#### Cause \$10,000 Damages to Manhattan Hotel in "Frisco Town."

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Cal., March 16.-Rats caused a \$10,000 damage to the Manhattan hotel, at the junction of Market and Fell streets, last night. The shouting of an alarm of fire throughout the hostelry threw one woman into hysteries, caused another to faint and created the wildest excitement among all the guests.

At 9:30 o'clock fire started and soon the halls were full of smoke. An investigation was made and the source of the smoke was traced by a guest of the house to the dining room. He found the entire western wall of the room a mass of flames and immediately rushed to the street, where he turned in an alarm. The fourth floor, which had many roomers was soon filled with blinding smoke and prompt measures were adopted to alarm those who might be asleep in their rooms. Ralph Ware, the elevator operator, and Fred Nohl, the night telephone clerk, made the rounds of the rooms and aroused all

the guests. The guests were none of them panio stricken, but two Japanese servants were found huddled together on the fire escape on the first floor facing Market street. The Japanese seemed bewildered and were about to jump to the sidewalk, s distance of 20 feet, when a shout of warning stayed them. A ladder was placed against the fire escape and the frightened Asiatics were quickly lowered to the sidewalk.

John P. Gallagher, proprietor of the hotel, estimates his loss at \$10,000. The partition between the kitchen and diningroom was destroyed and the furniture and carpets on the fourth floor were badly damaged,

Fire Marshal Lowe traced the origin of the fire to a nest of rats under the kitchen floor. The little pests had dragged a bunch of matches to their home and undoubtedly caused the fire.

#### HERREROS WORSE THAN BARBARIANS

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, March 16 .- Letters received from survivors of the atrocities committed by the rebellious Herreros in perpetrated by the blacks.

Hundreds of whites were captured and tortured until death relieved their 55 delegates, and even if defeated in a agony. Their limbs were chopped, eyes majority of the city precincts, the poked out, bodies cut open and vital Mitchell faction might pull through by organs removed. Women were hanged the aid of the country delegates.

from trees head downward and beaten to In the fourth precinct about 60 men from trees head downward and beaten to Parents were compelled to

watch the mutilation of their children. The letters have created a desire for vengeance that can hardly be stilled by pacific utterances and statements, even though such might be the desire of the ministry. The kaiser has been appealed to for justice against the rebels and measures will doubtless be

#### PLAN WHOLESALE LAND COLONIZATION

(Journal Special Service.) St. Paul, Minn., March 16 .- At a conference held in St. Paul today the preliminary steps were taken toward the formation of an association of land agents and real estate dealers who are particularly interested in northwestern

The new association will have for its general purpose the promotion of immigration to the northwest and will also seek to secure lower settlers' rates and other changes that will attract desirable residents to Minnesota, the Dakotas and other states of the Northwest. Land agents of Illinois. Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, as well as all of the states of the northwest, are interested in the movement.

#### PLUMBERS STILL OUT.

(Journal Special Service.) Spokane, Wash., March 16 .- The attempt to settle the plumbers' strike has

A meeting of the master plumbers has pared with the last election, been held at the request of R. M. Simpson, fourth vice-president of the International Association of Journeymen Plumbers, and Mr. Simpson and several of the members of the local plumbers union appeared before the meeting and went over the plumbing situation in the hope of being able to reach a settle-

The "closed shop" policy was the stumbling block over which the parties were unable to come to any agreement.

#### STEAMER PROPATRIA SAPE.

" (Journal Special Service.)
Halifax, March 16,-A St. Pierre, Miquelon, cablegram announces the safe arrival there this morning of the steamer Propatria, many days overdue, with 60 passengers and crew, Much anxiety has been felt for several days over the steamer's non-appearance, and her insurance has been steadily falling.

