

OVER 3000 HOMES DESTROYED

LA FOLLETTE FLAYS TAFT

SAYS HE HAS MISPLACED THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE.

WISCONSIN SENATOR EX-TREMELY BITTER IN SPEECH

Taft and Reciprocity Come in for Severe Grilling on Floor of the Senate—Reciprocity Called Biggest Injustice of a Half Century—Is Nothing It Professes to Be, He Says.

Washington, July 13.—In a speech bristling with invective and satire, Senator R. M. La Follette of Wisconsin, today on the floor of the senate bitterly denounced the Canadian reciprocity and President Taft. He flatly accused President Taft of not having kept his promises, of having added betrayal to betrayal and of having secured promotion policies to Aldrichism and reactionaries.

LaFollette said reciprocity would not benefit the people, but would reduce the duties for the big interests. "It is nothing it pretends to be and professes to be nothing that it is," he said. He described the measure as the greatest legislative wrong inflicted on the people in a half century.

"It is an interesting study in political psychology to observe the Taft campaign devotion to Roosevelt's policies," said the senate. "The people elected Taft in the belief that he would hold fast all Roosevelt gained and not revoke his orders and reverse his action." He declared Taft's course had been vacillating and without a definite policy.

Concluding he said what Roosevelt and the progressives contend for is justice—eternal, everlasting justice for every human being against organized selfishness and power. It is a fight of the plain against the confederate privileges."

Penn Tablet Unveiled

London, July 13.—In the Church of All Hallows Barking, in which William Penn was baptised on October 23, 1644, a bronze tablet in memory of the founder of Pennsylvania, presented to the church by the Pennsylvania Society of New York City, was today unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. The unveiling ceremonies took place before a distinguished assemblage of Englishmen and Americans. Dr. Robinson, vicar of the church, presided and Ambassador Whitelaw Reid delivered the principal address.

The tablet was designed by a firm of New York architects. The expense attendant upon casting and erecting the tablet in the church was borne largely by former Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, who is vice-president of the society. The Church of All Hallows Barking is the only building extant in London which is definitely associated with the birth of William Penn.

Pease Practically Nominated.

San Francisco, July 13.—Cargill G. Pease, Milwaukee, may be the next president of the National Educational association. In the nominating committee this morning Pease received 27 and A. E. Winship of Boston, the "old guard" candidate, 29. Durand Springer, the present treasurer, received 24 to 2 for Katherine Beversaux Blake.

Gates Reported Dead.

New York, July 13.—Private Wall street advices from Paris say John W. Gates died there today. Business relations of the financier received no confirmation.

BADGERITE LIBERAL AND LOYAL, TOO.

August J. Stange, a Merrill, Wis., lumberman, has become an ardent friend of the Commercial club here through actions of his today. He witnessed the aviation meet here Sunday and Monday and learning of the way several hundred stood on the outside and allowed the business men to "dig" up large sums to meet the guarantee while they looked on for nothing, and today he presented the Commercial club with \$10. He affirms it was an exceptionally fine sight and wanted to express his appreciation of the club in arranging the meet. The club has accepted with many thanks and Mr. Stange will be a lifelong friend of the club.

SADLERS NOW OCCUPY STAGE

BIG CROWDS PRESENT LAST EVENING AGAIN.

Interest in Chautauqua Rapidly Growing—Finish si Approaching.

Rapidly with which interest in the Grande Ronde chautauqua is spreading is manifested in the big throngs that filled through the turnstile this week. Two nights ago the crowd was large, totalling nearly 1,000 and last night it was even larger, fully a thousand passing the gate. The Williams Jubilee singers have the credit of filling the auditorium twice in succession and as the finishing numbers include the popular Sadlers, it seems likely that the audiences will continue to rub the thousand mark until the last day.

Commencing this afternoon the Sadlers hold sway. The afternoon audience, notwithstanding the heat, was a large one, and the capacity of the will be taxed this evening, it is believed. The fame of the Sadler company has spread to all parts of Eastern Oregon and many are here from sister counties to hear the closing numbers of the program. This evening, tonight, tomorrow afternoon, tomorrow evening and tomorrow night will hear the Sadlers. Tomorrow evening, however, Miss Willmer, who swayed an enormous audience at Gladstone park this week will read "The Woman of Samaria." Press comments in the Portland Telegram are loud in their praise, and she has often been called the finest reader on the lecture platform.

Before her appearance, however, come the Sadlers. They are immensely popular and instructive, in addition to the entertainment in their lectures and demonstrations.

Saturday is field day when the first field meet for girls and women ever held in La Grande will take place and it is believed the crowd will be large that day, too. Saturday night the state board of health will have charge of the program featuring the war on flies.

ICE RIOTS IN NEW YORK.

Company Forced to Distribute Ice Tickets to the Poor People.

