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POWER STATION SWEPT BY FIRE

Cazadero Plant of the Portland Ry. Light and Power Co. Destroyed Sunday.

MEN NARROWLY ESCAPE

Turbines Run Away—Huge Generators Go at Lightning Speed to Destruction.

An accident to the machinery at the Cazadero power plant of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company early Sunday morning caused the complete wrecking of the station, containing a loss of \$110,000. Flying pieces of hot metal and burning insulation set fire to the building, destroying inflammable parts of the vast structure. Two operators who were on duty at the time had a miraculous escape from instant death.

The three big water wheels "ran away," one after the other, the generators to which they were coupled flying in pieces and wreckage from each machine in turn disabled the next water wheel. Huge parts of the monster dynamo were hurled through the brick walls to the station and through the iron roof. Although the two operators on duty were right in the midst of the flying wreckage, they escaped without a scratch. A piece of the machinery weighing two tons tore the coat of one of the men, afterwards being hauled away through the brick wall of the building.

O. B. Caldwell, operating engineer for the company, reached the wrecked plant about three hours after the accident and President Josselyn, Vice-President Fuller, General Manager Sykes, Secretary Huggins and Purchasing Agent Finch left the city by special train, reaching the station about 10 o'clock. They state that work will be started to replace the present turbines, just as soon as the insurance loss is adjusted. It will require from six to eight months to get them installed.

"As soon as these three units are restored, steps will be taken to put in two more just like them, with additional turbines, so that the entire plant will be 60-cycle generation of 25,000-horsepower.

on of the most perfect generating plants in existence. Only a very small part of the \$110,000 loss will be covered by the insurance against fire. Almost all the damage was caused before the fire started. The three generators, which are now utterly worthless, were valued at \$60,000 each. They contained miles of copper wire and thick copper plates that were heated red hot by the terrific speed they attained before flying to pieces.

PROF. W. C. MCKEE RE-ELECTED.

School Building Will Undergo Repairs Before Fall Term Begins.

Prof. W. C. McKee has been re-elected city superintendent of the Oregon City schools, the position he has held for the past two years. Before coming to Oregon City, Prof. McKee was principal of the Eugene High School for two years, and his re-election as city superintendent of schools at this place is a movement that is receiving the unanimous commendation of the people, who are interested in the schools. Mr. McKee is a most thorough student in school work, and has brought a noticeably closer relation between the scholar and school work by promulgating the feature of exhibition in many ways of efforts of the student though they be great or small. Such is necessary—the child's mind is not able to be continually grasping facts and figures. There must be a little seasoning—a little sweetening sandwiched in—then the mind is better able to retain and develop.

Robert T. Goetz, of Gravelord, Ore., has been elected as a high school instructor, and Miss Gertrude Neffger, of this city, will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Retta Scoggin, who will go to Michigan, where she has accepted a position. Miss Neffger is a very successful teacher, and has taught in the Oregon City schools before, but resigned, and has been attending college in the state of Washington, for the past two years. Miss Neffger also attended the University of California, and is a teacher of wide experience.

Before the opening of the fall term of the Oregon City schools the Barclay building will be re-painted, and a new heating and ventilating system will be installed in the Eastham building.

Oren Cheney Taken by Surprise.

Oren Cheney was pleasantly surprised on Tuesday evening by about 25 of his young friends of Greenpoint, who called to remind him it was his 13th birthday, and the evening was merrily spent in games and music. During the evening ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. A. W. Cheney, and at a late hour the young folks departed for their homes, wishing their host many happy returns of the day.

Marriage Licenses.

The following have been granted marriage licenses during the past week by County Clerk Greenman: Anette Hegg and H. Carlson; Millie Cox and L. T. Wilson; Agnes Wourms and Harry Brady; M. Ethel Johnson and Muri Kelson; Bertha M. Trotski; Jennie H. Exon and George A. Kitzmiller; Dora M. Brackett and G. F. Olesier; Ella D. Kellogg and George H. Frost; Laura Annette Barr and Robert S. Henderson.

CLUB GIVES BIG BANQUET

Mount Pleasant Improvement Club Holds Banquet and Many Attend.

MANY FROM CITY THERE

Mayor Carl and Members of Council Attend and Many Others Who Report Grand Time.

