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CANNOT HOLD MARTIN IN JAIL

ALL EVIDENCE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM IS FAULTY.

Shirt Clue and the Gun Clue Both Knocked Out of Evidence by Recent Discoveries of the Portland Police—Will Be Arraigned Next Week—Damaging Evidence Which Detectives Believed They Had Against the Prisoner is All Faulty.

Portland, May 8.—Edward Hugh Martin, accused of the murder of Nathan Wolff, the pawnbroker, may be released. The tide has turned and the situation of the drug victim appears in a more favorable light.

The police today announce that they have completed the investigation against Martin and that the evidence will be turned over to District Attorney Manning today. A preliminary hearing will probably be heard next week.

Most evidence that the police hoped to present against Martin was not found available. His wife will not testify against him. Even the discovery of the bloody shirt, which was heavily counted upon as direct evidence against Martin, is now discounted by the fact that the peddler who sold Martin the three shirts, states that he had four in his possession, all the same, and that he sold the fourth to an unknown man. The manufacturer of these shirts states that there are probably 10,000 of this same pattern in the vicinity of Portland.

The revolver borrowed by Martin the day of the murder, was found to be of .38 caliber, while the bullet in Wolff's show case is said by the police to be .32 caliber. The collar found in the store is No. 16, while Martin wore a 15 1/2 collar.

Lectures at Conference.

Baltimore, May 8.—As the first of a series of lectures in connection with the Methodist Episcopal quadrennial conference, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will deliver an address tonight on "L. Q. C. Lamar, the Great Pacificator." Dr. James Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, will introduce the famous southern clergyman. As marking a tendency toward conciliation between the two great Methodist bodies of America, divided on sectional lines by the civil war, the appearance of Bishop Galloway is awaited with great interest. William Jennings Bryan has accepted an invitation to address the conference on May 19, when he will repeat his lecture on "The Prince of Peace."

Florida Pencil Pushers.

St. Petersburg, Fla., May 8.—Editors and publishers of scores of leading newspapers were present when the annual convention of the Florida Press association was called to order here today. A feature of the program is an address by Abraham J. Lawshe,

third assistant postmaster general, in which he will explain the provisions of the new postal law relating to delinquent subscribers.

Famous Men to Talk.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 8.—A banquet, at which speeches will be made by President Elliot of Harvard, Governor Wilson of Kentucky, Owen Wistar, Austin G. Fox, Charles F. Adams and other distinguished men, will be a feature of the 12th annual meeting of the Associated Harvard clubs, opened here today. Alumni from over the whole world are participating in the reunion, which is under the auspices of the Philadelphia Harvard club.

W. W. Berry Meets With Accident.

W. W. Berry met with a painful accident last night, while attempting to dismount from a moving train, on alight from a moving train, on which he was delivering some goods. In some way he lost his balance and was precipitated to the ground and struck in such a way as to break two fingers. While not seriously hurt, Mr. Berry narrowly escaped going under the train, which would have been certain death.

Athletic Meet at Tome.

Elkton, Md., May 8.—Schools and colleges of several states will participate tomorrow in the sixth annual scholastic field track meet at the Jacob Tome institute.

THOUSANDS OF JACKIES ASHORE

ONE SEAMAN ROBBED BY FOUR THUGS TODAY.

Sailors on Board the Atlantic Fleet Given Shore Leave and Many Excursions About the City of San Francisco Result—Thugs Attack One of the Sailors on Shore and a Fractured Skull Results From Struggle.

San Francisco, Cal., May 8.—Shore leave was granted 3000 men of the Atlantic fleet today and numerous exploration parties left the big boats to see the city. The presentation of silver services to the cruisers California and Nebraska will be among the formal features of the program today. Governor Gillette will present the California silver service, and Governor Sheldon of Nebraska, will present the Nebraska service.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf reviewed the combined fleets in the bay this morning. The review was surrounded by all the formalities of naval regulations.

The Metcalf party boarded the Yorktown at 9:30 o'clock this morning and, starting at the head of the column, passed down between the two lines on the east of the anchorage and back between the two lines on the west anchorage. As the Yorktown passed, each ship saluted.

Four thugs attempted to hold up James Fildew, a bluejacket from the Vermont, and as a result of the struggle

SUSPECTED BOX CAR THIEVES CONFESS

When Night Officers McLachlin and Carr last evening arrested three suspicious characters, they unknowingly laid their hands on three box car robbers. The suspicion to this effect became assured facts today when the oldest of the three confessed to the sins of the gang. Their names have been given as Volney Burt, Jesse LaDue and L. L. McFerron.

The last named individual is the oldest of the three and he is being held in the county jail pending his arraignment before the circuit court. Following the confession that the three had entered a box car somewhere between here and Baker City, the prisoners were indicted for larceny from a box car. The two others are mere boys, and are still at the city jail.

Their loot was principally shoes, which for a time led the police to believe that they are members of the gang which has practiced a long series of raids on box cars in eastern

Oregon for several months. Later developments discredit this theory, however.

As yet the officers are not certain as to the exact location where the robbery was made, or as to what they got. The confession made disclosed the fact that the thefts were made, and nothing else.

