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FAIR BILL IN LINE

Senate Will Act Soon on '05 Measure.

FOLLOWS PANAMA MATTER

If Canal Debate Is Too Long, Time Will Be Divided.

THE SENATORS SEE ALLISON

Chairman of Steering Committee Announces Its Programme—Good Chance to Bring Exhibits From St. Louis to Portland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton today had an interview with Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate steering committee, with regard to securing time for consideration of the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill. Senator Allison said that as soon as the Panama matter was out of the way, time would be allowed the Oregon measure. He said that in case the debate on the canal matter promised to continue at any great length, arrangements would be made to give time for the fair bill, even while the treaty was pending.

The Oregon Senators recognize that, while there is such a pressure for time to talk upon the Panama treaty, it being a great question in which so many Senators are interested, it is almost impossible to get up a measure that may lead to some debate.

Chairman Tawney, of the House committee, has been consulting departmental officers in charge of the exhibits at St. Louis, and says one officer told him that if proper arrangements are made, a transfer of a portion of the Government exhibit from St. Louis to Portland can be accomplished without large expense.

Mitchell Will Make Address.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Mitchell has received two invitations to deliver addresses at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, one from the Union League of Baltimore, Md., and the other from the American Historical Club, Washington, D. C., and has accepted the former.

Improvements at Fort Walla Walla.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Foster today introduced, for Senator Ankeny, an amendment to the army bill appropriating \$20,000 for barracks quarters, storehouse and other improvements at Fort Walla Walla.

RATES TO WORLD'S FAIR.

Pacific Coast People Can Go to St. Louis and Back for \$67.50.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 28.—The final meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association was held tonight, and the following World's Fair rates from the Pacific Coast were formulated:
From Pacific Coast points to St. Louis and return, \$67.50; from Pacific Coast points to Chicago and return, \$72.50; from Pacific Coast points to Chicago and return, by way of St. Louis, \$70.
Tickets at the above rates shall be sold three days in each month, with a ten-day

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NO STUDY TODAY

Park School Is Totally Destroyed by Fire.

LOSS IS NEARLY \$60,000

Origin of Blaze Not Known—Probably Incendiary.

FURNACE WAS NOT LIGHTED

Eight Hundred Pupils Are Left Without Accommodations—Many May Be Placed in Atkinson or Harrison-Street Schools.

THE LOSS—Building valued at \$50,000; school equipment, \$50,000; school books, \$5000. Total, \$105,000. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

HISTORY OF THE BUILDING—The Park School building was erected in 1870; a wing was added in 1884. It contained 21 rooms, and was once used as the Portland High School.

DISPOSITION OF PUPILS—The 800 pupils of the Park School will probably be accommodated in the Atkinson and Harrison-Street Schools. There is not sufficient school furniture in the city to place all the pupils in new rooms; perhaps we may be able to hire a few rooms. Estimates will go on just the same, though the records have been lost. It may be two weeks before all the Park pupils can be at regular work again.—City Superintendent of Schools Hight.

Where last night stood the Park Schoolhouse, one of Portland's largest and best-attended schools, charred and blackened walls stand this morning, surrounding a heap of smoldering embers. The fire which wrought the ruin broke out last night shortly after 9 o'clock, and the only reasonable explanation of its origin places it among Portland's list of incendiary fires.

The cost of construction of the building, which covered an entire block, was \$50,000, and the loss was but partially covered by insurance. Eight hundred children will find themselves this morning without a place in which to pursue their studies, and 21 teachers are without a position for the time at least.

The fire, which had a good start before it was discovered, was one of the most spectacular seen in Portland for a long time, and the fight against its progress was characterized by acts of bravery on the part of the firemen. The dry wooden frame of the building burned like so much paper, and the sparks, which were carried for a distance of several blocks by the strong east wind, in many instances were so large that the missiles were still blazing brightly when they struck the ground. Residents in the entire community were aroused lest the flames should reach their dwellings, and kept streams of water playing on the roofs. The wind was favorable, however, and during the whole time blew directly toward the empty park blocks on the east of the schoolhouse.

Immense Crowd Present.

It was just as a number of lodges and meetings of various kinds were being dismissed that the fire broke out, and the attendance of curious sightseers was exceptionally large even for a Portland fire. A conservative estimate of the number of people gathered about the burning structure places it at 25,000. The entire park block was so crowded with people that it was almost impossible to crowd through them. Every street bounding the block on which the schoolhouse stood was crowded with people for a distance of at least three blocks.

The police did good work in keeping the crowd away from the structure and out of the way of the firemen. Four or five hundred officers were on hand shortly after the alarm, and were placed under the charge of Sergeant Hogaboom. Ropes were stretched where the crowd was the thickest and most impatient, and no one was allowed to pass the line.

