

ALLEGED MURDERER PLAYS HIS DEFENSE

CHARLES WEZLER ADMITS IDENTITY BUT NOT MURDER

Says He Was Never in the Neighborhood of Gig Harbor and Knows Nothing of Murder of Mrs. Schulz.

TACOMA OFFICERS ON WAY WITH REQUISITION

Chance Arrest Forestalls Plot of Detectives Working With Freeman Woman.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 16.—The man said to be Charles J. Wezler, who is wanted at Tacoma, Wash., on a charge of having murdered Mrs. Henry Schulz, the mother of Wezler's divorced wife, admitted today that his name was Charles Wezler, but said he was not the man for whom the police were searching.

OCCUPANTS ESCAPE AS FIRE DESTROYS ONE STORY HOUSE

J. M. Rust and Family Lose Home and Household Effects in Blaze Caused by an Overheated Stove.

Fire this morning destroyed the little home of J. M. Rust, 1912 Berkeley street, on the St. Johns carline, near University Park. The family, husband, wife and two children, barely made their escape from the burning building, the children being in bed when the flames were discovered.

EVENING STATESMAN STOPS PUBLICATION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walls, Wash., April 16.—With tonight's issue the Evening Statesman, Democratic, the oldest newspaper in the state of Washington, founded in 1861, suspends publication, merging with the Morning Union, Republican.

GOOD PROSPECT FOR WATERWAYS

Senator Burton in His Bitter Speech Has Not Criticized the Oregon Items.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, April 15.—Though savagely attacking the river and harbor bill in a two days speech, Senator Burton of Ohio has not adversely criticized any of the Oregon items. It is believed that by making developing to create opposition to them. Burton opposes piecemeal appropriations in general, believing all projects should be provided with money enough to complete them as soon as possible. The Oregon work, in the main, has been given as much as the engineers can economically expend.

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL CONSUMERS, PRICES FALLING

There is hope for the flat-tanned pocketbook of you, Mr. and Mrs. Consumer, for the price of foodstuffs is really going down. First of all, there will be a decline Monday morning of 1 to 1 1/2 cents a pound in the price of lard, the greatest out being in the better grades. As yet there will be no change in hams, but the market is weaker. Your steaks and other beef will cost you 1/4 to 1/2 of a cent a pound less than formerly, for that is the drop that will occur in the wholesale market Monday morning. This drop is small, but it is the first move in that direction that has been made for some time. At least it gives hope of further declines to come. Flour is considerably weaker and bread is not coming so much, for many millers have recently shaded their prices in order to stimulate consumption.

TORNADOES SWEEP SOUTHERN STATES, DO MUCH DAMAGE

Jackson, Miss., a Storm Center, Isolated by Reason of Prostrated Wires; 5 States Stricken by Wind and Flood.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Orleans, La., April 15.—Several deaths are reported as a result of a second heavy storm which swept Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri early today. The storm followed one that occurred late yesterday and did considerable damage. The damage by the second storm, however, the loss of life is not as great, according to reports slowly coming in.

Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, is cut off from communication and is being isolated by the storm. At 10 o'clock last night a heavy rain fell and a tornado struck the city. Since then no word has come from it.

SUFFRAGETTES URGED TO FIGHT

Propaganda of Armed Aggressiveness Works in Streets of Washington, D. C.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 15.—Misses Ray Costello of England and Alice Paul of Philadelphia are making street speeches here urging the suffragettes to adopt "militant methods." They are also explaining the attitude of the suffragettes toward President Taft.

SAMAR MATCHES SIAMESE TWINS

Pair Joined as Were Chang and Eng, and Similar Career to Be Theirs.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 15.—Two Siamese twins, joined together by the mesenteric ligament, and who promise to be rivals for the fame gained by the Siamese twins are, in San Francisco today. The two children, both boys, arrived here yesterday from the Philippines in charge of R. L. Louis, who will exhibit them throughout the United States. The infants seem to get along happily, although occasionally they have a quarrel.

