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OPPOSITION TO HOME VANISHES

VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS RAPID WHEN PLAN IS HEARD

THREE MAJESTIC STRUCTURES TO RISE AS ONE THIS YEAR

Unprecedented Situation Becomes Extremely Promising When Commercial Club Members Hear Optimistic Investors Express Faith in the Future of the City.

Unshakable faith in the future of La Grande expressed by J. E. Foley at a special meeting of the Commercial club last evening called to hear the report of the directors relative to the proposed five story commercial club building on Adams and Elm, swung into line those who have feared and lacked confidence in the city's power of expansion and growth to such extent that practically every iota of opposition to the big structure vanished. The climax was reached when business men interested in the club and anxious to see it a success yet loth to conflict with private enterprises, were sparring for expression from the particular individuals who might be conflicted with. Mr. Foley brought "down the house" as it were in an optimistic speech in which he affirmed that he was going to build his five-story brick as originally announced, and could see no reason why the Commercial club should not proceed too; could see no reason why Julius Roesech should not construct his three-story structure at Fir and Adams. "Were I in position to do so, I should help the club," admitted the speaker. "There is no reason why we should not all build. Had I known what I now know about three months ago, I would not have builded, but now I have my plans laid and will proceed. If I can't make my structure pay as an office building, I am in position to make it pay as something else."

Ringling applause greeted the remarks and from then on the channel to a complete organization and active preparation was a placid one made straight by a unanimous desire.

The general feeling of guaranteed success was expressed in words during the meeting and in the signing of names for units later on. When the meeting adjourned until next Friday night, men without solicitation crowded to the front to take units and in four minutes over \$5,000 in units had been subscribed and in less than 10 minutes, over \$10,000 had been taken up. During the day men dropped in to take units and some even doubled their original unit reservation.

Further details will be looked after by a committee of about 25 appointed by President Robinson. These men will comb the community for units in numbers from one up and the payments will be made 25 per cent in 30 days from demand, and the balance at the rate of 10 per cent monthly. This will reduce the burden and will allow clerks, and even working girls to make investments on small bases. A total of one year is given to complete payments.

The Building's Income.
The plan as adopted by the Commercial club is: The structure will have the following rooms and for which the following estimated income is conservatively stated:

Front half of basement, 60x60, \$50.00 corner store room, 30x45, \$125; inside store room, 30x110, \$125; three store rooms on Elm, 15x30 each, \$90. Total income from ground floor monthly, \$390.00; monthly rental from one office floor \$382; monthly rental from three floors, \$1,146.00. Total monthly rental \$1,536.00 and total yearly rental \$18,432.00; deducted for 10 per cent vacancies in rooms \$1,843.00 leaves the total gross rentals per annum \$16,589. The estimated operating expenses including the items of janitors, fireman, elevator boy, coal at the rate of \$1200 per annum, light, water, incidentals and taxes estimated at \$2,000 yearly, reaches a sum total of \$7,400 which in turn leaves a residue of \$9,189.00. This last named sum will be distributed as follows: the first six per cent of the total 9 and a fraction per cent, will be issued in quarterly payments and at the end of the year, the residue or more than an added three per cent. The Commercial club does not realize a single cent and every penny of income from four floors goes to the unit holders.

The Management.
The Commercial Club Building company, to be incorporated within the circle of the Commercial club, and subservient to the Commercial club, will have absolute control of the building, collect the rents and care

for the property, distributing the rents. The Commercial club therefore is a corporation which will solely and without reservation have complete charge of the building. The board of directors of the club will elect the officers of the building company.

It will be seen from this that the club gets no remuneration in dollars and cents direct from the revenues but it retains perpetually the rights to the top floor and if the club so desires it can obtain revenue by leasing a part of the top floor. This right makes it obligatory for the club to return to the unit holders every cent of revenue from the first four floors.

The originators and adopters of the plan will be paid for their services outright at a reasonable and fair basis to be fixed by the board of directors. There can be no incumbencies, the taxes will be paid as a whole and the unit holder will have no responsibility in this respect.

