

## U. S. NAVY TORPEDO FLOTILLA SPEND A FEW DAYS IN COOS BAY

Destroyer Perry of Fourth Torpedo Boat Flotilla, Now at Empire.

FOUR OTHERS EXPECTED SOON.

Are en Route From San Francisco to Rose Carnival at Portland.

The torpedo boat destroyer Perry of the Fourth torpedo boat flotilla of the United States Navy, unexpectedly sailed into Coos Bay late last evening and came to anchor at Empire. The Perry is still at Empire and will remain there until the four other vessels of the flotilla arrive. The others, consisting of the destroyer Preble and the torpedo boats Fox, Davis and Farragut, spent last night at Eureka in Humboldt Bay. The Perry, which is the swiftest of the flotilla ran ahead of the others. A message was sent to the others today but no response had been received up to late today.

The flotilla is en route from San Francisco to Portland where it will be one of the attractions of the carnival there. The visit to Coos Bay was unannounced, the officers being instructed to visit several ports en route and familiarize themselves with the coast and the ports.

Unless something unexpected occurs, a few days will be spent on Coos Bay and all of the flotilla will run down to Marshfield. This trip up the bay will probably be made tomorrow if the other vessels of the flotilla arrive tonight.

Scores of North Bend and Marshfield people went to Empire today to see the destroyer Perry. It is likely that the Marshfield and North Bend Chambers of Commerce tonight will make some arrangements for a reception of the men and officers of the fleet if it is found that they can remain here for a day or two longer.

As tomorrow is Decoration Day and a holiday, and a large number of the business houses of Marshfield and North Bend will be closed, there will be ample opportunity for any ceremonies that may be determined upon.

## DENVER GETS NEXT PRESBYTERIAN MEETING

Seattle Withdraws Invitation for Honors at General Assembly in Kansas City.

(By Associated Press.)  
KANSAS CITY, May 29.—Denver was selected for next year's General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. Seattle withdrew from the contest, the vote being almost unanimous in favor of the Colorado city.

## FUNERAL AT NORTH BEND.

Swanee Swanson, the fisherman who committed suicide on his houseboat near Porter several days ago, was buried from the North Bend Undertaking parlors yesterday. The Rev. B. F. Bengtson officiated. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Marshfield.

## COOS RIVER WOODMEN ATTENTION.

There will be an important special meeting Saturday evening. The Buffalo Bill will start from E. Hodson's landing at six o'clock p. m. sharp and return immediately after meeting.—H. GEDDES.

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## TO COOS COUNTY VOTERS.

T. J. Thrift, Democratic candidate for assessor of Coos county, bases his candidacy for the office on his past record. Equality and a fair deal for every property owner.

## WAINWRIGHT PEAR ADMIRAL

Commander of Second Division of Fleet Given New Honors.

(By Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, May 29.—At the Puget Sound Navy Yard, a yellow flag floats from the mast of the battleship Kentucky, small-pox having developed on board. One sailor is confined with the disease and others show signs of it.

(By Associated Press.)  
TACOMA, May 29.—A two-starred pennant is now flying from a truck of the Georgia's mainmast indicating that Richard Wainwright, commanding the second division of the Atlantic battle ship fleet, is now an acting rear admiral of the United States navy. Wainwright will receive his commission as a full rear admiral in July.

## JULY RACING CARD IS OUT

Program Announced For Special Meet on Coos Bay July 3 and 4.

F. P. Norton and other well-known horsemen of Coos Bay have just completed the program for a special race meet in Marshfield July 3 and 4. It is expected to make it one of the best meets that has been pulled off in this section of the state and it will probably only be eclipsed by the card of the Second Southern Oregon District Fair in Marshfield, August 26 to 29, inclusive. Many of the horses that will participate in the fair races will be here in training and will be entered in the events of July 3 and 4.

Eight races have been arranged for with good purses. In race No. 2, as shown by the program below, the entries will close June 10 and the fee will be \$25 each. Entries for all the other races will close at 9 o'clock, p. m., July 1, and the fee will be \$5 for each horse. Four or more must be entered for each event and if not, the board reserves the right to reduce the purse. The board also reserves the right to postpone the races in case of rain or bad weather.

