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GREAT CHEERS GREET INITIAL RESULT REPORT

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN STARTED WITH A VIM THAT SURPRISES MOST SANGUINE.

OVER SIX THOUSAND RAISED

Four Hours of First Day, With Crude and Inexperienced Teams in the Field, See Over Sixty-two Hundred Dollars Raised for New Y. M. C. A. Building—Clock Moved Ahead.

Six thousand two hundred and eighty-seven dollars of the total of \$35,000 Y. M. C. A. building fund needed and wanted subscribed in a whirlwind eight-day campaign in this city, were subscribed between 8 o'clock this morning when the opening gun was fired, and 12 o'clock noon. The reading of the reports of the ten district committees working, was punctuated with cheering, shouting and handclapping from some 75 members of the soliciting committees meeting for lunch and reports in the I. O. O. F. hall. Of the splendid total subscribed in four hours, by a crew of men still crude and awkward in their methods, and meeting that line of activity for the first time, all but \$1500 were small lots. There were several \$25 subscriptions and from there they ranged up to \$1000. Enthusiasm developed like wildfire and the luncheon hour during the week will be breeding grounds for enthusiasm of the keenest sort. Men of practically every walk of life shouted themselves hoarse as the encouraging reports came in. At the \$4,470.00 mark T. J. Scroggin's committee was in the lead, but J. T. Williamson's team carried off the final banner for the first half day's work by later adding an even thousand dollars to the lists, though Mr. Scroggin's committee reported an added \$500. The shopmen's team of three men were the first to report, and while at their lathes this morning had raised \$365 among the workmen there before 10 o'clock. Deafening cheers greeted their announcements.

For ten minutes round after round of applause went up after each report came in.

At the close of the organization session of 10 minutes, about 50 men went to Adams and Depot where the Y. M. C. A. clock is located and with Y. M. C. A. yells and cheers pushed the hand past the \$6,200 mark.

Where doubt and pessimism reigned last night among those who long for and will support the campaign—but fear for universal assistance—confidence and determination have become king and master. Though still only hours old, the campaign has cemented a band of something like 80 men that are going to see the thing through to the end, and all came away from the reading of the first hour report convinced that work alone is all that is needed.

"Everybody gives." Likewise everybody works. Such was the tone of the organization banquet for the campaign to raise \$35,000.00 to build a Y. M. C. A. in La Grande; and it is to be raised in just eight days beginning this morning at 8 o'clock.

Last evening nearly 150 enthusiastic boosters for a Young Men's Christian association gathered around the well filled plates in the Odd Fellows hall where, after a hearty meal, prepared by the Royal Neighbors, and after rousing speeches delivered by

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Militant Captured While Planting Bomb Against A Fashionable London Inn

London, May 6.—Possible destruction of the Grand hotel and death of many of the inhabitants, was probably narrowly averted at 2 o'clock this morning when a lighted fuse attached to a bomb placarded "Votes for women" was discovered at the main entrance of the hotel.

A policeman declared he saw Ada Ward, a militant, place the bomb at the hotel and she was arrested. The officer held the woman while he extinguished the fuse with his foot. Miss Ward is held for trial without bail.

Enroute to the station Miss Ward broke from the policeman's grasp but the officer set down the bomb on the sidewalk and overtook her. On his return with the prisoner the bomb was gone.

St. Catherine's church, a south-

western suburb of London was burned with a loss of fifty thousand. Suffragettes are believed responsible.

The Dickinson bill, granting limited franchise to women, will probably go to a vote at 11 tonight. Galleries and the floor were crowded when Speaker Lowther called the commons to order at 3 o'clock for a resumption of a two-days' general debate on the bill.

Admission to the house of commons to the public was by card only, as is always the case, but extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent the possible presence of any person, male or female, who might have come to create a disturbance. Several days ago rumor reached the sergeant at arms that a number of admission tickets were forged, and assistants were instructed to require personal identification in every case where there was slight suspicion.

BULLET CLUB FIGHT BLOODY

SYRACUSE HODCARRIERS AND POLICE IN FIGHT.

Bullets and Water Fail to Quiet Striking Laborers.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 6.—Striking hodcarriers and laborers in a riot, clashed with the police today. Seven Italians were shot and six policemen seriously injured. One striker may die. Probably the militia will be called out to deal with the situation which is extremely menacing. Later in the morning the strikers engaged in a pitched battle, the men using clubs and stones and the police replying with bullets. Two more policemen were taken to hospitals after the affray. The losses to strikers is not known. The local militia is called out.

