

BATTLESHIP FLEET WILL PASS COOS BAY TUESDAY FORENOON

North Bend Business Men Try to Charter Vessel For Event.

NO DEFINITE PLANS YET FOR WELCOME.

Rear Admiral Sperry May Send In Smaller Vessels to the Bay.

The United States battleship fleet, according to the present program, will pass Coos Bay Tuesday forenoon. This information reached here today and arrangements for extending a welcome and allowing the citizens an opportunity to see the leviathans will be made on this schedule. Messages will be received later giving the exact time.

North Bend business men held a meeting last night to devise some means of allowing the citizens of Coos Bay a chance to go out and see the fleet. President Evans of the North Bend Chamber of Commerce heads a committee appointed to endeavor to charter a vessel or vessels for the purpose and to make the expense for the individuals making the trip as small as possible. They attempted to secure the Alliance but could not do so as she had been chartered at Astoria for Wednesday. They will now try to secure either the M. F. Plant, the Breakwater, the Eureka or some other vessel.

Plans in Marshfield.

Nothing definite has been done in Marshfield yet but steps will probably be taken soon. The plans here will probably be to cooperate with North Bend in the matter.

E. K. Jones has suggested that the tug Columbia be engaged, if she can be spared, to take a party out. The members of the North Bend Club and the Millcoona club if those organizations deem it advisable.

A large number are planning to go to Sunset Bay and view the fleet from there. How close in they will come has not been determined. The Portland-San Francisco steamship course is only about nine miles off Sunset Bay so that they could be easily seen if they follow that route.

It is barely possible, if conditions are favorable, that some of the smaller vessels of the fleet may be sent in to the bar. This will probably be done if Rear Admiral Sperry can make the stop off Coos Bay that Senator Bourne requested.

MANY KILLED BY TORNADO

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS OVER CENTRAL LOUISIANA NEAR SHREVEPORT—VILLAGES AL- MOST WIPED OUT—NUMBER OF VICTIMS NOT KNOWN.

(By Associated Press.)
SHREVEPORT, La., May 14.—A relief train sent to Gillam, La., last night returned today bearing five corpses and thirty-one injured, the victims of the tornado that passed over the northern portion of that section yesterday.

A train bearing physicians and supplies was dispatched to the scene today.

The entire village of Gillam was wiped out and great damage done to Oil City, Belcher and Black Bayou.

THE following boats will run to Sumner for the dance Saturday, May 16, 1908:
Tioga will leave Marshfield, 7:15.
Sumner will leave Marshfield, 7:15.
Special boat from North Bend leaving 7 o'clock, stopping at Marshfield.

RAILWAY WORK TO START SOON

Capt. A. M. Simpson Writes That Southern Pacific Offi- cial So Informed Him.

Mayor L. J. Simpson of North Bend, has just received a letter from his father, Captain A. M. Simpson, who is spending the winter in California that he (Mr. Simpson, Sr.) had recently been informed by a Southern Pacific official that work on the Drain-Coos Bay line would be rushed this year. Mr. Simpson did not go into details in his letter or cite who was his authority, merely stating that it was a Southern Pacific official. However, the information has caused much rejoicing among those who have heard of it as it confirms the confident belief that the new road will soon be ready for operation.

When the news of Mr. Simpson's letter got in circulation, some one added to it that work would also be started on the Coos Bay end simultaneously with the resumption at the Drain end. There is no confirmation of this statement and everyone is hoping that it is true.

NORTH BEND'S NEW CHARTER

Matter Will be Submitted to Vote of People August 11— Liquor Ordinances.

Mayor L. J. Simpson announced today that he would veto the new charter ordinance, some of the provisions not being exactly satisfactory. It is presumed that an early agreement will soon be reached and the matter submitted on the date originally agreed upon.

The North Bend city council last evening adopted an ordinance making arrangements for securing a new charter for that city. August 11, was the date fixed for the special election submitting the proposed charter to the people.

The new charter is drafted closely after the Portland charter, such changes of course being made as would make it applicable and better suited to the needs of North Bend.

One of the features of the new charter is the provision for bonding the city, thus making it possible to carry out extensive municipal improvements that are badly needed to keep pace with the growth of North Bend. In the new charter, it is provided that the city may be bonded up to ten per cent of its assessed valuation.

Will Fine Minors.

An ordinance was also passed for the purpose of eliminating the trouble of minors going into saloons and purchasing liquor, first satisfying the bartender that they were not minors by declaring that they were 21 years old. The ordinance provides that any minor over 16 years of age who shall obtain liquor by false pretenses (claiming to be 21 or more) shall be subject to a \$25 fine.

The saloon and dance hall license of J. C. Wilcox was revoked last night in compliance with the order of Judge Hamilton of the circuit court. Whether Mr. Wilcox will now become "manager" for someone else who is not barred from obtaining a license or whether he will have to quit business in North Bend remains to be seen.

VOTE for N. C. Medley, Repub- lican candidate for County Assessor.

J. C. WILCOX GETS YEAR IN JAIL

North Bend Dance Hall Proprietor Also Fined \$500 More by Judge Hamilton— Fred Hoffman Gets Five Years For Arson.

