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CORNERSTONE OF Y. M. C. A. BUILDING LAID

ROB SAFE IN POSTOFFICE AT LENTS

Skillful Cracksmen Blow Open Strongbox With Nitroglycerin, Take Over \$100 and Escape Without Alarming Any One.

Another postoffice robbery, more daring than any committed in Portland in years, was successfully accomplished last night or early this morning at Lents. The work is thought to have been done about 2 o'clock this morning, but there is no evidence as to the exact time and the cracksmen may have operated before midnight.

George W. Spring, the postmaster, said this morning that he closed up his office about 8 o'clock last night and opened it this morning about 7 o'clock. The burglars, he declared, are without a doubt experienced in this line of robbery, for so quiet were they in going about the office that not even the people who were sleeping over the rooms where the robbery was done were awakened.

Persons Overhead Not Awakened.

Even when the nitroglycerin, which blew the steel door of the safe from its hinges, exploded, the robbers had so successfully muffled the sound that no one with the exception of one man, who lay awake in the Bethel hotel across the street, heard it. This man barely heard the sound and at the time thought it a blast fired at a distance, perhaps a mile away.

The burglars entered the postoffice by the front door and left the same way, breaking nothing and disturbing nothing which they did not intend to carry away. The office safe was the only article tampered with, and the papers in it were not touched. Postmaster Spring said that none of his private property had been disturbed.

More Than \$100 Missing.

The outer door of the safe was blown violently from its hinges and the inner door was drilled and then blown open. The safe contained over \$100, all of which was taken. Not a stamp was taken, so far as could be ascertained this morning, and this, and the extreme coolness and distinctness of the work, leads to the conclusion that the cracksmen were not novices, but on the other hand were well schooled in burglary. A few burglars' tools of the finest make and in the best of condition were found on the floor, evidently forgotten or perhaps overlooked in the darkness when the burglars made their noiseless way out of the building.

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GOWNS VULGAR, SAYS DUCHESS



Paris, Dec. 4.—Directoire gowns must go. This is the edict of the Duchess D'Uzes, who is a fashion leader and whose word counts much with every woman in Europe who boasts of being somebody. The duchess in leading the movement to put a stop to the wearing of Directoire gowns on the ground that they are not conducive to good morals and are "incapacitantly vulgar."

GIRL SAYS HOP IS STRAWBERRY JAM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 4.—Following the novel defense of Miss June Raymond, accused of smuggling opium into the city jail, that the substance she carried to Ralph Buchanan, a prisoner, was strawberry jam, the city chemist is making an analysis of the disputed article today. Buchanan, who is addicted to the use of opium, warned the city jailers that they had better watch him to see that he did not obtain the drug. Later it was discovered that Miss Raymond had given the prisoner sacks of tobacco in which were concealed small brown cakes of something believed to be opium. The young woman was arrested, and on being given a hearing asserted that the supposed opium was nothing more than strawberry jam. It was decided to refer the matter to the city chemist.

FULTON LOSES MORE THAN A TOGA TO REPLY

Effort to "Get" Chamberlain Through Roosevelt and Taft Fails Utterly, and He Loses Prestige by Reason of Attempt.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Fulton has been bringing strong pressure to bear on President Roosevelt to assist him in his fight on Chamberlain. A letter from a Portland man to a friend of the president received today says the Fulton forces regard the fight as transferred to Washington and that if they fail to bring the president's influence to bear, no further real obstacle can be kept in the way of Chamberlain. I can state positively that in his impetuosity to the president Fulton has utterly failed. After exerting all possible pressure, Fulton has found the president refuses to intervene, saying in substance that he regards the Oregon law open to criticism, yet in view of pledges given by Statement No. 1 members of the legislature, it would be political insanity, as well as civic immorality to refuse to carry out in the legislature the plain intent of the Oregon primary law and the popular vote on senator.

Taft of Same Opinion.

Sources close to the White House assure me that Taft takes the same view. Fulton's visit to Hot Springs, Va., is known to have been an utter failure as he has been unable to get into the White House. There were some indications for a time that Hitchcock would come to Fulton's assistance, but in view of Roosevelt's and Taft's attitude any action by Hitchcock in any way committing the present or the incoming administration to an anti-Chamberlain movement would elicit a rebuke which would be vitriolic in character.

