JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY PASSES AWAY

Noted Indiana Poet, Son of Lawyer, Dies at Age "This Side of Forty."

"HOOSIER" DIALECT NOTED

Cheerful Writer, Though Never Married, Was Lover of Children and Knew Family Life Intimately. Death Comes in Home.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 22.—James Whitcomb Riley died tonight at 10:50 o'clock while only Mr. Riley's nurse, Miss Clementia Prough, was awake at the poet's home. He had asked for a drink of water and reclined on his bed again. Miss Prough resumed her vigil and, noticing that the poet seemed not to be resting easy, approached his bed. Mr. Riley died before she reached his side.

Mr. Riley's death was due to paralysis. He suffered a violent stroke about 7:30 o'clock this morning and the members of his household were greatly alarmed, but under Dr. Carlton B. McCullouch's ministrations the poet seemed to improve, and early this evening was regarded as much better.

Information was given to the public that Mr. Riley was in no danger, but within a few hours he was dead. Members of Mr. Riley's family were summoned immediately. They are his brother-in-law, Henry Eitel; his nephew, Edmund H. Eitel, and his niece, Miss Elizabeth Eitel.

Mr. Riley suffered his first violent attack of paralysis July 10, 1910.

Mr. Riley, born of the Middle West, sang the joys, sorrows, fancies and humors of its folk, largely in its own dialect. The world was so touched by his inspiration and the realism of his homely symbols that he was one of the few, that, devoting their lives to poetry, gained a fortune.

Mr. Riley peculiarly was sensitive as to the advance of age and evaded inquiries as to the date of his birth, but the most accurate information available indicates that he was born in 1848.

"Should you ask his age," one of his friends said, "he would answer, 'This side of 40,' and leave you to guess which side."

Poet Son of Lawyer.

The poet was the son of Reuben A. Riley, a lawyer and political speaker of Greenfield, Ind. The boy could not be brought to the dull routine of school days, but he was wise in the lore of streams and fields. His mother, who was Elizabeth Marine before her marriage, was a writer of verse, and Riley, in later life, attributed some of his impracticability to her.

Instead of preparing for the practice of law, as his father wished, the son turned itinerant signpainter. For ten years he roved through the Ohio Valley, painting signs on fences. He had the trick of the brush and pencil and cleverly drew sketches illustrating the virtues of merchandise. He naturally was musical and shone as a fiddler in the villages at which his party stopped at night. He played for dances and at concerts in country hotels. He wrote rhymes, which sometimes found their way into country newspapers.

He led this cheerful, free and easy life late in the '70s, then he took employment as a reporter on a newspaper at Anderson, Ind. In 1877, for the purpose, he said, of proving that he could write poetry of value, he perpetrated the Poe hoax which for years was a literary sensation. He wrote a poem in the style of Edgar Allen Poe, to which he gave the characteristic title of "Leonanie," and it was offered to the public as a hitherto unpublished product of the genius of Poe.

Riley Makes Confession.

One of the stanzas was:

"Leonanie—angels named her,
"And they took the light
"Of the laughing stars and framed her
"In a smile of white.
"And they made her hair of gloomy
"Midnight and her eyes of bloomy
"Moonshine and they brought her to me
"In the solemn night."

In some quarters the poem was accepted as genuine; in others it was denounced as a fraud. After the controversy had waged for months Riley confessed.

In the early '80s he began writing verses in "Hoosier" dialect for the old Indianapolis Journal. He sent some of his poems to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and they received his praise. A volume was published and "the Hoosier poet" began to win a public. He was an excellent reader of his own dialect verses and for the following 15 years, or until 1898, he made tours of the country, appearing in public with great success both alone and in association with the humorist, Bill Nye, who was his intimate friend.

Books Bring Fortune.

Publication of books of poems year after year brought Riley a fortune, and wide recognition of his literary genius and not only in the genre form. Many of his poems are of imaginative fantasy or gently philosophic.

