

SENSATION IN FRUIT CIRCLES

M. C. LININGER STEPS OUT OF ACTIVE MANAGEMENT.

FALSE CHARGES CAUSE OF ACTION

Sending of Blackberries to Cannery Brings Question of Management to Crisis—Mass Meeting Loyal to Lininger.

A meeting of berry growers was held in the city hall last evening to consider a situation that has arisen in the local fruit and produce association.

In presenting the matter to the meeting, President Gillette outlined the history of the association during the incumbency of Mr. Lininger, stating that its present high standard and its credit are due entirely to the efforts and ability of Mr. Lininger.

The feeling at the meeting was that of the utmost confidence in Mr. Lininger, not a dissenter being found among them, and it was felt that his services were indispensable to the association.

(Note.—As we go to press we are informed that Mr. Lininger, upon the urgent request of the committee, has reconsidered his resignation and will resume charge of the association.)

PACIFIC HIGHWAY.

Association Opened Session in San Francisco Monday.

San Francisco.—Lieutenant Governor Wallace, in behalf of the state, and Mayor Rolph, for the city of San Francisco, extended hearty welcome to the delegates of the Pacific Highway Association at the third annual convention, which opened here Monday at the St. Francis hotel.

Judge J. T. Ronald of Seattle, president of the highway association, responded in behalf of the delegates, and Mayor Rolph bespoke the welcome of the city.

The afternoon session was devoted largely to business. The sessions will last over Wednesday.

LIENS ARE FILED.

Old Channel Mining Company Involved in Trouble.

Two liens were filed against the Old Channel Mining Company Saturday afternoon, one by George Miller, for labor, for \$400.86, and the other by Edward Friday, for material, amounting to \$380.

No report has as yet been made on the amount of gold recovered in the clean-up, but unofficial reports put it at about \$1,100. Under the order of the court the amount of gold obtained was to be used in liquidating the claims against the property, the surplus to be returned to Mr. Sanders, who was working the mine under lease.

WILL GIVE UP MONEY.

Secretary Olcott Disregards Advice of Attorney General.

Salem, Ore.—Disregarding the advice of Attorney General Crawford and accepting instead that of his assistant, I. H. Van Winkle, Secretary of State Olcott has announced that he would not refer to a vote of the people a bill passed by the last legislature appropriating \$50,000 for the Monmouth Normal School, and there will be no necessity for the Monmouth Normal School commencing mandamus proceedings or any other proceedings to make the appropriation available, for it is that now.

Several days ago the attorney general left for an outing in southern Oregon and it is admitted that he has not since advised the secretary of state or any one else of a change of opinion upon the subject. The board of regents has decided to wait until Governor West returned before deciding upon bringing any action, but Saturday Secretary of State Olcott held a conference with Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle, and after deciding that a valid defense could not be interposed to mandamus proceedings should they be instituted, the secretary of state decided not to refer the bill to a vote of the people but to pay the appropriation.

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WALLS ARE CONDEMNED

Fire and Water Committee and Special Inspector Decide Upper Stories of Ganiard Block Dangerous.

At the regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening, C. Weisenburger was appointed special inspector to act in conjunction with the fire and water committee of the council to inspect the walls of the Ganiard block. The committee and Mr. Weisenburger made the inspection and will make report to the council at a special session this afternoon. It is understood the report will recommend that the upper two stories be torn down, they being considered unsafe by the committee.

It will be remembered that this block was condemned some time ago but the walls were bolstered up and the building allowed to be used. Mr. Stephenson states that he will not rebuild but is looking for a buyer for the property.

MEEKER PLIES WHIP.

Humane Officer is Victim of Blacksnake Application.

Longmont, Colo.—Although 82 years old, Ezra Meeker of Seattle, who is traveling over the country in a private schooner drawn by an ox team, lashed George Bashor of this place with a blacksnake whip, when Bashor attempted to arrest him, claiming authority as a humane officer.

One of Meeker's oxen is suffering from sore feet and ankles, and it is with difficulty that it is able to get around. Bashor told the old man that the animal was in no shape to drive. Meeker replied that he was aware of that fact, and that was the reason he was remaining in Longmont, but considered it none of Bashor's business.

