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BUSINESS PART OF CONVENTION NOW FINISHED

PORTLAND SELECTED AS NEXT
MEETING PLACE FOR
MERCHANTS.

PRES. STOCKTON FORCED
TO ACCEPT A RE-ELECTION

Many Resolutions Passed at the Last
Moment — Loud Praise for La
Grande Voiced in Speeches and Re-
solution—Cheering Continues When
Stockton is Re-nominated.

BANQUET ENDS CONCLAVE.

With a banquet to be served
at Zuber hall tonight commencing
at 6:30 the eighth annual
convention will be over, social
features included. Some of the
guests will leave on the fast mail,
but the majority will wait until
midnight. Music and toasts will
be features of the banquet served
by the neighborhood club.
This afternoon the wild west
show was curtailed so far as at-
tendance was concerned, but the
Spains, Zeek and Buffalo Ver-
non were not put off by rain—
they promised a complete show
regardless of the storm.

Fireworks of the Oregon Retail
merchants' convention was reserved
until the last minute—when the res-
olutions came up for consideration. A
dozen most important resolutions came
up and most of them were adopted
while one or two were snowed under
with as much display of animosity
as was approbation shown in the oth-
ers. A dozen fields affiliated to the
merchants were covered with these
resolutions.

It was something of a lovefest—this
closing hour of the business part of
the convention last night. Men stood
on their feet shouting praise at that
white-haired president of the associa-
tion, J. L. Stockton, and demanded he
accept renomination and re-election
in spite of his vigorous protest, and they
shouted and hooped and declared
La Grande alright "absolutely." Prob-
ably no state convention ever broke
up with more good natured hilarity
than this.

Mr. Stockton was finally persuaded
upon to accept the nomination and he
will serve until the January session
which will be held in Portland. Dan
Kellaher and John Malley presented
a warm welcome from Portland and
though there were spasmodic out-
breaks of protest from Salem and
McMinnville, Portland won almost
unanimously on the vote. The other of-
ficers elected were:

First Vice President, Dan Kellaher
of Portland; second vice president, E.
N. Warner of Medford; third vice
president, J. G. Snodgrass of La
Grande.
Secretary, F. L. Merrick, re-elected,
of Portland; Treasurer, Theo. Watts,
re-elected, of Reuben; vice presidents,
Southern Oregon, Mr. Issacs, of Med-
ford; Willamette Valley, Mr. Epley,
Salem; Mr. Tilbury, McMinnville,
and E. D. Matlock, Eugene; Portland,
Mr. Mann, Mr. Gunther and Mr. Mal-
ley; Astoria district, N. A. Perry of
Holton; Eastern Oregon, E. Polack,
La Grande; W. H. Browning, Baker.

During the closing moments, a vote
of thanks was expressed to the Meth-
odist congregation, the ladies who
served dinner and to the ladies who
furnished music for the occasion.

President Stockton spoke feelingly
in his farewell message. He urged
that the businessmen go home and
talk optimism. "We have largely

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DAMAGE SUIT CONTINUES.

The city of La Grande is introduc-
ing evidence in Circuit court today to
show cause why C. N. Coleman should
not be awarded damages in the sum of
\$25,000 for injuries received while
working on a city water project. The
plaintiff's case was rested this morn-
ing but it is apparent that the case
will go into tomorrow before it goes
to the jury.

Clark Under Arrest.

A. G. Clark, ex-president of the
Portland Ad club, and one of the
speakers yesterday, brought a costly
contrivance to the La Grande conven-
tion with him, and he was arrested
as a result. The affair was a cam-
era with a jumping jack attachment
suitable for carnival purposes, and
his fellow townsmen caused his ar-
rest for fake advertising, the very
thing Clark is opposed to, tooth and
nail. His friends went his bond and
the case has not come to trial.

Mr. Clark is not certain whether it
is a joke or not.

WILSON SENDS MEN TO PRISON

CLEMENCY DENIED ALL BUT FOUR LABORITES.

Dynamite Outrages Acted on by
President Wilson Today.

Washington, June 24.—President
Wilson has denied clemency for all
but four of the labor leaders convicted
in the Indianapolis trials for dynamite
outrages. The four excep-
tions were: Michael Hannon, Frank
Painter, Fred Mooney and William
Shape. They were commuted. The
others will be sent to Leavenworth
at once, except John Barry and Paul
Morris whose cases will be taken up
later.

