

COOS BAY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THE FLEET

Great Battleships May Pass
This Point After Darkness
Tuesday.
HARD TO SECURE
DEFINITE INFORMATION.

General Manager Millis Has
Czarina Ready to Take
People Out.

The hour when the Atlantic battleship fleet will arrive off Coos Bay tomorrow was indefinite at a late hour today. This morning, it was stated that the fleet could not possibly reach the vicinity of Coos Bay until 10 o'clock Tuesday night, thus spoiling the chances of local people to see it or extend a welcome. Sec. Walter Lyon has sent a half dozen telegrams to San Francisco to ascertain the hour but up to 3 o'clock this afternoon had not been able to get any definite information.

The report that the fleet would not reach the vicinity of Coos Bay until after darkness caused consternation among the hundreds who were planning to either go out on a vessel and see it or to go to Sunset Bay and watch it from the beach.

Czarina Is Ready.
General Manager C. J. Millis after wiring several times to San Francisco and Portland finally succeeded in getting the permission of the government for the Czarina to take an excursion out to see the fleet Tuesday. He and Agent C. F. McCollum have been working hard to prepare to take care of the excursionists and if the fleet doesn't reach here until after dark, their labors and expense may be in vain.

In case, it should be so unfortunate that the fleet will not reach this section until after dark, many are in favor of immediately beginning a campaign to have it visit this section on its return trip from Puget Sound to San Francisco.

What will be done, depends entirely on subsequent developments concerning the trip passed Coos Bay tomorrow.

OLD RESIDENT IS STRICKEN

Wm. Pitt, Aged 106, Dies at
Gardiner—Former Citizen of
Coos County.

COQUILLE, MAY 18.—News has reached this city of the death of Uncle William Pitt who died at Gardiner. Mr. Pitt was 106 years of age and at one time lived on Beaver slough where he was well known by all the old pioneers.

The news has reached this city of the death of Julius P. Jacobsen, from appendicitis, at his home at Centerville, Humboldt county, California. The deceased was the father of James and Peter Jacobsen of this city. Mr. Jacobsen was well-known in this city where he has visited his sons several times. He was 71 years of age.

Port Orford Pioneer.
Mrs. N. B. Neely, who resided for many years on the old Unlean farm near Port Orford, died at Bandon, after a few hours illness of heart trouble; her body was taken to Port Orford and buried in the cemetery by the side of her husband, who died about a year ago. Mrs. Neely, nee Mary E. Dowling, was born in Iowa, January 30, 1851, and moved with her husband from Denver, Colorado, to Port Orford in 1884.

NEW SCHOOL AT BANDON.
BANDON, Ore., May 16. — The Bandon school district voted \$25,000 for a new school house. The vote was close and the bonds were only carried by 10 votes. The new school house will be located in the Fisher addition.

F. S. DOW wants good potatoes, call for prices.

FLEET LEFT FRISCO TODAY

Battleship Squadron Weighed
Anchor in Golden Gate Har-
bor This Morning.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 18. —The Atlantic battleship fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Sperry, weighed anchor this morning and sailed out of San Francisco Bay in a drizzling rain for Puget Sound.

Eight of the vessels will visit Bellingham Bay, four will visit Port Angeles, three will go to Port Townsend and one will go straight to the drydock at Bremerton.

On May 23d, fifteen will rendezvous in the vicinity of Port Townsend, and proceed to anchorage in the vicinity of Seattle.

Wednesday, May 27, twelve will go to Tacoma, but only four will remain at that port, the other eight continuing out of the Sound down the coast again arriving at San Francisco, May 30th.

ALLIANCE DELAYED BY SUNDAY NIGHT STORM.

Steamship Due From Portland This
Morning Had Not Been Sighted
At 3 O'clock—Shipping News.

The Alliance which was due from Portland early this morning had not been sighted off the bar up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. It is presumed that her progress was badly retarded by last night's storm. She intended to sail from here today so as to get back to Astoria in time to take excursionists out from there Wednesday to see the fleet.

The Czarina arrived Sunday from San Francisco. While preparing to unload at San Francisco, her top mast was broken off. The accident is said to have been due to carelessness of the stevedores.

