

**CORDELIA
BOTKIN GETS
NEW TRIAL**

**Her Former Trial a
Great Sensation**

**Witnesses Will Come
From Delaware.**

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—The District Attorney's office contemplated putting Mrs. Cordelia Botkin on trial for the second time next week for the alleged murder of Dover, Del. women, but a further delay in the famous case appears inevitable. Preparations to bring the famous case to trial again have been in progress for many months, but the death of Chief of Police Lees, who was active in the first trial, and several other things have combined to necessitate the long delay. Meanwhile the Delaware parties interested in the case have been complaining of the numerous postponements and the legislature of that state last week took official action upon the apparent inactivity of the California authorities in the matter.

Mrs. Botkin, who is spending her fourth year in jail, has lost none of her beauty in prison. She has comfortable quarters in jail and is said to be happy in the hope that her second trial will result in her acquittal.

The arrest and trial of Mrs. Botkin four years ago attracted national attention owing to the many novel and interesting features of the case. John P. Dunning was a news paper correspondent in San Francisco in 1898. His wife left the city early in the year for Dover Del. to visit her father, ex-Congressman Pennington. Mrs. Botkin was infatuated with Dunning, and, when he left San Francisco for the East, she is said to have become very jealous and made threats against himself and his wife.

One evening in August, 1898, Harry Pennington, a grandson of ex-Congressman Pennington, brought from the post office at Dover a dainty box of chocolate bonbons, addressed to Mrs. J. P. Dunning. She invited friends to help eat her sweetmeats, but owing to a peculiar taste and the fact that it caused a burning sensation in the mouth they did not eat much of it. Mrs. Dunning and her sister, Mrs. Deane, became very sick after eating the candy and died soon in great agony. An analysis of the candy showed considerable quantity of arsenic in its composition. The governor offered a reward of \$2000 for the conviction of the sender of the candy. Inclosed in the box was a friendly note, signed "Mrs. C.", and the wrapper was stamped with the San Francisco postmark. An investigation of the life of John P. Dunning showed his acquaintance with Mrs. Botkin, who then resided in Oakland, Cal., which he freely admitted. He also accused the woman of the crime. Much incriminating evidence as to the purchase of the candy, the handwriting of Mrs. Botkin on the box and in the note and other facts were accumulated. Upon the evidence Mrs. Botkin was arrested, tried and sentenced to prison for life. Through a law subsequently passed by the state legislature of California she was granted a new trial. Mrs. Dunning's father, one of the important witnesses for the prosecution at the first trial, is dead, and according to the California law, his evidence cannot be placed before the jury at the second trial. Other Delaware witnesses will come to California to attend the trial, but there is some doubt as to whether a second conviction can be secured.

**FOOL
AWAY
TIME**

**Filibustering Tactics
Continued**

**Prospects of Extra
Session**

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Democratic filibuster was recommenced in the House this morning, objection being made on the point of no quorum. The speaker said he would conduct the count himself, after which he declared a quorum present.

The Senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill was then placed before the House. The Senate this morning showed a feeling of regret regarding the prospects of an extra session, while practically accepting a resolution from the committee on printing directing the publishing of a number of copies of the congressional directory for the special session of the Senate, if one be called, to be ready the first day of such session.

This afternoon Aldrich had the financial bill taken up, Bacon, Martin and Tillman, Democrats, voting with the Republicans in favor of consideration. The General Deficiency appropriation bill was then taken up.

In the House there were continued filibustering demands for a roll call on every thing, including the conference report, which was on a bill amending the Alaskan civil code, which gave rise to the usual discussion.

Six roll calls were necessary before the report was adopted by a vote of 181 to 8.

**YESTERDAY'S
DISPATCHES
SUMMARIZED**

Dakota is having a severe snow storm. France has signed the Venezuela protocol.

Senator Morgan still manages to block the Panama canal treaty.

Colima, the Mexican volcano, is pouring out a great quantity of lava.

Four Central American states are now mixed up in an opera buffe war.

England will not accept silver but demands that China pay her debts in gold.

It is stated that England has purchased four warships now building for Argentina and Chile.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has passed resolutions asking congress to meet immediately following the regular term on March 4th.

Senator Brownell has issued a call for the labor unions of Clackamas county to meet him next Thursday night at Oregon City when he will explain his course.

The Desert lands along Butler creek in Umatilla and Morrow counties has been selected by the department as the first to be reclaimed by the government.

The Umatilla river will be dammed to secure a water supply.

**MUST BE
SUBMITTED
TO A VOTE**

**Referendum Will be
Invoked**

**On Big Fair Approp-
riation**

Albany, Feb. 28.—It seems quite probable that the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis & Clark fair will have to run the gauntlet of the referendum. A movement is being inaugurated in this city to have the fair appropriation referred to the people at a special election.