Bashor then drew his team up in front of the oxen and informed the old man that he was under arrest. Meeker at once brought into play a long blacksnake whip. The first blow the whip coiled about Bashor's neck. When Meeker got the whip loose he went after Bashor again and did not stop until he had again wrapped the whip around his neck and broken it in pulling it loose.

After investigation it seemed that Bashor had acted without authority and the matter was dropped.

Meeker shipped his outfit to Cheyenne by rail for the frontier days celebration.

New Arrivals.

W. Lyman and family have recently arrived from San Bernardino, Cal., and will become permanent residents of this place. Mr. Lyman has purchased the Coburn & Watkins shoe-repairing machinery and moved it to 343 East Main street, where he has opened a first-class establishment. Mr. Lyman expresses himself as more than pleased with Ashland, stating that it is the finest place he has seen on the coast. He especially praises our city water system and the scenery in Ashland Park. J. H. Will, the well-known repair man of Ashland, has associated himself with Mr. Lyman and invites his friends to call at the new location.

Food Sale.

The ladies of Trinity Episcopal church will hold a food sale at the Ashland Trading Store Saturday, August 12, 1912, beginning at 10 a. m.

Chicken Dinner.

The ladies of the Chautauqua Park Club will serve a chicken dinner and supper tomorrow (Friday) in the park. Admission 25 cents.

GANIARD OPERA HOUSE DESTROYED

FIRE TUESDAY MORNING COMPLETELY RUINS PIONEER BUILDING—LOSS TOTALS NEARLY \$25,000 WITH ABOUT \$9,000 INSURANCE

The most malicious fire that has visited Ashland for several years, and which, but for the absence of wind, would have proved one of the most disastrous, was discovered early Tuesday morning in the Ganiard block opposite the Oregon Hotel. The origin of the fire is not known, various causes being given. When discovered it was so far beyond control that there was no possible chance of saving the building.

The alarm sounded at 4:11 when all the city was sleeping. Charlie Rose and a party of campers were about to start for the woods and had come down town to load up. Being attracted by the smell of smoke, Charlie looked up and discovered smoke and flames pouring out of the upper windows at the rear of the building and he turned in the alarm at once. In ten minutes more the building was a seething furnace and by the time the fire department arrived on the scene a few minutes later, it was evident that nothing could be saved but the walls. Three streams were turned upon the building at once until it was seen that the Oregon Hotel was in danger, the shingles of that building having begun to smoke, when one was turned upon the hotel. This precaution was a wise one, as the heat from the burning opera house was terrific, driving bystanders farther and farther down the street as the flames gained headway and licked up the roof.

It was impossible to gain access to the burning building and all the fire companies could do was to play upon the flames from the outside in an attempt to save the walls from collapse. That they were successful in doing this is to their credit, as it was freely predicted that when the roof fell in it would take the walls with it. But while the building was completely gutted, nothing being left but the bare walls, scarcely a brick was displaced, and it is the opinion of some that the walls may be used for further construction.

Very little was saved from the burning building. The upper floor, except for a few books and instruments of Dr. Songer, was a total loss. Harrison Brothers, who operated a moving picture show in the opera house, estimate their loss at \$1,200, none of which was covered by insurance. On the ground floor, Mackie & Nininger saved very little of their stock of groceries, their loss being given as \$5,000, with \$3,000 insurance. J. P. Sayle & Son managed to save the cigar and confectionery show cases and a few tobacco supplies, but everything else is ruined. Their loss is \$2,500, with \$1,500 insurance. Sample rooms used by the Oregon Hotel in the rear of the building had very little furniture in them, all of which was destroyed. Fortunately a stock of goods that had been shown in these rooms had been removed the evening before. Dodge's furniture store was in imminent danger of destruction, the

roof having caught early and about half of it being burned. Hose was played upon the flames from above and below and the store escaped with only slight damage other than that done by the water. The basement suffered somewhat and the walls were slightly damaged by water. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

By far the greatest loser by the fire is G. W. Stephenson, owner of the building. Mr. Stephenson estimates his loss at more than \$15,000 and has only \$4,000 insurance. A policy for a like amount expired a few days ago and had not been renewed, pending negotiations for a better rate. Mr. Stephenson stated that he had refused an offer of \$25,000 for the building last week. He says he will not rebuild but will sell the property as it stands. He is now negotiating with parties for the sale.

