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GIVEN DEGREE

President Speaks at Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY

Three of the Largest Nations of the World Were Honored Yesterday.

"FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY"

President Roosevelt and Kaiser William Received the Degree of Doctor of Laws by President of Philadelphia University.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Commemoration of Washington's birthday by the University of Pennsylvania was made notable by the fact that the representatives of three world powers participated in the exercises. The United States, represented by the chief executive of the nation, President Roosevelt; Germany, represented by Baron Speck von Sternberg, ambassador to this country, who acted as the personal representative of Emperor William and Henry Mottimer Durand, the British ambassador. The occasion was marked by one of the most enthusiastic demonstrations ever witnessed in the academy of music, where the exercises were held. President Roosevelt was the orator of the day, his theme being "Some Maxims of Washington." President Roosevelt left for Washington at 3:35.

President Roosevelt and Emperor William today received the degree of doctor of laws from the University of Pennsylvania. The degree was conferred upon the German emperor in absentia, Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German ambassador, accepting the honor for his sovereign.

The conferring of the degrees was a feature of the commemoration of Washington's birthday by the faculty and students of the university. President Roosevelt was the orator of the day. He delivered a patriotic address on "Some Maxims of Washington."

The exercises were held in the academy of music. By special permission of the mayor, the trustees of the university were given the privilege of issuing admission tickets, the supply of which was soon exhausted. The theater was crowded from pit to dome and at the first glimpse of President Roosevelt the vast assemblage arose en masse and gave him an ovation. The class and college cries of the students mingled with the cheers of the spectators in the balconies and galleries, and the women frantically waved their handkerchiefs. The exercises were opened with prayer, followed by the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," sung by the audience.

Dr. S. W. Mitchell, the "public orator," presented each of the candidates in turn their degree. In presenting the president, Dr. Mitchell said: "Mr. Roosevelt, President of the United States—On the Fourth of July, 1783, the University of Pennsylvania conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon the first president of the United States of America. The trustees of the same university do now, after 122 years, once again request the provost to honor with the same degree our latest president. This makes all other comment needless."

DIFFERENCE SETTLED.

Trouble Between Michigan and Wisconsin Universities.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The trouble between the Universities of Chicago, Wisconsin and Michigan over the settlement of damage claims resulting from the collapse of a grand stand at the Wisconsin-Michigan football game in 1902 are practically at an end. According to an official of the University of Chicago the settlement of the differences between the three universities has been decided upon and the near future, possibly the end of the present week, will see the three colleges again on a friendly footing.

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Brewer Pinched.

Roseburg, Ore., Feb. 22.—Max Weiss, proprietor of the Roseburg Brewing & Ice Company's plant, was placed under arrest yesterday on a charge of selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday. City Marshal Jarvis is the complaining witness. Weiss is accused of having sold a keg of beer to a gang of hobos last Sunday. After drinking the beer the hobos broke into a box-car in the yards and stole several articles of wearing apparel and food. Two hobos are under arrest and are being held as witnesses against Weiss, who will fight the case.

FROM THE FAR EAST

News from the Various Cities in Russia.

FUNERAL OF DUKE SERIGUS

Traffic on Various Railroads Suspended and Not a Single Train Left Warsaw—Several Grand Dukes Leave to Attend Funeral.

Warsaw, Feb. 22.—Traffic on the Vienna railway has been suspended since early this afternoon. A large force of employes, including telegraphers, having joined in the strike. Not a single train is leaving Warsaw's great terminus, which is guarded by a strong force of gendarmes keeping back the crowds clamoring to leave the city.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Several grand dukes left for Moscow today to attend the funeral tomorrow of the late grand duke Serigus. Grand Duke Vladimir did not attend the funeral on account of indisposition caused by a chill. Emperor Nicholas issued orders specifying who were entitled to attend the funeral. Members of the court, naval and military officers heads of judicial and administrative departments, president of nobility, the sematvos of province, mayor and foreign representatives.

WRECK NARROWLY AVERTED.

Southern Pacific Employes a Number of Track Walkers.

Neno, Nev., Feb. 22.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has had an extra force of track walkers along its line between here and the summit guarding against rolling boulders. The warm rains have loosened the embankments to such an extent that boulders are rolling on the track.

A wreck of the east bound flyer was narrowly averted near Boca last night. A rock weighing 500 pounds rolled onto the track on a sharp curve and at a point where the engineer could not see it. A track walker found the obstruction and by the aid of a bar moved it from the track just as the fast train came in sight.

