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TWO WOMEN BURNED

HARDING DEFEATS GARFIELD IN CONVENTION

STANDPAT PLATFORM ADOPTED WITH SCARCELY A NOE IN ENTIRE ASSEMBLY

TAFT LOUDLY PRAISED, TOO

Warren Harding Named on Third Ballot to Head Republicans in Ohio—Garfield Bested with Strong Standpat Platform Is Adopted—Taft Praised with Unstinted Enthusiasm at Every Turn of the Report.

Columbus, July 27.—Warren Harding was nominated governor in the Ohio Republican convention on the third ballot. He led from the first. The platform is considered the strongest standpat thus far.

A standpat platform was adopted today by the Ohio republicans without a fight. Only a few scattering noes were heard. A viva voce vote was taken on the committee on resolution's report. Standpaters seemed absolutely in control and Garfield is bested for governor. He will probably withdraw from the race for the gubernatorial nomination. The regular candidates are Carmi Thompson, O. B. Brown and Warren Harding.

Following the election of Senator Burton as permanent chairman, Senator Dick read the platform. It recommends Taft for a second term, endorses his administration, recommends a ship subsidy, a larger navy, harbor and river improvements, amendment to the anti-trust laws so as to get quicker justice and endorses conservation.

The platform referring to Taft, says: "We commend in the highest terms the present administration and President Taft. We are proud of the result achieved during his 15 months in office."

SCOTLAND YARDS IN DOUBT

Uncertain as to Identity of Suspected Couple

Montreal, July 27.—Wireless operators today were requested by the Canadian police to communicate with the liner Montrose to ascertain definitely whether Crippen and Mme. Leneve are aboard. The request was made after Scotland Yard was once more sure. They admitted they are now not sure whether Robinson and his son are the suspected couple.

BRYAN HOPELESSLY DOWN IN NEBRASKA POLITICS

Grand Island, Neb., July 27.—Looking crushed, William Jennings Bryan left the floor of the democratic state convention early this morning, after he had lost the fight for the control of his party in Nebraska. It is estimated that he will not make a further attempt to direct democratic affairs.

Bryan said afterwards he expected

TRAFFIC RESUMED AGAIN.

More than Twenty-Four Hours Required to Remove Wreck Debris.

Through traffic was finally fastened on the O. R. & N. this morning, considerably more than twenty-four hours after the wreck at Norton yesterday when two freight cars went in the ditch. The local from Baker City passed through the city this morning on time, making the first train to Portland since night before last.

Eugene Debbs Ill. Rochester, Minn., July 27.—Eugene V. Debbs, former presidential candidate on the socialistic ticket, is critically ill at his home here. He was visited by Dr. Barr, and it is believed that an operation will be necessary.

DAMAGE CASE IS SLOW GOING TO JURY

RUMORED THAT GRAHAM WILL PLEAD GUILTY TONIGHT

If Such Proves True Newlin Bootlegging Case Will Be Called

Damage cases are usually crammed full of legal arguments and today's trial in which Wills is suing the George Palmer Lumber company is no exception. The case was given to the jury late this afternoon following long arguments by counsel for both sides. The defense introduced its evidence last evening and most of today has been devoted to arguments.

Graham Case Next. It is rumored this afternoon that Charles Graham of North La Grande will plead guilty this evening when he is arraigned on a charge of stealing coal from the O. R. & N. If such proves to be the case, the Newlin bootlegging case will be called immediately afterwards.

Powder Can Explodes.

Quebec, July 27.—As a result of a powder explosion, 11 men are dead at Ledeque today. A workman on the new transcontinental road opened a can of powder with an axe. The explosion fired the train of powder leading to the tunnel where a number of workmen were laboring. Those near the tunnel entrance came out alive and the rest were killed.

Avalanche Victim Found.

Wellington, Wn., July 27.—The body of an unidentified man, the last of the victims of the March avalanche which killed 90, was taken from under the mass of debris today.

