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YESTERDAY WAS

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STUCKE CHESEA IS AGAIN VISITED BY A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

UNBURNED SECTION SWEEPED BY FLAMES, LOSS OVER MILLION

Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 21.—The whole of that section of Chelsea that escaped the conflagration of last winter is burning. Aid was summoned from Boston, Malden and Everett, and it was feared the rest of the town would be destroyed before the flames could be checked. The police believe the fire is of incendiary origin, so quickly did it start.

The flames were first seen in the block bounded by Sixth and Vales streets, Everett avenue and the Boston & Maine railroad tracks. The whole block was soon on fire, and by 9 o'clock 16 houses and a large box factory and showcase works had been destroyed.

At the box factory over 250 employees who had just gone to work were compelled to flee for their lives and their escape was cut off on all sides but one by walls of flame. The factory was built of wood and was soon a roaring furnace. The employees are thought to have escaped with their lives.

A fire hose burst early and two fire engines collided on the curb, disabling both.

Fire engines from Malden, Everett and Boston are arriving to help the local department.

A shift in the wind saved the manufacturing district of the town after 13 acres of the undevastated part of the town had been destroyed. The loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The fire was brought partially under control by fire engines that were sent from Boston, Everett and Malden. Many persons are homeless and preparations are being made to house them in Boston.

A rigid investigation has been started into the rumor that the fire was of incendiary origin.

NO FRAUD, DECLARE VOTERS ACCUSED OF FALSE REGISTERING

Great effort is being made by the old line ring politicians, hungering for a return to the old system of machine politics and desirous of thwarting the will of the people in the next legislature by the defeat of Governor Chamberlain for United States senator, to show that his selection in June by popular vote was the result of fraud in the primaries.

Since the result of the June election became known it has been asserted repeatedly that the nomination of Calkins by the Republicans and the defeat of Senator Fulton in the primaries were due entirely to the fact that large numbers of Democrats, particularly in Multnomah county, had registered as Republicans with the preconcerted and prearranged idea of voting for Calkins and afterwards supporting Chamberlain. It has been asserted that by the nomination of Calkins, a weak man, the Democrats were able to elect Chamberlain in June.

In support of this theory statistics have been laboriously compiled from the Multnomah county registration books during the past three weeks. More by the Oregonian, which effort culminated this morning in the alleged discovery that since the 1908 registration 239 voters of the county had changed their party affiliation from the Democratic to the Republican column.

From this statement it is deduced that there were perhaps more than 600 "flippers" in the county.

Strong on the Flip Side.

From this second assumption it is argued that there were in all probability not less than 2,000 voters who went into the Republican ranks in the last primaries with the fall design set out. From all of this it is discovered that these men, voting as Republicans in April, and then flipping back to the Democratic column, defected in June by voting for Chamberlain.

Men today who know the conditions of not only Multnomah county, but of the entire State of Oregon, who do not know but who stop to think, are laughing at the absurdity of the contention set out, and at the illogic of the assumptions. It is also seen that the conclusion has been arrived at by garbled statistics, by using an incorrect method as a basis of calculation, and by overlooking the natural and well-known trend and past conditions of Multnomah county and the State of Oregon.

The charge made that the nomination of Calkins was secured by fraud and that the popular vote given to Chamberlain was the fruit of this fraud is based on the discovery, according to the list compiled by the Oregonian, that 239 voters registered as Democrats in 1908 changed their registration to Republicans in 1908. It is assumed that the

CIGAR STORES MUST ALSO CLOSE DOORS

The cigar stores are now under the ban of the district attorney. Next Sunday another cinch will be taken in the reform belt of the town, and all cigar stores will have to close, as have the saloons.

Chief Grittmacher sent out his men today to inform all of the dealers in cigars and also to impress upon them the seriousness of the order.

