

THE JOURNAL'S REPORT OF THE DENVER CONVENTION WAS SO EXCELLENT, SO FULL, SO COMPLETE THAT ITS ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY, THE EVENING TELA— WAS CONVINCED OF IT, AS SHOWN BY THE QUESTION IT PROPOUNDED TO ITS READERS IN ITS ISSUE OF YESTERDAY, AS FOLLOWS: "HASN'T THE TELA MADE GOOD ITS PROMISE TO GIVE THE BEST REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION?" IF IT HADN'T HONEST DOUBTS ABOUT IT, IT WOULD NOT BE ASKING ANY FOOL QUESTIONS.

# RESULTS

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# ORGANIZED GANG OF THIEVES IN HOTEL

## CONFESSES TO THEFTS

### Woman Used as Lure in Merchants Hotel Robberies Admits She Planned How Guests Were to Be Systematically Fleeced.

Admissions by Irene Ross, wife of the bellboy at the Merchants hotel, made in the district attorney's office this morning show that an organized gang of thieves has been carrying on a systematic scheme of robbery there for days.

Will Coffey, a dishwasher, and John Ross, the bellboy, have been arrested on a charge of robbing Patrick Joyce on the strength of Mrs. Ross' confession. The night clerk, Willis Horton, and the proprietors, William Weber and son, William Weber Jr., of the hotel have not been implicated as yet in the robbery, but they are under suspicion and will have to explain several peculiar circumstances.

The climax to the situation happened this morning when Patricia Estella, a Porto Rican laborer, was assaulted by Horton with a stick of wood while he was lying in Mrs. Ross' room, where he had been enticed by that woman, on her own admission, after she and her husband had agreed to rob him.

### She Planned Robbery.

The woman was the decoy. She does not deny that her husband took \$25 from Joyce, but she confesses to planning the robbery.

After luring Estella to the room she ran down to tell Horton, the night clerk, that a man had gotten in and refused to leave. Horton then rushed up and with a stick of wood battered the laborer about the head.

Estella ran out covered with blood and met Officer Tennant, who was on duty that night. The officer arrested Horton and Mrs. Ross this morning at 5:30 and brought them and Estella to the station.

### It is supposed that Ross took the money from Estella while his wife ran down for the stick of wood.

### Rush Money Passed.

The most damaging part of the woman's confession, however, is that part in which she says that after robbing Patrick Joyce, the aged gardener, Thursday night and that her husband met Coffey in the hall coming from Joyce's room, she handed him a check to divide with him to keep quiet. Horton's part in this affair is still unsatisfactorily explained.

When Horton ran to the stairway in pursuit of the thief he found the night clerk and Ross together with his trousers between them. Eighty dollars was the amount reaped by this robbery.

Before being brought up to the district attorney's office, the woman was subjected to a grilling by Detective Tichenor and Jones and from the result of their investigation the detectives think the woman has been used as a lure in more cases than one. The couple have only been in the employ of the Merchants hotel for the past week according to the statement of the younger Weber, one of the proprietors. The police say that Ross came into Portland on the brake beams of a freight car only three weeks ago.

### Weber Questioned.

Weber Jr. was sharply questioned by District Attorney Cameron at the police station this morning but would not admit having any information as to who is guilty of the robbery. It has been pulled off with such surprising frequency of late. He said he did not believe his night clerk had anything to do with any of the thefts and would vouch for his honesty. He wanted to have the police believe that the robbery was made by sneak thieves outside of the hotel force.

The police force and the detectives are

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## IGNORED CHANCES TO MAKE FORTUNE

Tim O'Neil, one of Portland's pioneers, went to the county poor farm yesterday, overburdened with weight of years and vicissitudes of fortune. In his younger years he had gained great wealth but he realized the future value of real estate. He tells of an offer made to sell him a lot at the corner of Fifth and Burnside streets for \$100.

That was in the '60s. O'Neil, like most of the others of that day, could see no money in the proposition, and he refused to buy. Now, because he failed to buy either this or some other "bait cheap" property, he must depend on the charity of the great county that he has seen grow from a small beginning to its present wealth and power.

O'Neil came to Portland in 1862. That was 10 years after his arrival in America from Ireland. He lacked educational advantages in his early years, and to this fact he attributes his life failure.

## FOND WORDS FOR JOE FROM GRITZY MAKE GUESSING MATCH OF COP CASE



Joe Day, Tom Greene and Chief Gritzmacher, principals in that clever little municipal farce entitled, "He loves me, he loves me not," or that's what a daisy said.