The two night officers made a lucky catch. It demonstrates the vigil which the department keeps. The suspicion of the officers was aroused when they noticed the new shoes worn by the three hoboes who had alighted from an incoming freight. The "hunch" proved a good guess.

The O. R. & N. company suffer little loss from robbery in Union county; without the criminals being apprehended, and the local officers are due the little meed of praise from the press for their alertness, and the railroad company could show its appreciation in a more substantial manner.

CONFLAGRATION IN ATLANTA GA.

WHOLESALE DISTRICT IS SWEEPED BY FIRE.

According to Rough Estimates the Loss From a Fire in Business District of Atlanta This Morning Will Total One Million Five Hundred Thousand—One Hotel Burned, But Inmates Escapes—No Fatalities Reported—Origin of Fire Unknown.

Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—A conflagration sweeping the wholesale district of this city has already destroyed several big buildings and more are apparently doomed.

According to a rough estimate made by the fire chief, the loss will reach \$1,500,000 and may be more.

The firemen are having great difficulty in fighting the flames and at times they appeared to have lost control of the blaze.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is understood to be largely covered by insurance.

The fire started at 3:30 this morning and burned four hours. It destroyed an entire block and damaged 50 buildings. The Terminal hotel is a total loss, but all the guests escaped.

As far as known no fatalities have occurred and no one was seriously injured. Just when the water was needed most the pressure failed and the flames gained headway. One sub-postal station burned but the mail was saved.

gle Fildew lies in the hospital with a fractured skull.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

The matter of permanent quarters for the new Commercial club is meeting with considerable good natured discussion, and to dispose of the matter to the satisfaction of a majority of the members, President Collier has called a meeting of the club for next Monday evening. The president and the board itself wish to have the members discuss this subject and come prepared to advance ideas and decisions. Whether or not the club shall maintain a set of club rooms and keep it supplied with reading matter such as the leading periodicals, or whether the club shall maintain office rooms only,

MRS. ALDRICH DEAD AT SPOKANE

LIVED IN LA GRANDE FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.

Well Known Lady of This City Succumbs in Spokane Yesterday Afternoon After an Illness of Three Weeks—Lived in La Grande Until Two Years Ago—Remains Coming to La Grande Tomorrow Night—Funeral on Sunday Afternoon.

Word was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Mary Aldrich at Spokane yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after a spell of sickness lasting about three weeks. The remains will be shipped to La Grande, arriving tomorrow night and the funeral services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

For 17 years Mrs. Aldrich made her home in La Grande, and of the scores of intimate friends she claimed in this city, each has many words of praise for the kindly disposition, the upright and exemplary life led by the deceased. She was an active worker in the Methodist church and a strong factor in the W. C. T. U. of this county. The funeral services will be held from the church in which she spent years of conscientious labor. Her death is mourned in La Grande by her scores of warm friends.

The news of her death came as a shock, as extremely few knew of her illness.

She was 56 years of age and leaves two daughters, Mrs. Cora Ackerley of Waverly, Wash., and Miss Mertie Aldrich of Spokane.

these many popular ideas that the democrats and the republicans have agreed upon, came when the speaker precipitated boisterous applause by asserting that one of the principal panaceas for the prevention of panics is to put up the bars that are now permitting immigration of oriental labor.

The eight-hour law was also championed by the speaker, as was additional reclamation of the semi-arid lands of Oregon, by the government and improved rivers and harbors. That Union county is interested and will be benefited by improvements done to the Columbia river was another statement made.

"Tariff" Not in Vocabulary.

Then, as a fitting close, Mr. Chamberlain retouched the matter of partisanship, dwelling at length on those policies which the two political parties have already agreed upon—local issues that brings into their hand-wagons every seeker after public office—but failed to touch upon national issues where there are party lines and which are bones for contention. The word "tariff" was not heard in the speech.

Roosevelt the Greatest.

Branding William Jennings Bryan as the greatest man in the United States, except one, and asserting that the men who decried Bryan when he first advocated issues which Roose-

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PRINT PAPERS ON POORER GRADE

COST OF PAPER TO BE REDUCED MUCH.

Plan Now on Foot in Wisconsin to Revolutionize the Manufacture of "Print" Paper—Wood Fiber is Not Necessary to Make Black Paper, Such as Proposed for News Print Paper—Effort to Get Paper Manufacturers Interested.

Appleton, Wis., May 8.—The Wisconsin paper manufacturers today put forth a proposition that may revolutionize the newspaper and print paper industry. They propose that newspapers be printed on what is technically known as black paper, a cheaper grade.

This paper can be made out of old newspapers and rags, while white paper requires spruce and hemlock wood.

The move would assist in the preservation of the forests and reduce the price of print paper about one-half. Eastern manufacturers are to be consulted and it is hoped to bring about concerted action with the publishers of the country.

Cake at Grants Pass.

Grants Pass, Ore., May 8.—Judge H. M. Calk spoke here this evening before a large crowd. He was greeted at the station by a band. He will speak at Canyonville this afternoon and at Riddle tonight.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY

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