The origin of the fire is a matter of conjecture only. In some quarters defective wiring is given as the cause and in others spontaneous combustion, while a rumor that it was the result of incendiarism is floating about. The destruction was so complete that it is impossible to discover the cause. When first discovered the rear of the building was on fire, which leads to the belief that the fire started in one of the dressing rooms or upon the stage.

When water was first turned onto the building pressure was light, owing to the fact that the two systems were not connected. A few minutes later, when Commissioner Rosenkrans had opened the gates, pressure came up and at 4:50 the gauge read 205. As an indication of the demand upon the pipes, the decrease of pressure from that time on was seen to be from 25 to 40 pounds an hour, the gauge reading 125 pounds at 7:30. A much greater pressure might have been available but for the fact that many water users on the west side did not stop irrigation. It is a rule of the city that all irrigation cease upon the sounding of the alarm, a rule that should be followed to the letter.

Considerable uneasiness was felt for a time on account of the numerous electric wires passing near the building. No injuries from live wires are reported, however, and no inconvenience from the severing of wires other than the cutting off of power for an hour or so in the east end of "B" street.

The Ganiard block is an old landmark, being one of the first brick structures erected in Ashland. It was put up by Oscar Ganiard in 1889.

Mackie & Nininger showed their confidence in Ashland and their business by renting the White House and securing the keys to the building before the fire was extinguished. Mr. Nininger was in Grants Pass at the time, having proceeded thus far on an auto trip to Crescent City. He returned at once to assist in stocking the new location.

CRATER LAKE SUM IS BIG.

House and Senate Committee Vote \$697,900 for Park.

While \$642,000 was asked by Major Morrow, corps of engineers, U. S. A., to be used in the construction of roads and improvements in Crater Lake National Park, committees of the house and senate at Washington not only adopted the recommendation, but allowed \$65,000 for the building of water tanks and laying supply pipes. It is felt certain that the appropriation will be acted on favorably by congress, as it is a part of the sundry civil bill.

The money is to be set aside under the continuing appropriation plan, \$100,000 being available for this season and the same amount each year until it is all expended. Information as to the action of the conference was received privately, but as soon as it is made known that the bill has been signed, Major Morrow will order work resumed immediately. There will be 36 miles of road built around Crater Lake, five miles to the pinnacles and four miles to the eastern boundary of the park.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Talent Takes Definite Step Toward Erection of Water Tank.

The first step toward securing a water system in Talent was made Monday night when the contract for the erection of a 150,000-gallon tank was awarded to the Willamette Iron Works of Portland by the Talent city council. At the same time the contract for the foundation was awarded to the Leonard Wiles Cement Company of Medford. The price of the tank was \$4,025.

The work will begin immediately on the erection of the tank. August 15 the city council will award a contract for the laying of water mains throughout the city and for the digging of a well to supply the tank.

According to Talent residents, an active campaign for municipal improvement will be carried on.

With Kit Carson's Buffalo Ranch Wild West are some of the most expert and daring horsemen in the world. Imported direct from Russia and are known as the Czar's Cossacks.

FORECLOSURE COMMENCED.

Deep Gravel Mine Subject of Suit in Courts.

A suit foreclosing a mortgage for \$136,708.38 against the placer mining property known as the Deep Gravel mine, situated at Waldo, has been commenced in the courts of Josephine county, the plaintiff being the Deep Gravel Mining Company, an Oregon corporation, and the defendants the Waldo Consolidated Gold Mining Company.

The property was purchased a couple of years ago by the last named corporation, a mortgage in the amount stated being given. A. E. Reames and W. F. Schuermeyer are attorneys for the plaintiffs, and in addition to the principal amount sued for, they ask also for \$12,500 attorneys' fees and the costs of the foreclosure.

The Deep Gravel is one of the most noted mines of the district, having formerly been known as the Wimer mine, and has yielded fortunes in the yellow metal.

A Difficult Job.