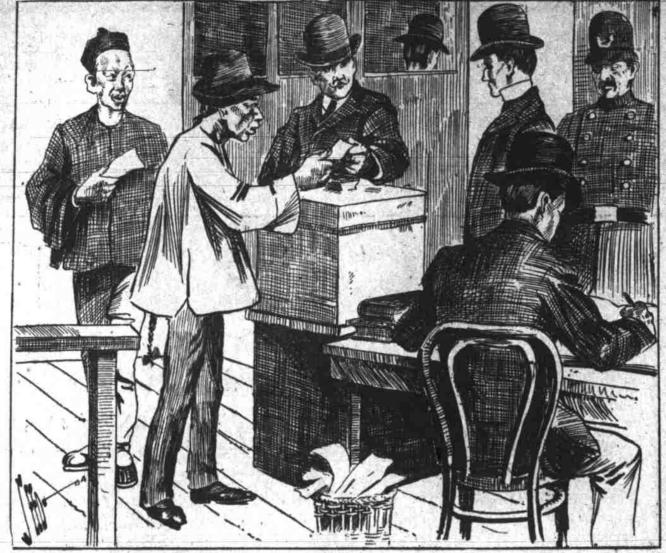
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SOME AMERICAN CITIZENS AT THE POLLS

### **BOTH ARE CONFIDENT**

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challenge them if they appear at the polls. In the 33d precinct, where a large part of the Italian population of city resides, Mitchell workers expect to carry the day. The Italians are generally supporting the regular ticket. At noon the Mitchell men were claiming the 34th, 35th and 36th precincts, though the 34th at least is probably in doubt.

On the east side Simon has proved far stronger even than he had expected His supporters claim Albina, and re ports from the Eighth ward indicate that he is getting a heavy vote in pre-cincts which had been regarded as surely pro-Mitchell. Many Democrats are voting the Simon ticket. In other east side wards scattered precincts show

May Swing to Mitchell.

But though these early reports are more favorable to Simon than had been anticipated, the situation may be radically changed by the late afternoon vote in the city, and by the country returns. The country precincts will have 37 of the 128 delegates, and it is gen-German Africa today contain the details erally expected that Mitchell will have of unprintable indignities and tortures at least a majority and probably twothirds of them. In order to control the convention it will be necessary to have

were voted up to noon, many of whom gave their residence as the sailor boardng-house run by Sullivan & Grant, but Larry Sullivan declared that they do

not live there and never have. "But what can we do?" he asked. "The judges are standing in with the Mitchell faction."

Over 40 voters in this precinct who east their ballots in this precinct this morning registered from 811/2 North Third street, although there are not six voters living at that address. This is one of the places where colonizing was done, as exposed in The Journal last

The Chinese vote was light up to noon, although about 100 of them have registered. They are expected to appear at the polls this afterneon, and they will vote pretty solidly for the Mitchell ticket. Seid Back, who practically controls them, is under material obliga-tions to the Mitchell organization, and is expected to line up his countrymen accordingly.

Court Order Changes Ballots.

By order of County Clerk Fields a number of additional ballots were run off from about 40 precincts last night is without representation on the board by the Irwin-Hodson company, which of county commissioners, and secured the contract for printing them from the board of county commission-For precincts 42 and 49 new ballots had to be reprinted on account of the decision of Judge Sears in man-damus proceedings instituted by Charles A. Geil and H. L. Neville. Ballots for all the precincts were printed on the bases of the last election. It was found that this provided a few more than were needed in several precincts, but not enough in others, on account of the heavy registration in the latter as com-

#### ON THE BAST SIDE.

Democrats Said to be Voting as Republicans.

On the east side of the river the voting is brisk today, especially in pre-cincts 51 and 52. In the 8th ward especially it is current report that the Mitchell workers are inducing Democandidates on the Republican ticket. The Democratic vote in this ward was exeedingly light up to noon.

#### DEMOCRATS ARE QUIET.

#### Light Vote Cast at County Primaries Tuesday.

At Democratic headquarters in the Napoleon Davis, S. P. Osburn and H. L. Oregonian building all was quiet today.

