

TAFT SPEEDS FLEET TO ASTORIA FETE

Fear That Mosquito Flotilla Will Be Tardy Is Quieted by Order.

PROGRAMMES CUT SHORT

Destroyers Leave Tacoma and Will Arrive in Columbia in Time for Centennial Opening—Squadron to Visit Portland.

TACOMA, Wash., July 30.—(Special.)—Nothing less than an executive order from the Commander-in-Chief of the American Navy, William Howard Taft, it is announced, was responsible for the unexpected departure this morning of the torpedo-boat flotilla from this port.

The story of the shortened stay in Tacoma, as told on the waterfront today, is that the committee in charge of the Astoria Centennial, which opens August 10, brought about the revised itinerary. On receiving the first draft of the fleet's schedule, the Oregonians found that it would not arrive at Astoria until August 15, nor to remain during the entire celebration, as they had advertised.

They betook themselves hurriedly to Seattle and began a systematic search for Lieutenant C. Richardson, the commander who had arranged the schedule. Not finding him they appealed to a subordinate who informed them that nothing short of a Presidential order would alter the arrangements.

Votes Are Recalled.

Suddenly everyone of the fur-trading celebrants remembered with distinctness that he had voted in November, 1908, to place William H. Taft in the Presidential chair. By wire they informed him of this, and of their need for the fleet's presence. The prayer was answered, and all the intermediate steps were ordered shortened.

Nine Ships in Fleet.

The fleet consists of the Whipple, flag ship, and the destroyers Preble, Paul Jones, Rowan, Perry, Hopkins, Hull, Stewart and Truxtun. It will be the largest fleet of United States Navy vessels that has ever entered the Columbia River at one time.

ROAD SURVEY IS STARTED

Bandon Project Means Opening Up of Vast Timber Properties.

BANDON, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—The work of surveying and setting of grade stakes for a logging road from Bandon to the vicinity of Bear Creek, a distance of 19 miles, was commenced this week, and the road will be built at once. Construction work will commence as soon as the heavy timbered areas, and Assurance has already been given that all the vessels will be sent to Portland, but it is understood that only three or four will come at a time.

MEDFORD BRIDGE WAITS

Bear Creek Crossing Halted Because Private Parties Interfere.

MEDFORD, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—With private parties owning eight feet of approach to the proposed new bridge across Bear Creek, several streets, the building of the structure may be so delayed that the matter cannot be taken up with the County Court before Judge Neil goes on his vacation August 2 is the latest date on which the court can consider the plans before the Summer adjournment and September, when the next meeting occurs, will be too late to start construction.

GRAIN IS NINE FEET HIGH

Wheat in Lewiston Country Gives Promise of Fine Yield.

LEWISTON, Idaho, July 30.—(Special.)—Harvesting in Nez Perce County will be in full swing by the end of the week. Harvesters are pulled to the fields daily and there is every indication that the yield, when cut, will not show the slightest shrinkage.

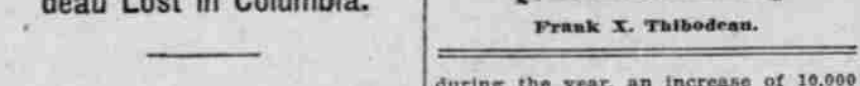
VANCOUVER YOUNG WOMAN AND HER UNCLE WHO WERE DROWNED IN BACHELOR'S SLOUGH YESTERDAY.



Miss Eva Trombley.

TWO ARE DROWNED

Eva Trombley and F. X. Thibodeau Lost in Columbia.



Frank X. Thibodeau.

RELATIVES SEE TRAGEDY

George Young, Engaged to Girl, Almost Loses Own Life When He Is Caught in Man's Clutch and Twice Pailed Under.

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When he was near shore, was hastening after him, but just as he reached the point where the two had gone down, Thibodeau came to the surface and grasped him. Twice the young man was pulled under.

FISHERMAN SAVES YOUNG MAN.

A fierce struggle ensued under water and a fisherman in a launch, seeing the drowning people, pulled alongside and dropped a line over to Young, who had just strength enough left to hang on. He was pulled to the boat and taken in.

MISS TROMBLEY IS MUSICIAN.

Miss Trombley was a great favorite in Vancouver society. She possessed much musical talent and was often called on to play at gatherings of the young folk. Mrs. Biessecker, her mother, is completely prostrated. It was with difficulty that she could be prevented from jumping into the water after her daughter by other members of the party.