There was a big gathering of people from this city and from surrounding country at the banquet given Friday night at the Mount Pleasant school house by the progressive and wide-awake society called the Mount Pleasant Improvement Club. It was the second annual banquet and S. O. Dilman presided as toastmaster in a very able manner. Dr. W. E. Carl, Mayor of Oregon City, and honorary member of the club, the council of Oregon City, Hon. J. U. Campbell, Judge Ryan, County School Superintendent Gary and Mrs. R. S. Harris, of Northern California were among the guests of the evening.

The reception committee consisted of Mrs. A. C. Warner, Miss Mollie Holmes, Mesdames E. Kellogg, Bert Clark, J. M. Warnock, A. L. Frost and W. B. Lawton. One hundred covers were spread. The tables were decorated with roses and pink streamers, and were laden with the best that the season affords. Superintendent Gary was called upon to speak on the Clackamas County Schools. He spoke very highly of the development along this line in the county, and made special mention of the need of a consolidated high school for Oregon City, Mount Pleasant, the West Side and surrounding country. Frank Andrews spoke on the "Future of Mount Pleasant," and set forth some of the work that the club would carry out during the coming year. Dr. Carl complimented the people of the neighborhood on the spirit that is behind their club work, and Bert Clark told of what the club had accomplished in the past. Judge Ryan was assigned the subject of "Roads in Clackamas County." He said that judging from the roads around Mount Pleasant, he considered that he could add nothing to the club's knowledge on that question.

J. U. Campbell spoke on the "Reservation of a Portion of the Public Roads for Sidewalks." W. B. Stafford spoke on "Horticulture," J. A. Roman, after telling of the beautiful views, said that the most beautiful part of the whole neighborhood on the spirit that is behind their club work, and Bert Clark told of what the club had accomplished in the past.

Annual Episcopal Convention.

The Rev. T. F. Bowen and Mr. ...

REPUBLICANS NOMINATE TAFT AND SHERMAN

BALLOT IS TAKEN IN DIN OF AN ATTEMPTED ROOSEVELT STAMPEDE.

THE VOTE IS MADE UNANIMOUS

James S. Sherman, of New York, Chosen on First Ballot as Taft's Mate.

BURTON NAMES OHIO MAN

The Fourteenth Republican National Convention Now a Matter of History.

Chicago, June 19.—For President of the United States, William H. Taft of Ohio, and for Vice-President, James S. Sherman of New York. Taft on the first ballot. Taft by 702 votes. Taft by the unanimous choice of the convention.

Such is the record of the culminating day of the Republican National Convention of 1908, affected amid scenes of tumultuous enthusiasm and after a nerve-racking continuous session lasting nearly eight hours. The picture within the walls of the vast amphitheater as the Presidential candidate was named today was one truly grand in its magnitude. In front, to the right and left, below and above, the billowing sea of humanity, restless after hours of waiting and stirred from one emotion to another, was in a fever of expectancy for the culminating vote. The favorite sons of other states had been named, save Knox and La Follette, and now on the rollcall came Ohio.

As the Buckeye state was reached the tall, gaunt form of Theodore E. Burton, with student-like face and severe black clerical garb, advanced to the platform to nominate Ohio's candidate. He spoke fervently, with the ringing voice of an evangelist, which went ringing down through the great building. The close of his speech of nomination was the signal for the long pent-up feeling of the Taft legions. Instantly the Ohio delegates were on their feet, other Taft states following, while the convention hosts in gallery and on floor broke into a mad, ringing cheer. A huge, blue silk banner bearing the familiar features of the statesman-Secretary was swung before the delegates, awakening a fresh whirlwind of enthusiasm.

TY-FIFTH CONFERENCE

United Brethren of Western Oregon and Western Washington in Session Saturday.

CLERGY'S HOME AND WORK

Rev. A. J. Ware Elected Elder of the District—Reports of Stationing Committees.

