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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Bloomers in a Ballroom.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—The first bloomer ball ever given on the Pacific coast took place at Union Square hall last night. Unlike the Chicago function, upon which it was patterned, the affair was a great success. When the orchestra struck up the first waltz there were but six ladies in bifurcated skirts who responded to the call for revelry. Other ladies were present, but if they wore bloomers, they took pains to conceal them.

It was late when the ball was opened, and then but one bloomer girl faced the music of the grand march. The other five waited to see how she looked before shucking their own skirts. This original pioneer was a willowy maiden clad in a blue shirt waist and voluminous bloomers of the same hue. She forgot her leggings, but more than made up for them by the wealth of black satin bows on her dancing slippers. As she plunged out of the dressing-room with her young man, the girl gave her head a toss, as how do you like my style?

The ice being thus broken, two fluff-haired misses came down from the gallery, where they had been whispering for an hour, and called on a lady who had a sign up, "Skirts checked here." In a moment they emerged in stunning outfits and rallied to the support of the first girl. Brown bloomers of ample girth were the distinguishing features of this exhibit. The girls were slender enough to look charming, and they knew it. Several women ranged along the wall signified as the brown bloomers whirled by, but it was then too late to go home for a change of costume.

A dumpy girl in a white sweater and blue bags next joined the dance. Like the pioneer, the dumpy girl had discarded leggings. She did not require them.

The fifth volunteer in this brave bloomer band was a slender lady wearing a yachting cap, sweater, blue trousers and white canvas leggings with black buttons down the side.

Last, but not least, came a large lady, accompanied by a little man in knee breeches. Her costume consisted of a Tam O'Shanter cap, spectacles, white woolen sweater, black zouave jacket, bloomers cut very full and canvas leggings.

It was a very nice function indeed from a social point of view, but the bloomers seemed tinged with frost. Evidently this style of garment is not popular for ballroom service in this city.

No Direct Evidence.

CHICAGO, August 2.—The police acknowledged today their failure to secure complete details so far in the effort to secure direct evidence of murder against H. H. Holmes. "When we started on this case," said Inspector Fitzpatrick, "we knew it would be almost impossible to get any one who could positively connect Holmes with any case of murder, yet we thought it our duty to investigate. We believed several crimes had been committed, and believe that Holmes and his confederates are guilty of several murders, but the officers are unable to prove our belief correct. We have no evidence that would even cause an indictment against any of the men under suspicion if presented to the grand jury."

Pat Quinlan was given a two hours' session in the sweat-box today. He stubbornly sticks to his statement that he knows absolutely nothing of the killing. The police learned today of a mysterious hauling away from Holmes' house at night of several large boxes while Holmes lived there.

Cloudburst in Wyoming.

CASPAB, Wyo., August 1.—A disastrous cloudburst occurred last night at the head of Gardiner creek. Water in a solid wall, ten feet high, carried everything before it. Boulders and logs were torn from their fastenings, and carried along with the terrific force of the torrent, dealing death and destruction in its path. A freighter and family named Newby were camped on the creek, four miles from here. They were in bed when the flood came, and without a moment's warning, it hurled into them a mass of water and debris. Newby succeeded in getting out. His wife and child were carried off with the flood. Sam Harrison's camp, near Newby's, was caught by the waters in the same manner and his two children carried away in the flood. The bodies of the children were recovered this morning. Huge freight wagons were dashed against the rocks and broken to splinters, while large trees were torn from the ground by the onward rush of waters. Five other freight outfits were camped on the creek, who lost wagons,

camp outfits and clothing and are left destitute. The citizens are donating clothing and provisions. The bodies were recovered today.

Freight Rates Forced Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—Freight rates on canned goods have been forced down a fourth of a cent a pound. This result has been brought about by the active competition of the Panama Railroad Company, which was getting nearly all shipments from the Atlantic seaboard. The new schedule of 50 cents a hundred pounds, instead of 75 cents, will go into effect on Monday.

Stamp Mills for the Bohemia Mines.

Two 10-stamp mills are going into the Bohemia country this fall—one on the Star and one on the Champion mine. The music mine is taking out \$5,000 per month with five stamps on its 200-foot lead of free gold. The indications are that the Bohemia district is the most promising gold field on the Pacific coast today. The ledges are very large, from six to twenty feet wide and very rich on top.