## BRYAN TO NAME HIS CHAIRMAN

### Will Act Next Week—Signs point to Atwood—Sullivan to Visit.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Denver, July 11.—William J. Bryan is to pick his own campaign manager for his third campaign for the presidency. The national committee has decided to put the whole matter up to the candidate, and the members will make a pilgrimage to Lincoln next week to receive his instructions. The visit to Mr. Bryan will be made Tuesday morning, the committee leaving Denver Monday night. The date was fixed by Mr. Bryan himself and communicated to the committee by his brother, Charles W. Bryan, at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

Apparently Mr. Bryan desired the intervening three days to think the matter over and cast about for a man who will fulfill his requirements as campaign manager. At any rate, he kept two scores of national committee men waiting in an anteroom at Denver when they wanted to scatter to their homes.

Pending Mr. Bryan's decision the committee selected the old officers temporarily. Thomas Taggart, chairman; Urey Woodson, secretary, and W. H. O'Brien, treasurer.

### When Sullivan Meets Bryan.

It will be a touching sight when Sullivan and William J. meet on the lawn at Fairview. As Mr. Bryan will be the best, naturally he will not be a perfectly good brickbat concealed in his left hand when he extends the right to the conservative and his fellow candidate, a guest, it would be considered unethical for him to have a knife up his sleeve. But it will be worth the price of admission to hear their conversation. The last fight the public remembers between them was of the long distance variety.

The warmest friends of the Nebraska man are talking strongly in favor of Atwood, and it is taken for granted by the conservatives that there would not be such a boom unless they had heard from Lincoln. Atwood is one of Mr. Bryan's intimates and is reckoned one of the shrewdest members of the committee.

The conservative members of the committee would like to have Urey Woodson. He is a Bryan man, all right, but he is a conservative, too.

## GROWS IN POPULAR FAVOR

If you don't read the Sunday Morning Journal then buy one tomorrow and see what you think of it. There are few newspapers of the country that are more complete, more interesting to all members of the family than the Sunday Morning Journal. Here are a few of the pleasing articles it will contain:

"When the Cradle is Empty, Nations Fear." This is a story that will interest you if you have children.

"Queer Birds of Klamath Lake Country." An article on the hatching grounds of Lower Lake.

## Three Sides of Question That Is Not Yet Satisfactorily Answered.

Has Chief Gritzmacher taken sides with the jolly four detectives who have been dallying in the civil service balance for years and are still being weighed and found wanting?

Has the police committee patted the wrong head? Has the three cornered fight with the city on the smallest corner come to a point where all must jet in line for a triangular Alphonse and Gaston net with the common people for the third fall guy?

So complicated has become this wondrously important question that the weak and lowly citizen does not know exactly where the police, the scouts or the city are at.

### Bally for Joe.

And it was all brought about by the testimony of Chief Gritzmacher yesterday when he rallied to the rescue of "Joe" Day and declared him "a good detective." There were times when the doughty chief did not think Joe a "good detective" nor even a "good fellow." There were periods in Portland's history when the chief had to dodge Joe's polite vocabulary like a bum actor dodging a crop of over-ripe eggs. The Gritzmacher stand is therefore a conundrum that will have to be solved with a can-opener, with sincere hope that it will not prove, after all, that Joe was in the can.

The action of the board in administering a third kick to the deposed detectives will put an end to the long drawn out controversy of two years standing in which the four men have been endeavoring to regain their places on the detective staff of the city at their own terms and as their own bosses.

### Decision of Board.

The decision of the executive board was made late yesterday afternoon and was the result of the hearing held by the police committee a couple of days ago when the four men were cited to appear and show cause why they had refused to report for duty in uniform after having been so ordered by the chief of police. In the findings of the executive board the reason for the dismissal of the four men was set forth in plain terms.

It was pointed out that members of the police force are servants of the city employed to render public service. It was also noted that their direction and control must be vested in some central head and that the charter gives this control to the executive board and the direct "command" to the chief of police.

Now comes the chief with a class "A" credential for Joe Day.

Has the chief told Day that he is willing to "command" him again, or did his foot slip?

### Notaries Commissioned.

Salem Bureau of The Journal.

Salem, Or., July 11.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to A. J. McDaniel, Rock Creek; George G. Ringham, Salem; L. E. Thomas, Eufrat; M. J. Connor, George Taxwell and H. M. Lombard, Portland; and H. Henderson, St. Johns.

## STARGAZERS FLY BEFORE LUNATIC

### Lick Observatory Carpenter Chases Everybody Away and Stands Guard.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
San Jose, Cal., July 11.—Joseph Duff, until yesterday carpenter at the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, was lodged in the county jail here today to be examined for his sanity.