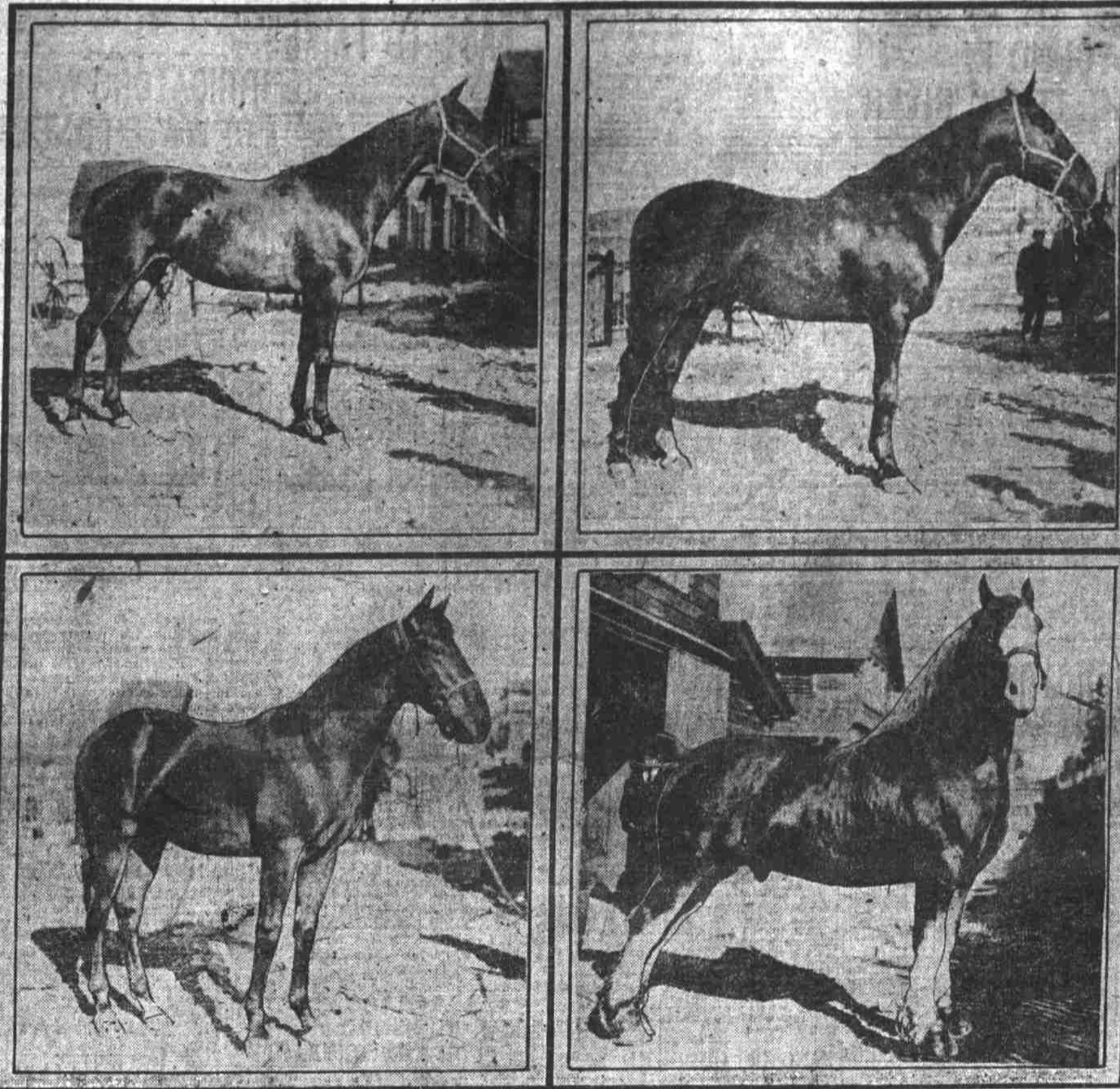
The pool and billiard-rooms received their notices yesterday.

Some time ago the district attorney wrote a letter to the chief of police calling attention to the fact that there

were violations of the Sunday closing law. He asked that he be put to the practice. Chief of Police Grittmacher read the letter and accordingly issued for lawyers' use for assault with intent to kill. The grand jury spent much time in a thorough examination into the books and records of the county, finding all in good condition.

With a view to the adoption of up-to-date methods in assessment and collection of taxes and more perfect methods in the various departments, it was recommended that competent experts be employed to examine the various records for the period of six months past.