Little Clark Butterfield, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Butterfield, residing on Beach street, thinks the creation of bears is a difficult proposition, judging from a recent conversation with his mother. The little fellow asked his mother if God made the bears. Upon her replying in the affirmative, he burst out, "My, I bet He has to run to get one made."

Airship.

Engagement extraordinary with Kit Carson's Buffalo Ranch Wild West Shows, Wiedemann Brothers, owners. A genuine Curtis-Farnum biplane, making sensational flights daily, rain or shine, from the show grounds, circling the city and returning.

The greatest attraction and most expensive free exhibition ever carried by a tented organization. Don't miss it.

Colestin Excursion.

The Southern Pacific will run an excursion to Colestin Sunday, August 11, leaving Grants Pass at 6:30 a. m. and Ashland at 8:40, returning the same evening. Fare for round trip, 60 cents.

TEACHERS ANNOUNCED.

School Board Gives Out Full List for 1912.

F. E. Moore, principal. Florence E. Wagner, assistant principal and English. Charlotte Kennard, English and German. Edith Merrill, mathematics and commercial branches. Orpha M. Parker, mathematics. Martha Gilchrist, history. W. E. St. John, Latin. Edward E. Coen, chemistry and physical geography, agriculture. Jean Manion, manual training. Blanche Davenport, domestic science and art. Percy Watkins, drawing.

East Side School—G. W. Milam, principal; Cynthia Tuttle, sixth grade; Ella Baxter, fifth grade; Bessie Dunham, fourth grade; Edith McCune, third grade; Caroline Van Nise, second grade; Maude J. Gregg, second and third grades; Sylvia Brown, first grade.

High School Building—Rossamond Welch, third and fourth grades; Mrs. Ada L. Stannard, first and second grades. West Side Building—Gertrude Engle, principal; Frances McWilliams, Ila M. Meyers, Gussie Updegraff, Maude Nissley, Alice M. Thompson, Beulah Caldwell, fifth grade; Eulalie Oates, fourth grade; Ethelyn Hurley, third grade; Evangeline Poley, second grade; Grace Garrett, first grade.

NEW PARTY LAUNCHED

Progressive Republicans Meet in Chicago and Take Steps Toward Permanent Organization.

Chicago.—The big Coliseum, the meeting place of the national progressive party, was thrown open shortly before 11 o'clock Monday, but it was nearly an hour after that time before the first of the delegates arrived. When the convention was called to order at 12:43, the seats of the delegates were practically filled, but there was not a very large crowd in the gallery, an admission fee having been exacted to help defray the expenses of the convention. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and bunting. Large canvas portraits were a feature of the decoration. Back of the stage were those of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. At the left of the stage was Hamilton, and to the right, Jackson. Suspended from the gallery at the far end, where all could see it, was an old painting of Roosevelt. Over the main entrance was the stuffed head of a splendid specimen of "ball moose."

There appeared to be no question among the delegates but that Roosevelt would get whatever he wanted at their hands. His nomination has been depended upon to give the new party an auspicious start and, if he desires to run on a platform based on his speech, which he asserts may be termed "anarchistic," progressives here are more than anxious to give it to him. Roosevelt will make his "confession of faith" at the convention Tuesday afternoon, following the formalities of permanent organization. Senator Beveridge, the temporary chairman, was the central figure in the opening proceedings and had prepared a speech at some length.

An outstanding feature of the progressive convention is the large number of women delegates. The leaders are encouraging a movement to make a feature of women delegates, and it is certain that the suffrage plank in the new party platform will be a strong one. It is said a tentative plank has been written by Mrs. Anna Shaw, the national president of the suffragists.

Senator Dixon called the convention to order at 1:43. Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana was elected temporary chairman and made the keynote speech. He was cheered throughout, a tumultuous interruption coming when he assailed the "boss ridden old parties." "The rules of the old parties," he said, "were invisible," and throughout his speech bristled with the most advanced ideas of progressiveness.

HUNT FOR OUTLAWS FAILS.

Officers Unable to Locate Sidna Allen and Pal Near Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—Information that Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the Virginia outlaws, were believed to be in the vicinity of Seattle caused the federal and county authorities to conduct a thorough search of the surrounding country for the men, but neither was found.