He ran amuck yesterday and drove all the scientists from the institution. The observatory was well filled with special students taking a course in astronomy in connection with the summer session of the University of California and all were terrorized by the crazy man.

After Duff had driven everyone away he patrolled the place, keeping guard over the priceless instruments that have made Lick Observatory famous over the entire world. H. E. Smith, a Stanford student, ran to a station halfway down the mountain and telephoned for the sheriff, who hastened to the scene in his automobile.

## FAT-FRY IN FORM OF "PROSPERITY"

### G. O. P. Backers Propose Device to Do Work of Campaign Fund.

New York, July 11.—The Hearst managers today claim that the corporations have agreed to work for the election of Taft by the contribution of "prosperity" instead of hard cash to the Republican campaign funds.

According to Hearst's men, the "interests" have decided that it will be payable to G. A. Hartman, suitable as was expended to secure the first election of McKinley and they will take a different course.

The Hearst men say that mills will be started and shops opened all over the country, giving employment to over 3,000,000 people who will be told that the certainty of the election of Taft is the real reason for the boom and it will be hinted that in the event of his defeat depression will ensue, according to the story.

## JOURNAL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—AT OAKS SATURDAY night, lady's gold watch, same in case. Jennie M. Shultz. Return 1761 Baseline, Tabor \$15. Reward.

LOST—POCKETBOOK WITH NOTES and other contents. Reward for return to room 107, Sherlock, bid.

LOST—BLACK HORSE, WHITE SPOT on forehead. Finder please phone Main 4620, 645 1/2th st.

LOST—ON PORTLAND HEIGHTS, June 22, black and white pointer dog, collar, no name, has extra toe on right hind foot. Liberal reward. Main 5167.

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Costs only 1 cent a word. See classified pages 12 and 13.

## HUSH FUND TO AID IN WATER DEAL

### Hood River Aroused Over Suit in Which Evans Declares Stock Used to Corrupt Officials and Consume Purchase by City.

Portland Trust Company Alleged to Have Handled Secret Fund of Light Company—Shady Transactions Disclosed.

Charges that \$10,000 worth of Hood River Electric Light, Power & Water company stock issued to the Portland Trust company as trustee has been used to corrupt and bribe various citizens, corporate officials and members of the council of Hood River in favor of a purchase of the Hood River Water company's plant by the city of Hood River have made a sensation in the apple town.

In a suit filed last winter by N. C. Evans, one of the directors in the light company whose details have just been made public because of the impending trial of the case next week, it is charged that the \$10,000 trustee fund transferred to the Portland Trust company was a secret one, consisting of 400 shares of capital stock of the company, and was placed entirely in the hands of President H. P. Davidson of the light company to do with as he saw fit. It is charged by Evans in his suit that the fund was merely a jobbing fund, that among those approached with an offer of the stock was E. L. Smith, who refused to accept it, and that 100 shares were transferred to E. H. Goff and 20 to Davidson himself.

### Directors' Doings Disclosed.

Evans asks that the trust company be forced to give an accounting of what happened to all of the \$10,000 and that the outstanding shares be surrendered and cancelled. Incidentally he gives an account of what has transpired at the board meetings of both the light and water companies, which, if it is true, reveals a few facts in the finance life of which few corporations have experienced even in these piping times.

As defendants in the suit Evans names H. P. Davidson, Ella May Davidson, J. H. Ferguson, W. H. Chippling, M. J. Anderson, J. E. 1831, and the Portland Trust company of Oregon.

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## JOHN W. KERN AS BIG POWER AS TAGGART



### Hearst Service Correspondent Relates the Political History of Democratic Candidate

### Writer Seems to Think That Kern Is Most Consistent and Graceful of Losers.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Denver, July 11.—Tom Taggart of Indiana has given to the Democratic party as its candidate for the vice-presidency his personal friend and attorney, John W. Kern. Kern says he owes his nomination to Taggart. Taggart admits the soft impeachment.

There was a great effort to circulate the impression that the nomination was a deep surprise to Kern. Whatever the purpose was, it was deeper than the facts, which stood out prominently. The deal was made when Taggart needed Kern's support to reject him national committee from Indiana last Tuesday. It was consummated by the Brown Palace hotel. Present were the convention steering committee, Charles W. Bryan, Governor Haskell, Urey Woodson and Ollie James of Kentucky, Kern and John E. Lamb of Indiana and Taggart as the chairman of the national committee. The meeting lasted 35 minutes, after which the members scattered about among the leaders to pass the word.