NINE FAMILIES HOMELESS: TIMBERBELT STILL BURNING

FLAMES BEYOND CONTROL AND RICH DISTRICT DESTROYED WITH MORE IN DANGER

Union, July 27.—Special.—Cremation of two women, destruction of one sawmill, burning of nine structures housing as many families, destruction of a vast amount of timber up Catherine creek and threatened destruction of another sawmill, are some of the harrowing details of two fires, out from Union. The dead are Mrs. J. S. Dean, and her adopted daughter, aged fifteen years. The cremation occurred last night and from an origin that is unknown.

Flames Burst Forth Suddenly.

The fatal disaster occurred in the home of Ed Sherman six miles from Union on Katherine creek. The flames were first discovered by a son of Mr. Sherman, who was sleeping in a tent in the yard. But at that moment the flames had already enveloped the structure. The only persons in the house, were those burned, and it is probable that they were suffocated by the smoke while asleep and relatives and friends are consoling themselves with the theory that their suffering was short and probably less horrible than might be imagined.

Alone and unaided, the younger Sherman boy was unable to save any of the property, much less lend assistance to his relatives in the burning structure. The aged lady was the mother of Mr. Ed Sherman and, with her adopted daughter, was making her home in the Sherman home. The farm place is known as the old Swackhammer homestead. The disaster is so distressing that all Union is grieved at the sad affair today.

No funeral arrangements have been made at noon today.

Nine Families Homeless.

A fire which started in a slab pipe of the Ed Stoddard mill yesterday afternoon wiped out the Stoddard mill belonging to the Union Pine Lumber company, and adjoining cottage populated by employes at the mill. The

mill and lumber yards are totally destroyed. It is estimated that 200,000 feet of lumber are burned, in addition to the heavy loss sustained by the burning of the mill.

Cottage Furniture Burned

Practically without any exception, the household goods and personal property in the nine cottages were destroyed. The conflagration was so terrific and so short-lived that the men were homeless almost before they could realize it. No estimate has been placed on the total loss, but the grand total will be large.

The homeless women and children have been cared for by neighbors and some have come to Union for shelter and succor.

Spreads to Forests.

Immediately afterwards the heavily timbered forests adjoining the mill, which was located just above the Rinehart meadows, were ignited and all night the flames raged in a valuable timber belt. This afternoon it is still raging unchecked notwithstanding the strenuous warfare carried on by sawmill men and others recruited into the army of fire-fighters.

Weaver Mill Threatened.

This noon when telephone communications were cut off by the fire, an authentic report from the scene of the trouble stated that the Weaver and Staver mill, two miles up the creek, was threatened and rain is the only element that can prevent its destruction. The loss to timber land owners will be enormous if speedy relief is not forthcoming.

It seems that the victims of the fire are Mrs. Ed. Dean and daughter and that Mrs. Dean is the mother of Mrs. Sherman. This information was sent to La Grande this afternoon by Alex. Slater, who requested County Judge Henry to order a coroner's inquest.

NINE THOUSAND HOMELESS IN QUAKE ZONE PORTLAND LADY FIGHTS WITH KIDNAPER

NO REPORTS FROM SCENE OF EARTHQUAKE TODAY

Excepting Report as to Number of Homeless, News Is Missing

Tokio, July 27.—In the absence of additional news from the island of Yezo today, leads to the belief that the earthquake and eruption of Mount Usu may be more serious than reported yesterday. The admiralty is awaiting word by wireless from warships sent northward, due off the island tonight.

One ship loaded with supplies and medicine left Anoron! this afternoon and is due tonight. At last reports 9,000 are homeless.

RETURNING FROM DANCE GIRL WAS UNDULY ACCOSTED

Mother Grabbles and Fights W. S. Fellow Until Help Comes

Portland, July 27.—Grappling with Arthur Hislop, whom it is alleged, made a daring attempt to kidnap her daughter on the street last night, Mrs. G. A. Patterson fought with the man until her son stunned him with a rock which he threw. Hislop was then captured by a number of firemen who heard the woman's screams. A crowd gathered and cried "lynch", but a policeman arrived and protected the man and got him to a police station. Hislop was sentenced to thirty days

in the rock pile today. The FBI said the man followed her from a dance, and tried to take her away despite her mother's presence.