J. D. Ryan, secretary of the Democratic ounty central committee, had few visitors and was engaged during most of the day in attending to law cases. He reports that nothing has been heard of the outcome of the Democratic primaries held in the country precincts yesterday. In the opinion of Secretary Ryan a num-

sension in our ranks, only about 10 per day, of all those registered. registered—I should say in the neigh- for Independent Republican ballots. is shown by our not yet receiving any one exception that the reports of results. It is probable that ticket was runing ahead. we shall hear nothing from the major-

"In Portland it is probable that not voted at that hour, first inquired for an more than 800 Democrats will vote at independent ballot-slip. Although it is the Democratic primaries. Many will impossible to separate the two Repub-not take the trouble to vote, and others lican factional votes, those conservative will probably assist the Simon faction. ones on duty at the polling places were

emains, and the Democrats will present

"The Republican vote in the city is well represented on the registration books. county, it is safe to say there are about 9,500 democrats. The Democrats represent about two-thirds of the present unregistered vote. If the Republicans are split as badly in the future as they are now, the Democrats will stand a good chance on election day. From all I can hear today in traveling around the city I believe the Simon people will come out victorious."

#### IN NORTH END WARDS.

Vote Is Heavy, Challenges Few and Trouble Absent.

Little groups of voters and anxious workers had gathered in nearly all the precincts in the Second and Third wards this morning when the "Hear Ye" ad-dress was delivered and the announcement was made that the polls were opened. There was a hurrying of men, delayed from business to cast their votes, into the booths, and clerks were kept busy for a time.

In most all the precincts a heavy vote was cast during the forenoon, both Re-publican factions desiring to make the best possible showing before the actual contest of vote-getting began. The Democratic poll was light. At none of the polling places was there any kind of disturbance or disorder. Police officers were stationed near the booths in many of the north end precincts, but nothing arose to call for interference.

In precinct No. 4, where the game political is played with vigor, the vote was heaviest. Before 11 o'clock 90 votes had been cast. Challenges were few and in no instance was a prospective voter prevented from casting his ballot. Ward politicians of both factions and of the Democrats were present in numbers and were active. Mitchell supporters claimed a majority of the votes cast.

In both wards partisans of both factions claim a victory. The Mitchell crowd, however, have apparently the best grounds for their assertions. Politicians of the wards who are acquainted with the larger percentage of the vot-ers predict a close margin for the winner and give the Mitchell side the odds.

#### PAIRVIEW DEMOCRATS.

Adopt Resolutions Against Mode of

Electing County Commissioners. An enthusiastic meeting was held and the following resolutions were adopted by the Democrats of Fairview precinct, Multnomah county, at the primary meeting held Tuesday, March 15, 1904: Whereas, Eastern Multnomah county

Whereas, Such want of representation

is a disadvantage to all the taxpayers and residents of said Eastern Multnomah county; therefore, be it Resolved, By the Democracy of

onvention assembled: First-That the present policy electing all the members of the board of county commissioners from the city of Portland is retarding the

Fairview precinct, No. 69, in primary

growth and development of Eastern Multnomah county, and that, too, with-out in any way benefiting said city of Second-That the election of a member of the board of county commissioners from the county east of the city of Portland would mean better roads for the people of Eastern Multnomah county and

as a consequence a greater volume of business for Portland merchants. Third-That we do most earnestly request of the Democratic county convention to be held in Portland, April 14, crats and Socialists to vote for their that an honest and capable man be named for county commissioner residing

somewhere in the center of Multnomah county. Fourth-That to such a candidate for the office of county commissioner we pledge our unqualified support during the campaign and at the polls on the first Monday of pext June. Delegates to the Democratic county convention are

#### THE POURTE WARD.

Advantage Belongs to Neither Side-Independents Strong.

the primary elections today was proved ber of Democrats will vote the Simon this morning by the activity displayed a slim cigar. In response to a query order to assist in widening the breach light vote had been cast up to the hour of noon, the indications were strong the Mitchell men." "On account of there being no dis- for at least an 80 per cent vote for the

At noon there was a growing demand

In Precinct 14, 347 Alder street. ity of them until April 14, the day set where the registration is 304, there had when the delegates will come armed which were Republican. It is stated are counting on. We shall carry three with their credentials and present them. that three-fourths of those who had fourths of the precincts against Simon."

said this morning: "I believe things a solid front when the time for battle are running about even, and would not attempt to call the result."