PORTLAND'S ATTRACTIVE LIVESTOCK SHOW SWINGS OPEN ITS GATES



Betty G., P. E. Alley's 3-Year-Old Prize Winner

Sonoma Boy, Head of P. E. Alley's Stud

P. E. Alley's Colt Roseburg Boy

J. E. Gordon's Royal Maqucen

TAFT ITINERARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Opening in Wisconsin September 23, Will Enter Nebraska Week Later.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Sept. 21.—The corrected itinerary for Taft's western tour was announced at the headquarters here today as follows:

Taft will arrive in Chicago from Cincinnati next Wednesday at 5 o'clock. He will leave Thursday morning, speaking at Detroit, Jamesville, Madison, Evanson, Racine and Milwaukee. On Friday he will speak at Davenport, Muscatine, Clinton, Oklahoma and Des Moines. On Saturday his speaking engagements are at Cedar Rapids, Vinton, Waterloo and Waverly Junction, Iowa, and Albert Lea, Owatonna, Fairbault, Northfield, Farmington and St. Paul, Minn. He will spend Sunday in Minneapolis.

Monday, September 22, he will speak at Fargo, Minn., Alexandria, Vergus Falls and Crookston, Minn., and Grand Forks, Hillsboro and Fargo, N. D. The next day he will visit Aberdeen, Redfield, Woonsocket, Mitchell and Yankton, S. D.

Wednesday, September 23, he will spend in Nebraska—here the arrangement of dates has not been completed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Valparaiso, Cal., Sept. 21.—It is believed here today that a court-martial will be ordered by the secretary of the navy as the result of the explosion and fire at the Mare Island navy yard Friday, when two lives were lost and four persons injured.

The court of inquiry is still in session today. It will complete its work this afternoon. Its report will not be made public unless every one connected with the case is exonerated. In the event that any one is held responsible, the papers will be forwarded to Washington and a court-martial ordered. It is said at the navy yard that the investigation has shown that the explosion on the gasoline barge, which led to the disaster, was caused by one of the workmen throwing a lit cigarette stub on the floor of the barge, which was saturated with gasoline. If this is true and the report substantiates it, vigorous action will be taken.

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Racing Stock Attracts Wide Attention—Track in Excellent Condition.

If you are a lover of nature as expressed in living, animate creatures, in the long curves of gilding muscles, or the bulk of brawn and red blood; if the indefinable something that distinguishes the thoroughbred appeals to you, it's worth while.

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The empty vault of the huge grandstand echoed to the thud, thud, thud of the speedy horses that were being exercised on the track. It would be hard to find a more beautiful exhibition of racing horseflesh than is to be seen on the track. It needs only a look at the busy track to assure one that the promise of good races that has been made by the management of the show will be carried out.

The track is in excellent condition and is getting better with every hour of use, while the weather, which was threatening in the early morning, has cleared and the day is ideal for the opening and for the speed events.

The streetcar company has put on centered about the racing stables, where the trotters, pacers and runners were being groomed, shod and generally made ready for the speed contests that began at 1:30 this afternoon, and about the huge stables where the exhibits of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry are stabled.

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COUNTY BUYS HOSPITAL TRACT

Three and Half Acres in South Portland Purchased for \$50,000.

The county court this morning closed a deal whereby the county will acquire three and one-half acres of land for hospital purposes. Fifty thousand dollars will be paid, but the county will not come into possession of the property until next spring.

The property is only one mile from the courthouse, in South Portland. It extends from Second street to the Fourth street railroad right of way and between Hooker and Wood streets from north to south. It is now owned by C. E. Smith, a well-known foundryman, and is known as the Smith home-land. Formerly it was owned by W. Lair Hill.

The purchase of this tract means the abandonment in the near future of the old county hospital at the Hillside farm. On the property is a splendidly built house of three stories, containing 15 rooms, which is valued at \$25,000 as it stands. This house will be remodeled to provide accommodations for 60 or 75 patients, and will be added to as necessarily required after the county comes into possession next spring.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Sept. 21.—Captain William J. Bryan, one of the best known steamship captains on the Pacific coast, died at his home in this city yesterday of heart disease. Eighty-two years of age, Captain Bryan had been well known on the coast since his arrival in 1849, when he sailed around the Horn. He was assistant chief engineer on the steamship Columbia, the first boat to run regularly between San Francisco and Portland. From this position he rose until he was in command of the best boats of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, plying between these ports. From 1886 to 1893, when he retired from active service, he was alternately engaged in mercantile and marine work.

Captain Bryan was a member of the California Society of Pioneers as well as several fraternal organizations. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Odd Fellows cemetery.