ALLEN WILL HIRE SLEUTHS TO LOCATE DYNAMITERS



Thomas J. Allen and gate, showing effect of dynamite set off in front yard of his farm home near Beaverton, Or., late Thursday night.

EXPLOSION WAS FELT THROUGHOUT ENTIRE DISTRICT

Beaverton Farmer Escaped Death by Mere Accident When Bomb Blew Up His Gate.

Unknown miscreants who attempted to dynamite Tom J. Allen of Beaverton Thursday night by placing a heavy charge of dynamite at his front gate, will be sought by private detectives.

The discharge of the dynamite was felt throughout the entire Beaverton district at 9 o'clock Thursday night. "Luckily for him, Allen had returned to his home after his usual trip to Beaverton for the daily papers and mail, earlier than usual, and had retired for the night when the dynamite mine was exploded. The gate was wrecked, the ground torn up, flowers growing nearby were blasted and fragments of the fence shattered the front windows of the house 50 yards away.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY, AGED 77

Jacob Fleischer Had Lived in Oregon 58 Years; Died at Home.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 15.—Jacob Fleischer, a pioneer of Oregon, died last night at the family residence, Seventh and Main streets. Mr. Fleischer was a native of Bohemia, Austria, where he was born July 23, 1832. At the age of 19, he came to Oregon with his brother Louis, to the country and for a short time lived in Philadelphia. Starting west, he stopped for a few months in Drakeville, Iowa, but pushing on across the plains he reached Albany, Or., in 1853, where he became a prosperous merchant, and remained there until 1862, when he moved to Portland and continued in the mercantile business up to 20 years ago, when he retired from active business life.

WALLA WALLA STRIKE BROKEN

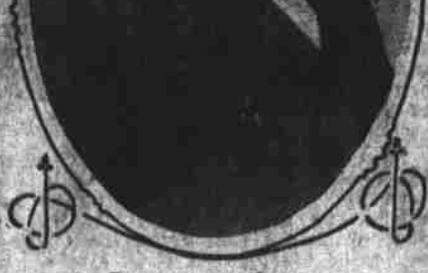
Walla Walla, Wash., April 15.—Forty strikers under heavy guard are today working on the streets for the Pacific Paving company, with angry strikers, mostly foreigners, muttering threats from the curbs. There is no offer of violence and the company considers the strike broken. Men from the coast cities will arrive tomorrow to fill the vacancies caused by the walk-out of 200 men.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 15.—It is reported here on good authority that Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island will retire at the end of his present term, March 3. Falling health is believed to have been responsible for a physician's advice that the Rhode Island senator abandon active service. It is said further that Aldrich will retire immediately from his committee in order that he may give all time possible to the necessary medical work which he is now doing.

HEARST TO BOSS OR WON'T PLAY HIS ULTIMATUM

Makes Statement to Effect That Democrats Must Accept His Dictation if He Is to Fuse With Them.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, April 15.—That the national Democratic campaign committee with the independence league only by accepting the dictation of William Randolph Hearst is the opinion of local Democratic leaders today, expressed after reading a published letter from Hearst talking down far John Temple Graves was authorized to go in his "offer of return" made at the Jefferson day banquet at Washington, D. C.



Further obstacles to fusion are seen in one of Hearst's statements. "I will own allegiance," he said "to no party that does not express my political convictions, and rather than be an insurgent inside my own party I would be independent and outside of every party."

SAN FRANCISCO CAN OPERATE CARLINES

Court Decides Geary Street Case in Favor of Municipal Ownership.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 15.—Judge Ellison has filed his decision in the Geary street railway case, from San Francisco, in which he sustains the demurrer of the city, and orders judgment against the Geary street railway company, and operating the road. First count of the city had no right under the charter to operate a municipal road and that it could not do so unless the state enactment was amended.