Separate Ownership.
These units are separate and apart from the Commercial Club Building company; separate from the trustees or bonded agent or from the Commercial club. They are distinct and independent ownerships in the property and can be transferred by assignment without trouble of abstracts, commissions, expense or care; they always draw an income and are secured against forced sacrifice or complication. Transfers can be made by registration with the trust company and the building company. As the estimated income will net 9.18 per cent income, it is seen that a loan value exists and in other cities where the plan has been tried, the par value is increased 25 per cent in two years.

The tone of expressions heard last night is that the building of this building will help fill the other two skyscrapers and that they in turn will help fill the cub home. The situation is automatic and gives La Grande the rare distinction of having today one five-story building commenced, another deemed sure and a third, a three-story structure promised, all in the same year that the federal building is going up.

MADERO FLEES MEXICO, RUMOR

SUCH IS REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL CITY.

Rebel Forces Vanquish the Federal Troops in Sharp Battle.

Washington, March 29.—It is reported that President Madero of Mexico is preparing to flee from Mexico City.

LOYAL TROOPS HEMMED.

Rebels Have Strangle Hold on Large Force of Mexican Troops.

El Paso, Tex., March 28.—Hemmed in at Corralitos by the main body of Gen. Orozco's rebel army, Gen. Aubert today faces defeat or surrender, according to dispatches received here.

Aubert has 1300 men. Gen. Tellez, with 500 government soldiers is rushing to his assistance but it is not believed he can reach Corralitos in time to aid. In the event of a rebel victory today General Orozco will march to Mexico City immediately.

Tuesday night General Aubert was believed to be in full retreat. Yesterday he suddenly appeared at Villa Lopez, advancing against Jimenez, the headquarters of Gen. Orozco. The battle which followed resulted in a victory of the combined rebel forces, Generals Salazar and Orozco. Aubert was quickly bottled up. Now Orozco is summoning to his assistance all the rebels along the railroad lines. In yesterday's fighting he had the advantage of machine guns but the rebels were not to be denied a victory.

Mexican Banks Looted.
Chihuahua, March 28.—The Banco Nacional was closed today. The rebels seized \$275,000 from it and \$75,000 from the Banco Minero.

NEILL STUDIES STRIKE.

Coal Strike Question Draws Attention of Government Departments.

Cleveland, March 28.—Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, is here today by direction of President Taft to investigate the strained situation between the miners and operators in the bituminous coal fields.

He is holding secret conferences with leaders of both sides. It is said that President Taft fears a general suspension of mining both in the anthracite and bituminous regions.

FRUIT RATES REDUCED.

Washington Fruit and Cannery Men Benefit by Lower Rates.

Olympia, March 28.—The Northern Express has cut in two the rate on fruit and vegetables with a minimum charge of 25c. This is a victory for the fruit growers and cannery men of Washington.

BOLT THE PARTY ROOSEVELT IDEA

SUCH IS INFERENCE DRAWN FROM CHICAGO SPEECH

COLONEL, HOWEVER, MAKES STRONG DENIAL OF RUMOR

Chicago Speech Teems With Sensational Utterances—Rumor is Afloat That Roosevelt Forces Will Bolt and Name a Third Party With Colonel at Its Head—Rumor Believed.

St. Louis, March 28.—Flat denial of the published charges that he intended to bolt the republican party if he failed to obtain the nomination at the Chicago convention, were made here today by Theodore Roosevelt.

Roosevelt issued this statement: "Any statement to that effect is a fake, pure and simple. Any time I have anything to say on that subject, I will say it myself. Anything purporting to come from me, unless I say it myself is a fake."

Roosevelt arrived here from Chicago and was met by a delegation headed by Governor Hadley and escorted to the Planters' hotel. He had a strenuous day. He drove through the principal streets and was enthusiastically greeted, and this was followed by a reception at the Planters' hotel after which he conferred with the St. Louis progressives. He was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the City club, in the Merchants' exchange. He delivers a big speech tonight.