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F. HITCHCOCK WILLING TO RESIGN

Offered to Step Out as Director of Taft Campaign at Meeting of Advisory Committee—Resignation Not Accepted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Sept. 21.—It leaked out today that National Republican Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock last Thursday offered to resign his position as director of the Taft campaign at a meeting of the advisory committee in New York. Hitchcock's resignation was not accepted as it was realized that it would be a tactical blunder to change the management of the campaign at this stage.

It is stated here that the members of the advisory committee were tired of the apathy of the public and called the meeting on their own responsibility to discuss the situation.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Following a brief conference between Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the national Republican committee and Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts today, Senator Crane gave out a statement denying that he had been practically placed in charge of the Taft campaign. He said that he had come to Chicago at the request of Hitchcock to consult with him about important matters.

While he was in Cincinnati, said Senator Crane, Taft had stated that he was perfectly satisfied with the Hitchcock management. Crane declined to discuss the rumor that prominent members of the United States senate were considering taking action against certain senators who have been accused by William R. Hearst during the last few days of having had dealings with the Standard Oil in connection with the shaping of national legislation. Senator Crane refused absolutely to discuss the Foraker matter. Chairman Hitchcock then gave out a statement denying that a reorganization of the national committee is contemplated.

Hitchcock explained what had been done in the way of organization and declared that only \$100,000 had been collected for the campaign fund thus far. Most of this money, he said, had already been expended while contracts had been let for the expenditure of a great deal more.

Hitchcock's statement brought out the fact that young and inexperienced men had been appointed to collect money and stated that no definite assurances had been received that more money would be forthcoming.

The committee after discussing not to accept Hitchcock's resignation, voted unanimously to start a vigorous campaign for funds.

Taft Resumes Hitchcock. (United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Sept. 21.—Judge Taft today wired Frank Hitchcock as follows: "Don't be disturbed at the publications with reference to your management of the campaign or statements that it is my intention to supplant you in control."

Fourth Effort to Rob Station

Thieves Scared Away From Front Street Office Before Breaking In.

The persistent burglar who operates with a "jimmy" on the doors of drug stores, which are also postoffice substations, paid a visit last night to Station No. 1 in the store of B. F. Jones, 509 Front street, but was apparently scared away and could profit by his attempt at robbery.

Twice this month the store of A. W. Allen at Sixteenth and Marquette streets has been robbed by the "jimmy" expert, while the drug store of Fabian Bryson, 401 Jefferson street, has also been entered and robbed. In one instance has the thief left anything by which he could be identified, and although the police, as well as the secret service officers of the government, have been keeping a sharp lookout for sales of "jimmies" they have not been able to catch any. It is reported that the burglar is evidently clever enough to ship the stamps elsewhere to be turned into cash, or has kept them hidden and is waiting for all danger to pass over.

As in the other cases, the man with the "jimmy" put his instructions in words on the front door, but in this instance his words amounted to nothing. Detective Tichener made an investigation and soon as the attempted robbery was discovered by the drug store this morning, but as before, the only clue was a few marks on the door, as well as a few marks on the floor.

The "jimmy" thief has made a very bad thing this month, as he has not only been caught, but he has been sent to the penitentiary. It is reported that the burglar who may be the same man who operated on the 17th, and made good his little hope of making big.

LAVEY GONE; BELIEVED DEAD

Former La Grande Publicity Man, Later Employed Here, Missing—Wrote Employer Notoriety in Connection With Oklahoma Land Cases Too Much for Him.

"All this hell they talk about is right here on earth. I don't believe I can stand it." This is the way Patrick C. Lavey, a former rough rider, who fought at San Diego with honors and later incited in Oklahoma in connection with land deals with the Indians, also says things in general the last time he wrote his employer, Orrin B. Spaulding, 224 Plender street, Portland. Since then nothing has been heard from him.

Lavey has been absent several months since he came to Oregon several months ago.

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JACKSON'S GRAND JURY ADJOURNS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Jacksonville, Or., Sept. 21.—One of the most eventful sessions of the grand jury of Jackson county was just terminated. The investigations covered a wide range, a thorough inquiry into the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors being an important feature. The session covered two weeks and many witnesses were examined. Four indictments were found for violation of liquor laws; two for statutory crimes; two for conspiracy; two for assault with intent to kill. The grand jury spent much time in a thorough examination into the books and records of the county, finding all in good condition.