Washington Tablet Dedicated.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 24.—
With impressive ceremonies city of-
ficials and local members of the Sons
of the American Revolution and other
patriotic societies joined today in de-
dicating the tablet on the site where
George Washington stopped here on
his way to take command of the Con-
tinental army at Cambridge, Mass.,
139 years ago. Three members of the
Massachusetts chapter of the Sons
of the American Revolution left Phila-
delphia two days ago to cover the
route taken by Washington. A tablet
will be unveiled at Elizabeth tomor-
row.

DESTRUCTION TRAILS PATH OF CYCLONES

MINNESOTA, DAKOTA AND WIS-
CONSIN SUFFER SEVERE
LOSSES AND DEATH.

DEATHLIST GROWING AS
REPORTS REACH CITIES

Cyclone Cleans Lake on Which 300
Canoes Were enjoying Summer
Evening—Watertown, South Dako-
ta Hit the Hardest, Though Twin
Cities Suffer Severely.

Minneapolis, June 24.—Death and
destruction followed in the wake of a
cyclone that swept over a big portion
of the central west last night. Two
are known to be dead, two are re-
ported missing, and it is feared that
a longer death list will result from
the tornado which struck Lake Cal-
houn near here last night. In this
vicinity dozens are injured and it is
feared scores were killed. Details are
lacking.

The property damage is estimated
at \$100,000. The storm swept over
the lake when three hundred canoes
were on its surface. After it passed
many boats were found floating bot-
tom up. As to the number drowned,
nothing is definitely known, except
Loretta Grams and Esther Munson,
whose bodies were recovered.

St. Paul Hit Also.
St. Paul, June 24.—Enormous
damage was done in a storm which
swept Northwestern South Dakota
and Southern Minnesota last night.
Telegraph service is demolished and
but few details are known. It is cer-
tain many were hurt. Watertown, S.
D., is said to have reported three
dead and more dying. At Albert Lea
Minn., three were badly hurt.

Milwaukee Injured Too.
The storm skipped portions of Wis-
consin and struck Milwaukee, blowing
down houses and bursting windows.

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IMNAHA HILLS COMBED BY THE SHERIFF POSSE

ED FISHER STILL FUGITIVE
FROM JUSTICE IN MOUN-
TAIN SECTIONS.

VICTIM STILL ALIVE AND
MAY RECOVER IT IS SAID

Fugitive Thought to Be Headed for
Wallowa County Mountains—Posse
Made up of Expert Mountaineers
and Trailers—Little News Comes
to Baker of the Pursuit.

Baker, June 24.—Nothing new has
been heard this afternoon from the
posse searching the hills for Ed
Fisher, suspected of being the mur-
derer of the Copperfield ex-official,
Mr. Stewart.

Baker, June 24.—The Democrat
said this morning of the man hunt
now going on for Ed Fisher:

Somewhere in the recesses of the
wild Imnaha country in the rugged
Columbia mountains, Sheriff Rand
and his party of three men are
searching for Ed Fisher, believed to
be the man who shot and seriously
injured former Mayor Stewart of
Copperfield day before yesterday. The
last heard from the sheriff was a
phone message saying that he had left
Copperfield and would strike into the
mountains by way of the old Wallowa
trail, which runs from the Snake river
to Wallowa lake country and in which
direction the fugitive is believed to
have gone. The sheriff intimated that
he had clues which would lead to the
ultimate discovery of Fisher.

The country where the sheriff is
running down his man is a wild and
rugged bit of nature as there is in
the whole Rocky Mountain chain. It
is full of deep canyons and high peaks
and travel over the rough country is
slow and tedious. The hunted man
may be able to escape detection for
weeks and make his living on wild
fruits, game and fish. However, he
can hardly get away in the end as all
forest rangers and mining camps have

been notified and he is certain to
show up somewhere.

Fisher is a young man, 22 or 23
years old. That he had a grudge
against Stewart is attested to by Cop-
perfield people familiar with their
differences. It is said that Fisher
charged Stewart with circulating
stories in regard to Fisher's relations
with a certain woman, and that ene-
mies of Stewart have since their quar-
rel been urging Fisher to take revenge
on Stewart. It is said that a certain
party mixed up in the tangle last
January and an enemy of Stewart
tried to get a horse to Fisher after
the shooting, that he might more
easily get out of the country.