The 55th annual conference of the United Brethren church for western Oregon and Washington closed Saturday night with the report of the stationing committee, which will determine the residences and work of the clergymen during the coming year. Rev. A. J. Ware of Oregon City, who Friday evening elected elder of the district in place of Rev. A. R. Lundy, of Salem, who was re-elected to serve on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Devotional services were conducted Friday night by Rev. T. J. Cocking, of Portland, and Rev. W. H. McLean, of Seburn, preached on "Behold the Lamb of God, Which Taketh Away the Sin of the World." He said people should recognize Christ in all things of the Oregon branch of the Woman's Missionary Association elected the following officers: Mrs. Winnie Haines, of Hillsdale, president; Mrs. T. N. Cocking, of Portland, vice president; Mrs. O. P. Blanchard, of Lent, secretary; Mrs. S. K. Haines, of Forest Grove, treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Clark, and Mrs. Sarah Northup, of Portland, conference organizers. Mrs. Northup was also elected city missionary.

Isaac Wheelodon and C. W. Corby were elected trustees of Philomath College, and W. S. Ricketts was named to take the year's course of reading. Rev. Walter Reynolds was re-elected branch missionary secretary and Rev. T. J. Cocking was chosen branch Sunday school secretary.

Young Man is Given Kitcher Shower. Eliza Van Wey, who resides at the home of Mrs. Montour, of 608 Fourth street, was taken completely by surprise on Wednesday evening at the Montour home, when about 40 of his young men friends called, all laden with all kinds of kitchen utensils, which he will soon have the "pleasure" of using after a few instructions from one who knows how. The evening was spent in music, instrumental and vocal, after which Mrs. Montour, assisted by her daughter, Miss Myrtle Montour, served a delicious repast. Mr. Van Wey's marriage to Miss Wilma Harris will take place next Wednesday evening, and on Wednesday evening Miss Harris was tendered a linen shower by her young lady friends.

Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters at the Oregon City postoffice, for the week ending June 26, 1908.
Miss Winnie Davis, Mrs. Idella Johnson, Albert Esposito, John Hawkins, Wilbur Johnson, Edward A. Kenney, Ulrik Ketonen, (4), Jesse White.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Synopsis of Platform.

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Declares that the party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and Federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. Assert belief, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute, and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing thereafter should be granted.

Approves enactment of railroad rate law and vigorous enforcement of statutes. Recommends that the inter-state commerce law be further amended so as to give railroads the right to make and enforce traffic agreements, subject to approval of the commission, but maintaining always the principle of competition between naturally competing lines and avoiding the common control of such lines by any means whatsoever. Favors such national legislation and supervision as will prevent the over-issuance of stocks and bonds by interstate carriers.

Favors permanent currency system that will avoid all emergencies. Favors passage of postal savings bank bill, pending before Congress. Declares for amendments strengthening Sherman anti-trust law to give greater control over interstate corporation having dangerous power of monopoly.

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Urges legislation to revive merchant marine. Favors liberal administration of pension laws. Requests that the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, an immortal spirit whose name stands among the first of those given to America as public benefactor, be observed as a public patriotic holiday.

Declares that native inhabitants of Porto Rico should be at once collectively made citizens of the United States, and that all others, properly qualified and of the right mind, now living in said island, should have the privilege of becoming naturalized.

Favors the immediate admission of the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states in Union. Earnestly favors establishment of a Bureau of Mines and Mining.

Salient Points of Platform.

Once more the Republican party, in National convention assembled, submits its cause to the people. This great historic organization that destroyed slavery, preserved the Union, restored credit, expanded the National domain, established a sound financial system, developed the industries and resources of the country and gave to the Nation her post of honor of the conduct of the world, now meets to solve the problems of government with the same courage and capacity with which it solved the old.

In this, the greatest era of American advancement, the Republican party reached its highest service under the leadership of Theodore Roosevelt. His administration, now marked in the annals of history, in no other period since National sovereignty was won under Washington or preserved under Lincoln has there been such mighty progress in the ideals of government which make for justice, equality and fair dealing among men. The highest aspirations of the American people have found voice. Their most exalted servant has come to represent not political sovereignty with one, but the best aims and noblest purposes of all his countrymen. American manhood and womanhood have been to be admired, even by the noblest of the American people have found voice. Their most exalted servant has come to represent not political sovereignty with one, but the best aims and noblest purposes of all his countrymen. American manhood and womanhood have been to be admired, even by the noblest of the American people have found voice.

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