

# SCOUT CRUISER IS LAUNCHED

Birmingham Is First Vessel of Type Built for the United States Navy.

## MISS MARY CAMPBELL IS SPONSOR AT CHRISTENING

Ship Is Built for Speed and Has Appearance of Mammoth Torpedo-Boat—Is the Fastest Boat of Its Kind in the World.

(Journal Special Service.) Quincy, Mass., May 28.—The scout cruiser Birmingham—the first vessel of its type being built for the United States navy—was successfully launched at the yards of the Fore River Ship-building company today. A large party of guests from Birmingham, Alabama, were present, headed by Mayor George B. Ward and Senator-elect Joseph F. Johnston. The cruiser was named by Miss Mary Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Campbell of Birmingham. The sponsor was attended by eight young ladies of her home city. They were Misses Grace Hardie, Marjorie Washburn, Ellen Manton, Mary George Cruikshank, Martha Dabney Nathleen Nixon, Mary Kirkpatrick and Mary Cameron.

The invited guests came from Boston by special train during the morning. Besides the Alabama party, a number of officers from the Charleston navy yard were on the train. The launching took place as soon after the noon hour as the condition of the tide warranted. As the cruiser slid down the ways, Miss Campbell broke a bottle of champagne against the bow, and said: "I christen thee Birmingham." The river about the shipbuilding plant was filled with boats, and as the new ship took the water a great salute was given her by all the craft and by the whistles of nearby manufacturing plants. The cruiser floated majestically out upon the bosom of the river, where she was captained by a tug and towed to one of the shipyard piers, where she will be completed. She now is just a little more than half done.

**Claims Special Interest.**  
The Birmingham and her sister ships, the Salem and the Chester, have claim to special interest by reason of being entirely a new type of ship in the American navy. They are built primarily for speed, and have much the appearance of a torpedo-boat-destroyer on a mammoth scale. England has a few examples of this type, but they are not so speedy as the Birmingham and they cannot carry nearly as much coal, and in that respect must be less effective.

The Birmingham is of the following dimensions: Length between perpendiculars, 420 feet; breadth, 46 feet 8 inches; displacement on speed trial, not more than 3,700 tons; mean draft to bottom of keel at trial displacement, 18 feet 3 1/2 inches; total bunker capacity, 4,200 tons.

## WASHINGTON PUBLIC BUILDING CONTRACTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., May 28.—The state board of control today awarded state building contracts as follows:  
Matthew Dow, Seattle, two brick buildings at reform school, Chehalis, \$64,619; power house for some institution, \$2,500.  
Moore & Hardin, Vancouver, new building at institution for deaf and blind, Vancouver, \$19,870.  
W. B. Coffey & Co., Tacoma, plumbing at reform school, \$4,399; plumbing at school for deaf and blind, \$2,099.  
Seattle Heat & Plumbing company, heating at school for deaf and blind. For new buildings, \$2,178; for old buildings, \$3,620.  
W. D. Allen, Seattle, remodeling heating system for old buildings at reform school, \$5,412; heating system for new buildings, \$1,546.  
Forbes Supply company, Seattle, electric supplies for eastern Washington hospital, Medical lake, \$1,447.61.

## SUNSET LUMBER COMPANY BUYS HYLAND SAWMILL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., May 28.—The Sunset Lumber company, which was incorporated in Portland three months ago and which has maintained an office in this city since, has purchased the Hyland sawmill property on the Mohawk, 20 miles northeast of Eugene, from T. R. Yerger of Los Angeles, who purchased the plant from the Hyland brothers last August. The plant consists of a mill with a capacity of 40,000 feet of lumber every ten hours, 2,800 acres of timber land, two miles of tramway, docks at the railroad for loading lumber on cars, a store with a \$4,000 stock of goods and complete logging outfit. The incorporators of the new company are H. C. Mahon, a Eugene timber and mining broker; E. O. Samuels of South Bend, Wash., and I. W. Lane of Texas. Mr. Mahon is president and Mr. Lane secretary. Mr. Samuels will be superintendent of the mill.

## TAFT MAKES FLYING TRIP TO ST. LOUIS

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., May 28.—Secretary Taft left Washington today on a flying trip to St. Louis to deliver an address tomorrow before a convention of millers in that city. He will return to the capital Saturday and will remain here until June 9, which date has been fixed for his departure on a more extended trip to the west. Various points in Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas will be visited.