A prominent attorney of Albany has been engaged to draft petitions, and prepare necessary papers, and in a few days people will be asked to sign them.

A great many are in favor of the fair, yet a number oppose it because the Multnomah county delegation promised to support the Harris corporation tax bill, if the fair appropriation be passed, but when the tax bill came to a vote almost the entire Portland delegation voted against it.

The Harris bill would have raised over \$100,000 a year, and the owners of real estate feel that too great a burden has been placed upon them by a large appropriation. About 6,000 signatures are necessary to invoke the referendum, and that number will be secured without doubt. This will add an interesting feature to the congressional campaign.

**ANOTHER
SPECIAL
MESSAGE**

**Roosevelt Urges Tariff
Reduction**

**For Benefit of the
Philippines**

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt yesterday sent a special message to the Senate urging the passage of a bill to reduce the tariff on imports from the Philippines. He quotes a cablegram just received from Governor Taft, which states that conditions in the islands are steadily growing worse. He tells the Senate that the duty of Congress is to give permanent relief by reducing the duties.

After Thirty-Eight Years
(Ashland Tidings, Feb. 24.)

A circumstance remarkable in its way, occurred at the meeting of Burnside Post, No. 23, G. A. R. Saturday night, and was the unexpected coming together of two old comrades, for the first time since their muster out in August, 1865. Jesse B. Adams, of Wagner Creek, came to town to attend the meeting of the post, without any idea of the surprise in store for him. He had been a member of the Sixth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war. James Myers, who has been a resident of Ashland for

the past eighteen months and who lives on the Boulevard, was a campaigner in the same regiment and he and Adams had been great chums, having served together throughout the greater part of that conflict. In the 38 years that had elapsed they had lost all trace of each other's whereabouts, and when they were presented to one another in the Post meeting there was a scene which will be memorable to the surrounding by-standers. Tears welled up in the eyes of the long parted comrades and their voices were choked with emotion. "Say," stammered Adams, "Jim, that ain't you, is it? Their joy was exuberant, and had to find vent. Adams had been a drummer, and Myers a fifer in the army, and so the two grizzled veterans with life and drum awoke the echoes in the street about 9 o'clock, recalling to their own mind and those of the Grand Army comrades memories of the martial days of long ago. The younger generation on the streets thought an incipient Fourth of July celebration was breaking out.

HIGH CLASS IMMIGRANTS

**Never Before Have Homeseekers
Been so Well Educated**

(Portland Journal)

"I am going back after another load," said R. L. Duval, special excursion agent for the Northwestern Railroad, as he swung upon the rear platform of a Pullman car at the Union station this morning. "There are thousands of them back there and they only need stirring up. I will bring another load out next week."

Mr. Duval was speaking of homeseekers. He has been engaged for many months in piloting toward the Pacific Northwest those who wish to locate in God's country, and in comparing present conditions with those in the past he said:

"I have been identified with Western immigration for a long time, but never have I seen as high class people take advantage of the excursion rates as are doing so now. They have money to pay their way, know what they want and have a pretty good idea where to go to get it. And I do not class them by their coin alone, they are far better educated than those who availed themselves of the settlers' rates last year or two years ago. I do not say that this applies specifically, but it certainly does in general."

Mr. Duval was asked from what particular locality the immigrants into the Northwest were coming. He said:

"From every point of the compass, except that which points toward the Pacific Ocean. The Middle West, South, East and Atlantic Coast is each furnishing its quota. I bring my trains out from Chicago. The people gather there from all over the country and come West by droves. All passenger trains are leaving there in two and three sections."

Last week Mr. Duval brought 400 to the coast, by far the larger percentage of whom came through to Portland. He said their surprise was great when, after crossing the Rocky Mountains, they entered a country where snow was seldom seen, and where the climate was that of spring, indeed, and not spring in name only until very much later in the year, as is the fact where the majority of them came from. Even those from the "Sunny South" were delighted to find conditions so nearly like those they left behind.

Coquille Ice Plant

The Bulletin has this to say of the new ice and cold storage plant at Coquille City:

Two 8-horse power engines and one 5-horse power oil burning engine will constitute the motive power of the plant. A 15-horse power boiler will also be installed. This machinery is of the very latest pattern and is strictly up-to-date in every respect.

The plant will have a capacity of two tons of ice per day. This output can be increased whenever necessary.

The main building will include four large cold storage rooms to be used for the purpose of storing meat, fish, eggs, butter, etc. These rooms will be kept at a temperature that will insure the preservation of the articles stored within. In fact the temperature can easily be so regulated that it can be made to register below freezing point continually. This not only preserves the articles stored indefinitely, but also adds much to their flavor and quality.

In conjunction with the plant there will also be a large creamery and cheese making plant. The machinery ordered for this department will make it the most complete of its kind in Southern Oregon.

Things do not go wrong of themselves; somebody pushes them.—Puck.

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