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## THOUSANDS WELCOME TAFT ON RETURN TO OLD HOME TODAY

Republican Presidential Candidate Reaches Cincinnati For Conference.

IS MET THERE BY JAMES S. SHERMAN.

Old Friends Parade Streets In Recognition of Honors Given Him.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, June 20.—It was joyous home coming for Wm. H. Taft, who arrived in his native city at 8:15 o'clock this morning. He was greeted at the station by thousands of friends who gave him an enthusiastic reception. James S. Sherman of New York, the nominee for vice-president, was in the throng.

"Hello Sherman," shouted Taft extending his hand cordially to his running mate, "I'm mighty glad to see you. You don't look as if you had passed through the siege of a nominating convention."

"I never felt better," responded Sherman, who then congratulated Taft on his nomination. Together they walked arm in arm to the station where they were received by the committee from the Chamber of Commerce.

Parade to Home.

An informal parade headed by a band went to the residence of Charles P. Taft on Pike street. The sidewalks were crowded with people and the windows of business houses were filled with men and women waving flags and pennants. At the Taft residence, the great crowd assembled and Taft and Sherman were cheered heartily as they alighted from their carriage. The trip from Washington was not eventful although at several points crowds assembled to get a glimpse of the Republican presidential candidate. Mr. Taft arose late this morning, but did not emerge from the drawing-room until the train was well within the limits of Cincinnati.

Jas. S. Sherman and the sub-committee who came from Chicago to confer with Mr. Taft regarding the permanent chairmanship of the Republican National Committee and other matters of importance had arrived earlier than Taft, but there was a large crowd at the depot to welcome the visitors. Mr. Sherman was cheered lustily as he alighted from the car.

The question who will be named chairman of the National Committee has aroused considerable interest. Hitchcock and Vorys are prominently to the fore but there is a sentiment for some man who has not been directly connected with the preliminary campaign, but it is thought certain that Taft himself will make the choice soon after conferring with the committee.

Mr. Hitchcock declined to be considered for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee and no selection was made. The conference then adjourned.

### BREAKWATER SAILS.

Steamship Left Coos Bay For Portland This Morning.

The Breakwater sailed from Coos Bay for Portland early this morning, the passengers being taken on last evening.

The Breakwater's outgoing passengers were as follows:

H. B. Donohy, W. J. Costello, H. A. Lewis, N. A. Barrett, L. C. Britherton, Mrs. Britherton, M. H. Adamson, D. Stradum, Aug. Matson, V. Bergeson, D. E. Woodruff, J. E. Lyons, J. C. Murray, C. E. Neet, Father Donnelly, T. J. Gamble, W. G. Martin, W. S. Paige, L. R. Platt, Wm. G. Schroeder, Mrs. C. Elbors, Glen Noland, Cecil Noland, E. B. Noland, Mrs. Ollie, Noland, Verne Noland, Bruce Noland, Donald Noland, J. B. Stone, Miss Gertrude Mallow, H. E. Everding, Thos. Murray, Mrs. W. L. Wells, E. K. Jones.

The second-class passengers were: Victor Johnson, A. Anderson, Ben Pickel, Gus Granpus, John Constay, J. H. Holmes and A. Hohns.

A GOOD CHICKEN dinner at Mother's, Sunday.

## ST. LOUIS IS FLOOD SWEPT

Mississippi River Reaches Crest But Has Done Much Damage In Low Lands.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, June 20.—Sweeping through the valley at fourteen miles per hour, the flood tide of the Mississippi, it is believed, has reached its crest. Great damage has been done to small towns and the low lying places adjacent to the river. In St. Louis, some houses are seven feet under water. Street-car traffic in several directions is demoralized. The river is being patrolled and thousands upon thousands of sacks of sand have been banked up to keep the flood waters out.

### FLOOD IN IDAHO.

Deep Creek Dam Breaks Near Malad.

(By Associated Press.) SALT LAKE, June 20.—A special to the Tribune from Malad, Idaho, says the deep Creek dam, nine miles above that town, broke yesterday and that a wall of water, twenty feet high, swept down the valley inundating the farm lands. The damage is over \$50,000. The people were amply warned so no lives were lost.