JUDGE WAYMIRE DEAD AT ALAMEDA, CAL.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 15.—James A. Waymire, formerly superior judge, died at his home, 2700 Capital avenue, Alameda, today. He had been ill for several days. Relatives believe death was due to pneumonia poisoning. Judge Waymire was born in Missouri in 1842. He went to Oregon, where he studied law and was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1879. In 1878 he came to California.

COMET'S POSITION IN EASTERN SKY

April 15 Halley's comet was at 3:54 a. m. today 3:55 a. m. tomorrow. Rising an hour and a half before the sun, and steadily earlier, and a degrees north of the sun's track, the comet will soon be seen about 78 degrees interest in the morning sky, then it will transfer to evening. Speed today, about 210,000 miles per hour.

MARK TWAIN REPORTED IMPROVING

(United Press Leased Wire.) Redding, Conn., April 15.—Mark Twain last night passed the most comfortable night he has had since leaving Bermuda. His private secretary today declared his belief that Twain will ultimately recover.

SANTA CLARA SAVED FROM TABLE ROCKS

NEW WORLD CRUISE, 21 BATTLESHIPS; TO BEAT ROOSEVELT'S

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 15.—Twenty-one battleships and four armored cruisers are to sail around the world, beginning the trip in 1912. If plans now considered by President Taft and secretary of the Navy Meyer are carried out. The cruise is to surpass that which marked the end of the trip of the 16 battleships which sailed into Hampton Roads just as the Roosevelt administration was drawing to a close.

HERCULES PULLS DAMAGED VESSEL FROM THE ROCKS

Santa Clara, Badly Damaged, May Reach San Francisco if Weather Continues Good for Sufficient Length of Time.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Bureka, April 15.—After a most difficult feat of towboating the tug Hercules succeeded in getting the steamer Santa Clara off the rocks near Table Bluff this morning. The Hercules will proceed to San Francisco with the wrecked steamer if the Santa Clara can be kept afloat. She is leaking badly. The Santa Clara is badly damaged about the upper works and her masts appear to be solid in their steps. If the sea remains calm it is possible for the Hercules to reach the Bay City with her charge.

SPORTS LOSING FAITH IN MUTTS

JEFF AND JACK Overweights and Pork Chop Training Not to Liking of Easterners Who Follow Fisticuffs.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, April 15.—News here today in sporting circles is that in all probability the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be a battle of the "mutts" and "Has Beens" rather than a contest that will be scientific and worth seeing. The reports from Jeffries and Johnson's respective training camps show that neither man is in condition and that Jeffries plainly shows his age. One special writer comments: "Why, just think if it! Here is poor old Jeff who was all out to pieces in his successful fight with Fitzsimmons about eight years ago, trying to work off his surplus fat at the age of 35, and Johnson, who was always considered a shifty fighter, but rather dependable as a rang generalship, training on pork chops and cream gravy." What sort of a fight is this going to be, with tickets at from \$25 to \$50? The Langford-Ketchel match will, by comparison, be worth twice the money.

WEALTH OF ATTRACTIVE FEATURES IN THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

This big issue not only contains the news of the day while it is news, but presents to its thousands of readers throughout Portland and the Northwest no end of features illustrated and otherwise having to do with people and affairs of interest.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT. GUIDE TO HALLEY'S COMET.

Just at present people the world over are sky gazing, anxious to catch a glimpse of Halley's comet, that wanderer of the heavens that is returning to our skies after an absence of 75 years. In order to enable its readers to be familiar with this stranger, The Journal is publishing daily bulletins of facts and figures about the comet that are compiled with scientific accuracy by Frederic Campbell, Sc. D., of Brooklyn Institute.

INTERESTING MAGAZINE SECTION.

The Magazine and Woman's section of The Sunday Journal is replete with illustrated features that appeal to all readers, as the reports and pictures are carefully chosen with a view to cover the wide field of human activity.