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Astoria Building & Loan Association. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THIS ASSOCIATION are held at 7 p. m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Office on Genevieve street, south of Chenamus. W. L. ROBB, Secretary.

Common Council. REGULAR MEETINGS, FIRST AND THIRD Tuesday evenings of each month at 8 o'clock. Persons desiring to have matters acted upon by the Council, at any regular meeting must present the same to the Auditor and Clerk, on or before the Friday evening prior to the Tuesday on which the Council holds its regular meeting. K. OSBURN, Auditor and Police Judge.

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## A TERRIBLE CRIME IS EXPIATED

### Carlisle W. Harris Executed Yesterday at Sing Sing.

## MISS POTTS' MURDER AVENGED

### Harris Pronounced Dead Before the Expiration of a Minute—Relatives to Have the Body.

Associated Press. Sing Sing, May 8.—Carlisle W. Harris, the young medical student, whose trial and conviction in New York city for poisoning Helen Potts, to whom he had been secretly married, attracted so much attention, was electrocuted in prison here today. Throngs of people gathered on the hillside overlooking the gray prison walls, though the only thing which the beholders could see was the display of the black flag above the tower, after he had been officially pronounced dead. Every possible effort was made to secure a reversal of the sentence, and that failing, to induce Governor Flower to mitigate the punishment, but without avail. He slept little during the night, and rose early this morning and looked over a manuscript he had prepared to be given to the press after his death. He seemed cooler this morning and ate a light breakfast at 8 o'clock. The death warrant was read at 8:30. Its reading had no visible effect on the condemned man. Half an hour later the prison chaplain spent an hour with him. Then one of the medical examiners visited him, and found him showing some signs of nervousness, but nothing more. Harris did not ask for morphine or any stimulant.

The witnesses numbered twenty-seven, consisting of seven physicians, ten newspaper men, ten state officials and friends of the warden. Arrived in the executive chamber, the witnesses took seats in a semi-circle around the death chair, and everything being in readiness, two keepers brought Harris into the chamber, accompanied by the chaplain. He looked pale as he entered the room, paused an instant, and calmly surveyed the assembled witnesses. One of the keepers indicated the chair to him, and without even a glance of curiosity at the death-dealing machine, he stepped forward, and took his seat. As he did so he requested permission to speak. This was accorded him and he said, speaking as if every word cost him a great effort: "I have no further reservation to make; I desire to say I am absolutely innocent." Then he settled back in the chair, and the electrodes were quickly attached. The signal was given, the lever clicked sharply, and the form of the condemned man stiffened till the straps creaked, while 1700 volts, passed through his frame. At the end of two seconds the current was reduced to 150 volts, which was continued 54 seconds longer, when Harris was pronounced dead. As the current was finally shut off the body dropped back limp. The examination showed no signs of life, and it was evident that death was instantaneous. The execution was most successful. The relatives will take the body away this afternoon.

Undertaker Kipp procured the prison physician's certificate of the cause of Harris' death and then drove into the prison grounds. The wagon contained a highly polished oak casket which was carried into the death chamber where the body of Harris, dressed in a dark suit of prison-made goods, reposed upon a table. The body was placed in the casket. The undertaker refused to disclose the plans for the disposal of the body. A silver plate upon the cover of the casket contained this inscription: "Carlisle W. Harris, murdered May 8th, 1916, aged 23 years, 7 months, 15 days. We would not if we had known."

There was a very impressive scene at the Amber House in the afternoon, where Mrs. Harris saw the reporters. The remarkable woman stood calm and passive, facing them with dry eyes and a firm voice, said: "It has been said that Carlisle Harris was guilty because he shed no tears. When Helen Potts died, I shed no tears, and God knows I loved Carlisle Harris. My boy was innocent. You men who saw him die, know he went to the chair an innocent man. With his last word he declared his innocence, and yet he has been killed. He has been judicially murdered. His last statement was to be given as soon as he was dead, and I have not received it yet. I do not think I shall ever see it; at least not as my boy wrote it. It was my boy's last wish that it be given out today, but I am powerless to carry it out."

Warden Durston was asked for Carlisle Harris' statement which it was understood had been prepared for the press. Durston promised to turn this statement over to Mrs. Harris, but this afternoon said he thought it best

to submit it to the superintendent of prisons, first, and he will mail it to him this afternoon.

## A LIBEL DISMISSED.

San Francisco, May 8.—United States Judges McKenna, Morrow and Hawley sitting as the circuit court of appeals, affirmed the judgment of the United States district court of Southern California dismissing the libel against the Chilean steamer Itata, and releasing the vessel and two thousand cases of rifles, which she had aboard when seized by the United States marshal when in San Diego harbor two years ago. The libel filed in the case of the Itata charged violation of section 5282 of the United States revised statutes, and set forth that the Itata had been fitted out with intent to cruise and commit hostilities against the government of Chile with which the government of the United States was at peace. The court finds that the state of facts as alleged in the libel is not borne out in the evidence.

## AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.

New York, May 8.—The Chicago stock exchange clearing house has announced that the brokers' sheets passed all right. This meant that the dreaded Monday settlement has been effected without any delinquencies, and a great feeling of relief went through the exchange. There was a little flurry at the opening due to the sudden break in General Electric from 80 to 77, which unsettled market caused liquidations throughout the list, in which Electric fell to 74, a decline of 7 1/8 points from Saturday's close. The raid on this stock was due to developments concerning the company's fight with the Westinghouse people.

## SUNSHINE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 8.—The day dawned bright on the "White City," and the prospects of decidedly increased attendance during the current week, compared with that of last, seem very good indeed. To have been May 17, has been postponed until sometime in June owing to the unfinished condition of the state building. A magnificent display was witnessed by the thousands of visitors at the fair tonight when the whole electric force stored within the grounds was turned on, making one of the grandest electric illuminations ever seen in the country.

## DEMPSEY'S COMING FIGHT.

Portland, May 8.—Jack Dempsey has decided to accept the Coney Island club's contract for the Smith fight. He has received \$500 expenses, and thinks they would not send the money unless they had Smith secured.

## THE MATCH MADE.

Boston, May 8.—Billy Smith today signed an agreement for a bout with Jack Dempsey at the Coney Island Club, on June 30th, under Queensbury rules, five-ounce gloves, \$5,500 to winner and \$500 to loser. The principals are not to exceed 142 pounds each, and the forfeit is \$500.

## A BOLD DECLARATION.

Berlin, May 8.—The National Zeitung says that the reichstag just dissolved was the worst parliament since the foundation of the empire, and should the electors give in to the triumvirate composed of Bebel, Richter and Lieber, the ruin of Germany would be effected, peace menaced, and the achievements of the years '66 and '70 be destroyed.

## WHITE'S FINANCIAL STATUS.

New York, May 8.—S. V. White, whose failure was recently announced, sent a communication to the president of the stock exchange this afternoon, saying: "I am able to pay twenty-five per cent. of my adjusted differences to members who are my creditors."

## NOTABLE DEAD.

Washington, May 8.—Colonel Ward H. Lemon, President Lincoln's private secretary and author of the life of the martyred president died at Martinsburg, Va., today.

## APPLICATION BANK DEPOSITS.

Where a bank receives money on deposit without notice of any lien on the money deposited, it is bound to pay checks drawn on it by the depositor, and it is not liable to a person holding a lien upon the money for so doing. But where a bank holds a mortgage on the property of a depositor it is authorized by such mortgage to appropriate the deposits to the payment of the notes for which such mortgage is given. Though where a bank receives money on deposit, and afterwards a note payable at that bank by the depositor is placed in the bank by the payee for collection, but at the time the note becomes due there are no funds of the maker in the bank, the bank is not bound to appropriate to the part payment of the note funds afterwards received at the bank to the credit of the maker of the note. Merchants' & Planters' Bank vs. Myer, supreme court of Arkansas, 20 S. W. Rep. 406.

## OFFICESEEKERS' IMPORTUNITIES

### President Cleveland Decides That They Must Cease.

## TREASURY OFFICIALS ARE EASY

### Confidence Felt in the Ability of the Administration—No Bankers' Assistance Will Be Asked.

Associated Press. Washington, May 8.—The gold situation remains about the same and gives little of no concern to officials of the treasury department. The feel absolute confidence in the ability of the administration to handle the situation without alarm to the country or detriment to the public credit of the United States. Secretary Carlisle is quoted as saying that the situation is entirely satisfactory; that he has assurance that the New York banks would aid the department if necessity arose, but he did not believe that it would be necessary.

The president's order closing the White House to office seekers, formed the chief topic of conversation today. Expressions regarding it are varying in character according to the condition of the speaker. Senators and representatives with large and active constituencies are inclined to favor it, as they are relieved from a great deal of pressure from importuning followers. Politicians say the order will have the effect of making a close corporation of the patronage system, and that the president will be debarrued from hearing the voice of the people on the fitness of candidates. In opposition to these opinions it is urged that the president has borne with patience the personal solicitations of people for two months, for as a matter of fact the personal presence of applicants is seldom necessary. It is argued that a denial of personal interviews does not cut off the right of citizens to make indorsements or put forward candidates. It is stated on the best authority that the order of the president was decided upon at a cabinet meeting held last Friday. The president said he now had more important business which demanded attention than he had had during the entire four years of his previous administration. To these matters he had no time to devote himself on account of the crowds of men continually calling on his time to importune him for positions. The time for human endurance had come to an end and something had to be done.

## WAR VESSEL FOR NICARAGUA.

Washington, May 8.—The disturbed condition of affairs in Nicaragua will probably result in the United States sending a war vessel to the west coast of that country. Such action is being considered by Secretary Gresham, but no information has been received at the state department concerning since Consular Agent Holman wired Secretary Gresham last week that a serious revolt occurred.