M. F. Plant Sails.
The M. F. Plant sailed yesterday for San Francisco, being well laden with passengers and freight. The passenger list was as follows:

W. F. McBride, Mrs. McBride, M. Knuppenburg, Mrs. Knuppenburg, M. A. Peterson, H. Baines, Jas. Baines, W. J. Evans, O. D. Worth, Mrs. A. D. Worth, May Peterson, Mrs. John Felcher, Reserve Libby, Geo. M. Westlake, J. Lee Brown, Mrs. Brown, R. W. Hyne, H. D. Fletcher, Mrs. Guerin, Miss Cook, A. J. Lotell, Tom Hubbard, Mrs. Stargard, Mrs. W. S. McFarland, C. Baines, I. H. Baines, K. Eurickson, W. O. McCann, C. J. Fuller, C. D. Fredericks, S. Russell, Noel, Geo. Quigley, A. R. Hukerson, J. D. Dow, J. R. Rasmussen, J. Armstrong, J. B. Dillon, Joe. Dillon, R. Noel, R. Mitchell, J. Small, G. O. May.

A DAY'S OUTING ON HAYNE'S INLET.

Marshfield Launch Party Passes
Pleasant Day at the "Stag Bungal-
ow"—Many Make Merry on
The Shamrock.

One of the most pleasant launch parties of the season took passage on the Shamrock yesterday for an outing up Haynes Inlet, with "The Stag" bungalow as the objective point. In addition to the party of good fellows, the Shamrock also carried a full complement in the commissary department which did not detract anything from the day's enjoyment. The bungalow afforded shelter during the shower and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of a day well spent. The most exciting incident of the day was an incipient conflagration, but the prompt arrival of the fire department saved the day.

Among those in the party were: Dr. Haydon, Dr. Geo. E. Dix, Claude Nasburg, Will Holland, Parker Holland, Al. Hall, J. A. Matson, Andrew Neil, Chas. Bradbury, Ivy Condron.

UPTON STANDS PAT ON STATEMENT

City Recorder Won't Issue
Warrants For Bills Under
New System Until City
Council Provides Help For
Him—Council Meeting To-
night.

The Marshfield city council is confronted with more trouble as a result of City Recorder J. M. Upton refusing to issue warrants for bills against the city under the new system of accounting which was recently installed. Mr. Upton notified the council Thursday night that the new system involved more work than he could afford to do for the salary paid the city recorder and that they must hire a competent man to take charge of it. For the bills that were ordered paid by the council Thursday night under the new system, Mr. Upton refuses to draw warrants, claiming that he does not propose to become involved in the matter until the council provides sufficient help.

The parties holding bills are wroth over the matter. Straw and Farrin were the first to discover the position of Mr. Upton when they appear-

ed for a warrant to reimburse them for work on the city wharf. Mr. Straw is a brother of Mayor E. E. Straw but he couldn't get his money. Fire Chief Tom Nicols also encountered the same obstacle when he tried to get a warrant to pay for some new hose which was recently secured for the department. The matter will probably be adjusted when the council meets this evening as the city bills must be paid somehow.

Other Matters Up.
Councilman Sacchi's plan for cutting down city expenses will come up for further discussion this evening. The application of Mr. Duret and others for a telephone franchise will also come up.

The Street Committee will probably report on the proposed opening of Nevada street.

Bills of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company for lumber furnished to put in crossings on city streets, which were presented many weeks ago, will also come up again. Councilman Lockhart maintains that the city should not pay for these crossings, that the improvements are for the benefit of a few and the benefitted parties or property owners should pay for them. He says that he personally paid for a street-crossing near his property, and that others should do the same.

ROWAN LOSES BY KNOCKOUT

Gene Sullivan Puts Local Man
Out in Eleventh Round
—Rowan Claims Foul.

In one of the fastest glove contests that has ever been pulled off on Coos Bay, Silent Rowan, the local champion, was knocked out at the end of the eleventh round by Gene Sullivan of Seattle at the Skating Rink Saturday night. Rowan and his friends claim that Sullivan fouled him, by striking him with his fist or knee below the belt, but John Herron, the referee, and Sullivan's friends claim otherwise. The decision was immediately given to Sullivan.