In 1902 he received the degree of master of arts from Yale University, and in 1904 the University of Pennsylvania conferred upon him the degree of doctor of letters. Indiana University conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. on him in 1907.

In July, 1911, the poet presented to the city of Indianapolis property valued at $75,000 for a site for a public library and school administration building.

Mr. Riley never married, but he was a lover of children, whose spirit he divined so intimately, and of family life. Many of the last years of his life he passed quietly at his home in a secluded section of Indianapolis.

James Whitcomb Riley, Who Passed Away at Age of 68.

HUGHES CAMPAIGN OPENED

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was the understanding that they will be opened about August 1. The committee will occupy five rooms.

Another important action taken was the decision that no proxies will be recognized at meetings of the campaign committee. It was also decided that the chairman, or in his absence the vice-chairman, together with not less than four other members of the committee, shall constitute a quorum to transact business, it being understood that notices to attend meetings will be sent to all members of the committee.

Chairman to Call Meetings.

The chairman, Judge McNary, was authorized to call meetings at his discretion.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas; Arthur I. Moulton, of Portland; E. B. Hermann, of Roseburg; Thomas B. Neuhausen, of Portland, and Ralph E. Williams, National committeeman, were appointed on a committee to make any adjustments necessary to straighten out the electoral ticket situation.

At the late primary election both the Republicans and the Progressives elected complete electoral tickets of five. With the ratification by the Progressive National Committee, however, of the nomination of Hughes and Fairbanks, only one electoral ticket is necessary or practicable, as a second one would only serve to split the popular vote.

Clark Address to Be Printed.

So far only one Progressive, Colonel Emmett Callahan, who has complicated the situation by coming out for the Democratic ticket, has accepted his selection on the Progressive electoral ticket. Legal steps may be necessary to have his name withdrawn.

A. E. Clark, one of the five delegates from Oregon to the Progressive National convention at Chicago, and a member of the Republican campaign committee, was requested by the committee to prepare for publication the speech he delivered at the recent Hughes-Fairbanks ratification meeting here on "Why Hughes Should Be Elected."

The committee plans to have this speech printed in pamphlet form for general distribution. Ten thousand copies will be struck off as a first edition.

Roosevelt Invitation Backed.

The campaign committee also directed Secretary Baldwin on behalf of the committee to lend every assistance to Sheriff Til Taylor, of Umatilla County, who is president of the Pendleton Round-up Association, to obtain from Colonel Roosevelt an acceptance of Sheriff Taylor's invitation to attend the Pendleton Round-up on September 21, 22 and 23.

National Committeeman Williams was invited to attend all meetings of the campaign committee in an advisory capacity. The same invitation was extended to David M. Dunne, who was elected treasurer of the Republican State central committee at a meeting of the executive committee preceding that of the general campaign committee.

The work of the campaign committee is to be subdivided for efficiency and placed under bureaus or sub-committees.

One of these bureaus will be a woman's auxiliary, of which Mr. Neuhausen was named chairman by the campaign committee. Other bureaus arranged for were a finance bureau, a publicity bureau, a bureau on organization of clubs, and a speaker's bureau or sub-committee, which will arrange for bringing campaign speakers to Oregon.

As a committee to organize the work of these bureaus and name the members in charge Walter L. Tooze, Jr., S. S. Smith, David L. Povey, Mr. Neuhausen and Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., were appointed.

Judge McNary to Name Chairmen.

Following the appointment of this sub-committee with instructions to meet and report at 7:30 o'clock last night, the campaign committee took a recess until that time.

On re-convening, the organization sub-committee advised that Judge McNary be chairman ex-officio of all bureaus or sub-committees, and that he appoint an active chairman for each, these chairmen in turn to name their associates. The report was adopted.

Before adjourning, the campaign committee voted to meet again in Portland at 7:30 o'clock the night of August 2, at the headquarters in the Selling building. In the meantime, through the courtesy of the Young Men's Republican Club, temporary headquarters will be maintained in the offices of Pearce & Meloney, 515 Oregonian building.