The first information of their coming to Seattle was received a month ago by United States Marshal J. H. Jacoby from Marshal Joseph Anderson of Salt Lake City. Anderson wrote that Allen and Edwards were headed for the home of a Kinsman named Hatfield living near Everett. A deputy sheriff, canvassed Snohomish county but was unable to find the Hatfield family. Allen is said to have been seen in Ballard, a Seattle suburb, two weeks ago, but since that time no trace of him or Edwards has been found.

Chicken Dinner.

The ladies of the Chautauqua Park Club will serve a chicken dinner and supper tomorrow (Friday) in the park. Admission 25 cents.

The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe roads announce advances in freight rates to all Pacific coast ports.

TEDDY IS NOMINATED

BULL MOOSERS NAME COLONEL TO LEAD PARTY.

GOV. JOHNSON RUNNING MATE

Prendergast of New York Makes Nominating Speech—Eight Seconding Addresses Given—Candidates Notified at Once.

Chicago, August 7.—Singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the delegates to the first national convention of the new progressive party tonight proclaimed Theodore Roosevelt of New York their candidate for president, and Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California their choice for vice-president.

Marking a new departure in the proceedings of national conventions, the two candidates were then and there notified of their nomination and midst deafening cheers they appeared before the delegates to voice their acceptance and pledge their best efforts in the coming campaign.

For several hours this afternoon and early evening the Coliseum had listened to a flow of oratory in nominating and seconding speeches in which the dominant note expressed was the belief that victory would come to the party in November.

The party formally christened itself the "progressive party," leaving off the prefix "national," but a provision was made for the recognition of "real" progressives in any of the states by whatever name they should be locally designated because of state laws.

The convention adjourned at 7:34 p. m. with the delegates singing the "Doxology."

The Roosevelt Pledge.

"Friends: With all my heart and soul, with every particle of purpose that is in me, I pledge you my word to do everything I can to put every particle of courage, of common sense and of strength I have, at your disposal, and to endeavor as far as strength is given me, to live up to the obligations you have put upon me and to endeavor to carry out in the interests of our whole people the policies to which you have today solemnly dedicated yourselves. To the millions of men and women for whom I speak, I thank you."

SUBSTITUTE FOR MEAT.

Pure Food Expert Says Beans Will Furnish Same Nutrient.

Washington.—If you want something to take the place of meat that won't turn profits over to the beef barons, and will save you money in these days of high prices, eat plain beans.

This was the remedy suggested by Dr. R. E. Doolittle, Dr. Wiley's successor as Uncle Sam's chief of the pure food board.

"Beans," said Dr. Doolittle, "are the best substitute for beef. One should not eat meat, anyway, more than once a day, depending, of course, upon the physical condition and employment of the person. Hard workers need more meat than those in sedentary work. It seems to me the harder a man works and the lower his wages, the more meat he needs. Meat is protein. Protein is strength. Mind you, I am not recommending a vegetarian diet as the best and only diet, but substitutes for meat."

DEER ON INCREASE.

Game Warden Reports a General Respect for State Laws.

Deer are on the increase instead of the decrease. Such, at least, is the statement of Game Warden C. L. Springer, who is a well-known authority on all matters pertaining to game and wood lore.

Mr. Springer has just returned from a three weeks' trip at the head of Cow creek and on Evans creek.

"Young deer are more plentiful this year than I ever saw them. Does, too, are found with great ease, showing that the hunters of this section of the state are beginning to hold the game laws in high regard. The conditions this season to date have greatly improved. In very few instances have I found hunters without licenses and on no occasion have I found any who willfully violated any of the laws."

ACTION UPHELD.

Disbanding of Militia Has Approval of Governor West.

One of Governor West's first acts on returning home from the meeting of governors was to back up the military authorities in the militia squabble.

Adjutant General Finzer's recommendation that the three companies, one of Dallas and two of Portland, be disbanded was indorsed, and an executive order issued to that effect.

Another order was issued calling for a court of inquiry which will thoroughly probe into the alleged mutiny and make a report before the court-martial is called.

This sustains the general staff in their case and leaves the soldiers practically without a contention.