The attendance at the bout was rather disappointing. C. A. Howard, who had charge of the arrangements, worked hard to make it a success and everything went off in fine shape, but while the success will probably insure greater attendance at future ones, this does not benefit Saturday night's receipts, the net proceeds of which were to go for the benefit of the Marshfield Baseball Association. While everything has not been checked up today, it is doubtful if the event will more than pay out. There would have been a deficit had it not been for change in the arrangements—that is instead of making a straight purse of \$300 for the contests, it was agreed that the contestants should take sixty per cent. being in turn divided into sixty per cent for the winner and forty per cent for the loser.

Six Round Preliminary.
Charles Acherbach of North Bend, acted as referee in the six-round preliminary between Dan Sullivan and Dummy Rowan. It was for points and the decision went to Sullivan. Both mixed freely and gave a rattling good exhibition go.

John Herron was selected as referee for Gene Sullivan-Silent Rowan match which was to have gone twenty rounds. Acherbach and Dan Sullivan acted as seconds for Sullivan, Dummy Rowan, Peterson and Hunter acting for Silent Rowan. Both weighed in at 133 or a trifle less and both were in good condition, Sullivan probably being trained down a little better than Rowan.

Match Was Fast.
Both started out fast, Rowan punches leading during the first six rounds. Both landed frequently and often resorted to clinches but the breakwaters were quick and clean. After the sixth round, Rowan slowed down his condition not holding up the fast pace started. Sullivan, however, did not show the strain after the sixth and landed more frequently. In the eleventh, Rowan appeared

BANK'S LOSS IS \$2,000,000

Allegheny National of Pittsburg
Closed as Result of Cash-
ier's Peculations.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, May 18.—The Allegheny National Bank did not open today. The alleged misdeeds of the cashier, who is in the county jail charged with embezzling \$469,000 and the abstraction of securities valued at \$125,000, is responsible for the plight of the bank.

While Cashier Montgomery's speculations are officially placed at \$594,000, it is said that the bank's shortage is close to \$2,000,000.

RIOTS MARK CAR STRIKE

Many Lawless Acts Occur
In Cleveland But Municipal-
ity Is Winning.

CLEVELAND, May 18.—Many acts of lawlessness in connection with the street-car strike, marked the early hours today. Trolley wires were cut, crews driven from the cars and non-union men attacked by strike sympathizers.

The municipal Traction Company announced today that no further attempt would be made to operate cars in Lakewood until the authorities guaranteed protection. It is reported that the men will make an arbitration proposal to the Traction Company. There is a marked increase in the number of cars operated today.

AT THE Band Hall tonight.

WILL buy your good potatoes.
See F. S. Dow.

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

a little groggy and just as the gong was about to sound, Sullivan landed hard as they broke from a clinch. Rowan landed flat on his back and it was several minutes before he was resuscitated.

A telegram from Tom Tracy of Portland, challenging the winner of Saturday night's match for Rothwell, the "Young Corbett" of the Pacific coast, was read. Sullivan will probably take him on soon.

PREACHER KILLS WIFE WHILE SUFFERING FROM INSANITY

KILLS THREE
TO ROB HOME

Farm Hand Confesses to Blood
Curdling Crime at Ma-
tawan, N. J.

(By Associated Press.)
MATAWAN, N. J., May 18. — The prosecutor of Monmouth county announced today that Zastera, a young farm hand, has confessed that he killed Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shepherd and the servant, Miss Jennie Bendy, who were found murdered at Shepherd's farm-house Saturday. Zastera's statement is reported to be to the effect that he killed the Shepherds for money which he knew Shepherd had in his possession.

FIRE NEAR PORTLAND.

Three Buildings Burned and Many
Threatened.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 18.—Fire in Montavilla, a suburb, has destroyed three residences and is approaching the Baptist church. The Montavilla public school with several hundred children was in the fire's path and unless the fire be checked may be burned. The children were dismissed in perfect order.

GORDON DROPS OUT OF SIGHT

Suddenly Disappears And
Caused Confusion Regard-
ing Disposition of Body.