In Precinct 15, on the east side of Eleventh street, between Washington Out of the 26,000 voters in the and Alder streets, where the registratit is safe to say there are about tion is 240, only 23 had voted at 10 o'clock, of which number none were Democrats. It was stated that 14 of the persons voting had called for independent tickets. At Precinct 16, 286 Yamhill street, 61

out of 289 registered had voted at 11 o'clock, and after careful investigation was ascertained that the regular ticket was in the lead.

At Precinct 17, 347 Yamhill street, of 281 registered 62 had voted at 10:45 o'clock, with only three Democrats. The

ndependent ticket in this precinct was reported the leader. At Fourth and Salmon streets, Pre cinct 18, there are lively times, al-though at 11 o'clock but 42 had voted of the 273 registered. At no booth in the city is more careful work being done by the Simon forces, as it is expected that Sheriff Storey may at any time ring in his jail gang. Chinese are also expected to vote at this polling place, and three workers are delegated to watch this stubborn matter.

Out at the Exposition building, Precinct 20, affairs are quiet. A registration of only 148 is made for this district and it is believed that 95 per cent of the number will vote. At 10 o'clock this morning only 36 had cast ballots with not a single Democratic vote, but with a majority calling for independent Precinct 21, at Third and Madison

streets, is another scene of bustle. While the vote was light at 10 o'clock by the noon hour 68 had cast ballots. The registration is 327,

Precinct 22, on the north side of Jefferson street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, seemed to be running to the independent side. At 11 o'clock of the 97 registered 21 had voted, one ing a Democrat, but a large percentage tickets.

It was ascertained that not all Demoutlook in the precincts named showed out success.

vote would show largely for the regular sweater with white stripes.

One feature that is prominently shown at the polls today is that of the tax-paying voter, of whom so many are asking for independent tickets.

#### IN THE PIPTE.

Reclers Waited for Stray Voters-Eush Came Late in the Day.

In the fifth ward everything was as tranquil as a summer sky. The heelers for the Republican factions were in evidence at the polling place in the ward and lay practically in wait for any lowed and several pitched battles occhance voter who might happen in curred, wherein the mob was roughly There was not much of a rush before the noon hour, although probably 20 per cent of the voters had cast their

ballots before that time.

No trouble over the judgeships was experienced during the morning in this "Fifty-five 'regulars,' five 'independ-

ents,' and two Democrats have voted so far," sald one keeper of the tab.

The proportion was, of course, exag-gerated but a general feeling that the Mitchell men would carry the ward was prevalent at all the polling places, One excited Italian came rushing down the street and complained that his saldon had been closed by a policeman, and "Whatfer, whatfer, whatfer," camin rapid succession from his surprised

"It's election day," was explained,
"I catcha de vota for de Mitchella now I have to lose de mon-I wisha I had notta dona de vota. The saloons were later allowed

#### NOW THE MAYOR VOTED.

Upheld the Regular Ticket and Predicts

Mayor George H. Williams was in a particularly happy frame of mind this morning as he entered his office in the That unusual interest is manifest in city hall. He wore a smile that wouldn't come off, and puffed away at

He mused a moment and gave expression to his views about various city questions.

"The election will undoubtedly go in borhood of 1.500 voters," asserted Mr. In the Fourth ward, where the favor of the regular Republicans," he Ryan. "That there is no dissension in Mitchell strength had been expected, it said. "I met a truckman this morning the party throughout the rural districts was shown in the nine precincts with and he told me he and all his mates were to vote 'regular.' I also understand that the whole Italian vote will be with us.

"There are hundreds who will vote for the Democratic county convention, at 12 o'clock been 58 votes cast, 56 of the regular ticket whom the Simon men

#### ELECTION FIGHT.

Teamsters Engage in Street Bout and

Captain Gritzmacher ordered him to

Captain Gritzmacher ordered him to be placed in a city jail cell.

