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FIRE IN ITS CONVENTION PANIC

ILLINOIS DELEGATES RUN FOR THEIR LIVES

Famous Leland Hotel at Springfield Catches Fire Just as Chairman Boutell Is Making His Speech—Rush for Exits Follows—Cannon Endorsed

Springfield, Ill., March 26.—Delegates to the state Republican convention in session here fled in disorder and guests of the Leland hotel were panic stricken today, when flames attacked the hostelry. The convention had just convened a short distance away and the corridors of the hotel were crowded with politicians when the alarm of fire was given. While the guests fled from their rooms and joined frightened politicians in the streets clanging of bells interrupted the convention. Congressman Boutell was making a speech when the delegates made a dash for the door to see the fire. The chairman ordered a recess, and within a few seconds the hall was empty. Many delegates were in the hotel while hundreds of visitors filled the lobbies. A rush was made for the doors and for awhile there was much confusion. The crowd coming from the convention impeded the escape of those hurrying from the hotel. Several persons were slightly hurt. It was learned this afternoon that the fire caused a loss of about \$200,000. The blaze started upon the roof and gained headway because of the firemen's inability to reach it quickly. After the fire had been put out, the delegates returned to convention hall and endorsed "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Illinois' "favorite Republican son" for the presidential nomination at Chicago. The convention also placed its stamp of approval upon the state and national administration.

WALKER CORNERS HARRIMAN

Railroad Magnate, Together With Portlanders, Must Appear in Federal Court to Answer to the Charge of Wrecking Tillamook Road—To Complete Line.

H. Melville Walker of New York is in Portland to press a suit for damages in the sum of \$525,000 against E. H. Harriman and Portland officials of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook railroad. Walker charges that by collusion with the Portland parties named in the suit Harriman accomplished the wrecking of the Tillamook railroad after it had been financed in London by him, and the first 10 miles of the road had been half constructed. Papers were filed in the federal court in Portland and subpoenas were served today on the following former directors and stockholders in the Tillamook road: John McCracken, Charles T. Pearson, John Stewart, H. L. F. Cook, William G. Goslin, Elmer E. Little, Garvey Peterson, Charles Erickson, William Reid, Harvey W. Scott, Dr. John Welch. Must Appear in Court. The same papers were served on E. H. Harriman last fall, requiring him to come into the federal court for the district of New York and show cause why he should not pay the damages demanded. Harriman's attorney appeared and stated that the Portland defendants had not been served. The attorneys for Walker then consented to a continuance and Walker is now on the coast to push the suit. Each of the defendants will be compelled to appear in person or by attorney in the federal court of New York state, with the exception of William Reid, who answered to the summons while in New York city last fall and made his answer to the court. Reid is only nominally a defendant in the suit, as he has from the beginning been in harmony with the Walker syndicate in the construction of a railroad from Portland to Tillamook. When the London financiers had signed agreements with Walker to take the bonds and supply the money necessary to build the road, and the Atlas Contracting company had the grading well under way, the local president, John McCracken, refused to sign and deliver the bonds to the London people. Without delivery of the bonds no funds were forthcoming, and the contractors had to abandon the work. Erickson & Peterson, who were the financially responsible members of the syndicate, never returned. (Continued on Page Four.)

