEMS.

The family of George Childers left Saturday night for Woodland, Cal., where they will reside in the future.

Chet Bidwell returned from his trip to Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and other points Saturday morning. While in Seattle he called on the Misses Netta Kiddle and Stella Hunter and says they are well and enjoying their work in the U. of W.

B. C. Shell and family have moved into the D. Greiner home just recently vacated by the George Childers family.

Perry DeLapp has installed a soda fountain in his postoffice quarters and is fitting up an ice cream parlor. This has been a long felt need through the warm months in the island.

The city council has ordered that all property owners and citizens clean up their premises, alleys, etc. This is a good move in the right direction, as the island is naturally a pretty town.

Fred Swaney was on our streets Wednesday.

DON'T IMAGINE

Because you see an article advertised, or on display in our windows at a price you think ridiculously low, that it must be cotton or shoddy. Do like the man who stopped before our Clothing window Saturday and noted the price of \$2.29 on some regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 Boys' Suits, who came into the store and said: "My reason tells me you can't do what your prices and cards in the window state, or else these suits are cotton suits." Imagine his surprise when he found that the suits were not only exactly what they were represented to be, but special good values at the regular prices.

IF OUR PRICES APPEAL TO YOU ::::: WE HAVE NEVER, DON'T NOW, AND NEVER EXPECT TO BUY AND OFFER YOU ANYTHING BUT ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE GOODS FROM THE BEST MAKERS AND OUR FACILITIES FOR GETTING GOODS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS ARE SUCH THAT WE ARE ABLE, FREQUENTLY, TO OFFER RELIABLE GOODS AT ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE PRICES. BUT REST ASSURED, THE GOODS WILL ALWAYS BE UP TO THE USUAL HIGH STANDARD WE MAINTAIN IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. REMEMBER,

If You See It In Our Ad It's So

<p>NEW LADIES' OXFORDS. Just received in black, tan and brown kid and patent leather, in plain, lace and blucher style. New cuts and new heels. Turned and welt soles in widths B, C, D and E. \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.00.</p>	<p>75c Ladies' Belts, Choice, 25c.</p> <p>Splendid assortment in this lot. Some of them worth up to \$1.25.</p>	<p>75c to \$1.25 special lot Waists in dark and medium colors. Choose, this week at, only39c</p> <p>Skirts worth up to \$6.50, this week\$2.98. Good assortment in plain colors, striped checks and plaid effects in light and medium colors; special this week\$2.98</p>
<p>NEW PARASOLS. In black, white, blue, brown, etc., in plain, plaid and ring dot effect, with plain and deep hemstitched edges in this season's most popular silks. \$1.50 up. Children's Parasols 85c up.</p>	<p>NEW SILK WAISTINGS just received by express. A goodly assortment in figured stripe checks, self-colored stripes and plaid effects in season's most popular color effects, per yd,\$1.00 and \$1.25</p>	



LA GRANDE OREGON

IT IS 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

La Grande Oregon