No one knew last night who turned in the alarm, but when the people in the neighborhood heard the call for their immediate district they rushed out to see where the flames were, and the cupola on the east wing was then a mass of flames. The first alarm was sounded at 10:25. Engine Companies Nos. 3 and 5, Hose Company No. 2 and Chemical Company No. 2 answered the call, but Chief Dave Campbell, who arrived on the scene a few moments after the fire alarm, saw at a glance that he had a hard fight before him and called for assistance. Engine Company No. 1, Truck Company No. 1 and 3, Hose Company No. 1 and Chemical Company No. 1 answered the second call. Engine Companies 5 and 7, and Hose Company 6 were called later. Engine No. 4 was the first to arrive on the scene, and took the position nearest the fire. By the time water was playing on the flames the fire had commenced to spread through the east wing of the building. The stream lacked in force and made absolutely no impression upon the progress of the fire. Around the cupola in an ever-widening circle the flames spread, all the while gaining in strength. Within 30 minutes the roof from the west end had fallen in, and ten minutes later the roof on the east wing fell to the ground. With a resounding crash came tumbling down, barely missing the firemen who were congregated near the base of the building trying in vain to check the fire with the streams at their command.

LOVE BLINDS HIM

Archduke of Austria in a Great Scandal.

PASSES AS MARRIED MAN

Beautiful Girl He Would Wed Probably Trapped.

NO HOPE OF A MARRIAGE

Imperial Family Finds Itself in Dire Straits, as Some Comedy Must Be Enacted to Quiet Sensational Rumors.

VIENNA, Jan. 28.—(Special cables).—It is proving impossible for the imperial family to suppress sensational stories regarding Archduke Ferdinand Karl's love affair with Bertha Caubert, a young woman of this city, famous for her beauty. The Archduke is the third son of Archduke Charles Louis, and is the Emperor's nephew. He made the acquaintance of the young woman during the last season here. He was much in her company throughout the autumn, and at Christmas formally proposed marriage. The girl's father attempted to dissuade the Archduke from following out his infatuation, and eventually it was agreed to submit the matter to the Emperor, and meanwhile a provisional engagement should exist.

At Prague, where the Archduke is stationed in command of the Eighteenth Brigade of Infantry, an aunt of Bertha Caubert resides. Two weeks ago, the young woman left Vienna, with the approval of her parents, to visit this aunt, but did not arrive at her destination until the evening of the fifth day following, although the journey is only a matter of a

WAS NO FIRE IN FURNACE.

Janitor and Engineer Say Blaze Must Have Been Incendiary.

According to School Engineer Jones and John G. Whitehurst, the janitor of the school, there is little doubt that the fire was other than of incendiary origin.

The only possible way the fire could have originated in the building would have been in the engine-room, located on the Tenth street side of the building, in the basement, where there was no fire at any time. There are no gas pipes, electric wires, lamps or anything that could have caused the blaze unless it came from the engine-room, the building being heated by hot water pipes. The only flue leading from the furnace runs straight to the roof from the engine-room, and is fully 100 feet from the cupola on the east side of the building, where the fire commenced.

The only practical theory is that a spark might have been blown into the chimney from the furnace fire, as the wind was blowing directly toward the cupola from the flue chimney. Even this has but little weight as no fire was made in the furnace since noon when the last fire was put in.

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THE LATE MRS. CHARLES CLARK



NIECE OF MRS. JOSEPH K. CLARK, OF PORTLAND.

Mrs. Charles W. Clark, who died at the Algonquin Hotel in New York, Wednesday, was a niece of Mrs. Joseph K. Clark, of 414 Mill street, this city, whose late husband was a brother of Senator Clark, of Montana. This makes the second daughter-in-law Senator Clark has lost within the year, the wife of his youngest son, William, having died within less than a year after her marriage. The whole family is deeply grieved over the event, and feel that the hand of death has been laid heavily upon them. Mr. Joseph Clark died one year ago at Los Angeles.

As told in the telegraphic dispatches in The Oregonian, the illness of Mrs. Charles Clark has been of some months' duration, but it was hoped that she was on the road to recovery. Her husband was in Arizona at the time she was taken worse, and at once started for New York on a special train. He did not learn of his wife's death until he reached Chicago.

Mrs. Clark was a Miss Roberts before her marriage. Her mother, who has married a second time and is now Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, went at once to her daughter's bedside when her condition became so serious, and Mrs. Clark's only sister, Mrs. Bennett, of Butte, who with her husband was in the East at the time of her death, also hastened to New York.

"I will not go to New York now," said Mrs. Clark in speaking of the funeral arrangements. "The trip is too long. I was expecting Will and the baby next week and was going to Southern California with them, but that trip will now be deferred."

"My niece was a beautiful young woman and highly accomplished. She was very popular in society and had many friends who will sincerely mourn her death."

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