The local track is being put in good shape and the course will be in fine condition for the July meeting if the weather is at all favorable. The program for the two days follows:

**Friday, July 3.**  
Race No. 1—Trotting and pacing, free-for-all, one-half mile. Best two out of three heats. Purse, \$50.  
Race No. 2—Running, three-eighths mile dash. Special for horses named Gold Beach, Verosaz, and Head Light, etc. Entrance fee \$25 each, and winner to take all. Purse \$125.  
Race No. 3—Running one-half mile dash. Purse, \$50.  
Race No. 4—Running five-eighths mile dash. Purse, \$50.

**Saturday, July 4.**  
Race No. 5—Pacing and trotting, free-for-all, one-half mile heats. Best two out of three heats. Purse, \$50.  
Race No. 6—Running, three-eighths mile dash. Best two out of three heats. Purse \$50.  
Race No. 7—Running, one-half mile dash. Purse, \$50.  
Race No. 8—Running, three-fourths mile dash. (Stallion race). Purse, \$50.

The men in charge of the races have organized with F. P. Norton as president; C. W. Carleton, secretary;

## TEN DIE FROM HEAT TODAY

Warmest Weather Prevails in Pittsburg and Vicinity That Has Ever Been Known This Early in the Summer.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, May 29.—Owing to the excessive heat, ten persons have

died here since midnight. Many have been prostrated. The heat is the most intense ever known in this section this early in the summer.

The humidity is intense and a dead calm prevails. Business has practically been suspended.

## PROMINENT BROKERS INDICTED

Leading New York Speculators and Federal Employe Arrested as Result of Cotton Statistics Scandal of 1905.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 29.—Theodore Price for many years one of the most prominent operatives on the cotton exchange was indicted by the federal grand jury today on charges growing out of the sensational exposure of the sale of government statistics as to cotton crop conditions in advance of the issuance of the information to the public. Price is charged with conspiracy to defraud. He is also charged with bribery. It is reported that other persons were indicted with him.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—Theodore Price, Moses Haas and Frederick A. Peckham of New York, and Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., former assistant statistician of the United States Department of Agriculture were today indicted by the grand jury of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on charges of conspiracy growing out of the cotton scandal of 1905.

## MANY HURT IN CHURCH PANIC

Vestibule of Chicago Edifice Gives Way Under Large Congregation.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, May 29.—A cemented vestibule in the Lutheran church of Our Lady of Vilna gave away last night as a large congregation was leaving. Thirty persons were thrown into the basement and a panic resulted. None, however, suffered worse injuries than cuts and bruises.

## PATTON CORN CORNER BROKE

Big Slump in the Prices of May Grain in Chicago Pits Early Today.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, May 29.—Bears in the grain pit of the Board of Trade in the early trading today forced down the prices of May deliveries of wheat, corn and oats from two to two and a half cents a bushel.

For several days, James A. Patton has had absolute control of the corn market, having effected a corner and forced the price upward at the rate of four and five cents a day. It was said that Patton stood to make a few million on the deal. Tuesday's trading was the most exciting that the Chicago grain pits have known since the corner in wheat by Joseph Leiter several years ago.

Whether today's slump was the result of the shorts settling with the Patton crowd is not known. One report is to that effect and another is that Patton tried to carry things too far.

**Marchmont Racing.**  
The program for the annual races at the Marchmont course at Wedderburn has just been received here. The meet will last six days, August 17 to 23, inclusive.

There will be four events each day. The running events are the most numerous. The entries for all races there close the night previous to the day the event is to be pulled off. W. E. Thresher is secretary.

**MESSIAH** full rehearsal Monday night, at Opera House, everybody expected. No rehearsal this week.

## CHICAGO PRIEST AND LAWYER ARE THREATENED WITH DEATH

COOS COUNTY  
LAND DEALS

Announced That Government Will Attack Some of C. A. Smith's Holdings Here.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—The Portland Telegram says: "Troubles will not come singly to C. A. Smith, the Minneapolis lumber millionaire, for now that the Government is preparing to cancel the patents to the \$1,000,000 worth of timber land in Linn County which Smith is alleged to have acquired by fraud, preparations are being made to cancel his holdings in Douglas and Coos counties. How soon action will be taken to recover the lands in Coos and Douglas is not known, as the Linn County lands are now receiving attention and will probably be disposed of first. There are still many months before the Government loses the Coos and Douglas holdings through the statute of limitations, and this gives the department ample time in which to act.

There are, approximately, 40 quarter-sections which Smith secured in Coos and Douglas. There is from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 feet of timber on each of these quarter-sections, and each quarter-section is worth from \$20,000 to \$25,000, so that the value of the timber lands involved runs in the neighborhood of at least \$1,500,000, and this, together with the Linn County lands, will make Smith stand to lose \$2,500,000.