New York, July 13.—Though the price has increased nearly 300 per cent during the hot spell, ice riots are raging today among the poor. A hundred men and women stormed the office of the Foster-Scott company, demanding ice. The manager was forced to distribute tickets good for ice at the company's pier.

VAST AREA IN MICHIGAN BLACKENED BY HOLOCAUST

Cobalt, Ont., July 13.—More than 300 are dead by forest fires in the Porcupine district today, the record for holocausts in the dominion of Canada. Damage to the extent of millions of dollars has been done and thousands of acres of timber have been devastated. Many mines are ruined and still the flames rage unchecked. It is feared many lives will be lost in the section from which no word has come. More than 200 settlers with their wives and families who had clearings in the fire zone are missing and most are believed dead. The following mines were totally ruined: The Dome, North Dome, Vipond, Foley, O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, Standard, Imperial, West Dome, Eldorado and Porcupine.

At South Porcupine while women and children were being hurried to safety on the steamer Golden City Gate a gang of fear-frenzied foreigners rushed to the boats moored at the wharf and threw the other passengers overboard.

Joseph Gardner, a druggist, rose to the occasion and with a revolver backed the foreigners away until the women and children were safe.

Three Thousands Homes Ruined.

Grayling, Mich., July 13.—The village of Water, near here, is in ruins today. For miles, northeastern Michigan is blackened with desolation. Three thousand families are homeless and scores are missing. It is impossible to obtain an accurate estimate of the fatalities. The situation is slightly improved today as the fires are now burning out.

HEAVY FINES FOR CRUELTIES

BEATING OF HORSE AVENGED WHEN SENTENCE IS READ.

Chester Butcher Serving Jail Term Because He Beat Horse.

A fine of \$50 and costs, amounting in all to \$81.40 is the penalty paid by Chester Butcher, a local young man, for mistreating a horse. He was accused a few days ago of beating and mistreating a horse on Grandy avenue on the night of July 4th, but he was not arrested until yesterday when Officer Faulk made the arrest on a little creek canyon out from Kamela. He was brought here last night and today was given trial and found guilty. Judge Williams sentenced him as stated. In view of the fact that he could not pay he is now serving time. The lesson should be heeded by others who are in the habit of mistreating horses.

LAWSON TREED BY BEAR.

Wall Street "Bear" in Tree While Bruin Waits Below.

Portland, July 13.—A story has reached here from Prineville today of the encounter of Thomas W. Lawson, the Wall street "bear" had with a real bruin, while spending his vacation at the home of Thomas Sharp. Several days ago Lawson went out fishing. When he failed to return, Sharp went reconnoitering and found the Boston millionaire on a tree limb over a creek a big black bear on guard. Lawson had fed to the bear his trout, but Mr. Bruin stuck to his job. Sharp chased the bear away and Lawson was rescued.

SMITH MAY DECLINE.

Said His Retirement From Governorship Would Be Serious.

Atlanta, Ga., July 13.—That Governor Hoke Smith, elected United States senator yesterday, may decline, because of the turmoil his withdrawal from the governorship might create, is said to be a possibility today.

More Postal Banks Commenced.

Washington, July 13.—Six hundred and fifty postal banks are now in operation. 50 postoffices adding savings departments today. By July 24, 1,000 will be in operation.

HERDS OF ELKS ARE ON PARADE

ANNUAL EVENT SEEN AT ATLANTIC CITY TODAY.

Lodge No. 1 Holds Position of Honor in Monster Pageant.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 13.—This was the day of the big parade, the spectacular feature of the annual reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and thousands of members from every section of the United States and Canada and from Hawaii, Porto Rico and other distant places marched along the leading thoroughfares of this famous resort and past the reviewing stand where were seated the grand judge officers, official representatives of the state and city and numerous other persons of prominence. A dozen divisions with a score of bands and many handsome floats made up the procession. New York Lodge No. 1, the parent organization held the place of honor, with other state lodges following.

HALF-WIT BELIEVED GUILTY.

Rainier Official Believe They Have the Coble Slaughterer.

Olympia, July 13.—With \$1,000 reward offered for the capture of the murderer of Archie Coble and his wife at Rainier, Sheriff Gaston and his men are scouring the country for evidence against Arthur Pierce, a half witted man arrested at Tenino last night. The sheriff said today that Pierce had acted strangely all day of the murder and on hearing that Mrs. Coble had taunted him about his mental condition, Gaston arrested him.

He contradicted himself, the sheriff says, constantly, first saying he was not in Rainier, then declaring he had been. When asked outright if he had killed the couple, Pierce said, "Well, if I did, you can't prove it."

Editors at Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 13.—The mid-summer meeting of the South Dakota Press Association began in this city today with a large attendance from all parts of the state. One of the principal matters to be discussed during the two days' session is the action of the legislature in taking from the newspapers a large amount of advertising to which the editors think themselves entitled.