## THE MONTEREY'S BOILERS GOOD.

San Francisco, May 8.—Captain Louis Kempff, in command of the United States coast defense ship Monterey, was seen by a representative of the Associated Press today. Captain Kempff says that untrue reports have been distributed by a number of papers throughout the country regarding the condition of the Monterey's boilers. He states that a few days ago the ship was run for some time with all her boilers working at a pressure of 160 pounds, and that a board of naval officers who were on board at the time to witness the test, pronounced the boilers and everything about the ship entirely satisfactory.

## AN AFFECTING SCENE.

Brookhaven, Miss., May 8.—The Whitesaps pleaded guilty today and were sentenced to 2 years in the penitentiary. There was a most affecting scene in court. The prisoners broke down completely, wept and begged the judge to show them as much leniency as possible. One wife of a whitecapper held a small baby up to the judge and asked him to spare her husband. The judge held the baby a moment and tried to soothe the mother but could not spare the father.

## DAVITT RESIGNED.

London, May 8.—Michael Davitt, anti-Parnellite member for Northwest Cork, has resigned his seat in parliament owing to bankruptcy. Davitt's financial troubles were caused by elections attendant upon the North Meath election contest.

## INSIST ON THEIR RIGHTS.

Salem, Or., May 8.—In the circuit court of Linn county, D. C. Sherman has brought proceedings against the

trustees of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, enjoining them from locating the soldiers' home at Roseburg, contrary to the provisions of the state constitution. A temporary injunction was granted and defendants cited to appear at Salem May 23d and show cause why a preliminary injunction should not be issued as prayed for.

## ACCIDENT TO THE AL-KI.

Port Townsend, May 8.—The steamer Chilcat arrived from Juneau tonight, en route to Astoria, and reported that the steamer Al-Ki struck a reef near Mary's Island, on her trip north, sustaining slight damage. The Al-Ki was leaning slightly when the Chilcat left, but the examination had not proceeded far enough to warrant putting her on the bench for repairs. A small portion of the cargo was damaged. The south bound passengers were sent here in the Chilcat on account of the accident to the Al-Ki. The Al-Ki was twelve days late in arriving in Juneau and the inhabitants had begun to suffer for want of fresh provisions.

## THE DANUBE'S CHINESE.

Portland, May 8.—Collector Lotan has examined 165 of the Chinese passengers on the steamer Danube. There are 467 still on the vessel, about half of whom have been examined and rejected. Those rejected, it was understood, will apply to the court for permission to land.

## ARKANSAS' CONVICT LABOR.

Little Rock, May 8.—The act abolishing the convict lease system in this state went into effect today, and 700 leased convicts were turned over to the care of the state.

## ARRIVED IN PORTLAND.

Portland, May 8.—The steamer Hay-lan Republic arrived this morning from Vancouver with twenty-one Chinese and 121 Japanese.

## SEATTLE CONFLAGRATION.

Seattle, May 8.—The losses by last night's fire on Gesler avenue aggregated \$37,000; insurance, \$15,000. The Gesler estate loses \$15,000, on which there is no insurance.

## GENERAL GONZALES DEAD.

City of Mexico, May 8.—General Gonzales, ex-president of this republic and governor of the state of Juana Juanto, died this afternoon.

## SIX MORE MEN DEAD.

Calro, Illa., May 8.—Six more of the men scalded by the bursting of the flue of the steamer Ohio have died, making thirteen in all.

## TENNYSON'S SUCCESSOR.

London, May 8.—Gladstone has offered the place of poet laureate to the distinguished art critic and writer, Jno. Ruskin.

## AUSTRIA'S WHEAT CROP SAFE.

Vienna, May 8.—The long drouth is broken and the wheat crop is placed beyond all possible danger.

## STIPULATIONS THAT ARE VOID.

A stipulation on a telegraph blank against liability for mistake or delay in the transmission of an unrepeatable message is void. So, also, is a stipulation limiting liability, unless specially insured, to a certain number of times the price paid for transmitting the message. The reason for this is that telegraph companies are such corporations created for the public benefit, endowed with special privileges, such as the right of eminent domain, performing the most important functions of commerce, and in cases where celerity and dispatch are necessary, taking the place of the postal service, that at least ordinary skill and diligence are required of them, and that public policy forbids they should be protected from liability for damage by reason of any degree of negligence. If on account of an electrical disturbance in the atmosphere a message cannot be sent, or but imperfectly sent, or if from any other cause, not to be provided against with the appliances afforded by science and by a reasonable foresight, there is a failure to comply with the contract, these are matters already provided for by law, and not necessary to be stipulated against in the contract.

## OF A ROMANTIC TURN.

Some years ago, "Quips," of Buffalo, says, a Rochester clergyman in baptizing an infant paused in the middle of the service to inquire the name of the infant, to which the mother, with a profound courtesy, replied: "Shady, sir, if you please." "Shady," replied the minister. "Then it's a boy, and you mean Shadrach, eh?" "No, please, your reverence, it's a girl." "And pray," asked the inquisitive pastor, "how happened you to call the child by such a name?" "Well, sir," responded the woman, "if you must know, our name is Bower, and my husband said as how he should like her to be called Shady, because Shady Bower sounds so pretty."