Compromise on Schools.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 1.—Lord Aberdeen, governor-general of Canada, has had a long conference with Sir John Schultz, governor of Manitoba. The subject of their conference was the perpetuating of the Manitoba parochial schools. Greenway and several of his ministers also conferred with Earl Aberdeen. It was ascertained that in a few days the Dominion government will submit to the Manitoba government an amended proposition for the restoration of Catholic schools, the chief feature of which proposition will be that teachers of the schools must pass the examinations prescribed for public school teachers and the Roman Catholic schools must in every way come fully up to the standard of the public schools.

In a State of Siege.

SAN SALVADOR, Aug. 1.—The streets are filled with a mob yelling "Death to Gutierrez and Castellanos."

The people are in a frenzy because 30 citizens, belonging to leading families, were arrested today and, it is rumored, were shot inside the barracks.

The troops are ready for action, although the police are trying to clear the streets. The city has been declared in a state of siege. Business places are closed. The city authorities have issued a proclamation calling upon the people to return to their homes, and warning them that the city is under martial law. The crowd seems undecided what to do.

To Intercede for Regalado.

SANTA ANA, Salvador, Aug. 1.—The people here idolize General Regalado. A committee has been sent to the capital to intercede with the government for him. Fifty young men belonging to the upper class of society in Salvador arrived here shortly after daybreak. They say they were forced to leave the capital to escape arrest and probable death. The people are greatly excited.

A Fifteen-Mile Washout.

FLORENCE, Colo., Aug. 1.—The Florence and Cripple Creek railroad tracks have been washed away for 15 miles from a point 15 miles south of Cripple Creek, and the roadbed will have to be practically rebuilt. For a distance of three miles north of Addekal canyon it is impassable. President Johnson has put a large force of men at work, and expects to have repairs completed in 10 days.

Much Lumber Burned.

MENOMINEE, Mich., Aug. 1.—It was at first thought that two men were killed in the big lumber fire here last night, but this has proved an error. Many were injured by flying timbers, those most seriously hurt being: Anderson Levine, head cut; Keats, chief of the department, nose broken; Siles, postmaster, head cut; and unknown boy, legs broken and skull fractured.

As nearly all the territory about was covered with lumber and other inflammable material, the fire caught simultaneously at several points, and baffled the efforts of the firemen, licking up every stick of timber in the district, to the amount of fully 60,000,000 feet.

Brazil Will Fight.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Pontura Xavier, the Brazilian consul-general, who is in this city, believes the island of Trinidad, which was recently taken possession of by Great Britain, will be regained by Brazil. In talking to a reporter he said Brazil was making every effort to settle the difficulty by diplomacy, but if this means failed he believed Brazil will try to take the island by force.

"My country's navy cannot, of course, compare in strength with that of Eng-

land," Mr. Xavier said, "but our citizens are determined to assert their rights and have no fear of England."

When asked what position the United States should take in the case of war, Mr. Xavier declared the United States could not remain neutral without violating the Monroe doctrine, and that, he thought, the administration would be unwilling to do.

Trouble Fared at Omaha.

OMAHA, Aug. 2.—War has not yet broken in Omaha as a result of the effort of the A. P. A. to take charge of the fire and police departments under the law which they claim, went into effect yesterday. Trouble, however, at noon was imminent. The commissioner of public lands and buildings and Attorney General Churchill, who are A. P. A. men, held a conference at Lincoln. The government refused to meet with them, and they appointed Captain Broach, Paul Vandervoort, and H. T. Foster police commissioners of Omaha. The three are well-known political workers. The state law requires all commissions of this character shall be signed by the governor. The governor refused to sign these commissions and the attorney-general signed them.

At 4:30 a special session of the council will be held for the purpose of approving the police commissioners' bonds. As a majority of the council are A. P. A. men this will no doubt be done. The commission will then begin business. All members of the old police and fire departments refuse to recognize the authority of the new commission, and another force will be installed.

As the old men will not surrender the city property, a conflict is expected about 6 o'clock, when the new force will make an effort to get forcible possession of the city jail. Troops may be needed to prevent bloodshed.