TALK PLANS AND ELECT DIRECTORS

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock preceding the Willmer recital, all those who have purchased chautauqua tickets are urged to

talk over the plans for next year as to extent of talent, dates and other subjects that are to come up. Every man and woman with an idea of these subjects are urged to be present and speak up freely. It will be a discussion meeting out and out where everyone will get a chance to express ideas for the betterment of the assembly next year.

SPLendor AT INVESTITURE

PRINCE OF WALES CENTER OF THIS SPLendor.

Ceremony the Biggest Wales Has Known for Centuries.

Carnarvon, Wales, July 13.—The investiture of the Prince of Wales by King George, according to the stately ritual prescribed centuries ago in the Great Court of Carnarvon Castle today was a wonderful spectacle, an impressive as it was picturesque.

The ceremony was the biggest thing that Wales has known for centuries. Everything pertaining to the investiture was distinctly Welsh. Welsh music, Welsh drama, Welsh costumes add Welsh genius were conspicuous factors in the wonderful spectacle. Never within the memory of living man has anything so aroused the national patriotism of the Welsh people. The genuine enthusiasm with which the masses greeted their majesties, the fervor with which they joined in singing the national anthem, the wild shouts which rent the air when the Prince of Wales showed himself to the people at the conclusion of the ceremony—all this, and more, must have been a revelation to the hundreds of English visitors, to the great majority of whom, it is safe to assert, the character of the Welsh people was an unknown quantity.

The ceremony of the investiture took place in the center of the castle square opposite the main entrance, where a large platform had been erected. Surrounding the platform were great tiers of seats for the accommodation of privileged spectators, who numbered more than 12,000 and included many of the court functionaries civil and military officers, ecclesiastics, and friends of the royal family, in addition to many chosen representatives of the Welsh people. The gray walls and ivy-covered towers of the ancient castle afforded a magnificent setting for the beautiful picture within the enclosure, made dazzling by the multi-colored flags and banners, the bright uniforms of the military and the no less brilliant robes of the state functionaries.

The royal party detrained at a station a few miles from Carnarvon and entered the town under military escort. The procession entered by the north road and proceeded through the main street to the castle square, at which place they were formally received and presented with addresses of welcome by the Mayor and corporation. The royal party then entered the castle at the ancient Water Gate on the sea front, overlooking the picturesque Menai Strait and Carnarvon Bay. As their majesties passed within the castle walls the Royal Welsh Choir of 500 voices joined in the Welsh

HEAD CHEMIST UNDER SHADOW

DEPARTMENT UNDER A PROBE BY HOUSE COMMITTEE.

HARVEY WILEY AND ASSISTANT MAY BE DROPPED

Head of Department of Chemistry in Agricultural Department May Lose Political Head Because of Forming a Combination With New York Doctor—Committee Now Probing Matter.

Washington, July 13.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States department of agriculture is angry today because of the reports that he is slated for decapitation on account of irregularities in office. The personnel of the committee on agricultural department recommended Wiley and Assistant W. D. Bigelow be permitted to resign. President Taft is now considering the case.

Illegal Combination Formed.

The charges are that Wiley and Bigelow entered into a secret arrangement with Dr. H. H. Rusby head of the New York college of pharmacy, whereby Rusby received a yearly salary of \$1,600 for services rendered during not more than eighty days. The law provides that employees receiving yearly salaries must work exclusively for the government.

national anthem, "Land of Our Fathers."

From the castle square to the first entrance into the castle there were two separate processions, that of the Prince of Wales preceding that of the King and Queen by a few minutes. On the entrance of the Prince of Wales the standard was hoisted from the top-most turret of the Eagles' Tower, where tradition has it that the first Prince of Wales was born. Trumpeters in medieval costume played a fanfare as the head of the procession here in sight. On the entrance of their majesties a few minutes later the Prince's flag was lowered from the turret and the royal standard hoisted in its stead.

Arrived within the castle precincts their majesties and the prince were escorted to apartments especially fitted up for their use—the same which are said to have been occupied by King Edward I, and Queen Eleanor—where they donned their robes of state for the subsequent ceremonial. The robes of the King and Queen were similar to those worn on other state occasions. The Prince of Wales wore a specially designed robe of cloth of gold and purple velvet, modeled on one worn by Charles I.

The royal party, having robed, proceeded in two processions by a specially-constructed roadway along the interior of the castle to the investiture platform. The King officiated at the brief ceremony. The Queen was seated at the left of his Majesty, and grouped about them were the Earl Marshal, the Garter King-at-Arms and Somerset Herald, the Pursuivants and other functionaries.

As the Prince knelt before him the King solemnly said: "We declare your royal highness to be Prince of Wales." Following this the insignia was adjusted by the officials upon whom this duty was imposed by tradition.

The Prince, immediately after being invested, proceeded to the celebrated Queen Eleanor's Gateway, where he presented himself to the view of his Welsh subjects, for the emotional Welsh people recognized in him a royal prince who was also a Prince of Wales.