### OVER AT KANSAS CITY.

(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, June 20.—The absence of rain for twenty-four hours has given the Kaw and Missouri rivers a chance to recede and both rivers at this point are stationary.

## RACE BETTING IS CALLED OFF

Denver Judge Holds it Unlawful In Colorado and Races are Postponed.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, Colo., June 20.—Judge Carlton M. Bliss of the district court, has rendered a decision holding betting on horse races, in Colorado, unlawful, because of the decision the Overland Park races have been called off until the Supreme Court passed upon the matter.

### CAPT OLSON SAYS HE ISN'T MARRIED.

Master of the Alliance Wires That He Appreciates Congratulations But They Are Premature.

Captain Olson of the Alliance, says that the congratulations extended him by the scores of friends on Coos Bay on account of his reported marriage are premature. The following telegram was received from Captain Olson at Portland by The Times last evening:

"Too many my friends—Congratulations received and duly appreciated. Sorry same are premature." Some of Captain Olson's friends, relying on the stories of his nuptials as told by members of the Alliance's crew, had gone so far as to buy wedding presents for him. They say they will keep them a while as they feel certain that it won't be long until they are in order.

MOTHER will have her regular Sunday dinner tomorrow.

### BROADWAY SNAPS.

1 Lot, \$500.  
2 Lots, \$2,100.  
3 Lots, \$3,500.  
2 Lots, \$1,050.

See Title Guarantee and Abstract Company.

HENRY SENGSTACKEN, Manager.  
General agents—Also for Eastside.

## TERRIFIC EXPLOSION NEAR DENVER

Duront Powder Works at Loviers Said to Have Been Destroyed and Scores Killed or Injured Late Today.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, June 20.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Dupont Powder mills at Loviers today. Communication is cut off. It is believed

that the entire plant was destroyed. Doctors are being rushed to the scene from Littleton. About 125 men are employed there. The plant is of modern construction and is twenty miles from Denver. The force of the explosion was felt in south Denver.

It is feared that scores of employes were wounded or killed in addition to the property loss which will run far into the thousands.

## STEAMER EXPLOSION IS FATAL

Fire Breaks Out Soon Afterwards in Ship at Philadelphia Wharf and Imperils Many Stevedores—Cause Unknown.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—One man is dead, another is missing and nearly a score of others were injured in an explosion on board of the German steamer Arcadia, which arrived

here yesterday from Hamburg. The dead man is the negro stevedore. The majority of the injured are negro stevedores some of whom lost their limbs. The explosion occurred in one of the holds of the steamer. The cause is not known. Twenty-five negroes were in the hold and great difficulty was encountered in getting the men out on account of the fire which followed the explosion. The dead man was burned to death in the hold. The steamer was seriously damaged.

## GORDON CASE OPENS MONDAY

Holland Anderson Will Be Placed On Trial at Coquille on Murder Charge.

Holland Anderson, or "Mizook" Anderson as he is generally known, will be placed on trial before Judge Hamilton in the Circuit court at Coquille Monday on the charge of having murdered Mrs. E. S. Gordon of North Bend, the "Coos Bay woman of mystery." Everything is in readiness for the trial which is expected to be one of the most sensational ever brought up in the local courts. In addition to the general interest always centering in murder cases, in this one will be the added interest always centering in murder cases, in this one will be the added interest and curiosity in Mrs. E. S. Gordon's meteoric career which will probably be probed to the depths and all her actions bared to the jury and the on-lookers who will flock to the court room.

Mrs. Gordon died at the General hospital in Marshfield several weeks ago from the effects of a bullet wound inflicted by Anderson one Saturday night near the O'Kelly boat landing. Anderson at the time was a barkeeper at the Bell Cord saloon.