Mr. Dunne Elected Treasurer.

Two candidates for treasurer of the state central committee were considered by the executive committee of that organization at a meeting preceding that of the campaign committee. They were David M. Dunne and Lloyd Bates, both of Portland. Colonel Dunne was elected.

Those attending the meeting of the executive committee, besides Judge McNary and Edward E. Baldwin, ex-officio chairman and secretary, respectively, were E. B. Hermann, of Roseburg, state committeeman from Douglas County; S. S. Smith, of Medford, state committeeman from Jackson County; Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas, state committeeman from Polk County; A. A. Bailey, of Portland, state committeeman from Multnomah County; Marion Jack, of Pendleton, state committeeman from Umatilla County, and Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., of Hillsboro, state committeeman from Washington County.

There were three absentees: Willard L. Marks, of Albany, State Committeeman from Linn County; Clyde Huntley, of Oregon City, State Committeeman from Clackamas County, and T. J. Mahoney, of Heppner, State Committeeman from Morrow County.

The members of this executive committee are also the Republican members of the campaign committee. The five Progressive members of the campaign committee, all of whom were present, are: T. B. Neuhausen, A. E. Clark, Arthur I. Moulton, Frank H. Lewis and David L. Povey. Mr. Povey and Mr. Clark were delegates to the Progressive National Convention.

Thomas B. Neuhausen, the new vice-chairman of the campaign committee, was secretary and campaign manager of the St. Paul, Minn., congressional committee for three campaigns, from 1898 to 1902, inclusive. He has been state chairman of the Progressive party in Oregon for the past four years.

PLAGUE IS GAINING; DEATH RATE GROWS

Latest Fatality List for Day Is Largest Since Epidemic Commenced.

39 MORE BABIES DIE

Cities and Towns Near New York Tighten Quarantine; Quack Doctors and Patent Medicine Fakers Reap Harvest.

NEW YORK, July 22.—There were more deaths in the epidemic of infantile paralysis during the last 24 hours than at any time since the inception of the disease four weeks ago. Since 10 A. M. yesterday the plague killed 39 children in the five boroughs of New York City. There were 133 new cases.

Quarantine regulations of increasing severity were reported today from a number of cities and towns near New York.

The Erie Railroad, which serves thousands of commuters, has sent out a bulletin to all its station agents warning them to notify prospective passengers that children will be barred from most of the stations along the line in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Plague Is Gaining.

A total of 239 cases of infantile paralysis are reported from the state of New Jersey. The cases in Connecticut numbered 59. New York state, outside of New York City, has 195 cases.

The plague took a big stride in Manhattan, where there were 10 deaths, the largest number yet reported. In the Bronx also, the disease gained. Here there were five deaths. A marked increase was shown in Brooklyn, the seat of the disease, and cases and deaths in the other two boroughs indicated that the epidemic, aided by a wave of high humidity, was becoming more widespread.

Fakers Reap Harvest.

Cases to date total 2662 and deaths 558.

Hundreds of "quack" doctors, patent medicine fakirs and "get-rich-quick" schemers are thriving on the epidemic. Dr. Oscar M. Leisor, assistant director of public health education, declared today.

"Solutions that cost 5 to 10 cents a gallon to prepare are being sold for $1 a bottle," he asserted.

Commenting on the big increase in the number of deaths from the disease, Health Commissioner Emerson insisted that the outlook was "not discouraging," saying that irregular returns were to be expected.

LUMBER HEARING ENDED

DECISION ON RATE AND CLASSIFICATIONS WILL BE DELAYED.

Railroads, Traffic Men and West Coast Shippers Are Satisfied With Present Arrangements.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The hearing of the Interstate Commerce Commission into classification and freight rates of lumber and its products which has been going on here for the last two weeks ended today. The hearing was instituted by the Commission to do away with the intricacies surrounding the rates on lumber and lumber products owing to variations in the rates throughout the country.