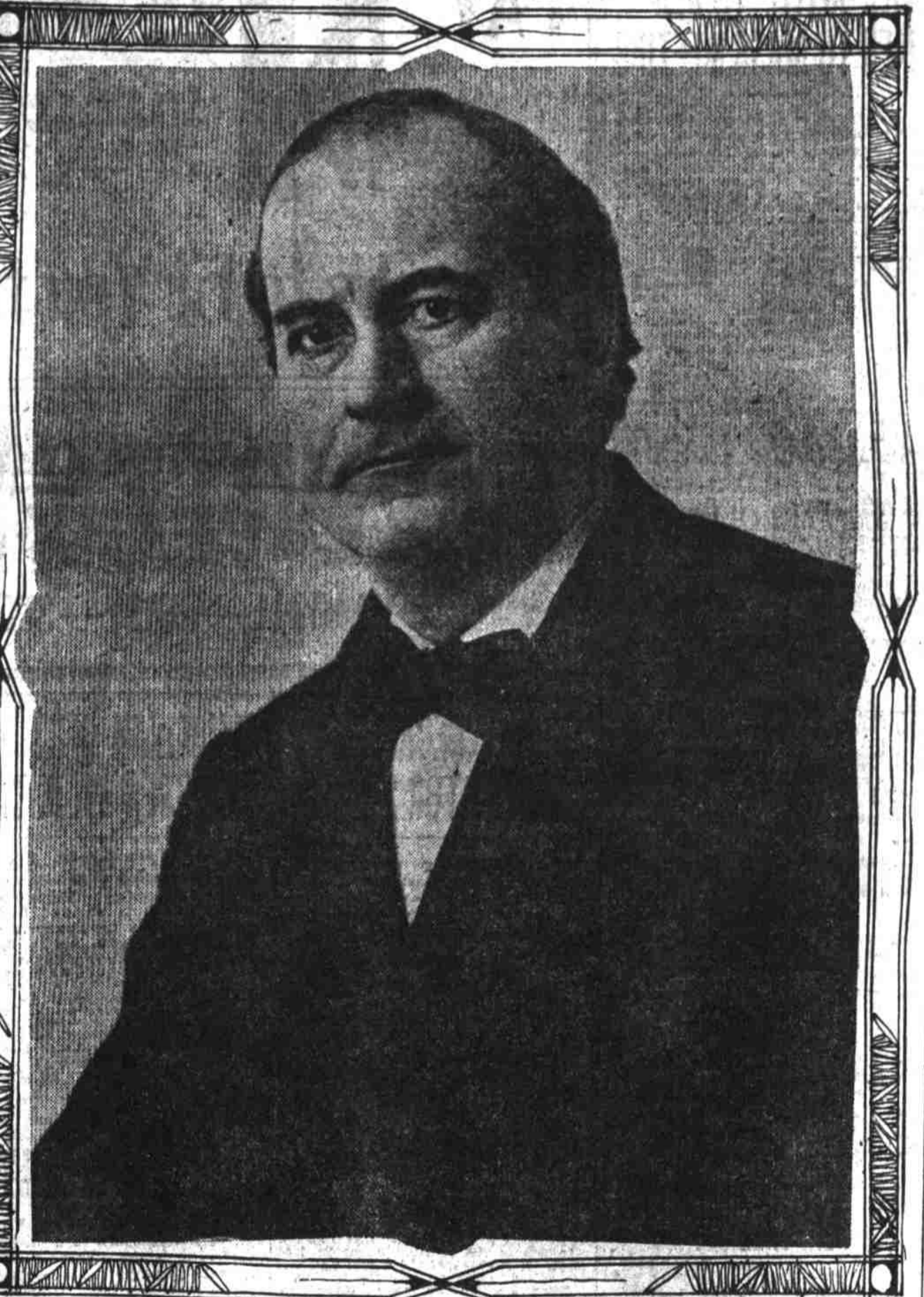
OREGON BOYS SUSPENDED

W. Koerner and G. L. Goodell of Portland and J. W. Mott of Salem Are Under Ban at Stanford University.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Stanford University, March 26.—Three Oregon boys, two of them among the most prominent athletes at Stanford, were among those suspended yesterday by the students' committee of Stanford university. W. Koerner of Portland, familiarly known as "Dutch" Koerner, was one of the greatest football men ever turned out by the Cardinal. He has played for four years on the field and last year captained the victorious Rugby football team. Koerner received his prep school work at Portland academy. G. Lane Goodell is a crack player on the Stanford baseball team and would have represented the Cardinal again in the varsity games this year. He was formerly of the Portland High school, and played on the team of the high school and the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. J. W. Mott, the Salem Oregon student, attended the University of Oregon and was one of the well-known students here, although not a member of any athletic team. The list of suspended students follows: E. B. Mayers, '09, of Reno, Nevada; H. B. Ross, '09, of Pasadena; E. J. Macomber, '09, of Los Angeles; L. E. Gay, '09, of Redlands, California; W. Koerner, '09, of Portland, Oregon; C. E. Sampson, '09, of Stockton, California; J. H. Riddell, '09, of Brazil, Indiana; G. McGregor, '09, of Bonita, California; J. O. MacDonald, '09, of Compton; J. E. Henry, '09, of San Jose, California; T. R. Cadwallader, '09, of Los Angeles; C. W. Morgan, '09, of Los Angeles; N. E. Dean, '09, of Sacramento; G. D. Hussey,