### Kern as Taggart's Savior.

Kern has for many years been closely associated with Taggart in Indiana Democratic politics. His is as strong a man in the state as Taggart himself and the balance of power has several times shifted between them. He appeared for Taggart in the famous case of the state of Indiana against Taggart's French Lick Springs Hotel company brought by the attorney-general of the state to revoke the company's charter. The work of Kern and his assistants defended the quo warranto case and saved Taggart's resort.

### "Loser" Named to Win.

The convention was called upon to "nominate a winner," but when Kern was put on the ticket, Bryan's name was linked with one of the most consistent and graceful losers that Democracy in all its reverses has ever had within its bosom. He was twice defeated for governor of Indiana, once defeated before the legislature, of which

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## STARVING PEOPLE FIGHT SOLDIERS

### Population of Tabriz in Pitiful Condition but Refuse to Accept Help.

Tabriz, July 11.—Word was received here today that the shah has started reinforcements to Tabriz to aid the Cossacks in holding the starving people in check. The situation here is desperate. Khan's soldiers have at last been brought to a realization of conditions prevailing, and now it is the people, crazed by hunger, that are the aggressors in the street fights that have been kept up since the capture of the city July 3.

The Russian consul last night sent word to the shah that there was danger of the entire city being sacked unless reinforcements were rushed at once to Tabriz.

"If the starving populace gets the upper hand," said the dispatch, "the city will be in ruins within 24 hours." Conditions here are terrible beyond description. The soldiers have at last been brought to a realization of the misery of the people and are dividing their food with the people wherever possible. The people, on the other hand, resist all attempts to help them and are fighting the soldiers at every opportunity. It is understood that the shah's troops are bringing food here.

## ALFRED ALLEN CURTIS A NOTED PRELATE OF BALTIMORE IS DEAD

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Baltimore, Md., July 11.—Alfred Allen Curtis, archdeacon of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Baltimore, died at his home here today of cancer of the stomach. He was 73 years old.

Bishop Curtis was born in Somerset county, Maryland, July 4, 1831, and received his early education in the schools there.

He did not enter the Roman Catholic church until 1872, having spent the 18 years previous in the Protestant Episcopal ministry. He was ordained deacon of the Episcopal church in 1856 and placed in charge of St. John's church at Worcester, Mass. in 1859 and was made a priest and remained in the Episcopal ministry until 1870.

Going abroad two years later Bishop Curtis visited the Roman Catholic church by Bishop Henry Newman of London. Upon his return to the United States he entered the seminary of St. Sulpice at Baltimore, where he was ordained priest December 18, 1874. He was appointed assistant at the Baltimore cathedral and private secretary to the archbishop. He acted in that capacity until November 16, 1886, when he was appointed bishop of Wilmington. He resigned from the bishopric January 23, 1890, and June 25 of the same year received the titular see of Ephesus. He remained bishop, administrator of Wilmington until May 2, 1895, and was appointed by Cardinal Gibbons as vicar-general of Baltimore the following year.

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## CHINESE GIRL SOLD AS SLAVE BY FATHER STRANGLES HERSELF

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, July 11.—Beautiful little Toy Ying's lifeless body lies in the morgue today because at the age of 17 she preferred death to a life of slavery. She was found last night hanging from the roof of the wire cage in which she was imprisoned, a sicken scarf tied about her throat and wreaths of smoke from a hundred perfumed joss sticks curling fantastically about her body.

When Lee Song, father of the child, had a trader in China that she was for sale, Toy Ying declared she would never submit to such a bargain. Then she cried, and when her father, unmoved, commanded that she obey her

new master, she pleaded and threatened. It was all to no purpose, for two months ago she was brought to San Francisco and placed in a wire cage from which there was no escape. Here was the story of many another child of the orient, carefully raised that she might be sacrificed to the avarice of a heathen parent.

After securely fastening the door of the girl's prison last night her master crossed the bay to visit Oakland's Chinatown. Realizing that her opportunity had come, little Toy Ying asayed herself to her finest robes, lighted scores of highly scented joss sticks and tightly knotting a sicken scarf about her throat ended her life of degradation in death.

## July 23rd! Will You?



The day at the Oaks with the Portland carmen. Best picnic of the season. Good car service. Free music and a thoroughly good time.

That the funds of the streetcar men may be well and that a large number of public service employees families may have a day of fun, The Journal raises this proposition: To all letter-carriers, any member of the police and fire departments and railway mail clerks who are subscribers to The Journal, The Journal will supply tickets to the picnic for every annual member of his family. All that will be necessary is to send a check for \$1.00 to the circulation department of The Journal and show your last carrier's receipt and you will be given a ticket for each member of your family.