(Special to The Times.)
COQUILLE, Ore., May 14.—J. C. Wilcox, the North Bend dance hall proprietor, this morning was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve twelve months in the county jail by Judge Hamilton in the Circuit court. The fine of \$500 was imposed for the offense that Wilcox was found guilty of at the preceding term and the year's sentence was for the offense he was convicted of this time.

In sentencing him, Judge Hamilton said that it appeared to be a case of determining whether Wilcox or the law was the stronger and that the test might just as well be brought to a show down at once. He said that clemency had been exercised previously but that it had not been appreciated.

The year's sentence came as a surprise to Wilcox who was almost dumfounded when he heard it come

from Judge Hamilton's lips. He turned pale and showed signs of intense emotion. He was immediately taken to jail and has entered upon his service.

Five Years For Hoffman.

Fred Hoffman, the Myrtle Point man who was convicted of arson on the charge of having set fire to his brother's barn, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. This was the minimum punishment, the maximum being fifteen years. Judge Hamilton in sentencing him said that he believed Hoffman was a victim of disease and for that reason made the sentence as light as possible.

Hillis Short of North Bend, who was convicted on the indictment charging him with gambling, was fined \$100.

Breach of Promise Suit.

The breach of promise suit of Taylor vs. Mills is now on trial. The parties are from Bandon, a forty-year old woman suing a sixty-year old man for not keeping his troth. Mr. Mills on the stand denied every allegation of the plaintiff charging him with having made love to Mrs. Taylor and having asked her to marry him. In fact he denied everything. The trial has brought a number of humorous episodes and is being listened to by a large crowd.

OREGON REPUBLICANS FOR TAFT

State Convention at Portland This Afternoon Entirely For Ohio Man—Judge Sehlbrede Elected Delegate to National Convention.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 14.—The Republican State Convention met in this city today with the Fulton-Taft faction in control. That the convention will be a mere formality is evi-

dent from the start. Nothing was accomplished at the morning session beyond the naming of A. J. Johnson of Benton county, as temporary chairman and the appointment of committees. The real work of the convention will commence this afternoon. The delegates to the National Convention at Chicago probably will be instructed for Taft.

The first congressional district today elected R. E. Williams of Polk county, and C. A. Sehlbrede of Coos county as delegates to the national convention. The district convention instructed for Taft.

BOMB KILLS SCORES IN PRISON

EFFORTS TO RELEASE RUSSIANS RESULTS IN KILLING OF TWENTY-NINE AND WOUND- ING OF MANY MORE — IN- VESTIGATION ORDERED TO SOLVE MYSTERY.

(By Associated Press.)
YEATERNESLOW, Russia, May 14.—The explosion of a bomb in the Government prison in an attempt to

blow up the walls and permit a jail delivery, caused the death of twenty-nine convicts and serious injury to twenty-eight others, eleven being probably fatally hurt.

So far as known, none of the hundreds of convicts, most of them being charged with revolting against the government, escaped from the prison.

Many of the victims were horribly torn and mangled by the bomb.

An investigation has been ordered to determine where the bomb came from.

RESOURCES TO BE PROTECTED

President Roosevelt and Others Discuss Means of Guard- ing Them.

WASHINGTON, May 14. — The White House was the scene of a notable gathering of representatives who assembled at the call of President Roosevelt to discuss the question of preservation of the natural resources of the country. Representing the government was the President of the United States, the vice-president, the cabinet, justices of the United States Supreme Court and members of both houses of congress. The States were represented by their governors and conferees appointed by them. The industries were represented by Andrew Carnegie, J. J. Hill, John Mitchell, and Dr. I. C. White, state geologist of West Virginia and perhaps the leading expert on coal in the United States. The specially invited guests included the three Democratic presidential candidates Bryan, Johnson and Judge Gray.

The subjects to be discussed included the use and conservation of

FIND TEN WATCHES.

Jewelry Indicates More Victims On Guinness Farm.

(By Associated Press.)
LAPORTE, May 14.—The Guinness death farm gave up two more watches today, making ten of the kind usually worn by men, though but nine bodies of male victims have been unearthed so far. The search of the premises will be resumed.

BREWERS ON STRIKE.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, May 14.—Eight hundred brewery employes struck today for an increase averaging about one dollar per week per man. Every plant in the city is tied up.

WINS THE TROPHY.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 14.—The armored cruiser Maryland was the trophy winner at the recent target practice at Magdalena Bay. The trophy is now in possession of the Illinois and be transferred to the Maryland.

the mineral resources, the resources of the land and the resources of waters.

The conference was opened by President Roosevelt with an address on "Conservation as a national duty," and the program included addresses by Andrew Carnegie on "Ores and related minerals," and by Dr. I. C. White on "Mineral fuels."