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Berlin, Feb. 22.—That the Russian emperor has actually determined to seek peace does not appear to be known here officially, but this court has been aware that the emperor's mind has been wavering between peace and a continuance of the war. When Emperor Nicholas has so far decided to do seems to be to request of France to ask the Japan foreign office to inquire of the Japan what terms might be expected were Russia to propose peace; that is to say, the preliminary steps are to be taken by the second. Russia will thus be able to refuse to open negotiations if Japan's terms are exorbitant.

CHAMBERLAIN VETO

Three More Bills Meet With His Disapproval.

THE JOSEPHINE COUNTY BILL

A Bill Appropriating \$50,000 for Building and Constructing a Wagon Road in Southern Oregon and One Prohibiting Sheep and Goats at Large.

Salem, Feb. 22.—Governor Chamberlain has kept steadily at work today on bills with a result that 79 were filed with the secretary of state without approval. 24 bills were approved and 3 were vetoed. One bill which met the disapproval of the governor was appropriating \$70,000 for locating and establishing a new deaf mute school near the city of Salem. Another bill which was vetoed was for the establishment of a Rouge river road district and authorizing the counties of Josephine and Curry to incorporate into said district for the purpose of constructing a wagon road with power to levy and collect taxes for building the road, and to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000.

The third bill vetoed by the governor was providing for an election to vote on the question of allowing sheep and goats to run at large. The bill was held unconstitutional because it was enacted without a title.

Want to Emigrate.

Roseburg, Ore., Feb. 22.—A petition signed by 49 property-owners in what is known as West Roseburg has been filed with the county court, asking that the petitioners be formed into a municipal corporation under the provisions of chapter 1, article 27, of the laws of Oregon, said municipal corporation to be known as the town of West Roseburg. This portion, or a large part of it, was annexed to Roseburg by an act of the recent legislature in amending Roseburg's city charter, and the petition is signed by those who opposed becoming a portion of Roseburg property.

Man Who Sued J. B. Yeon Has Been Spirited Away.

Portland, Feb. 22.—After demanding \$100,000 damages from John B. Yeon, a wealthy lumberman, for alienating his wife's affections, Urgel Omet, the plaintiff, has disappeared, and his attorneys cannot find him. It is their opinion that he has been spirited away to prevent the suit coming to trial.

Papers in the case were filed November 26 last, at which time Omet appeared in court and seemed very anxious to have a speedy trial. William Foley and J. T. Vaughn were his attorneys, and several motions to make more definite and certain the date were argued before Judge George. The complaint was then put in shape and the

case set for trial in January. When the time came, however, Omet failed to put in appearance, and since then diligent search on the part of his attorneys has failed to reveal his whereabouts. They strongly suspect that he has been induced to leave the state.

In his complaint Omet alleges that he began work for Yeon in 1894, and that immediately thereafter Yeon began paying attentions to Della Omet, wife of plaintiff. A year or so ago Omet alleged the defendant succeeded in winning the affections of Della Omet, and she left the plaintiff to live with the defendant, hence Omet's claim that he was damaged \$100,000.

PLANTED TREES.

School Children Plant Miles of Shade Trees.

Fresno, Feb. 22.—What is possibly the greatest tree planting in the history of California is that in Fresno county today, when women and school children turned out along the road leading from this city to the county line across the plains and planted 2500 trees. Special trains, automobiles and other varieties of conveyances carried people to points between here and Kingsbury, 22 miles. All were armed with shovels and spades. People from Fresno, Fowler, Selma, Reedley and Kingsbury divided the road into districts and ranchers from along the route joined in the work. The plan is to plant trees along the road and across the county which is 65 miles wide. Nearly half of the work was completed at sundown tonight.

Mitell's Daughter Buried.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The body of Senator Mitchell's daughter, Mrs. Maggie Mitchell Griffin, was taken today to New York for final interment. The body of Mrs. Griffin had been held in a vault in Rock Creek cemetery since her death, last March. Francis H. Griffin and Hobart C. Handy, son-in-law and grandson of Senator Mitchell, have charge of the burial.

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TRIED IN JUNE

Oregon Land Fraud Cases Must Wait.

CASES ARE NOT READY

None of the Defendants Have Been Arraigned and no Demurrers Filed.

BELLINGER HAS SO DECIDED

It Will Be Impossible to Try the Mitchell, Hermann and Williamson Cases Before June Term. Mays Will Be Tried Later.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—It has been practically decided that the Mitchell Hermann and Williamson land fraud cases cannot be tried in April and probably not before the June term of court. Judge Bellinger is authority for the statement that there has been no postponement of the land fraud cases as announced in the dispatches from Washington, for the reason that no actual time has ever been set for their trial. Furthermore, he says none of the defendants have as yet entered any plea, and until they do so he is in no position to state what action will be taken with reference to the date of their trials. Demurrers to the indictment may be interposed and other legal delays arise, so it is a matter of speculation to indicate just when the cases will be heard.