Plans For Trial. While no statements have been given out, it is understood that Anderson's attorneys will put in a plea of self-defense. They will probably attempt to show that Mrs. Gordon was a dangerous character, that she had a revolver drawn on Anderson and that he shot when impelled by fear and desire to save his own life. McKnight, Hammond and Sherwood will represent him.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. A. Lileqvist of Marshfield and District Attorney George Brown of Roseburg, will handle the prosecution. They will attempt to show, it is understood, that Anderson had premeditated the crime and that he was carrying the revolver for that purpose. If the defense attacks the character of Mrs. Gordon, they will probably retaliate by attacking Anderson's character.

Captain and Mrs. O'Kelly are understood to be star witnesses for the state in the case, they having been near the scene when the crime was committed. Whether E. S. Gordon, the dead woman's husband or par amour, will be called in as a witness is not known.

It is also understood that the defense will insist that a different jury than the one empaneled at the last term try the case owing to certain literature, which they claim related to the case and was certain to cause an impression damaging to their client, having been sent to the jury-

## BAY CITY MAN IS DROWNED

Thompson Vapesick Falls Into Deep Water While Stepping From Row Boat.

Thompson Vapesick, aged 21, and an employe of the C. A. Smith mill, was drowned about 6 o'clock, Friday evening, near the Bay City docks, he having fallen into deep water while stepping from his row-boat on to the wharf. He disappeared and companions nearby never saw him after he went under the first time. Whether he came up under a boom and the logs held him under water and prevented his body from floating out and coming to the top is not known.

Long search for him last night was futile despite the efforts of the numerous mill men who united to recover the body. Careful watch is being kept so that the remains can be recovered as soon as they come to the top.

Vapesick was returning home after his day's work at the mill and rowed across the inlet alone. Other boats were near and a number saw him fall into the water.

Vapesick had been in this country but a short time. Another brother, William is the only relative he has here. William is also employed in the mill but has been laid up for some time but a broken leg sustained in an accident in the mill.

## TEAMS MAKE TRIP SUNDAY

Hundreds Will Join Excursion From Coos Bay to Coquille Valley Tomorrow.

Unless the weather is too threatening, the North Bend and Marshfield ball teams will be accompanied to Coquille and Bandon, respectively, tomorrow. The special train to carry the teams and fans will leave the Marshfield depot at 9 o'clock and return soon after the games are completed.

Manager McKeown of the Marshfield team, received a telephone message from Manager Bedillion of the Bandon team, this afternoon, saying that the grounds would be in fair shape unless there was a terrific rain tonight or in the morning. While Marshfield will miss McCutcheon, Mr. McKeown will have a strong lineup for the game.

North Bend is in good shape for the contest with Coquille, a new pitcher and another outfielder having arrived yesterday.

## CONTRACT CLOSED FOR NEW HOTEL FOR MARSHFIELD TODAY

### FIX TERMS OF NEW FRANCHISE

City Council and R. T. Durett Agree On Provisions For New Phone System.

Inducements offered by R. T. Durett for telephone franchise: Will install complete fire-alarm system for city and maintain it free of charge during life of franchise, city only having to pay for bell or gong, and will have every phone equipped with fire alarm connection. Will put wires in business section underground when city attains population of 15,000.

Will pay city two per cent on gross income after ten years for use of streets, etc.

Will install most modern automatic system known.

Will place wires and poles in alleys so far as possible and do all construction under direction of city council and engineer.

Will post \$2,500 forfeit upon acceptance of franchise that he will begin work within ninety days and complete the system within twelve months.

Allows council to fix maximum rates that may be charged for phone service of all kinds, locally.

At a special meeting of the city council last evening, it was practically agreed to grant R. T. Durett a franchise to establish an independent telephone exchange in Marshfield upon the terms above set forth. The council passed a resolution instructing City Attorney Farrin to draft a franchise embodying these features in addition to the other stipulations and this will be voted upon at the regular meeting of the city council next Tuesday evening.

