

WANT ALDRICH STAMP

REPUBLICAN LEADERS' SEAT IN SENATE TO BE FILLED BY ONE OF HIS OWN KIND.

BALLINGER LAUDED AT SEATTLE

Statement issued from political circles say Aldrich will attempt to dictate who shall succeed him and he will take active steps to effect his wishes in the matter—Attacks Colliers.

Providence, R. I., April 22.—The senator from Rhode Island to succeed Senator Aldrich will be made of the Aldrich stamp, and such plans are being drawn here today, judging from a statement by Senator Aldrich, the "blind boss" of republicanism. Bratton declared Aldrich is leaving because he wants to and not because he has to, and Aldrich has notified him, he said, that he took the liveliest interest in his successor and he would continue his interest until the new senator had been selected.

SEATTLE LAUDS BALLINGER

Seattle Bar Association Maintains he is Not Guilty.

Seattle, April 22.—Characterizing the recent attack on Richard A. Ballinger by Colliers' association as a "wanton and vicious assault without any foundation whatever in fact," the Seattle Bar association today made public the result of the investigation of the charges. A special meeting was held last night when a resolution lauding the Secretary of the Interior and saying the Weekly was drawn up.

Eighteen Miners Killed.

Amsterdam, Ohio, April 22.—The bodies of six miners were recovered today from the ruins of the Youhlosheny Coal company's mine, where an explosion from fire damp took place last night, fire following the explosion. Twelve other bodies are believed to be in the shattered mine, and there is no hope that they are alive.

COMMITTEE ON RENEW CHINA PAVING

COMMITTEE OF FOUR RETURNS FROM PORTLAND TODAY.

Inspector Various Sorts of Paving and Will Report Soon.

With a sealed verdict tucked away in their pockets, their note books and craniums filled with paving data, and ready to make a conclusive and final report to the council next week, the four business men of this city who were sent to Portland to study paving, returned this morning. A unanimous decision which the committee reached in the matter, will not be made public until the next council meeting, but it is said that the junket resulted in cheaper paving for the city.

Practically every foot of paving that has been laid down in Portland has been thoroughly inspected by the committee, consisting of Councilmen A. Andrews and W. J. Church and W. Bohnenkamp and J. E. Foley, for businessmen and property owners the city at large. Paving contracts came to their aid, and gave them columns of data pertaining to various kinds of paving, showing durability, popularity, prices and other important features.

Reserve him at Star Theatre Apr. No extra charge for admission.

MUCH EXTRA BAGGAGE

Joseph Train Drafts Additional Baggage Car into Service.

An extra box car filled with baggage today which had overflowed from the regular baggage equipment on the Joseph train. While there is always a great deal of travel on the branch it is seldom that the baggage assumes the proportions which it did today.

LAYING NEW SIDE-TRACK

Additional Yard Facilities Almost Completed at Depot Today.

The new siding over which all the main line passenger trains will run to touch at the depot platform, has been practically completed today. It will reduce the number of trains running by the depot platform.

DECORATING HALL.

Elks Auditorium Made College-Like With Many Pennants

Decorations for the first annual ball to be given by the Union County association of O. A. C. students, this evening, commencing at 9 o'clock. Many guests are coming from out of town.

Passenger Train Wrecked

Terre Haute, Ind., April 22.—Two men were killed and five injured, two will probably die, when passenger train No. 4 ran into an open switch and collided with a construction train at Sanford today. The dead are Engineer Robert Ely of the passenger train in Brakeman H. Driscoll. It is supposed that the switch was left open by mistake after the construction train took the siding. Many passengers were injured by being thrown from their seats.

Twenty-six Bodies Recovered.

Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—Twenty-six bodies have been recovered from the Mulga mine where an explosion occurred last Tuesday. The rescuers entered the mine today and the bodies were taken out.

STUDENTS BURNED AND TORTURED TO DEATH.

Native Christians Killed Outright by Uprisers in China.

London, April 22.—The foreign office late this afternoon received dispatches from Peking saying that rioting had been renewed at Chang Sha. Many Chinese converts to Christianity have been slaughtered and dozens of students who attend the mission training schools were burned or tortured to death. No foreigners had been killed up to the time the refugees fled Wednesday, although the Chinese are threatening them with death. Among those who left for fear of their lives was the British consul.