Good Corn Crop.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—A local paper says: The crop of this year will be the largest that has ever been known. It is estimated at present that the yield will exceed by 200,000,000 bushels the record of any previous year. This condition did not exist a month ago. At that time continued drought in nearly all corn states made the outlook dubious for an average yield. But the rains came, heavy and continued showers, just at the time most needed, and today prosperity hovers closer over millions of homes than for many years.

How much depends on the corn crop is realized by few. The crop will bring more money, if marketed, than all other products combined. The estimated yield of corn for this year is from 2,250,000,000 to 2,500,000,000 bushels. At the present price, which is 35 cents for December or May delivery, the crop will be worth \$800,000,000. A decline of 5 cents a bushel would mean a difference of \$125,000,000 in the value of the crop.

To emphasize the immensity of this product, it may be said that the state of Iowa alone will raise enough corn this year to supply more than five bushels to every man, woman and child in the United States. Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas comprise what is termed the corn belt. This section furnishes nearly, if not quite, two-thirds of the entire corn product.

So favorably have the reports become of an enormous crop that the managers of the various railroads that traverse the valleys of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers are already making arrangements and perfecting their equipments for handling the crop. The force of workmen has been increased in a number of shops, and all rolling stock is being overhauled and made available for use, in addition to new freight cars that are being hurried rapidly in construction.

The government report of July 18 indicated that there would be an unusually large yield of corn, but since that report was issued, the conditions have vastly improved. Secretary Morton has called for a special report on corn from all weather stations, which will be furnished next Tuesday. The previous greatest yield of any year was in 1880, when the acreage was 78,319,651 and the yield 2,112,892,000 bushels.

Indians Returning.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The latest news from General Coppinger received at the war department via headquarters at Omaha, is reassuring. A dispatch dated Omaha, yesterday, follows:

"A report was received from Market Lake this morning which indicates that the Indians are returning from Jackson's Hole by a straight line to the reservations. To test the correctness of this the Union Pacific railway office was asked to telegraph for information to stations along the Oregon Short Line from Soda Springs westward. The following reply

is from the division superintendent at Pocatello:

"The stage driver who has just reached Soda Springs says he left Carraboo this morning. He came through the Gray's lake and Blackfoot river countries. He reports 200 Bannocks at Gray's lake on their way from Jackson's Hole to the reservation. They say there has been no fighting, and no desire to fight on their part. The scare seems to be over, and the settlers understand that the Indians are trying to make their way back to their reservation to avoid the troops. This information is thoroughly reliable."

New Witness Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—At the afternoon session, when 30 talesman had been excused, C. P. Fathan, a merchant, was accepted and sworn in as the sixth juror.

The police have learned of a witness whose story, if repeated in court, may prove disastrous against Theodore Durrant's defense against the murder charges with which he is dealing. The new witness is a woman, and it is said she declares on the night of the murder of Minnie Williams, Durrant arrived at home very late and burned something—probably clothing—in a stove before he retired to his bedroom. The young medical student claims that on the night Minnie Williams met her tragic end, he escorted two young ladies home from the reception at the Vogel residence, and then went to his own abode on Carrocks street, where he remained until about the next morning.

The police have contended all along that Durrant strangled Minnie Williams before he went to Dr. Vogel's, and after the reception, returned and hacked her body with a knife. The story now working follows up the details. Mrs. Durrant, mother of the accused, has stated that her son arrived home on that eventful night about the same time as usual and went directly to bed. This story has been directly contradicted by a woman who claims that she stopped in the Durrant house that night. She has taken a feminine friend that she was awakened by the noise which Durrant made getting into the house.

"I heard a noise downstairs," she said, "made by somebody who was at the stove. Mrs. Durrant called out, 'Is that you, Theodore?' The answer came, 'Yes.' 'What are you doing down there?' asked the young man's mother. 'I am burning some old letters of mine' he replied. I paid no more attention to the matter; but soon I detected the odor of burning clothing. It was after midnight when this occurred, and I thought no more of it until I heard he was charged with the murder. Then the experience of that night came back to me. But I have kept my own counsel, as I do not wish to get mixed in the matter."

The police are very reticent as to this important witness, but the general impression is that they have located her and will have her in court. Captain Lees, in speaking on the subject today, admitted that he had heard the story, but would give no information regarding the identity of the witness. In fact, he denied that he knew her.