Some of the defendants may not want a speedy trial, and in the case of Franklin P. Mays, who is seriously ill in California, the judge has arranged with counsel to have the trial prorogued upon a date compatible with Mr. Mays' physical condition. It is the custom for cases to be set down after a call of the docket. The jury is then summoned and criminal cases have precedence over civil cases.

Another reason for the delay is that the court cannot heard the case in the present building, and will have to wait until the new building is completed in order that there will be room to accommodate the witnesses and spectators. This cannot be done before June 1. Senator Mitchell is particularly anxious for an immediate trial, as he is satisfied that he cannot be convicted and he wants to resume his position at Washington.

MASQUERADE BALL.

Brilliant Assemblage at Foard & Stokes' Hall Last Night.

The masquerade ball given by the Sons of Hermann last evening at Foard & Stokes hall was well attended, a large number of masquers and spectators being present. The Astoria orchestra furnished music, refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all present. At 11:30 the judges awarded the prizes, which will be published tomorrow. The committee in charge of the ball are deserving of credit for the success of the affair.

Later—The judges awarded the following prizes:

Best dressed gentleman, Charles Duger; second best, George Malax; best dressed lady, Mrs. Fred Nelson; second best, Miss May Pohl; best sustained gent, Henry Reifel; second best, Ted Sutton; best sustained lady, Mrs. Tom Peterson; second best, Miss Laura Seafeldt. Three extra prizes were awarded on account of the costumes being excellent, as follows: Mrs. Harry Jones, grandfather's clock; Miss Marie Jones and Miss Bertie Jones, box of candy. Mark B. Malarky won the spectators prize.

NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

Russian Government to Indemnify the Victims in Affray.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Semi-official statement regarding the work of the international commission in the North sea incident, states that the commission

gives no opinion on the question of the presence of Japanese torpedo boats in the North sea. Commissioners refer to the Russian government engagement to indemnify victims of the deplorable incident.

WASHINGTON ELKS.

Grand Lodge for the State of Washington Organized.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Representatives of 13 Elks' lodges of this state assembled today in the Seattle theater and perfected a state organization, the first on the Pacific coast, which will constitute the nucleus of a subordinate grand lodge when the national organization acknowledges its functions. J. J. Alexander of Seattle and J. Howard Watson of Olympia were chosen temporary chairman and secretary. Rev. W. D. Simonds of Seattle delivered the invocation and Mayor Ballinger of Seattle deliver the address of welcome. Lieutenant Governor Coon of Port Townsend made the reply.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Four Hundred to Be Initiated Saturday Night.

Albany, Feb. 22.—Next Saturday evening the big membership campaign of the Woodmen of the World in the district embraced in the counties of Marion, Linn, Lane, Benton and Clackamas will be brought to a close with a monster initiation when 400 candidates will be initiated into the order after a parade through the city with fireworks and other spectacular accompaniments. The campaign has now been running nearly three months and in that time more than 400 applications have been received in the district and these men will be initiated here on Saturday night.

Excursion trains will be run from all directions, bringing the members and their friends here. Seven bands have been secured for the occasion and after the street parade and fireworks four halls will be used for the initiation of classes.

GUILTY OF MURDER

Adolph Webber Convicted of Murder at Auburn.

VERDICT WAS ANTICIPATED

Young Webber Murdered His Mother, Father, Sister and Brother and Burned the House They Lived in to Hide His Crime.

Auburn, Feb. 22.—Adolph Webber was today convicted of murder in the first degree for killing his mother at Auburn about three months ago. The jury was out for 15 hours. The first ballot stood 11 to 1, the one hanging out for murder in the second degree. Several ballots were taken and the jury asked for instructions as to what constituted murder in the several degrees, which were given. After a short deliberation they returned a verdict of murder in the first degree.

About three months ago young Webber, who is but 20 years of age, killed his mother, father, sister and brother, and after committing the horrible crimes, set fire to the building in order to cover up his crime. While the evidence was circumstantial to a certain degree, the fact that he bought a revolver a few days before the murder, which was positively identified, was strong evidence against him. He is a hardened criminal and has affected much braggadocio during his incarceration and trial.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Salem Saloons Must Hereafter Close on Sunday.

Salem, Feb. 22.—Salem is to be a closed town on Sunday hereafter, so far as the saloons are concerned, the city council, at a meeting held last evening having passed the ordinance providing for the regulation of saloons which has been pending for several months. The strongest feature of the new ordinance is the clause requiring the forfeiture of a saloon license for the violation of any of its provisions.