



PORTLAND HAS BIG FIRE

Four Persons Lose Lives in the Flames.

MANY ARE INJURED

Fire Starts Early Yesterday Morning on the East Side.

PATHETIC SCENES WITNESSED

Origin of Fire is Unknown—Firemen and Police Make Desperate and Heroic Struggles to Save People Imprisoned in Burning Buildings.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Four known dead, eleven seriously injured, and one fatally, and a financial loss of \$50,000 briefly summarizes the results of an early morning conflagration, which wiped out the busy little business district close to the East End of the Morrison-street bridge today. The known dead are: Edward Dailey, aged 9; Nathan Young, aged 35; and an unidentified woman thought to be Mrs. Cochran, aged 65 years, and an unidentified man.

The Injured.

L. F. DAILEY, badly burned about body and face; not expected to recover.

MRS. M. BAILEY, face and hands seriously burned.

FLOYD DAILEY, their son, about 17, face and hands seriously burned.

MRS. NETTIE BROWN, a widow, dislocated her hip when she jumped from the second story.

WALTER BROWNE, a son, who works in the livery stable at Front and Madison streets.

MRS. NAN EDMUNDS, rooms with Mrs. Browne; fractured her ribs when she jumped from the second story; she was also burned about the body.

MRS. MAE MacIRVIN, a widow with three children, jumped from second-story window; back and hip badly sprained.

R. H. BABCOCK, Sherlock, Mich., left hip smashed; jumped from second-story window; has wife at Sherlock, Mich., two sons at lumber camp at Falls, Wash.

FRED KRUEGER, from Detroit, Mich., rooming with Mrs. Browne at the Alpine, 291 1/2 East Morrison street, left wrist fractured and back sprained; jumped from second story. He is an employe in the gas and chandelier house of M. J. Walsh, and was first to discover fire in the house.

MRS. L. HICKS, badly burned about the face.

MRS. HICKS, burned on the hands. That the loss of life was not much greater is due to the work of the firemen who rescued many persons from precarious positions. The firemen removed several injured persons from burning buildings. Two firemen were

partially suffocated during the progress of the conflagration. The cause of the fire is not determined.

Burns Five Hours.

The property loss will reach well into the thousands, as the result of the fire which burned for five hours on the East Side this morning and ate its way through the block bounded by East Morrison, East Alder and East Water streets and the river, besides spreading to the block south, and destroying part of the Morrison-street bridge. Seventeen horses belonging to the East Side Transfer Company, were burned to death.

The early work of the firemen prevented a greater loss to adjacent property, as a stronger northerly wind fanned the flames, and for a time it seemed as if the block on the southeast corner of East Water and East Morrison streets would go. Heroic acts of the firemen saved lodgers in the building on the north-west corner.

Woman Yells "Fire."

David Stanford, a watchman for Joseph Supple in the boatyard at the foot of Belmont street, reported to his employer that at 3 o'clock this morning he heard a woman scream, and rushed to the bridge approach, where he found her arrayed in scanty attire and yelling that the lodging-house was ablaze. He ran with the woman to the fire-alarm box on the corner and tried to ring in, but he says the alarm would not work, so he telephoned to the fireboat George H. Williams. Later an alarm was turned in from Grand avenue.

The fire is believed to have started in the saloon of D. T. McCartney, on the northwest corner of East Water and East Morrison streets. No one has been (Continued on page 4)

MAY FORFEIT RIGHT

Government After Columbia Valley Railroad Company.

FAILED TO BUILD THE ROAD

Secretary of Interior Asks Why the C. V. R. Has Not Built Line—Right Was Granted in 1889, With Five Years to Build.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—From information received today from a reliable source it appears the government will take a hand in the contention between the rival railroad companies over the right of way down the north bank of the Columbia River. The Secretary of the Interior has directed the register and receiver at the Vancouver Land Office to call on the Columbia Valley Railroad Company to show cause why their rights of way over the public land should not be forfeited for failure to construct the road within the time limited by law. In 1889 the Columbia Valley Company filed maps under the act of Congress, March 3, 1875, which gave them the right of way over all lands then a part of the public domain. It provides however that any company claiming the benefit of the act must construct within five years. The instructions of the Secretary of the Interior are that unless proof of construction is made, that suit be instituted in the name of the United States, to adjudicate forfeiture. The Columbia Valley Company never constructed any road.

REPUBLICANS OF CLATSOP COUNTY IN LINE

COMPLETE ORGANIZATION EFFECTED LAST NIGHT

Representative Men Present From All the Precincts In and Out of Astoria With Pluck and High Purpose Behind them.