The decision of the Commission will be given in Washington, but it was intimated that it will not be ready for several months.

The lumbermen, railroads and traffic men participated in the hearing, which was conducted by H. B. Meyer, of Washington, D. C., head of the Commission.

Central and Eastern lumbermen declared themselves in favor of a uniform classification of the lumber rates throughout the United States, while those representing West Coast interests said that they are satisfied with conditions as they stand. The railroads agreed with the West Coast witnesses. The traffic men, who were heard today, said that all over the country they are generally satisfied with existing rates and are willing to let them stand as they now are.

NORTHWEST GETS PLANT

MINE EXPERIMENT STATION LOCATION IS UNDECIDED.

Moscow, Idaho, Is Likely Winner Over Seattle and Spokane—No Effort Made for Any Oregon Point.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 22.—Secretary Lane today announced that a mining experiment station, for which Congress has appropriated $25,000, will be located somewhere in the Northwest, but the exact site will be selected by Director Manning, of the Bureau of Mines, who will leave for the Northwest next week.

It had been tentatively decided to place this station at Seattle, but today Secretary Lane ordered one station established at Fairbanks, Alaska, and that probably ends Seattle's chances of getting a station. The most favored location now seems to be Moscow, Idaho, especially since the University of Idaho has offered the buildings, grounds and power free of cost if the station is made an adjunct of the university. Spokane also is making a fight for this plum.

Apparently no effort was made to secure this station for Oregon.

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NO RELIEF IS PROMISED

Farmers Over Middle West, Made Jubilant by Warm Weather, Now Not so Happy Since Wheat Rust and Bugs Have Appeared.

CHICAGO, July 22. — (Special.) — Steadily rising temperature which took toll of five additional lives today bore out the official forecast that the deadly heat wave, temporarily halted Wednesday by successive showers, was not broken, but merely diverted and would return.

The temperature mounted to 90 degrees today, but the humidity percentage was not so oppressive as earlier in the week.

In addition to four deaths and one drowning, 18 persons were bitten by rabid dogs and rushed to the Pasteur Institute for treatment.

Mad-Dog Scare Peril.

Because of the peril from dogs driven mad by heat, wagons from the dog pound have begun work at daylight and thousands of dogs have been gathered up and disposed of.

In addition to the list of dead in Chicago, George Ziegler, aged 54, formerly a catcher with the Pittsburg Nationals more than 20 years ago, died of sunstroke at Kankakee, Ills. There was also one death from heat at Wilmington, Ills.; three at points in Iowa and one drowning at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No relief is promised for next week, forecasters announcing that temperatures will range above normal for several days and that two or more degrees above maximum record may be expected.

Rains Turned to Steam.

Light rains are predicted, but they aggravate the situation, as the heat turns the water to steam as it hits the baking streets and pavements.

Lake Michigan, from the rolling mills far to the south, to limits of Lincoln Park on the north, today entertained thousands wherever a sandy beach could be found.

Beach attendants estimate the number of bathers at more than half a million and say this number will be greatly increased tomorrow.

Farmers over the Middle West, who were rejoicing that hot days were helping the belated corn crop, are not so jubilant, since the heavy rains, with the succeeding heat, have produced ideal conditions for wheat rust and facilitated the operations of bugs.

New Destroyer on Test Run.

ROCKLAND Me., July 22.—The torpedo-boat destroyer Rowan began her standardization trials today with the first of 26 runs over a mile course to test speed, endurance and fuel economy. Her contract calls for a top speed of 29½ knots. The Rowan is the same type of vessel as the Sampson, which recently attained a maximum speed of 31½ knots.

TROOP MEN DRILL

Corporal Edward E. Cooke Is Victor in Contest.

O'MALLEY BEST PRIVATE

Oregon Cavalry Defeated at Baseball by Firemen of San Diego and Hockey Team Is Beaten Also by Civilians.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.