"The only way in which such matter could be effective," said he, "would be to have this witness tell her story on the witness stand. I have heard that the lady has told the story, but whether she will tell it in court is another matter."

Silk Culture is Assured.

Portland Sun: Mr. S. Ban, an intelligent, educated Japanese, who speaks English fluently, yesterday exhibited in the office of the secretary of the exposition a skein of silk raised on Portland Heights. Mr. Ban has a ranch of about 60 acres on the heights near Mount Zion, and three years ago he began the experiment of cultivating silk. He was advised that the experiment would result in failure; that this country and climate was not suitable, and other reasons were assigned. However, being a practical man, and having knowledge of the culture in Japan, three years ago he imported 1000 mulberry trees from the old country, and set them out on two acres of his land. The trees took root readily without the loss of one. Last February Mr. Ban secured from Japan silk-worm eggs sufficient to stock the trees, and the result is now that he has a sample of the finest silk that has ever been raised. He has demonstrated the fact that silk can be raised in this country, and he is anxious to show it to the people, especially skeptics, at the exposition. It is certain that silk culture can now be added to the other industries of this valley, and there will be money in it. The experiment tried in other portions of this state proved an entire failure from the start, but in those cases it was the fault of the climate. The climate of the lower Willamette appears to be suitable.

Now is the time to subscribe.

BRIEF MENTION.

From Thursday's Daily.

New California grapes, fresh tomatoes and nectarines at Mrs. Boyd's.

John Strader, one of Douglas county's solid men, is in the city today on business.

Misses Mabel Van Buren and Regina Rast went to Winchester this morning on their wheels.

Free Johnson, the pomologist of Roseburg, placed on our table today a box of as fine peaches as ever you placed your lips over. They are excellent.

Harry McClallen, chief of the fire department, is inspecting defective chimneys flues to guard against fires these dry times and scarcity of water.

Arthur Lane leaves for Portland tonight and will be ordained a priest on Sunday. His mother will go down Saturday to be present at the ceremony.

James Frater, who has been out with the railroad fencing crew for the past five months, has returned to Roseburg. The crew having completed their 100 miles have suspended operations for the season.

Captain Ben D. Boswell came up from Boswell Springs on this morning's overland and returned on the freight. The mineral waters from his springs must be rejuvenizing, for the Captain is as active as a man of twenty.

The trial of John McDowell at Toledo, Lincoln county, last week before Judge Fullerton, and prosecuted by George M. Brown, district attorney, was one of much interest. The jury found McDowell guilty of manslaughter, recommending him to the mercy of the court. A sentence to the pen for two years was passed upon him.

News has just been received that Mrs. Langley Hall of Oakland died this morning of inflammation of the bowels, aged 87 years. Mrs. Hall was born near Liverpool, England. She crossed the plains in 1853. She leaves a husband, 82 years old, Alfred and Charles of Walla Walla, Langley, Jr., Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield of Oakland, Mrs. Jennie Taylor of Portland are the children surviving her. The funeral will take place Saturday.

From Friday's Daily.

J. E. Stickney of Myrtle Point is at the Central.

W. C. Gilmour of Oakland is at the Van Houten.

Chas. S. Winslow of San Francisco was in the city yesterday.

S. J. Chenoweth of Wilbur is a guest at the Van Houten today.

G. L. and J. L. Coon of Camas Valley were in the city yesterday.

No gambling devices are tolerated around the Great Wallace shows.

E. Sweeney of San Francisco was registered at the Van Houten yesterday.

Dr. Dean Clarke the popular lecturer arrived Thursday evening from Coquille city.

Mrs. Henley of Portland, who has been visiting friends in this city, returned home this morning.

Rev. T. L. Jones, late of Grants Pass but now of Douglas county, took the cars this morning for Drain.

One hundred acts by the best performers in the world, is the programme with the Great Wallace Shows.

Rev. T. N. Wilson and wife left on the local this morning for Oakland to attend the funeral of Mrs. Langley Hall.

Mrs. Sol Abraham and Mrs. D. C. McClallen went to Oakland this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Langley Hall.

J. W. Clark, who has been in Coos county for several weeks, came in Thursday evening with C. D. Elliott, formerly of Roseburg but now of Coos county.

The cross-walk on Jackson and Main streets which were taken up during the construction of the Brook's building, is being replaced and soon those walks will be in use again.