E. S. Gordon, after settling entirely or in part the expenses that were incurred in caring for Mrs. E. S. Gordon, the "Coos Bay woman of Mystery" who died last Wednesday from the bullet wound inflicted by Holland Anderson, suddenly disappeared Saturday without giving explicit directions as to what should be done with the body. He had announced that they would be shipped to relatives of the woman in Sacramento, but it was generally understood that he intended to accompany them.

Yesterday Undertaker T. J. Lewis searched high and low for Mr. Gordon, but could not find him. Finally as the hour approached for the M. F. Plant to sail, he gave up and sent the body to the steamship. He consigned it to an undertaker at San Francisco with instructions that in case Gordon didn't appear soon to take charge of the body that relatives at Sacramento, the address of which he include, should be communicated with.

Gordon was seen on the street early Saturday morning with a suit case. Whether he took passage on the Breakwater for Portland under an assumed name or took the stage east, is not known.

MYRTLE POINT WOMAN GRANDMOTHER AT 32.

Myrtle Point boasts a grandmother but 32 years of age, which is just over the edge of young womanhood. Mrs. S. A. Culbertson, 32 years of age, has two grand children. Mr. Culbertson, grandfather twice, is but 36 years old.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

SNOW IN OREGON.

Three Inches of the Beautiful Falls
In Gilliam County.

CONDON, Ore., May 18.—Three inches of snow fell Friday, the first now storm in May for 20 years, and the first moisture here for several months. The farmers are rejoicing as it means thousands of dollars to them. Wheat men say there is no danger, unless it freezes.

Temporary Loss of Senses, He
Says, Caused Him to
Commit Crime.

THEN BECOMES SANE
AND GIVES SELF UP.

The Rev. S. A. Coffman of
Rosstown, Va., Tells Pe-
culiar Story.

(By Associated Press.)
FAIRMONT, Va., May 18.—While temporarily insane, according to his own statement the Rev. S. A. Coffman killed his wife early today by cutting her throat from ear to ear. A moment after the crime, he says, he regained his senses and realized what he had done. He immediately surrendered and was locked up.

The Rev. Coffman resides at Rosstown, three miles from here, and has charge of two or three local churches. His wife was a member of a prominent local family and 33 years of age.

For the past week or two, Rev. Coffman has been conducting a series of revival services and appeared well pleased with the results.

At midnight, he and his wife were discussing the services when suddenly he seized a razor and began striking her head. During the struggle, Mrs. Coffman escaped to the garden in the rear of the house but was followed by her husband where he overpowered her and cut her throat. Then his senses returned.

HOME TRUST COMPANY HERE

North Bend and Marshfield
Men Organize New Finan-
cial Institution.

The organization of the Home Trust Company was perfected by prominent North Bend and Marshfield men this morning. The company is composed largely of officers and stockholders of the Bank of Oregon of North Bend and the First National Bank of Marshfield.

The objects of the company are to do a general trust company business, except the banking feature that is generally conducted, and it was organized principally for the benefit of the patrons and officers of the two banks. It will handle the trust business of the two institutions and all that may come from other sources, hold property for estates and individuals, manage and control other organizations, borrow and loan money and buy and sell land for individuals who do not wish their names to appear in negotiations.

It is organized with a capital stock of \$5,000 but this will later increase as the growth of the business warrants. The first officers and directors are as follows:

President—W. U. Douglas of Marshfield.

Vice-president—L. J. Simpson of North Bend.

Secretary and treasurer—W. S. McFarland.

Directors—Dr. E. Mingus, W. S. McFarland, John Preuss, O. B. Hingsdale, C. S. Winsor, L. J. Simpson and W. U. Douglas.

BENDER WINS CASE.

Harry Burnham Fails to Wrest Tim-
ber Claim From Him.

MYRTLE POINT, May 18. — The contest case of Harry Burnham vs. E. E. Bender that was recently tried before U. S. Commissioner L. J. Liljeqvist at Marshfield, was decided by the Roseburg land officials in favor of Mr. Bender. Bender had made timber entry for the tract in controversy and Burnham held that it was more valuable for agricultural purposes. J. M. Upton was attorney for Burnham and L. A. Roberts appeared for Bender.