Hoffman was arrested with John E. Sullivan, and both are charged with fighting. They became involved over the relative merits of ex-Senator Simon and Senator Mitchell, near the election booth at the corner of Fourth and Ankeny streets. Hoffman stood for Simon, While Sullivan vowed that Mitchell was the only real person to be elected.

Heated words led to blows, and when Patrolman Grif Roberts arrived he had to step in and separated the combatants, and then call for the patrol wagon.

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At the station Hoffman at first appeared to be very haughty, but when he was ordered put in jail by Captain Gritz-macher he broke down and cried. He said he could get bail if given the chance, and so he had half an hour to

#### DO PENANCE FOR PRANKS OF PRINCE

try in. He failed. Sullivan gave bail and went away happy.

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, March 16.—Bright young of-deers of the Royal guards regiment, all friends of the Crown Prince Frederick William, have been transferred from Potsdam to separate and remote gar-They are said to have led the prince into many scrapes which have been with difficulty repressed.

In some cases there have been com plaints of the boyish pranks of the coterie, in which the prince seems to have been a master spirit. None of the officers thus sent into practical banishment are more than youths in years and many are connected with prominent, if not noble, families.

#### **BELIEVE STRIKE** HAS BEEN AVERTED

Indianapelis, Ind., March 16. — The feeling at the miners' headquarters this morning is that the great strike of soft coal miners has been averted It it estimated that it will take two days to count the votes, which will reach nearly 200,000 in number.

The counting will begin tomorrow, by which time all votes will have been received. The operators are watching the result, apparently, with greater concern than the miners themselves. President Mitchell continues to decline any prediction as to the outcome of the dispute, but is undoubtedly hopeful.

#### SING REQUIEM IN A RAIN OF FIRE

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grand, from the French ship, where they had found asylum, the majestic chant of the Russian national hymn, at once their new oath of allegiance to the czar and a requiem for their lost ship.

'Now a fierce fire rages in the bunkers of the Variag. More, more, she lists to port. She has outlived the sun, but at 6 o'clock, with a great shudder, the huge leviathan turns on her side and dips. Only the Sungari remains, and she, too, sinks slowly, burning like a roaring furnace. If all this is not in a state of hostility, what shall we see when war is formally declared?"

#### AS A FUGITIVE HAROLD EXCELS

Tiring for the second time of the reof the 21 had asked for independent Aid society, Harold Pennington, aged 10 years, made his escape late yester-day afternoon. The officers have since day afternoon. ocrats are going with Simon, but the been searching for him, but so far with-

at noon that the Independent Repub-lican ticket was a good leader, Sanderson Reed, who is a Mitchell Several months ago he escaped, but was delegate in the Seventh precinct—Judge soon captured. He has brown hair, cut Carey's old precinct—in conversation at short; brown eyes, and when he left noon today, stated that it seemed to be the home was attired in a brown suit of an even thing, but he believed the late knee pants, brown cap and a red

#### SMASHED PALACE WINDOWS.

Hungarian Mob Riots-Charged By Pelice-Many Are Wounded.

Buda Pesth, March 16.—During the elebration of the Hungarian revolution of 1848 Tuesday, a crowd of stu-dents and workingmen smashed the windows in the palaces of the king and Archduchess Clothilde, because they were not decorated. The police charged the mob, slightly injuring many. More violent scenes of disorder fol-

handled. Several are believed to have been seriously wounded and carried away by their comrades.

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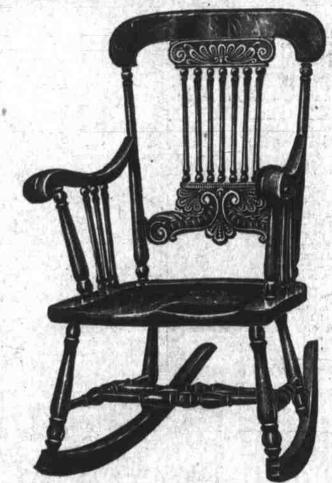
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