STATE BRICK SALES STOP

Governor Says Prison Product Will Not Hurt Free Labor.

SALEM, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—There is no intention to continue the manufacture of brick at the Penitentiary yards to compete with free labor, said Governor West today, when his attention was called to the fact that the Prison Labor Commission had suggested that the brickyard produced one of the worst forms of competition.

SCHOOL GROWTH MARKED

Vancouver High School Shows Largest Increase Percentage.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 30.—(Special.)—Oscar McBride, retiring County Superintendent of Schools, in his report on the schools of Clark County for the past year, places the day attendance at 687,998, more than 25,000 days greater than during the preceding school year. The number of pupils attending was 6908, an increase of about 250. The percentage of attendance of the number enrolled was 74 this year, against 70 last.

LEAGUE OF REPUBLICANS ENDORSED

Republicans of State Backing New Lincoln-Taft Organization Heartily.

MANY COUNTIES IN LINE

Sentiment Is General That Platform Embodies Substantial Principles That Will Be Approved. By Majority.

SALEM, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—With letters from leading citizens, county chairmen and prominent people pouring in from all over the state, the Lincoln-Taft League, organized at a meeting with not only continued favor, but with a favor that is more than gratifying to those who are interested in the League's success.

Indorsement Is General.

A Republican writes from Lincoln County indicating that the League, saying he has voted for every Republican ticket from Fremont down. Tod Cameron, who has served Jackson County many times in the Legislature, gives it a hearty boost. Veterans like S. B. Eakin, vice-president of the First National Bank of Eugene, give hearty indorsement of the League. The County Chairman of Coos County writes: "We have heretofore had no definite principles for which we were fighting. As a party we have had nothing to offer the people of this state for some years."

Co-operation Is Pledged.

Darwin Bristow, of Lane County, with 41 precinct committeemen, is in line for the Lincoln-Taft League. "I am heartily in accord with your movement to organize a Lincoln-Taft League," he writes. "I will be glad to co-operate in the work that you have done in this end and trust that you will meet with unbounded success."

Overheated Lad Drowns

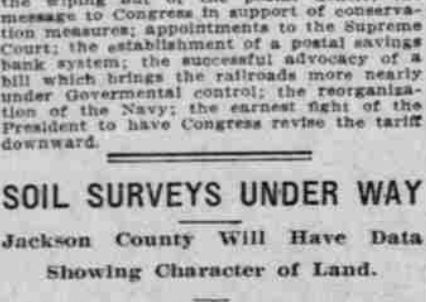
Unfortunate Family Also Loses House and Contents by Fire.

FLORENCE, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—Raymond Munroe, 21 years old, son of David Munroe, of Glenada, was drowned Friday night while swimming near the mouth of Sweet Creek. He had been working on a farm, and becoming overheated, went swimming to cool off.

RECIPROCITY BRINGS CONFIDENCE.

The success of President Taft in putting through reciprocity has made all Republicans feel that there is a reasonable line of progress with a Republican as of the type that is happiest when fighting for progressive policies outside the party organization.

WOMAN DIES IN CHERALS AFTER RESIDENCE OF 24 YEARS THERE.



Mrs. M. A. Mitchell.

CHERALS, Wash., July 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. M. A. Mitchell died last night as the result of a stroke of paralysis that occurred Thursday as she was dressing for the day. When overcome by the stroke Mrs. Mitchell fell to the floor, and physicians say the shock of the fall had considerable to do with her condition later.

Miscellaneous Act Sinks Launch.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—That some miscellaneous bent on doing mischief pulled the water neck from the little launch Ewanna, belonging to Colonel M. G. Wilkins, which was at its moorings at the dock on Lake Ewanna yesterday, has been shown by the United States for soil survey work, although there are 300 applications now in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture for this kind of work to be done. There are 80 men in the field now.

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WALLACE HAS FIRE

Three Buildings Burned and Roomers Barely Escape.

ESTIMATED LOSS \$35,000

Incendiaries Believed to Be Responsible for Blaze—Razed Houses Used Principally for Saloons and Lodging-Houses.

WALLACE, Idaho, July 30.—(Special.)—Wallace's second large fire in 30 hours wiped out a downtown business corner at Sixth and Cedar streets, leveling three large frame structures and left a loss of \$35,000. The buildings destroyed were largely used for saloon and lodging-house purposes. Yesterday and today's fire is believed by many to be of incendiary origin.

Speier's Resignation Held Up.