Situation Ominous.

Washington, April 22.—The situation at Chang Sha is ominous according to reports from Minister Calhoun and American Counsel Baugh at Hanko. Calhoun reports no improvement in the situation in the Hunan provinces, and it is feared the trouble will spread.

The cruiser Charleston has already been ordered to protect the American interests at Chang Sha and is on the way to that city today. It is probable that no more ships will be ordered from Cavite.

Advices from Peking say the gun boats have arrived at Chang Sha.

LAST JOKE OF NATION'S GREAT HUMORIST IS PENNED

LIFE'S STRING FINALLY SNAPS AND WORLD RENOWNED FUN-MAKER AND JOKE-SMITH PASSES AWAY—HOOSVELT MEETS HIS DEMISE IN SYMPATHETIC STATEMENT

SAMUEL CLEMENS' BOOKS GREATEST SELLERS OF PRESENT DAY

(Special cable to the United Press by Theodore Roosevelt)
Paris, April 22.—"It is with deep and sincere regret that I learn of the death of Mark Twain. His position was like that of Joel Chandler Harris, unique not only among American men of letters, but throughout the literary world. He was not only remarkably humorous, but a great philosopher and his writings form one of the chief assets of words-achievements of which we as a nation have a right to be generally proud."

Reading, Conn., April 22.—The body of Mark Twain, who died last evening after hovering in the death shadows for several days, lies in a room at the villa here today, awaiting transfer to Elmira, N. Y., where he will be buried in the family plot next Sunday.

Died a Millionaire.

New York, April 22.—Mark Twain, according to his publishers, Harpers & Bros., died a millionaire, even after sacrificing one great fortune in paying up the debts of Webster Publishing Co., which failed. The humorist cleared up an almost incredible sum from his writings. A member of the firm said today that Twain's books were selling more rapidly at this late day than those of any other author, living or dead.

Old Friend Weeps.

Paris, Missouri, April 22.—E. C. Parthing, friend and school mate of Mark Twain, and the original "Huckleberry Finn" was profoundly affected by the death of the humorist. Tears stood in his eyes today while he spoke of his old time companion. "Knew some well," he said, "was the greatest literary genius of the age in his particular line. Mourn his passing. He delighted the whole world and as a citizen of the world his death will be mourned by all nations."

Mark Twain's death removes from the international field of letters the creator of American literary humor, and one of its most distinguished literatures.

With his passing, the people of the world—the militant and persuasive doers of things alike—have lost a gentle, sympathizing friend and a fearless champion. For almost 75 years he lived, and for two-score he numbered his admirers by figures that rival the census of the enlightened world.

He drew his personal friends from from every condition of life and held them steadfastly by his engaging, wholesome personality and earnest understanding.

Snatched from the obscurity of his gentle birth by fickle fortune and reared in the university of the world to become the master of wholesome humor, Mark Twain retains to the last his delicate distinctions of light and shade, giving the world its dearest smiles and drawing from it its most willing, sympathetic tears. For without his humor the public eye has seen no happy life punctuated with deeper sorrows. He has known every travail of the soul, and few there are whose spirit of sound humor would have survived so many onslaughts of a whimsical and capricious fate.

In 1835, while there were less than a million white inhabitants in the great empire west of the Mississippi Samuel Cleghorn Clemens was born. It was Nov. 30, and the scene of his nativity was a humble cabin in Florida, Mo., which at that time marked the extreme fringe of frontier settlement. His parents were John Marshall Clemens of Virginia and his

good wife, who was Jane Lambert of Kentucky.

Clemens' parents, victims of the wanderlust, left their small property in Lexington for a new home at Jamestown on the Cumberland river in Tennessee. Next they traveled to Missouri, passing St. Louis, then a city of 10,000 souls, for what seemed to them a land of brighter promise. They settled at Florida, a hamlet described by the author in later years as "the first settlement that divided the desert from the sown."

It was there that the future Mark Twain was born, and here it was that he first encountered that capricious fate, which at the age of three years foretold the anomalies of his career.

A brother's print shop became his high school. At intervals, shortly after he was 12 years old, he edited the little newspaper to the amazement of the subscribers and the discomfiture of the elder brother whose responsibility of publisher bore the brunt of hostile complaints against the "personal journalism" of the juvenile.

