

FLEET LEAVES MELBOURNE

WILL SAIL TO-DAY FOR ALBANY.

Last of the series of brilliant entertainments in honor of the men and officers given yesterday and last night. There were many fervent and sincere... The fleet will sail to-day for Albany, West Australia, where it will remain for a week taking coal.

PERSONAL FRIENDSHIPS ESTABLISHED.

A feature of the stay of the fleet in this port has been the personal friendships established between the officers of the fleet and the people of Melbourne. Official functions there were almost without number.

TWO MEMBERS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

The visit to Melbourne had its sad accompaniment in the death by accident of two of the men of the fleet. They were Arthur Decker, a sailor from the New Jersey, and a bandman from the Vermont named Michaelson.

GRANT CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE.

Grand Army of the Republic, in Session in Toledo, Ohio, Decide Not to Call Congress For Further Relief Measures Until 1911—Next Year in Salt Lake City.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Not for three years will the Grand Army of the Republic call Congress for further relief measures. Resolutions looking to an amendment to the service pension bill, reducing to 65 years the age at which a veteran can receive the pension...

MANY LEAVE TAKINGS.

A large crowd of Australians assembled at the central tramway station to-night to take enthusiastic leave of the Americans. It was a scene of the wildest good fellowship.

GEORGIA COTTON CROP DAMAGE.

Commissioner of Agriculture Says the Crop Will Be Short 500,000 Bales as Result of Heavy Rains, Which Were Followed by Exceedingly Hot Weather.

Mob Violence is Feared.

Athens, Ga. Sept. 4.—A report from Damascus, Ga., says John Tork, a negro, who last night attempted to criminally assault the wife of Joe Wheeler, a white man, is in danger of being lynched.

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Made Murderous Attack on His Wife.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 4.—An alleged murderous attack by a white man named Sid Jones on his wife in Mount Airy Wednesday night was reported here to-day by United States Deputy Marshal Carroll, who has just returned from that place.

MRS. RUSTIN MAKES STATEMENT

Gives Out Her First Interview Regarding the Mysterious Shooting of Her Husband Tuesday Morning—Thinks He Was Murdered—Young Woman Arrested and Held Pending Developments.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 4.—Seated in the room with the coffin containing the body of her dead husband, shot mysteriously on his front porch early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Frederick T. Rustin to-day gave out her first interview. Mrs. Rustin is bordering on nervous collapse. She said: "This is what happened on that night, so far as I have any knowledge. I was awakened by a pistol shot. I waited some time and then something impelled me to go down stairs and see what was the matter. I went down and opening the door slightly, looked through the crack. I saw my husband, Dr. Rustin, sitting in a chair looking as though he was in trouble."

DISASTROUS FIRE IN NEVADA.

Entire Business Section of Rawhide Destroyed, Entailing a Property Loss of Over \$100,000—Thousands of People Rendered Homeless and a Score or More Injured.

Rawhide, Nev., Sept. 4.—Three thousand people homeless, a score or more injured and a property loss of over \$100,000 is the result of a disastrous fire which started at 9 o'clock this morning in Dr. Gardner's office, located in the Rawhide Drug Company's building. Fanned by a gale, the fire swept rapidly south and east to Ballou avenue and up Rawhide avenue to within fifty yards of the People's Hospital.

TARIFF QUESTION REAL ISSUE.

Herman Ridder Visits Lincoln and Lays Before Presidential Candidate Encouraging Statistics—Says Many Republicans Are Dissatisfied.

NEW EVIDENCE DISCOVERED.

Honorah Jordan, Whose Dismembered Body Was Found in a Trunk, Probably Met Death by Being Struck on Head With Blunt Instrument—Husband Arraigned For Murder.

STATESVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE

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The fame of the Dillingham medicines, Plant Juice, Plant Juice Liniment, Plant Juice Soap and Plant Juice, is fast spreading over the length and breadth of this section of the country. Yesterday evening a gentleman stepped up to the platform Fourth and Poplar, where the Dillingham lecturers were at work, and asked for three bottles of Plant Juice. After he had been supplied he was particular to state that he had traveled forty miles from a distant point in an adjoining county to this city for the express purpose of obtaining a supply of this wonderful remedy.

It is suggested that where several parties desire the remedies, a clubbing party can be made up and the remittance sent under one name, to save expressage and insure prompt delivery. The mail order business is a special charge of one of the men here and is given the promptest attention.

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SACO AND PETTEE MACHINE SHOPS COTTON MACHINERY Pickers, Revolving, Flat Cards, Railway Heads, Drawing, Frames, Slubbing, Intermediate and Roving Frames, Spinning Frames, Spoolers and Reels. A. H. WASHBURN, Southern Agent, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

BRYAN RETURNS HOME.

After a Five Days' Speaking Tour Through Three States, the Democratic Nominee Returns to Fairview—Funds Pouring in For Campaign Purposes.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 4.—Infinitely satisfied with the reception accorded him and the reports of the political situation, William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President, arrived here to-day at noon and proceeded at once to Fairview, his home. The journey, which occupied five days, was through North Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. Besides making numerous speeches he held conferences with the political leaders of the States visited and made suggestions which were helpful to the party by way of organization work.

Mr. Bryan left his hotel in Sioux City, Ia., where last night he spoke to an immense crowd, a few minutes after 4 o'clock this morning in order to catch a train for Omaha. It was considerably late, however, when in order to reach Lincoln at an early hour in the day he was compelled to travel in roundabout way through Fremont, Neb. His family was at the station to meet him and he was cordially greeted by a number of persons, including many railroad men, as he stepped from the train.

Charles W. Bryan to-day sent a check for \$2,000 to Governor C. N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic national committee. The check represented receipts over expenditures in the Commoneer office from July 24th to September 1st.

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