The city has a force of men digging a drain for the city hall. Had this been done at the time the hall was built, it would not have cost more than half what it is costing now.

Today is the first smoky day we have had this summer, and from now on till about the tenth of September the extent of our vision will be limited, and that as "through a glass darkly."

The front of J. Brook's new store has just been finished by J. A. Perkins. The lower panes of the front windows are 8x9 feet, heavy French plate. It is the nicest of any front in the city.

Flook & Dysinger had the contract for putting in the glass front to Brooks' store, now nearing completion. It is an unostentatious but neat front. The showy part will be made by Mr. Brooks

when he stocks up not long hence. The whole contour of the work and style are modern and indicates an advanced Americanism.

Arthur Lane, who recently returned from Montreal, went to Portland this morning, cited to appear at the cathedral next Monday for ordination for priesthood. He will return Tuesday. His first mass will be said in this city in the near future.

Johnathan Way of Medford is in the city today. Mr. Way has been largely engaged in mining at Gold Hill the past year. He says that region has not been fully developed yet. The richest deposits are yet to be found. Capital and enterprise must do it.

Hotel Glendale, the new eating house for railroad passengers at Glendale, is gaining in popularity every day and is consequently doing a good business. It is said that Mrs. Clarke, the proprietor and manager, sets the best table between Portland and San Francisco.

The water company has turned off the water from the city hall and will close up the fire plugs. When this is done the city will be at the mercy of the flames in case of fire, instead of at the mercy of the water company. There is but little choice between the two evils.

The collection of animals with the Great Wallace Shows is valued at \$1,000,000.00. They have, for the most part, been imported direct by the show from the Congo Free State through their agent Matwayo Komatsu, who has his hunters all through that country.

L. D. Carle has returned from his four-hundred-mile jaunt on his Crescent through Coos county. The wheel is in good shape but Carle's countenance looks as though he had met a scrapper somewhere on the route. He attributes it to a sudden excursion into the brush.

I will be at Oakland first Sabbath inst., my last appointment for that place this conference year. Our fourth quarterly conference will be held at Day's school house, the 17th and 18th inst. Basket dinner on the ground on Sunday.

J. A. CROUCHFIELD, P. E.

The Voice of Justice.

WALDO HILLS, July 29.
TO THE EDITOR: A "Country Republican" writing apparently from Eola to the Oregonian has entered the list as one who desires the defeat of Binger Hermann before the next state convention for the nomination for congressman. Had the gentleman (?) under this assumed cognomen affixed his proper name to the article in question, he would then have been known in reality for what he is, a traducer of men who stand in the way of his political aspirations. A man who would make unfounded charges against another under an assumed name, is certainly devoid of the better attributes of manhood that renders a man honored and respected by the community. "Country Republican," criticising the article in the PLAINDEALER under the caption "Una Voce" indulges in a spirit of effrontery in making charges against Binger Hermann that would become a man destitute of honesty, not only in political matters, but in any of the relations of life. "Country Republican" charges most emphatically that Mr. Hermann is the author of the article in the PLAINDEALER under the caption of "Una Voce" and attempts by sophistry and villainous abuse to make his charges have some semblance of truth. We are personally intimate with Mr. Hermann, have some knowledge of his position in reference to the nomination of congressman when the time for such nomination is at hand, and positively know that he will put forth every effort for the success of the republican party at our next election, no matter who may receive the nomination for congressman. All attempts by "Country Republican" to lessen the respect and esteem in which Mr. Hermann is held by his constituents will prove futile, and will only rebound to his own discomfiture.

If "Country Republican" will come out honestly and fairly, unmask himself, give his proper name, the writer of this will not hesitate a moment to divulge his identity. Dare he do it? We fancy he will never reveal his cloven foot.

JUSTICE.

According to the Salem Journal, prices for wheat vary considerably among the six flouring mills of Marion county. During six months the highest price paid by the Salem mills was 44 cents, lowest 37; while the lowest price paid by the Astoria mill was 40 cents and the highest 60. The average prices were as follows: Salem, 40 cents; Jefferson, 45 cents; Aurora, 50 cents; Sidney, 43; Gervais, 47; Astoria, 55 cents.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—One million dollars has been ordered at the sub-treasury by the Bank of Montreal for shipment tomorrow on the European steamer.