FOOTBALL STAR TO MARRY

Cliff McKennon and Miss Nellie Monk Granted Marriage License

Cliff McKennon, son of L. L. McKennon, the Alice rancher, was today granted a license by County Clerk Wright to marry Miss Nellie Monk, a well-known Union county girl. Mr. McKennon is an O. A. C. graduate, and in his time was one of the stars of the Aggies' football team.

Another license was issued yesterday evening when James M. Yeatten, a wealthy sheepman of Baker county, was granted a license to marry Ellen Riggs, also of Baker county.

MARSHFIELD IS SHAKEN BY AN EXPLOSION

WELL KNOWN ENGINEER KILLED AND FAMILY MAINED

Mill in Which Party was Visiting Blown to Pieces by Explosion

Marshfield, Or., July 27.—Engineer F. E. McCauley is dead, his wife has a broken thigh and is badly scalded, and two children are slightly injured, and Neal Steele, a watchman, is crushed badly, as the result of an explosion in the boiler plant of the Coquille Mill Mercantile company last night.

Windows are broken throughout the city, and the people were terrified for a time. McCauley's family was visiting the plant at the time. The mill was totally wrecked and a loss of \$10,000 is the result.

RECEIVES LEGACY

Colonel Roosevelt's Daughter Receives Her Portion of Fortune

Boston, July 27.—Mrs. Alice Longworth, daughter of Ex-President Roosevelt will receive an annual income of \$5300, as her share of the estate of the late Geo. L. Lee, her grandfather, according to an inventory of the estate, filed today by the middlesex probate court. Lee, who died in March, leaves an estate of a million dollars.

Strike in Chicago.

Chicago, July 27.—The Building Trades Council today ordered a general strike of all workmen employed on construction of buildings in which the Otis Elevator company is installing elevators. Fully 1800 workmen will be affected.

GUNNY SACK WITH HUMAN BONES DISCOVERED

Newport, Or., July 27.—It is believed that a skeleton found yesterday, crammed into a gunny sack on the beach, with bones broken and skull fractured, may be that of Miss Sophia Noise of Blodgett, Oregon, who disappeared several days ago. Her sister is expected in the city tonight to attempt an identification.

FIVE INMATES BREAK AWAY AT SALEM

CRIMINALLY INSANE DUO MANAGED TO MAKE ESCAPE LAST NIGHT

THREE ARE RECAPTURED

Posse Institutes Search for Two Remaining Fugitives from Asylum Who are Criminally Insane—One of them Well Known in Eastern Oregon—Wade a Murderer and Other Man is Hardened Robber.

Salem, July 27.—Officers are today scouring the country side for Frank Wade and Christopher Smith, who, with three other patients, escaped from the asylum yesterday. The other patients have been recaptured. Both are criminally insane. Wade being a murderer and Smith a robber. A posse has been formed as the men are dangerous.

The maniacs escaped by breaking through the window grating. Smith was reported traveling in the direction of Portland this morning. There is no trace of Wade, who is the most dangerous. He was up for life for a murder committed in Jackson county in 1895. He became insane and was transferred from the penitentiary to the asylum. He was well known in Eastern Oregon.

TAFT IN BIDFORD, ME.

President Taft Addresses the Villagers at Bidford

Bidford, Me., July 27.—President Taft spent the day here visiting Prof. Moore, Mrs. Taft's brother-in-law. In the afternoon he addressed the villagers and played golf. He will start for Beverly tomorrow on the Mayflower.

DEMOCRATS MEET

Democratic Convention Meets to Choose New Committee Today.

Ottumwa, Iowa, July 27.—The democratic state convention meets today to choose a new state committee. Nominations were made in the June primaries. The platform, it is predicted, will denounce the Taft administration.

Koreans Will Object.

Tokio, July 27.—The annexation of Korea by Japan will probably be accompanied by a great uprising of hite Koreans, according to predictions made here today.

When Miss Noise disappeared she left a note saying she was going to suicide. Coronor Carter said he believed the note was a forgery, and that the girl was killed.

Sheriff Ross says there will be a country-wide search until the murderer is apprehended.