Time and again in leisure hours the boy was fished out of the river almost drowned, but the fond mother out of her utter confidence in his future would remark each time, "It is no matter." One who was born to be hanged is surely safe in the water.

Stricken with a sudden fit of inherited wanderlust, young Clemens disappeared from Hannibal in 1853. By that time he was considered a fit itinerant typesetter. By dint of hard work and the saving to money for world's fair at New York and visited all the eastern cities, but was finally compelled by financial stress, to seek cover near home.

Goes on River.

At Keokuk he apprenticed himself to Capt. Bixby to learn the infinite mysteries of steamboat piloting.

The carried guns and fought their way by a singular code of honor up and down the mystic river, famed for its capricious habit of changing beds over night. In "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," "Puddin' Head Wilson" and "Life on the Mississippi," which came from his pen in later years, every incident of this vanishing estate is dwelt upon lovingly.

In the midst of this phase of his career the civil war was declared, and, born of slave holding parents, the youth piloted his boat through the blockades to the north and joined the confederate army. This army experience lasted two weeks, when he resigned, assigning the reason to "incapacity by fatigue through resistant retreating."

Returning to Hannibal he rejoined his brother, Orion, who had accepted the appointment as first secretary of the new territory of Nevada. Samuel accepted the private secretaryship, which his brother explained was a "good job, with nothing to do and no salary."

Assumes Cognomen.

At Virginia City young Clemens amused himself by writing letters to the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, and was finally engaged as legislative correspondent at Carson City. To these letters he first signed the name "Mark Twain," which he adopted from the old Mississippi river term for a two-fathom sounding.

Tiring of his job as city editor of the San Francisco Call Mark Twain penetrated the Sierras in search of gold, but being inept as a prospector he sailed for Hawaii as correspondent of the Sacramento Union, arriving just in time to report the sensational burning of the clipper Hornet.

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EXPLOSIVE FOUND.

Wood Pile at Haines Conceals Big Charge of Nitro-Glycerine.

The good town of Haines has been all agog for the past few days over the discovery in the heart of the city of a cylinder of nitro glycerine, all prepared for shooting, sufficient to blow the whole near metropolis to the seven corners, says the Baker City Herald. The find was made in a large wood pile that one of the big logging concerns had gathered near the depot. Fuse and caps were attached to the explosive and it needed but the word to blow a hole in the heart of little old Haines almost big enough to hold its future.

Opinion is divided as to how the explosive came in its hiding place or the purpose for which it was prepared. One idea was that it was the intention of some person who had a grievance against the owners of the wood to shoot it. Others of equal standing contend that it was but the temporary hiding place of some "yegg" men who had prepared the shot for the work of safe work and had been frightened off from their designs.

PROGRAM CANCELLED.

Conflict Occurred and Baseball Season is Postponed One Week.

On account of a conflict with other functions tonight, the program of the high school by students of the school for the benefit of the baseball team has been postponed one week, and positively, next Friday night, the program will be rendered. It was found best not to hold the event this evening by reason of the O. A. C. ball. Absence of the baseball stars themselves was another reason for calling the event off.

ADVERTISING MAN IS HERE.

G. R. Scott Connects Himself With the Observer.

G. R. Scott, who will have charge of the advertising and circulation on the Observer, arrived last night from Portland where he has been for a short time. Mrs. Scott and their little son remains in Portland for a short time but will arrive here later.

NUSSE'S STORY UNIMPEACHED.

State Testimony Remains Unshaken During Cross-examination.

Kansas City, April 22.—Pearl Kellar, Colonel Swope's nurse, whose testimony is strongly for the prosecution in the murder trial, continued on the witness stand today. After finishing her direct testimony, she was severely cross-examined by the attorneys for the defense. Her story was apparently unshaken.

Second Annual Ball.

On the evening of May 24, the ladies of the Maccabees will give their second annual ball in the Elks auditorium. This will be one of the best events of the season.

Thorough Housecleaning

It is more than a simple campaign against dust and dirt. The spring cleaning should include the exclusion of germs and insects and the renewing of varnished work, etc., that has become marred or dulled. In other words, spring cleaning should be a general overhauling, cleansing, purifying and brightening.

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