CAMP BALBOA, San Diego, Cal., July 22.—(Special.)—The first competitive drills, one for non-commissioned officers and one for the privates of Troop A, were held today. Captain White announced the drills last night.

The first class that faced the commanding officer comprised about 15 men. The falling-out process started almost at once, for any time a command was not executed according to the manual that man was told to fall out.

The class dwindled down to two—Sergeant Charles E. Gjedsted and Corporal Edward E. Cooke. Fully half an hour passed before Corporal Cooke won the contest. A cash prize and 24 hours off from duty was the reward.

Corporal Cooke admitted after he had been declared winner that Sergeant Gjedsted was "a tough man to beat." Corporal Cooke said he had won his corporal stripes in competitive drill and did not have to work near as hard as he did to defeat Sergeant Gjedsted.

The drill for the privates who had been in the service less than a year brought together almost the entire troop. Lieutenant Cicero F. Hogan put them through the drill.

This contest, like the first, wound up in a battle-royal between Private Earl J. O'Malley and Private John H. Anderson, and looked for a long time as though it would end in a tie, but finally Anderson, who is a Portland timber cruiser, made a miscue, and O'Malley was declared the winner.

Private O'Malley has been under military instruction less than six months.

After the drill as many of the troopers as could obtain leave visited the ball game between Troop A and the San Diego Firemen. The Firemen won, 9 to 0, for this was the first time the troopers had played together in a real game. Private John C. Adams, who did the pitching for the troopers, was inclined to be wild. Private Kenneth S. Reed was catcher. While the Firemen made nine runs, only two were earned.

Last night the troop hockey team was defeated by the San Diego team, 4 to 1. Lack of practice and the fact the boys did not have regular hockey skates played a large part in their defeat.

Blacklist Is Discussed.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Acting Secretary Polk today discussed the British blacklist of firms in the United States under the trading-with-the-enemy act, but no announcement of their talk was made. Administration officials are considering what steps to take to meet the situation.

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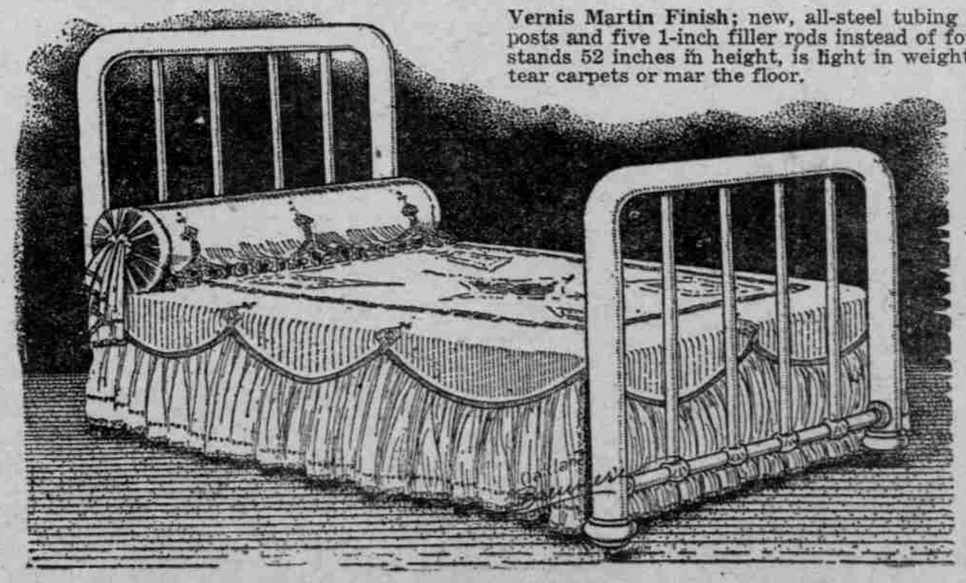

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18-inch all-leather Traveling Bag, with brass safety locks, in black only..... $4.50
32-inch Trunk, with cleated top and bottom, heavy bound corners and good locks..... $5.75