When Smith secured these Coos and Douglas lands he paid at the rate of not to exceed \$5.25 an acre. Now these same lands are valued at \$125 an acre, and in some instances a great deal more. This gives a slight idea of the manner in which Oregon timber lands have increased in value during the past few years.

S. A. Puter, who is the acknowledged authority on Oregon timber lands and how to steal them (as per his book, "Looters of the Public Domain"), declares that Smith got the Coos and Douglas tracts through the same methods that were used to engineer the deal of the Linn County property. Smith, according to Puter, obtained the lands through his agents, who manipulated mortgages among the members of Smith's timber syndicate. The representatives of Smith, it is alleged, went into the highways and byways and induced people to make entry on the lands wanted, and for this accommodation to the millionaire the bogus entrymen received from \$50 to \$100 each. The price paid by Smith was a mere drop in the bucket to what the value of the timber is today.

When the suit against Smith for cancellation of the Linn County lands comes to trial, the Government will have its case fortified by many of the bogus entrymen who operated for Smith through Frederick A. Kribs and others. When the grand jury, under Heney, first began inquiring into the conspiracy to gobble the Linn County claims, the entrymen refused to tell the truth, and were shadowed as they left the train on their arrival in Portland to the home of Kribs, where they were coached as to what they should tell. After the first of the entrymen was broken down for Heney by Puter, the rest made a rush for immunity. Now that they have told the truth concerning the transactions, and the time has elapsed for prosecuting them criminally, they are expected to take the stand and tell all they know of the deal. This will establish the case of the Government, and with such a showing, the land patents will probably be canceled.

Following the Linn case, the same tactics will presumably be taken up by the Government regarding the Coos and Douglas deals, when the entrymen will be brought to Portland and placed on the stand.

**May Indict Him.**  
The Portland Oregonian says: "While United States Attorney McCourt is exceptionally secretive as to the extent of the investigations that

Letter Written in Blood and Wrapped in Crepe Sent to Them.

ALSO THREATEN TO DYNAMITE BIG CHURCH.

Claim That Threat is Due to Their Activity in Behalf of Billek.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, May 29.—Rev. Father Peter J. O'Callaghan, head of the Paulist Order in Chicago, and Attorney Francis E. Hinckley have been informed through an anonymous letter, written in blood and wrapped in a crepe that they have been marked for death and that St. Mary's Catholic church, Wabash Ave. and Hubbard Court, is doomed to destruction by dynamite. The letter was dropped in the church's poor box.

The death of the priest and lawyer is threatened, it is believed in consequence of their efforts to obtain a pardon for Herman Billek, who is under death sentence on the charge of murdering by poison six members of the Vzral family. Father O'Callaghan will lay the letter before Governor Deneen in the hope that it will induce him to pardon Billek. Billek was a fortune teller and is alleged to have murdered the Vzrals for their life insurance.

## TWENTY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Observation Car on Baltimore and Ohio Ditched Near Baltimore.

(By Associated Press.)  
BALTIMORE, May 29.—A report to the Baltimore & Ohio general office says that an observation car attached to the rear of the Chicago & New York express, east bound, left the rails near Garrett and turned over. Twenty passengers were injured.

will be made by the grand jury now in session. It is possible that C. A. Smith, the Minnesota millionaire timberman, may be indicted criminally for the part he is alleged to have played in securing from the state several thousand acres of its most valuable timber lands. Since equity suits were filed Monday to annul the patents to nearly 10,000 acres of this land which Smith is alleged to have acquired fraudulently, it has been discovered that the Minnesota millionaire on April 4, 1904, sent \$381.60 to the State Land Board as principal and interest due on 360 acres assigned by Frederick A. Kribs to Smith.

"Kribs had petitioned the board signed for the repayment of his purchase money, with interest, after Government cancellation, owing to the selection of a wrong base, November 28, 1903. But it developed that the part of the lands figuring in entries made by W. E. Mills and Lulu Lyle, the certificates of which had been assigned to Kribs, had been made on proper base. The result was that Kribs was ordered to pay the remainder of the purchase price and perfect title to the land. It was this money that Smith remitted to the board after the land had been assigned to him by Kribs.

"It is alleged that this transaction between Kribs and Smith constitutes a continuing conspiracy that falls within the statute of limitations, making a complete chain in the transaction beginning with the applications by the dummy entrymen and leading up to the patenting of the land, which is the final step in the alleged conspiracy."

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