HOLLAND ANDERSON IS INDICTED FOR MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

TELLS NAME TO OFFICERS

PORTLAND CRIMINAL FINALLY ADMITS HIS IDENTITY — BE- LIEVED GUILTY OF OTHER CRIMES.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 14.—The man arrested yesterday for assaulting the Chinaman finally gave his name as Jack Larose. He said that he was 21 years of age, was born in Georgia, and is a marine fireman by occupation. Larose claims to have arrived in Portland Tuesday night, but the police have discovered that he pawned a watch with a saloonman. The watch has been identified as the one taken from the store of H. Neuman who was so terribly beaten by a robber. It developed that the prisoner was arrested Tuesday night for vagrancy and was released yesterday with a score of other drunks and vagrants.

SPAIN AND FRANCE ROW

TROOPS OF TWO NATIONS CLASH IN AFRICA AND MAY CAUSE TROUBLE — THREATEN TO WITHDRAW DIPLOMATS—SEV- ERAL WOUNDED.

(By Associated Press.)
CASA BLANCA, Africa, May 14.—In an encounter here May 12th, between some French and Spanish troops, one spaniard was killed, one wounded and two French wounded. The Spaniards were beating unarmed Algerian sharpshooters when the French interfered.

The Spanish minister of Foreign Affairs has demanded the details and explanations of Casa Blanca affair from Paris. The matter has created considerable excitement. The Spanish newspapers advise the withdrawal of Spanish troops saying that there is bad blood between them and the French.

BIG CONCERN CLOSES.

Reserve Trust Company of Cleveland, (By Associated Press.)
Ohio, Makes Assignment.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 14.—The Reserve Trust Company assigned today to the Superior Savings & Trust Company. The liabilities are about \$2,700,000. The inability to realize on outstanding loans is said to have precipitated the failure. The officers assert that the depositors will be paid in full.

STORM IN MID-WEST.

Wind and Water do Great Damage to Iowa Railroads.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, May 14.—Only two of the six railroads between Omaha and Chicago were working yesterday, the other four being out of commission as a result of washouts following the wind and rain storm throughout the mid-west. The property damage is heavy.

FORAKER DROPS BILL.

Finally Decides to Give Up Browns-ville Affair.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Foraker has abandoned his effort to secure any consideration at this session of his bill for reinstating the negro troops who were discharged from the service on account of the Brownsville riot and moved to make the bill a special order for December 16th, next.

Store your Goods with the Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

Grand Jury at Coquille Returns True Bill Against Him For Crime.

TRIAL IS SET FOR JULY 22d.

Postponed From This Term Owing to Rush of Business And Defense's Request.

The grand jury at Coquille this morning returned an indictment of murder in the first degree against Holland Anderson for the shooting of Mrs. E. S. Gordon who succumbed yesterday to the bullet wound inflicted by Anderson Saturday night.

The trial was set for hearing July 22. District Attorney George M. Brown urged that the case against Anderson be tried at this term of court but the defense remonstrated. They claimed that owing to the attorneys for the prosecution having instructed the witnesses in the case not to talk that they had not been able to get any line on the testimony for or against Anderson and that trial now would be unfair to their client. Taking this into consideration and also the fact that he must soon get to Roseburg to preside at court there, Judge Hamilton postponed the hearing. After the conclusion of the Taylor-Mills breach of promise case, the jury will be dismissed and only equity cases heard.

Lips Sealed to Last.

It was stated today that certain parties endeavored to secure a statement from Mrs. Gordon shortly before her death concerning the rumors connecting her name with alleged counterfeiting operations. She is said to have emphatically denied it and bitterly condemned the parties who circulated the report, claiming that they had taken advantage of her condition to do so. The United States secret service men who were here are also said to have called on her at the hospital but it is understood that her lips remained sealed to the last on everything except the details of the shooting.

SHIP BODY AWAY.

E. S. Gordon Will Take Remains to Old Home in Sacramento.

The body of Mrs. E. S. Gordon, who died yesterday at the General hospital from the bullet wound inflicted by Holland Anderson Saturday night, will be shipped Sunday to Sacramento, Cal., for interment. E. S. Gordon made the announcement this morning, he having assumed charge of the remains and also, it is understood, having agreed to bear all of the expenses incurred.

Mrs. Gordon's parents reside in or near Sacramento, Cal. Her father, A. Leach or A. Lurch, having conducted a hotel there for years. Mr. Gordon notified them by wire yesterday of her death and this morning received a reply asking that the body be brought to the old home for interment.

The body will be shipped from here on the M. F. Plant next Sunday.

HER ADMIRERS WERE MANY.

Mrs. Gordon, Once Beautiful, Fig-ured in the Racing World.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Mrs. Gordon, victim of the Marshfield tragedy, was a well-known figure on Kearny and Market streets ten years ago during the famous matinee parades in San Francisco. She was strikingly beautiful at that time. She became the wife of a clothier, whose name she now bears, but their domestic life was not happy. A sensational divorce suit followed.

Mrs. Gordon had attracted a large number of admirers, among them several men prominent in the racing world. She was "on the inside" in racing matters in San Francisco for some time and is supposed to have made a considerable amount of money through her operations.

Her prominence and her influential connections gave her some standing in financial circles and she was induced to take part in the vast rubber schemes of the Congo. She cooperated with the American guests of King Leopold of Belgium, but her investments are believed not to have been fortunate.