**Eastern Excursions.**  
The Canadian Pacific has announced very low rates to eastern points during the summer months. Tickets on sale June 6, 7, and 8; July 3, 4, 5, August 8, 9, 10, September 11, 12 and 13. Make your sleeping car reservations now for the June excursions.

## PROTEST USING GRANGE FUNDS FOR REFERENDUM

Grand Prairie Grange Says General Public Interested Should Help Foot the Bills.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., May 28.—At a meeting of Grand Prairie grange No. 10 last Saturday resolutions were adopted indorsing the action of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college in selecting Professor J. W. Kerr for the presidency of that institution. The grange also went on record against the use of grange funds to carry out the referendum, the resolution being as follows:  
"Resolved, That we heartily indorse the action of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college in their election to the presidency of that institution of Professor J. W. Kerr, late president of Utah Agricultural college, and we hereby pledge President Kerr our loyal support."  
"Resolved, That we protest against the use of the state grange funds for referendum purposes, since it is a matter in which the public generally has an interest and should donate funds for this work."  
According to information at hand the state grange engaged solicitors at fixed prices to secure signatures to the armory appropriation and free pass measures. The rate was 5 cents for a signature to either one of the measures and 7 1/2 cents where the elector was induced to sign both at the same time.  
The delegation to the state grange convention was instructed to protest against this action.  
The university appropriation measure was all voluntary and the work was done without any assistance from grange funds.

## ARRESTS AT EUGENE UNDER LIQUOR LAWS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., May 28.—Wellington Waddle, Elmer Renshaw, Charles Mayhew, Frank Ware and W. L. Ford, all of Eugene, were placed under arrest yesterday for alleged violation of the local option law. They were indicted by the grand jury at the March term of the circuit court, but as the prosecution was not ready for the cases at that time it was decided to defer the arrests till now. The men will be tried at the June term of the circuit court.

## PRESIDENT WILL TALK IN INDIANA

Roosevelt Going to Indianapolis to Deliver Address at Unveiling of Lawton Monument.

## TO VISIT IN MICHIGAN FOR DAY BEFORE RETURN

Immediately After Filling Two Engagements Executive Plans to Start Preparations for Removing Offices to Summer Home.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., May 28.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by several of the White House clerical force and a small party of secret service men, leaves late this afternoon on a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad to fulfill engagements to speak at Indianapolis tomorrow on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to General Henry W. Lawton, and at Lansing, Michigan, the day following at the semi-centennial exercises at the Michigan Agricultural college. Though countless invitations have been received to speak at other places on the trip the president has felt obliged to decline all of these, and will be heard only at the two places named. After his engagement at Lansing he will return immediately to the capital and begin getting things in shape preparatory to spending the summer at Oyster Bay.

## ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE

Indianapolis in Readiness to Extend Royal Welcome.  
(Journal Special Service.) Indianapolis, May 28.—Everything is in readiness for the reception of President Roosevelt, who is due to arrive here tomorrow morning. Thousands of persons from all over Indiana are coming to see the president, and the outpouring tomorrow will be very great. The streets through which the president will travel have been decorated lavishly. The president will be received by a large reception committee, who will ac-

cort him to the home of Vice-President Fairbanks, where luncheon is to be served. Then will come the review of the military parade and the Lawton monument unveiling exercises. In the parade will be two battalions and one battery of the regular army and several detachments of the Indiana National Guard. Governor Hanly will preside at the unveiling exercises, and the speech of the occasion will be that of the president. Immediately after the conclusion of the exercises the president and his party will leave for Lansing, where the president is to deliver an address Friday.

## WIFE'S PROPERTY SAFE FROM HUSBAND'S DEBTS

Olympia, Wash., May 28.—The supreme court today directed the superior court of Adams county to reopen the

case of Alice Heints, respondent, vs. Charles R. Brown and E. D. Gilson, as sheriff of Adams county, appellants. The lower court enjoined the sheriff from selling certain property on a judg-

ment and execution against respondent and her husband on the ground that the property was the separate property of the wife. The supreme court directs the lower court to ascertain how much

of the property in question belongs to the wife, and allow execution to issue against the remainder.

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