THE PAST IS PAST, THE FUTURE HOLDS ALL WORTH GAINING

TWO HUNDRED MEN ASSEMBLE AND SPEAK FOR THEIR CONSTITUENTS OVER THE COUNTY, AND SPEAK TO ONE END, THE CERTAIN SUCCESS OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN JUNE, AND TO THIS END, RENOUNCE EVERY CAUSE AND PHASE OF DISCORD AND ORGANIZE THE CLATSOP COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB.

The Republican status of Clatsop county is renewed, revived, and again firmly founded on the basis of complete and comprehensive understanding, wrought by the gathering, last night, of 200 representative members of the party, at the Clatsop court house, and the spontaneous abrogation of every old score, every rancorous feeling and every atom of jealousy and mistrust. The spirit of the meeting took its savor from the opening remarks of temporary Chairman Harrison Allen, who, taking Abraham Lincoln for his text, pleaded indirectly, for the harmony that certainly ensued. It was appropriate and apropos, and wonderfully successful in establishing the best of feeling for the evening.

J. A. Eaken, of this city was chosen as temporary secretary, and discharged the duties accurately and with dispatch, and received his reward later in the evening when his work, and office, was made permanent.

There was a broadcast determination to do something definite in the way of re-organization, apparent in the presence and habit of every man at the meeting and the logical result of such conditions, made the founding of the "CLATSOP COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB" an easy matter. There was enough of honest candor, enough of satirical humor, enough of genuine fun, exhibited on all sides, to act as a blanket for the smothering of the last spark of latent feeling, if any was present, and render grateful and compensatory, the work of the earnest and loyal Republicans of Clatsop toward reunion and party kinship. It was plainly and happily successful in every single detail, and there is nothing left for Republicans in this county to do, but stand pat for the nominees and work incessantly and understandingly for the June victory.

The very spontaneity of the meeting, the utter absence of all pre-concert, the wide-open opportunity for personal expression, the general and generous admission of previous fault and future loyalty, were factors in the restoration that followed, and no man left the hall last night but was conscious of the new conditions and the duties incident thereto.

There were speeches galore, short, impromptu, direct, honest, and all with one idea fore-fronted and imperative, for the good of Republicanism in general, and for the success and positive amalgamation of the party in Astoria and Clatsop county. Mr. Bautman lead off in a pleasant, yet trenchant vein, and was followed in quick continuity, by J. C. McCue, Robert Abbott, Charles Lester, Harrison Allen, F. J. Taylor, Charles Wright, John Nordstrom, Mr. Jewett, E. C. Judd, Charles DuBoise, Dan Ingalls, Walter Ingalls, Dr. Linton, H. L. Burke, Thomas Linville, L. O. Belland, Dr. J. A. Fulton, J. S. Dellinger, and others, each and all in the swing and spirit of forbearance and loyalty and partisanship that was good to see, and

must surely redound to the achievement of success in June.

The key-notes of the addresses of last night were heralded by Dan Ingalls, and his call for a "new deck and a new deal"; by Walter Ingalls plea that county and city Republicans "stop sleeping with Democrats"; Charles Lester's call for "new men and young men" and other pertinent and wholesome suggestion that few about the house in flashing and convincing fashion. It is not possible to rehearse one hundredth part of the trenchant and pregnant things that were said in the two hours devoted to the meeting, space forbids the venture, but it is all said, when the substance and meat of the convention is given in the tale of its prime success and splendid, permanent results.

Hon. Harrison Allen was unanimously chosen as president of the club; the same honor befell Mr. Eakin for secretary; two hundred and sixty-nine men are on the club roll; the gathering directed the president and secretary to appoint several leading Republicans in each and every precinct of the county, as precinct committees for the organizing of local clubs in every precinct, with the understanding that the presidents of such local clubs were to be declared to be vice-presidents of the central club established here; that the chairman appoint an auxiliary committee of capable men, of his own choosing, to assist in the organization of the outside clubs; that this, and all country clubs be, and are, organized upon the common, basic, principle, that there is to be no dictation as to nominees and no interference with the issues of the primaries, and that such nominees as shall emanate therefrom shall be deemed the Republican candidates for, and from, Clatsop county, and entitled to the unqualified and unquestioned support of the party within this county at the June polls.

It was a good night's work, thoroughly well done. And leaves the Republicans of Clatsop county absolutely free and untrammelled in the choice of their party nominees, and unites them in a composite and effective alignment for the electoral victory that is inseparable from Republican harmony here.

The Astorian endorses the outcome absolutely and will lend its aid in every conceivable way for the culmination of the best hopes of the party at the primaries and at the June polls, and will stand by every man whose name shall be sent up for consideration on April 20th for county and legislative preferment.

Hail! And All Hail! To the Clatsop County Republican Club!!!