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN COUNTS ON OREGON DELEGATION FOR SUPPORT

This is William J. Bryan's latest and best photograph, a copy of which has just been sent J. W. Ferguson of Portland by the "great commoner," together with the announcement that Mr. Bryan counts on having the Oregon delegation as well as the entire Pacific coast with him this year. The letter accompanying the photograph is as follows: "My dear Mr. Ferguson: "Thanks for your congratulations. For fear you may not have seen a complete copy of the platform I send it to you. Am glad to know of the good prospects there. We are counting on the Pacific coast this time. Very truly yours, "W. J. BRYAN." The platform referred to in Mr. Bryan's letter is that adopted by the Democratic state convention held at Omaha, March 5, which is known as "Bryan's platform." Mr. Ferguson is an old-time Democratic politician of Nebraska, having lived in Lincoln many years and been delegate to the national conventions of '84, '88 and '92, and register of the United States land office under Cleveland from '93 to '98.



William Jennings Bryan, Who Looks for Oregon Democratic Support

PORTLAND SUPREME IN COAST STOCK AND PACKING BUSINESS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chicago, March 26.—Inquiry at Swift & Co.'s office brought reply to the query as to whether the firm intended to establish a packing plant in Seattle, that the company had no present intention of so doing. On authority of a person in position to know the company's business, the following statement was made concerning packing plants on the Pacific coast: "The Portland plant of the company will be built. The report that the firm had considered abandoning it for Seattle is absolutely untrue. There has been much misconception of the Pacific coast packing situation. Portland will in all probability be the distributing point for the northwest and will supply the great territory tributary to it and furnish much of the supply of cattle for markets farther east. "Southern and eastern Oregon, Idaho, part of Montana, Washington and also of Nevada can be supplied from Portland much easier than from Seattle. The San Francisco packing plants supply central California, the cities about the bay, Honolulu, part of Nevada and other large domestic territories. "There is no 'oriental trade' to speak of except in canned goods. Australia supplies most of the refrigerated meats for the far east and the question of supplying the orient from the Pacific coast with refrigerated meats would involve a study of vessels for that especial purpose, and as yet the market is not quite clear for their trade in great volume. Seattle's claim of 'supplying great cargoes for the orient' is somewhat amazing to packing-house men. "Work has so far progressed on the northwest plant of the firm at Portland that there is no fear of there being any changes in them. Portland is the city best suited to handle the domestic business of the northwest section of the Pacific coast. The country is essentially a stock country and a natural packing-house center. "Portland and San Francisco, I can confidently say, will be the two supply depots for the coast, and Portland will go a little further and be a source of cattle supply for the middle west if present plans carry. There is not much chance of any other cities being given preference by the Swifts over those just named. "At a dinner inquest this morning the evidence showed it to be a plain case of suicide. An empty laudanum bottle was found on a table near the corpse. "Stewart was 55 years old. He brooded considerably over domestic troubles, his wife recently having left him. An old resident of this section, was found dead in bed at his lonely cabin, six miles south of O'Neil yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Ben Jones. "At a dinner inquest this morning the evidence showed it to be a plain case of suicide. An empty laudanum bottle was found on a table near the corpse. "Stewart was 55 years old. He brooded considerably over domestic troubles, his wife recently having left him. O'Neil, Or., March 26.—J. M. Stewart,

SINCLAIRS WILL BUILD BIG PLANT

Independent Packers of Cedar Rapids Will Erect Packing Houses on Peninsula to Cost in Neighborhood of \$500,000.

Work to Begin as Soon as Harriman Trackage Is Completed — Company Now Operates Large Warehouses at Front and Couch

Another packing plant for Portland. The Sinclair Packing company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, one of the largest of the independent concerns, is planning to erect a plant on the peninsula which will cost about \$500,000 to \$750,000. This information was given by an irrefragable authority today and it was also stated that work on the plant will be begun as soon as the Harriman lines complete their track through the peninsula so that building material and supplies can be carried to the site without unnecessary expense. Several members of the Sinclair company have been in Portland recently and have gone over the ground carefully. As a result of their visit they have decided to build on the peninsula near the site of the new stockyard. Although not so large a concern as the Swartzschild & Sulzburger people the Sinclair company is one of the wealthiest of the independent packing concerns. Its houses in Cedar Rapids are one of the principal industries of the Iowa city and it has a Pacific coast trade that is gradually extending over the west. The headquarters for the Pacific northwest are in Portland and the company has a large warehouse at Front and Couch streets, whence its products are distributed for this portion of the country. It was also stated today that work on both the Swift and Armour plants in the Peninsula would be begun as soon as the peninsula stub is completed. All the packing house work is waiting on Harriman, as both Swift and Armour are anxious to commence operations as soon as possible.