SALEM, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—"His resignation has not been accepted yet," said Governor West today, when asked if he had considered any selection for a member of the Sailors' Boarding-House Commission to succeed Harbormaster Speier, who resigned yesterday. He intimated that the offer would be made to retain Speier's services on the Commission and until such time as he receives a definite answer will probably give no consideration to another appointee.

FISHERMEN ARE JUBILANT

Big Catches of Salmon Reported by Gillnetters in Lower Harbor.

ASTORIA, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—Reports from below indicate that the catch in the lower harbor Thursday night was one of the best during the present season. Some of the gillnetters this morning delivered as high as 2500 fish to the boat, while a large number of them secured in the neighborhood of 20 each.

SOIL SURVEYS UNDER WAY

Jackson County Will Have Data Showing Character of Land.

MEDFORD, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—A map that will show the character of soil in every 20-acre tract of land in Jackson County is being prepared here by A. T. Strahorn, of the Government, who is surveying 400 square miles of horticultural lands. Jackson County is the only locality on the Coast excepting a small district in Washington that has been chosen by the United States for soil survey work, although there are 300 applications now in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture for this kind of work to be done. There are 80 men in the field now.

ST. JOHN'S PROGRESSIVES ORGANIZE.

ST. JOHN'S, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—An organization to be known as the Progressive Association of St. Johns was formed last night at a meeting held in the City Hall to discuss the local water situation and to devise means to remedy the same. While the notice of the meeting called attention to the question of municipal ownership, this subject was only casually referred to. The officers chosen for the new association are: Chairman, G. L. Perrine; secretary, A. W. Markie; treasurer, Charles Bradshaw. In the discussion which occupied part of the session the opinion was expressed that the rates for water are too high. The proposition of the water company to employ as water carriers for the same at the rate of 10 cents per foot, is opposed by many taxpayers. At the next meeting the advisability of the town's acquiring the water works will be taken up.

MOB VICTIM VICTOR

Spokane Negro Shoots When Italians Kick Dog.

INNOCENT BYSTANDER HIT

Foreigners Who Maltreat Pet and Attack Owner Beaten and Taken to Hospital, While Conqueror Winds Up in Jail.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 30.—(Special.)—Riotous Italian laborers, according to police allegations, today attempted to mob Thomas Kelley, colored, aged 32, employed as a storekeeper by the Great Northern Railway, at his home, East 158 Riverside avenue. As a result, four Italians are in the emergency hospital from injuries inflicted by a 32-caliber gun and rocks. One, an innocent bystander, is seriously injured, while a bullet in his kidneys. Kelley is held by the police on the charge of assault with intent to kill. The trouble is said to have started when one of the men from Italy kicked Kelley's dog.

JUDGES PLAN FOR VACATION.

SALEM, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—Arguments of the State vs. Garrison, from Coos County, and the State vs. Meyers, from Marion County, will not be heard by the Supreme Court until September 5. The first degree and Meyers of manslaughter. After handing down opinions next Tuesday, the Supreme Court will adjourn until September 5. The following cases have been set for that week: State vs. Corvallis & Eastern, from Lin; State vs. Meyers, from Marion; Moore vs. Carrington, from Coos; Moore vs. Lachmund, from Marion; North vs. Union Loan & Savings Bank, from Multnomah; Glacou vs. Astoria, from Clatsop; Colgan vs. Bank of Woodburn, from Marion; Krebs Hop Company vs. Livesley, from Marion; Weatherford vs. McKay, from Lincoln. Owing to the fact that the court will be fresh from its vacation that week, three cases a day will be heard, one at 10 o'clock in the morning and the other two cases in the afternoon.

NEW TRAINING SCHOOL AIM

Washington Authorities Would Separate Girls and Boys.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 30.—(Special.)—For a number of years a movement has been on foot to have the girls who are committed to the State Training School, at Chehalis, placed in a school separate from the school for the boys. The men have offered to provide a location and buildings, but the state is asked to pay the cost of the matrons and teachers and to have the girls who are committed to the State Training School, at Chehalis, placed in a school separate from the school for the boys.

MEDFORD WARS ON SPEEDING AUTOS.

MEDFORD, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—Seven autoists were arrested for speeding last night. An order has been issued from the Mayor's office to the effect that anyone violating the speed ordinance in the city must be arrested. These caught were J. W. Keyes, W. C. Green, A. C. McPherson, Moose Barklund, Jacksonville stage and car number 935, 1657. Car number 2394 was taken in for displaying no lights.

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