Bolt Theory Sticks.
Washington, March 28.—Despite Col. Roosevelt's denial at St. Louis that he intends to bolt the republican party if he fails to secure the nomination, many Roosevelt and Taft men here interpret his declaration in Chicago last night, that "republicans are not bound to respect the nomination secured by thuggery," to mean that he will. They say he will head a third party if he fails to get the republican nomination.

Alexander Revelt, president of the Roosevelt National league, denied that Roosevelt adherents had taken an option on the auditorium at Chicago with a view of holding an independent convention to nominate a third party ticket to be headed by Roosevelt. The colonel was asked to explain the meaning of the Chicago speech, especially the words, "I will have a good deal to say" if the people decided against him as a result of the bosses juggling their rights.

Roosevelt said: "I will not add a word. All I ask is that the people read them and take their face value. Anyone who tries to detract from the words or read into them is guilty of faking." Roosevelt also denied the auditorium leasing at Chicago to hold an independent convention.

Gifford Pinchot insisted that there is nothing in the statement that Theodore Roosevelt will bolt. Pinchot also answered the allegation that Roosevelt had violated Taft's friendship.

"Roosevelt believed that Taft would stand for the people," said Pinchot, "so he supported him in 1904. Taft's record shows that Roosevelt was mistaken. So when the people called the former president he answered the call."

MUTINY AGAIN RAMPANT.

Five Hundred Loyal Chinese Troops Don War Paint and Kill.

Poo Chow, China, March 28.—Five hundred republican troops mutinied today and engaged in a carnival of looting and slaughter in the native quarter. It is feared the trouble will spread, involving the foreigners.

LORDS PASS BILL.

Great Rejoicing Because English Coal Strike Is an End.

London, March 28.—The house of lords passed unanimously the minimum wage bill today and King George is expected to sign it immediately.

London, March 28.—Early voting is indicating a majority of the miners favor returning to the collieries, and England is rejoicing that a million men may be working by Easter, as is thought. It is believed the worst of the trouble is over. Prices of coal and food continue to rise, and charitable institutions have been taxed to the limit to care for the penniless.

DEMOCRATS IN SENATE HOPEFUL

AIM IS TO GAIN CONTROL THROUGH THE NEXT ELECTION

THIRTY SENATORS WILL RETIRE IN MARCH 1913

Seventeen Republicans Will Retire and From That Number Democrats Hope to Select Enough Men to Break Even With the Five Votes Lacked by the Democrats.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—The democratic gains of last fall, coupled with the racial troubles within the republican ranks, has given rise to a feeling of expectation among the democratic leaders that they will not only increase their majority in the house but will gain control of the senate, as a result of the elections to be held next November.

A margin of only five votes now exists between the two parties in the senate. The appearance of four new senators, two from New Mexico and two from Arizona, does not help either party, for New Mexico is sending up two republicans and Arizona two democrats. With the arrival of these four senators the upper branch will stand as follows: Republicans 31, democrats 44, vacancies 1. The vacancy is in the state of Colorado where Senator Chas. J. Hughes died, thus costing the democracy one of its ablest members, and the legislature, although democratic, could not get together on a man before its adjournment.

On March 3 next, 30 senators will retire to private life if they have not meanwhile been re-elected by the legislatures of their several states. This outgoing list numbers 17 republicans and 13 democrats. Among them are some of the most influential members of the upper house, on the democratic side as well as on the republican side.

The 17 republicans are: Messrs. Cullom of Illinois, Nelson, Minnesota, Richardson of Delaware, Vetoer of Rhode Island, Warren of Wyoming, Smith of Michigan, Kenyon of Iowa, Guggenheim of Colorado, Gamble of South Dakota, Dixon of Montana, Curtis of Kansas, Crane of Massachusetts, Burham of New Hampshire, Brown of Nebraska, Briggs of New Jersey, Bourne of Oregon and Borah of Idaho.