The first clash of the strike came when about 300 strikers gathered in an effort to call out workmen employed on a new building. Fifty policemen, with drawn revolvers, advanced on the mob, and when the strikers threw clubs and stones the police fired, and a general melee was precipitated immediately. It was in this battle that seven Italians were shot. Further trouble is expected.

Later firemen played streams of water on the ranks of the strikers, but failed to dispose them. A riot call brought every policeman in the city to the scene when a second fight began. The strikers, after a hard battle, withdrew.

Golf Season Opens.

Bayside, L. I., May 6.—The women's golf season opened here today with the annual team match between New York and New Jersey at the Oakland Golf club links. Today's match marks what is expected to be the greatest program ever arranged ranged for the Metropolitan schedule.

Lowell Visits Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., May 6.—President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard university, was guest of the Harvard club of Cleveland today. He will be the chief speaker at the club banquet tonight. The distinguished educator is on a tour of the West and plans to speak before a half dozen or more Harvard clubs before reaching St. Louis where he will attend the meeting of the Associated Harvard clubs May 23 and 24th.

APRIL HEAVY PERMIT MONTH

MORE THAN DOUBLES SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

Total Building Permits for This Month Over \$51,000.

More than double the amount of building operations permitted in April 1912, has been undertaken in the same month for 1913. With the permits in April, 1912, standing at \$23,870, April in the present year runs up to over \$51,000.

From January 1 to May 1, this year, La Grande property owners entered into buildings projects—inclusive of repairs valued at more than \$25—to the extent of \$75,475. Of the amount all except the Methodist church and the West-Jacobs basement are residence repaired and building projects; and in the list of new residences listed and now under course of construction every portion of the city draws its share. South Fourth, for the first time, enters materially into the building permit books and the North, East, West and central portions of the city, in addition, are showing healthy development in the new building lines.

Of the total new homes erected, the average is higher than for the same period last year showed about \$1700 age going to a trifle better than \$2000 each home, whereas the same period last year showed about \$1700 as an average outlay for new homes. The list of building permits issued since last individually enumerated in the Observer, are:

Permits issued up to April 15 (\$13,075.00 in April) . . .	\$36,150.00
Will Rollins, repair dwelling, East Penn.	500.00
M. L. McCormick, repair dwelling, Adam Ave.	200.00
B. A. Bennett, dwelling, East O street.	800.00
Mrs. Anson, res. on Fourth Bert O'Brien, res. Y Ave.	1700.00
Emma A. Grady, res. 2nd St	3500.00
Nate Zwiiffel, res. Adams.	2800.00
L. M. Hoyt, res. Cedar St.	2200.00
M. E. Church board, new church, Fourth & Spring	22,000.00
Geo. Ball, res. Fourth	3500.00
Ray Baum, res. M Ave.	400.00
Total for April	\$51,725.00
Total for year to April 30	75,475.00

Surrender Was Costly.

London, May 6.—Cettinje dispatches say the surrender of Scutari by King Nicholas may cost the sovereign his throne.

RESTRICTED VICE ZONE A CHICAGO EVIL

COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF THE "DISTRICT" URGED IN CIVIC REPORTS.

LOW WAGES CAUSE SIN

Commission Appointed in Chicago to Investigate Crime and Vice Reports Back Today, the Restricted District is Feeding Ground for Vice Wants Schooling for Parents.

Chicago, May 6.—Absolute annihilation of Chicago's red light district which it intimates is recruited from women who exist on starvation wages is the central recommendation of the preliminary report by the Chicago city council's vice committee, which was appointed last October and which report was made public today. The reports hold plainly that employers of underpaid women are responsible for their downfall. It recommends a special inquiry into the subject of low wages, and their relation to prostitution.

The report also favors appointment of a city housing commission for investigation of tenement problems and education of parents so they may properly instruct children in problems of sex.

The report says in part: "The existence of a segregated district furnishes an open market for white slave traffic. Commercialized vice has no rights that ought to be respected or conserved. Segregation doesn't segregate, nor regulation regulate. Abundant evidence is furnished that efforts in Chicago and elsewhere to restrict the business within a given zone, always resulted in spreading it to other districts."

Knocked Down by Automobile. Miss Nora Arbuckle, a senior in the high school, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arbuckle, was knocked down and shoved along the pavement last evening when she was struck by an automobile rounding the corner at Adams and Depot. Fortunately Miss Arbuckle escaped injury though seriously endangered and greatly frightened.

COWBELLS ON SALE FOR FIRST DAY

It won't be cows coming home at dusk to be milked—it will be ball fans that tinkle cowbells next Tuesday afternoon. A shipment of cowbells, nearly a carload of them it seems, has been imported by President P. A. Foley for the opening of the Western Tri-State league in this city next Tuesday and every fan is urged to buy a cowbell with which to impress the visiting Braves from Yakima that a bunch of loyal fans

CALIFORNIA MAY ADOPT A POPULAR BILL

LEASING CLAUSE LIKELY TO BE DRAFTED.