MAY SEND TROOPS TO TREADWELL

Acting Governor Distin of Alaska Requests Army Officers at Vancouver to Assist in Quelling Rioting Strikers.

Dynamite Enough to Blow Up Town Found in Cache. Slavs Swear They Will Hurl Explosives at Soldiers if They Come.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Juneau, Alaska, March 26.—Troops have been asked to be sent to Treadwell, where the striking miners are showing signs of disorder. The call for troops was sent last night to the Vancouver barracks by Acting Governor Distin. The United States marshal's office here cannot maintain order and it is very probable that the troops from Fort William H. Seward will be sent here today or tomorrow. Many of the striking Slavs have been arrested charged with carrying weapons. Ten were fined \$20. This action has served to make them more hostile. The strikers claim that the moment soldiers arrive on Douglas Island they will resort to the use of dynamite. Dynamite enough to blow up an entire city has been found in a cache. Vancouver, Wash., March 26.—General Brush, commander of the department of the Columbia, said today that he had forwarded the request for troops at Treadwell to the adjutant-general at Washington. No action will be taken until word has been received from headquarters. General Brush sent the message to Washington at 8 o'clock this morning and it is probable that he will receive orders before night. The commander refused to attempt to forecast the action of the government.

SHONTS' DUKE SUED BY TAILOR

Defendant Trying to Dodge Bill Through Mistake of Writ Server.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 26.—Within a few days Duc de Chaulnes, who recently married Theodora Shonts, will be summoned to court to answer to a suit started against him by Joseph Cavanaugh, a London tailor, who claims he was not paid for \$1,345 worth of clothes made for the nobleman. Cavanaugh has sued for \$2,000, the difference being interest which the complainant also asks. Counsel for the defendant is trying to have the service of summons set aside on the ground that Baron Louis de Conde, mistaken for de Chaulnes, was served with a summons recently at the Shonts home. Many conflicting affidavits have been filed and the court has the case under advisement.

WORD FROM WASHINGTON

Written for The Journal By James J. Montague. (Mr. Roosevelt is going to repeat his messages until people fully grasp their meaning.) Dear People—Though numerous statements were made of fact. At various times I have volleyed and thundered— To make your impressions complete and exact. I'm going to repeat them again by the hundred. I have said that two added to two will make four— A truth I discovered by diligent gleaming— And when I have said it three hundred times more, Perhaps you will gather its marvelous meaning. And if it shall still seem to puzzle you then, Don't worry—I gladly will write it again. Though Shakespeare, I'm told, wrote his plays only once, They were mere fiction—in metre or rhyme. The people esteemed him a simple-minded duffer. And so they believed him the very first time. But nowadays all that a statesman may say is read by a public accustomed to doubt it. And if he doesn't about the same thing every day, The country is sure that he's lying about it. And therefore my messages I will repeat as often that soon you will know 'em by heart. So lay away history, poetry, novels. Let this be a final imperial warning. My people, though dwelling in castles of ivory, Must read forty thousand odd words every morning! And if they should skip 'em so much as a snicker, They surely will find to their terrible sorrow That they have not sown the seed seeds of repentance. The things they passed by will return 'em tomorrow! But as for my saying two times would make four, Please note that I only have mentioned that twice.

EVANS ANSWERS NAVAL CRITICS

Says Armor Plate Was Low Because More Coal Was Carried Than in War.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 26.—Charges that have been made concerning the position of the armor plate of all the ships of the Atlantic fleet, are held to be groundless in a report on the subject submitted to the secretary of the navy by Admiral Evans. The report says that when the vessels arrived at Magdalena bay the armor belts were several inches higher than when the vessels left Hampton roads. Admiral Evans insists there is nothing irregular about this because the ships were coal laden to the limit when they left for the south but that they would not have been so laden were they going into action.

High priced meat aids vegetarianism. Chicago, March 26.—Vegetarianism promises to get a boost if meat maintains its upward course toward higher prices. For retailers report that within the week beef has advanced a cent a