The democratic senators whose terms will expire next March are: Davis of Arkansas, Bacon of Georgia, Paynter of Kentucky, Foster of Louisiana, Gardner of Maine, Percy of Mississippi, Simmons of North Carolina, Owens of Oklahoma, Tillman of South Carolina, Taylor of Tennessee, Bailey of Texas, Martin of Virginia and Watson of West Virginia.

Of the 13 democrats, several are already assured of re-election and of the remainder the majority are certain to be succeeded by democrats. Maine and West Virginia are the only two states in which there appears to be a possibility of the present democratic senators being succeeded by republicans. The republicans in Maine believe that the democrats, despite their victory of last year, will not be able to elect the legislature this fall. Failure to control the legislature will mean the retirement of Senator Gardner, who was appointed by the democratic governor of the Pine Tree state to fill out the term of the late Senator Frye. In West Virginia, which is normally a republican state, the leaders of that party are hopeful that they will be able to unseat Senator Watson, who is filling the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Elkins, and who must come up for reelection next winter.

The possible gains on the democratic side of the senate are believed to be considerably in excess of their possible losses. First of all, they are confidently counting on a democratic senator to succeed Guggenheim of Colorado, who will not be a candidate for re-election. The last Colorado legislature was democratic and the democrats believe the next one will be of the same complexion. Another democratic gain is expected to be contributed by the neighboring state of Wyoming, as a result of the serious split between the insurgent and standard republicans.

Two other republican senators who the democrats hope to supplant are Dixon of Montana and Richardson of Delaware. The fight between the republican factions in Idaho makes that state interesting ground. The indications are that Senator Borah will have no opposition for the republican nomination, but the activity of the democrats and their success in electing the governor last year makes it appear that a democratic successor to Mr.

Borah is among the possibilities. New Jersey which will choose a successor to Senator Briggs, is also regarded by the democrats as hopeful ground, particularly if Governor Woodrow Wilson is the democratic candidate for president.

"POLITICKING" ON HANDCAR.

Olcott and Stelner Pump Handcar From Hot Lake to La Grande.

Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott and Dr. R. E. L. Stelner of the state asylum, returned from Union last night where they had been investigating the feasibility of using the products of the experiment station at Union at the Pendleton branch asylum, and incidentally doing a little campaigning. They drove from Union to Hot Lake and from the latter place they came to La Grande on a handcar arriving here at 6 o'clock, on time. They left last night for Portland.

OAKLAND DUEL FATAL.

Former Mayor and Ex-Convict Fight a Duel in Church.

Oakland, Cal., March 28.—Former Mayor Roland W. Snow, of Oakland, and Adolph Goldman, an ex-convict and a former mercenary, held a revolver duel in the First Congregational church last night. It is a 73 years old feud. A volley of shots were fired. Goldman was killed instantly, and Snow died today.

Fire Has Many Phases.

San Francisco, March 28.—Exciting incidents came thick and fast in a fire which destroyed a \$30,000 business building here today. An inflammable character of junk in the building made it necessary for two companies to be called to put out the fire. A fireman broke his leg sliding down the pole to go to the fire. Three Chinese saved their lives by leaping from the top of the building to life nets.

ILLINOIS MOB NOW CHECKED

PRESENCE OF MILITIA QUIETS MOB NOTICEABLY.

Mayor's Life Continues to Be in Danger From Assassination.

Rock Island, Ill., March 28.—Rock Island is quiet today. Six hundred militiamen are patrolling the streets and six arrests have been made by the soldiers. It is feared resentment against Mayor Schriver may cause a renewal of the rioting. There is added indignation because Schriver called on the governor for troops.

Family Burned in Home.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 28.—Charles Melek, his wife and three children were burned to death in their home here today.

Planning for Good Roads.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 28.—The large attendance at the opening here today of the convention of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads association gave evidence of the general interest in the good roads movement manifested in this section of the country. The convention will be in session two days and will devote itself principally to the discussion of the following highways: Asheville-Spartanburg, Asheville to Greenville, Charlotte to Asheville, Columbia and Spartanburg to Asheville and Knoxville to Atlanta.