JOHNSON SCOUTS RUMORS

By Presenting Initiative Measure Sharpest Opponents to Leasing Clause in Webb Bill May Inculcate Their Pet Ideas in Discriminating Against Japs in a New Bill.

Sacramento, May 6.—The Democrats of the legislature headed by Senator Sanford are discussing a plan to place a new anti-alien law before the people by means of the initiative. The Democrats who have included the leasing clauses in every anti-alien bill they have introduced, now say they have decided the leasing clause should not be included, and that the initiative plan is to eliminate this feature of the Webb bill which is awaiting the governor's signature. It is not believed at the capitol that the announced plans will be carried into effect.

Congressman Counter Moves. Washington, May 6.—Declaring California undoubtedly exceeded her rights in passing the land law discriminating against Japanese, Congressman Britten, of Illinois, introduced in the house a resolution today proposing the departments of state and justice co-operate to test the California law in the courts. He asked the judiciary committee to report on his resolution.

* Sayer Family Employed. Washington, May 6.—Senator Lane has announced the appointment of James V. Sayer and wife, Julia Sayer, to positions in his office at salaries of \$2250 and \$1440 annually. When asked which will be his secretary, Lane said, "Let them settle that between themselves." Sayer is a newspaper man of Portland.

Mr. Sayer was in La Grande in the interest of the commercial club interests a year ago and made an interesting speech while here.

UNION RANCH HAND STRUCK WITH AN AXE

MURDEROUS ASSAULT MADE ON WILL HUTCHINSON'S HIRED MAN.

MIDNIGHT ATTACK BRUTAL

Bedclothes Hacked to Pieces in Darkness While Victim Slips Away to Call Help—Stranger Can Be Identified Says Victim, Who is Former Klamath Falls Man.

Union, May 6.—(Special)—Murderous assault was perpetrated on Lee Thompson, a nephew of J. A. Farley of this city, Sunday night when a stranger entered the sleeping room of young Thompson about midnight and commenced a fiendish chopping of the bed in which Thompson lay. Thompson, about three weeks ago left Klamath Falls, and came here to work on the Will Hutchinson place—and it was in that ranch farm house that the assault took place. He caught a passing glimpse of his assailant and after receiving two severe gashes from the axe, slipped from the bed and made his escape while the stranger hacked ferociously at the bed not knowing his victim was gone. A deep wound on the arm, one on the shoulder and other slight bruises were sustained by Thompson before he made his escape.

He was forced to go a mile to a neighbor and sinking in a faint, at the doorstep, was unable to give an alarm. He was taken to Union and given medical attention early Monday morning. He soon recovered his composure sufficiently to tell his story.

About midnight, Thompson says, a man walked into his sleeping room and remarked: "I am going to work here, where can I sleep?"

Thompson showed him to a suitable place, and the fellow scratched a match as though to pick his way to the bed. Taking advantage of the light in the room, Thompson scrutinized the face carefully and can identify the man, he says. Almost instantly however, the man whipped out an axe and struck at Thompson. Hampered by bedcovers, he was unable to dodge the blows and two deep wounds were inflicted before he got out of bed. In the inky darkness that followed the flicker of the match, the fiendish chopping of the bed was continued and the clothes were cut and slashed to pieces. The assailant later escaped.

So convinced is Thompson that he can identify him, that good suspicion has been formed of the identity of the man.

Sheriff Hugg was not called to the scene until yesterday afternoon and spent last night on the scene in fruitless search for clues. He has returned to Union today and is still working on the case. In his preliminary investigation he found that Thompson is a man well liked in his home town and has made a favorable impression in Union and says he knows of no reason why the assault should have been made upon him.

Y. M. C. A. Boosters Here. Dr. F. T. Notz and Will Ellis, two of Baker's Y. M. C. A. boosters and W. S. Boys, who superintended the construction of the Baker building were among those who enlightened La Grande people on the benefits of a Y. M. C. A. last evening.

WOOL TAX AMENDMENT IS KILLED

Washington, May 6.—An amendment offered by Representative Sharp to put a 20 per cent tax on raw wool was defeated in the house this afternoon in a viva voce vote. Wool, pulp paper and wheat were under discussion in the tariff debate in the house during the day. A score of

Democrats are favoring the proposition to adjourn the house for at least a month after it passes the tariff bill, that members may have a vacation while the measure is being considered in the senate. It seems that a majority of the members favor the plan. After the tariff, only the currency bill will be pending.