The condition of Stewart was very
favorable last evening at a late
hour, when he was resting better than
a any time since his injury. It is
a little too early for the physicians
to make predictions but those attend-
ing the injured man believe that his
chances for recovery are good, unless
complications develop, and it is too
early to determine that.

MYSTERY VEILS STRANGE DEATH

STAMFORD MAN DEAD AT DOOR
OF WOMAN'S ROOM.

Woman is Held but Claims to Know
Nothing of Circumstances.

Stamford, Conn., June 24.—Waldo
Ballou a wealthy citizen of this place
and a member of the city council was
found dying at the door of an apart-
ment occupied by Mrs. Helen Angel,
a rich widow this morning. He died
soon after being found. The head
had been crushed by some heavy in-
strument, and from the steps of the
fashionable Ripawan apartments,
where Ballou was found, bloody foot-
prints led to the woman's door. There
was evidence of the body having been
dragged through the hallway and
down stairs from a point near Mrs.
Angel's room. Mrs. Angel was ar-
rested but denied that she knew any-
thing of the death of Ballou, beyond
saying that he had left her home at
ten last night, she refused to talk.
She is being held for a coroner's in-
quest. Ballou's smashed and bloody
hat was found in the apartments.

American Delegates at Montevideo.

Montevideo, France, June 24.—
American delegates to the Interna-
tional Congress of Chambers of Com-
merce, visiting here, today ascended
Mont Blanc. They will visit Evian
tomorrow.

MARDI GRAS IS CITY'S BANNER SOCIAL 'STUNT'

THOUSANDS STAY UNTIL MID-
NIGHT DANCING AND
WATCHING.

HONOR GUESTS JOIN IN
HILARITY WITH A VIM

Community Ball Danced on Pavement
of Adams Avenue Draws Out Big
Portion of City's Population—Two
arrests on Outskirts of Crowd Only
Semblance of Disorders Seen.

RAIN HALTS AUTO RIDE PLAN FOR GUESTS.

A downpour of rain that was
much worse in the valley than
in La Grande, halted the car-
avan of automobiles today at
Imbler and instead of criss-cross-
ing the valley, calling at all
towns and taking lunch at Un-
ion, the visiting merchants were
brought back to La Grande less
than two hours after their de-
parture. Machines were ditched
and all but tipped over on the
muddy roads. Union, ready to
display her hospitality, urged
the men to come by train at noon,
but there was no way for them
to get back for the show today
and the invitation had to be
passed up, much to the regret of
all. "We saw, nevertheless,
where Grande Ronde valley
crops come from," said a group
of visitors after their muddy
and abbreviated ride this morn-
ing. Deep regret is felt because the
trip was cut short. A few cars
went on to Union.