The session was a quiet one aside from a tilt between R. T. Durett and his attorney, W. U. Douglas, on one side and L. R. Robertson, local manager of the Pacific States Telephone Company, on the other. The tilt was brought on by Mr. Robertson intimating in a talk to the council that Mr. Durett did not intend to personally avail himself of the proposed franchise—that he (Durett) was merely a "carpet-bagger" who intended to sell the franchise which he was trying to get. Mr. Durett in reply to this declared that he could furnish any recommendations that the council might require as to his personal integrity, and addition to this would show that the Home Telephone Company of Portland, the Oregon branch of the independent system, which has been combatting the Bell or Pacific States Telephone Company on the coast, was behind him. Mr. Douglas also questioned the amount of confidence that might be placed in promises of the Pacific States Company or its criticism, saying that as the latter company was trying to shut out a competitor they should also be compelled to post a forfeit as a guarantee of good faith.

### Expects Rapid Growth.

During the evening, Mr. Durett injected a little more confidence and enthusiasm into the members of the council as to the future of Coos Bay and Marshfield. He said that he was certain that the growth of Marshfield would be rapid within the next few years and that within ten years there would be a population of more than 25,000 on Coos Bay. In addition to this, he said that the phenomenal growth of Los Angeles might also be duplicated here if the three trans-continental lines of railroad built in here within a few years as he had been advised that they would.

The fire-alarm system which he proposes to install with his system, he said, was most modern known and in the few cities that have been equipped with it the fire losses have been reduced twenty-five per cent. He considered the installation and maintenance of this as equal to a fair franchise tax.

### The Franchise Tax.

The provision for the franchise tax of two per cent on the gross receipts

Messrs. Olson and Johnson of Portland, Will Erect Structure.

IS OF BRICK AND THOROUGHLY MODERN.

Will Be Rushed to Completion as Rapidly as Good Work Will Permit.

Marshfield's new Chandler hotel will soon be a reality. This was assured today when Senator John S. Coke, president of the Coos Bay Hotel Company, the builders, closed the contract with Messrs Olson and Johnson for the construction of the building, work on which is to begin at once and will be rushed to completion as rapidly as thoroughness and practical workmanship will permit.

The bidders on the general contract were as follows:

J. G. Killgreen of Portland	\$48,663.00
Sandstrom & Jacobson of Portland	44,029.00
McInnes & Reed of Portland	41,591.00
Angell & Son of Portland	47,847.00
Multnomah Mill & Construction Company of Portland	48,181.00
E. G. Perham of Marshfield	53,532.75
John P. Weaver of Marshfield	50,978.00
Pippy & Disbrow of Portland	49,800.00
Olson and Johnson of Portland	41,087.00
F. A. Erixson of Salem	48,629.00
A. F. Peterson of Portland	57,000.00

### Five or Six Stories.

The bids were on a six-story structure, of brick, constructed on a piling and concrete foundation. Whether the structure will be a five or six-story building will depend on whether or not the remaining \$6,000 of the company's capital stock is subscribed within the next thirty days, the contract now being for a five-story building, but with the provision that it may be made a six-story structure if so ordered before the first story is underway.

The plans for the six-story building provide 85 guest rooms, every one of which is an outside room with good light and ventilation. Private baths are provided for many of the rooms and suites. The ground dimensions of the structure are 50x100 feet. The building will be modern and up-to-date in every respect, electric elevator service being provided, an interior telephone system and electric and gas light lights. The hotel, when completed, will be one that would be an honor to a city several times the present size of Marshfield.

### Heating and Plumbing.

The contracts for the heating had not been entirely closed at noon, but President Coke announced that it had been decided to award the heating contract to Gardiner & Kendall of Portland, and the plumbing contract to W. J. Rust of Marshfield.

Messrs. Olson and Johnson are in Marshfield today. They have just completed a fine six-story building at Wallace, Idaho. They are greatly pleased with the prospects for the building here as is Architect Hendricks of Portland. They have also taken the contract for driving the piling for the foundation as they will be able to do this to a better advantage in connection with the excavating that a separate contractor.

Everyone in Marshfield who has been apprised of the closing of the contract for the new hotel are highly gratified and commending the members and stockholders of the company.

PIANO STUDIO of Louis H. Boll, located in First Trust and Savings Bank building, second floor, parlors 17, 18, 19 and 20. Will teach during the summer months.

SMITH'S CAFE for your dinner tomorrow.

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