To Discuss Educational Problems.

Waterloo, Ia., March 28.—More than a thousand teachers from the northeastern part of this state are in attendance at the 18th annual meeting of the Northeastern Iowa Teachers' association, which opened here today for a three days' session. Many important educational problems will be discussed at the general meetings and sectional conferences and the list of speakers includes many distinguished educators among them Superintendent Carrol G. Pearce of Milwaukee, president of the national Teachers' association; Hon. Henry G. Pattengil, former state superintendent of schools of Michigan; President F. A. Cotton, of the Wisconsin state normal and others.

Teachers' Meet Postponed.

Charlestown, S. C., March 28.—The meeting of the South Carolina State Teachers' association which was scheduled to open here today, has been postponed until April 25 to 27. An unusually interesting program has been prepared for that gathering.

400 IDLE MEN DEMAND FOOD

THREATS TO LIFE AND LIMB

IN 'FRISCO TO BE HELPED

Last Night Great Congregation Threatened Acts "That Will Make the Whole World Shudder" but Today Situation Is Modified by Appeals for Food for Idle Men.

San Francisco, March 28.—Mayor Rolph is today planning to provide relief for 40,000 unemployed men of San Francisco. Four hundred men visited him at the city hall and the police tried to prevent their entrance but Rolph heard it, and insisted that they be allowed to enter.

"We want a place to sleep," said the spokesman. "We want three meals a day. We also want work. Unless we get immediate relief, somebody will suffer financially. There will be no violence, but we are going to eat." "We are doing all in our power," said Rolph.

"But we can't wait. We must eat." All with no place to sleep were asked to hold up their hands and a majority did so.

Last evening the attitude of the idle men was different.

Acts of violence of a nature that would "make the whole world shudder" were threatened by a committee representing the Industrial Workers of the World, that called at the office of Mayor Rolph. Accompanying the committee were nearly 300 members of the organization. The committee demanded work for the "thousands of men out of employment in this city," and violence was threatened unless this work was forthcoming immediately.

William Costley did most of the talking for the committee of five. The other four said that they came here recently from Los Angeles.

The speakers abused the city government and refused to credit the mayor's assertion that the problem of the unemployed was being given consideration. The meeting in the city hall was preceded by a mass meeting in a vacant lot, after which the men marched to the city hall. Red flags were in evidence but there was no violence. Detachment of police were on hand, but no arrests were made. The question as to what their acts of violence would consist of, were met by evasive replies and a reiteration of the threats. The mayor and public welfare committee of supervisors met last night to discuss the subject but no announcement was made as to the plans decided on. The second call, today, was less violent.

REES BABY IMPROVES.

Rare Operation Sets Precedent in This Section of the State.

If Master Rees, the four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Rees of Coxa continues to improve for the next two or three days, complete recovery from the operation the little tot underwent Monday will be certain according to Drs. Mollitor and Bacon who performed the unusual piece of surgery. The intestines of the little tot had to be removed and delicate operations performed. The nature of the surgery and the tender age of the patient makes the incident rare in the annals of Oregon surgical records.

TURNEY REWARD IS OUT.

Governor Hay Offers Big Sum for Capture of Chehalis Outlaw.

Olympia, Wash., March 28.—Governor Hay today offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of John Turney, the Chehalis county outlaw, who is alleged to have murdered his twin nephews, John and William Bauer, Deputy Sheriff McKenzie and A. V. Elmer.

Nikisch Orchestra Coming Over.

London, March 28.—Arthur Nikisch, the famous musical conductor and the members of the London Symphony orchestra, one hundred strong, with all their valuable instruments, which alone are insured for more than half a million dollars, are among the passengers on the liner Baltic, which sailed today for New York. The famous orchestra, under its brilliant leader, will make a concert tour of 21 days through the United States and Canada, traveling as far as Denver to the west and Toronto and Montreal to the north.