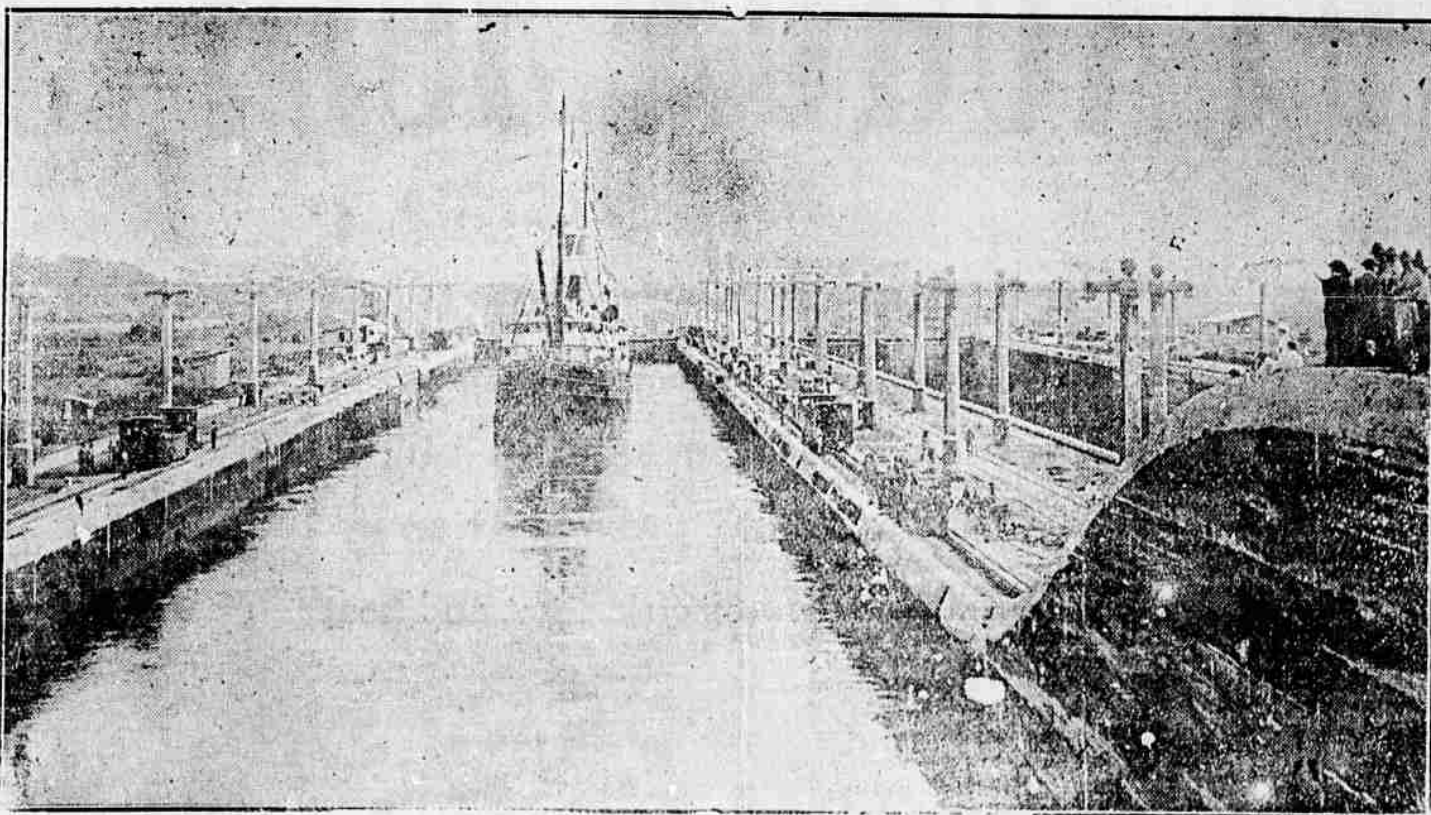
For four hours last night, the mard-
i gras community ball entertained
about three thousand people—fully a
thousand participated in the ball, and
over 2000 were seated and stood along
the roped in pavement, watching with
keen interest the progress of the big-
gest thing of its kind that has ever
happened in the state with the excep-
tion of probably Portland. The ball
was staged for the entertainment of
the visiting merchants, and all caste
lines were obliterated, and conven-
tional laws of society in re introduc-
tions were thrown to the winds with
the exception that ladies wearing
white ribbons and delegates tagged
with the official badge, fell within
this informality. Other than that,
the informality was slightly curtailed
but only because the individuals want-
ed it to be so. Two intoxicated men
were arrested on the outskirts of the
immense crowd, but other than that
there was absolutely nothing disorderly
in the behavior of the big throng.
Both sides of Adams Avenue from the
Arcade Theater to the intersection of
Depot and Adams, were lined with
such a throng of people that pas-
sage was impossible. Thousands
were massed into the section reserved
for spectators and as the evening pro-
gressed, the crowd of dancers grew in
proportion. Ragging broke loose in
57 different varieties and there was
plenty of entertainment for those who
sat out until after midnight to see the
sport.

While La Grande people had a huge
big time themselves, the men for
whom the affair was arranged, were
not lacking in amusement. Serpen-
tines and songs and dancing, and free
and easy but orderly pranks played
upon each other kept the visiting
merchants in a state of hilarity
throughout the evening. They were
"Good sports."

Ribbon confetti lent a real mard-
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FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF OCEAN STEAMER PASSING THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL LOCKS.



The first ocean steamer to pass
through the locks of the Panama Can-
al was the Allianca, which made the
trip June 8. Photographs have just
come to the United States. She left
Cristobal at 6 o'clock on the morning
of June 8 and steamed slowly through

the sea level entrance of the canal to
Gatun Locks. There she tied up by
the north guide wall until hawsers
were fastened to her in preparation
for the tow through the locks.

The purpose of this experimental

trip was to try out the electric towing
machines before being used in the
first trip of a ship through the canal.
The machines worked perfectly.

"There was not a hitch of any
kind," said Col. Goethals, "and yet

the test should not be taken as indi-
cative of the time that may be re-
quired to pass a ship through the
locks, because the hawsers were all
attached before the ascent was be-
gun."