MUSICAL SHIVERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Musical shivers such as accompany the villain's stalk across the stage are not conducive to the preservation of the artistic temperament. This psychological fact has been discovered by the musicians' union. As a balm to injured nerves, accordingly, the musicians have voted to ask

higher wages in those theatres where the "tremolo" night is supposed to produce cold chills.

The union took the matter up for discussion yesterday and it was the unanimous opinion that art must be safeguarded at the expense of the box office receipts.

In eighteen playhouses where melodrama hold forth, the protest will be filed by the union within the next few days. They will be offered the alternative of getting along with ordinary "rag-time" or advancing the players' pay from \$20 to \$25 a week.

RELEASED FROM ARREST.

Midshipman Meriwether, Pardoned by Roosevelt, is Out of Prison.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—Midshipman Meriwether, who was convicted of hazing and sentenced to be dismissed, but who has been pardoned by the President, was released from arrest this afternoon. Meriwether must, however, serve the sentence of one year's confinement to the academy limits in connection with his fight resulting in the death of Branch.

AFTER RAILROADS.

Pennsylvania Legislators Will Prosecute the Railroads.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Feb. 12.—The House tonight adopted a concurrent resolution directing the attorney-general of the state to inquire into the allegations of the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Companies and their leased lines, engaged in the mining of bituminous coal, which is alleged to be unconstitutional, and if the allegations are found true that he proceed against them.

TO PROTECT COAST

Canada to Equip Salvor For Life Saving.

SEND A BOAT FROM LAKES

Will Establish Life Boat Station on Vancouver Island—Witnesses Testify That Queen, Salvor and Czar Could Have Given Steamer Valencia Help.

VICTORIA, Feb. 12.—Agitation for a means of life saving on the Vancouver Island coast has resulted in orders being given by the Marine Department at Ottawa, according to a special dispatch, for the immediate transfer of a life boat station on the Great Lakes to Vancouver Island. Arrangements have also been made to equip the Salvor, which receives a government subsidy of \$10,000 a year, with a life boat of modern construction, a line throwing gun and other apparatus. Immediate arrangements will be made for the perfection of a telegraphic and telephonic service on Vancouver coast.

At the Valencia investigation today witnesses testified the steamers Queen and Salvor and the tug Czar could have given assistance to those on the wreck. Doherty, a waiter who survived, said he was very much excited, and was not under the direction of anybody. He said great confusion existed and asserted no woman could have endured the privations on the rafts; the men, he said, were nearly "all in" from exposure.

WORLD FAMOUS PIANIST IS MENTALLY DERANGED

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—For nearly eight hours today Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler, the world famous pianist, was missing from her home, and friends and relatives with the police were scouring the city for her. During the afternoon she returned home utterly exhausted. She declined to say where she had been or what she was doing. For some time

IS BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Prominent Speakers at Lincoln Banquet.

SPEECH BY CORTELYOU

Postmaster General Eulogizes Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt in Address.

ALDEN SMITH TOASTMASTER

Fourteenth Annual Banquet of the Lincoln and Young Men's Republican Clubs Held in Grand Rapids—Many Distinguished Men are Present.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 12.—The fourteenth annual banquet of the Lincoln and Young Men's Republican Clubs which was held tonight was a brilliant event both in the attendance and the character of the speakers. Congressman William Alden Smith, was toastmaster, and the speakers were Postmaster-General Cortelyou, Minister Corea of Nicaragua, Ambassador Nabuco of Brazil, Minister Martinez of Chile, Minister Quesada of Cuba and Congressman J. Adam Bede of Minnesota. Postmaster-General Cortelyou, who spoke on "Lincoln's influence on the American public life," began his address with a graceful tribute to the memory of McKinley. Then he said in part:

"What an illustration his life afforded of the truths that early privations need be no bar to ultimate success; that obstacles overcome are the greatest of educators; that integrity and honor and fair dealing are living factors in every real triumph, in every abiding family; that faith in the people and devotion to their interests are essentials to lasting honor in public life.

"For the greater part of the past three quarters of a century, Lincoln's influence on American public life has been felt in ever-increasing measure. It was reflected in his contemporaries and those who have followed him in the presidency make no concealment of their lasting obligation to him.

"In government of the people, by the people, and for the people, rests our salvation. Dangers beset us on every hand when we stray from that ideal. Every condition that disturbs us can be tested by it."

Mr. Cortelyou quoted from the works of Lincoln, McKinley, and Hay.

"From these leaders who died in that faith we turn to his living embodiment—Theodore Roosevelt. He cherished the same traditions, he is actuated by the same high ideals. He is fighting, as they fought, the battles of good citizenship. By every consideration of loyalty, by recognition of purity of life, of singleness of purpose, of splendid grasp of the great questions of statesmanship, he is entitled to our unswerving and enthusiastic support."