Fulton Made Costly Mistake.

Taking into account every substantial event relating to the Oregon senatorial contest, so far as it concerns Washington or Hot Springs, I am sure all efforts to bring national influence to bear will be abortive. Furthermore, the beginning of a campaign by Fulton here will merely result in effects exactly the reverse of those desired by Fulton, for in view of the publicity given to his efforts the natural result has been to elicit expressions by customary direction that the Roosevelt and Taft influences frown on any attempts to induce the violation of openly given pledges.

Still another effect wrought by Fulton's efforts has been to injure him here and in the east generally. The whole country has understood the situation and it is absolutely true that sentiment runs in a manner to prejudice Oregon's senatorial prospects. A mistake when he brought this local issue into national politics.

OREGON MAN IS GIVEN POSITION

John R. Willis, Formerly of Hillsboro, for Collector of Alaska District.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Clarence L. Hobart presented his resignation to President Roosevelt this morning as collector of customs for the district of Alaska. The president accepted it with regret, to take effect January 1. Mr. Hobart, who formerly lived at Seattle, retires voluntarily in order to enter private business in that city.

John R. Willis was a school teacher in Hillsboro several years ago. He went to Juneau to become a deputy in the office of the collector of customs, and his appointment to the collectorship is a logical promotion. He visited the Portland custom house last year. His family has been in Juneau with him since leaving Hillsboro.

VANCOUVER CITY CLERK ARRESTED

Sheriff Sappington Serves Warrant on John Harris in Portland.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 4.—Sheriff Sappington of Clark county this morning served an arrest warrant on John Harris, city clerk of Vancouver, at the St. Charles hotel in Portland. The city books are in a bad mixup. It is believed that a shortage of several hundred dollars will be found. A committee of investigation appointed by the city council is now examining the books.

M'ARTHUR IS NOT WILLING TO REPLY

Candidate for Speaker Refuses to Say Whether or Not He Believes Statement No. 1 Pledges Should Be Kept by Legislators.

C. N. McArthur, candidate for election to the speakership of the house of representatives of the coming legislature, has gone on a tour through eastern Oregon in search of votes. He has been through Wasco county in company with Senator Jay Bowerman, who is a candidate for president of the senate. Both of the candidates have the support of the Fulton following and are being urged for election by the outline politicians of the state who are the promulgators and active workers in the present plan having as its object the repudiation of Statement No. 1 pledges, the defeat of Governor Chamberlain, who was given the popular vote last June, and the election of some one other than the popular choice. Before returning to Portland Mr. McArthur will visit all the members of the house from the eastern Oregon district.

Through the vigorous action of those who are booming the candidacy of Mr. McArthur and Senator Bowerman, the senatorial question has been forced clearly and fully upon the organization of the legislature. The paramount issue at the present time considered by those who have to do with the affairs of the legislature is whether the Statement No. 1 majority of the legislature shall remain intact and carry out its pledges to the people of Oregon, or whether the old time politicians of the state, many of the congressmen and those who voluntarily pledged members to commit practical perjury by the repudiation of their pledges and the possible election of some candidate for the speakership under the old time system.

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NOT SURE THAT BIGGY IS DEAD

Police Commissioner Keil Acted Strangely—Taylor Will Assert Authority.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The board of police commissioners will not appoint a new chief of police to succeed William J. Biggy, who was lost from the police launch Patrol Monday night, until it has been definitely established that Biggy is dead.

This is the announcement made today by Acting Chief A. D. Cutler, following a suggestion to that effect made by the board to Mayor Edward H. Taylor.

In the meantime there is no trace of the body of the missing chief and the commissioners are becoming involved in discussions over the statement of Commissioner Hugo D. Keil that Biggy handed him his resignation two hours before he disappeared.

Keil asserts that he told Mayor Taylor that Biggy had offered his resignation. Mayor Taylor denies that he received such notification from Keil. Acting Chief Cutler, who was quoted yesterday as criticizing Keil and doubting the interview between the latter and Biggy, today denies that he made the remark attributed to him.

It was rumored today that Commissioner Keil refused point blank to resign until it has been definitely established that the position of the interview withheld were "sacred."

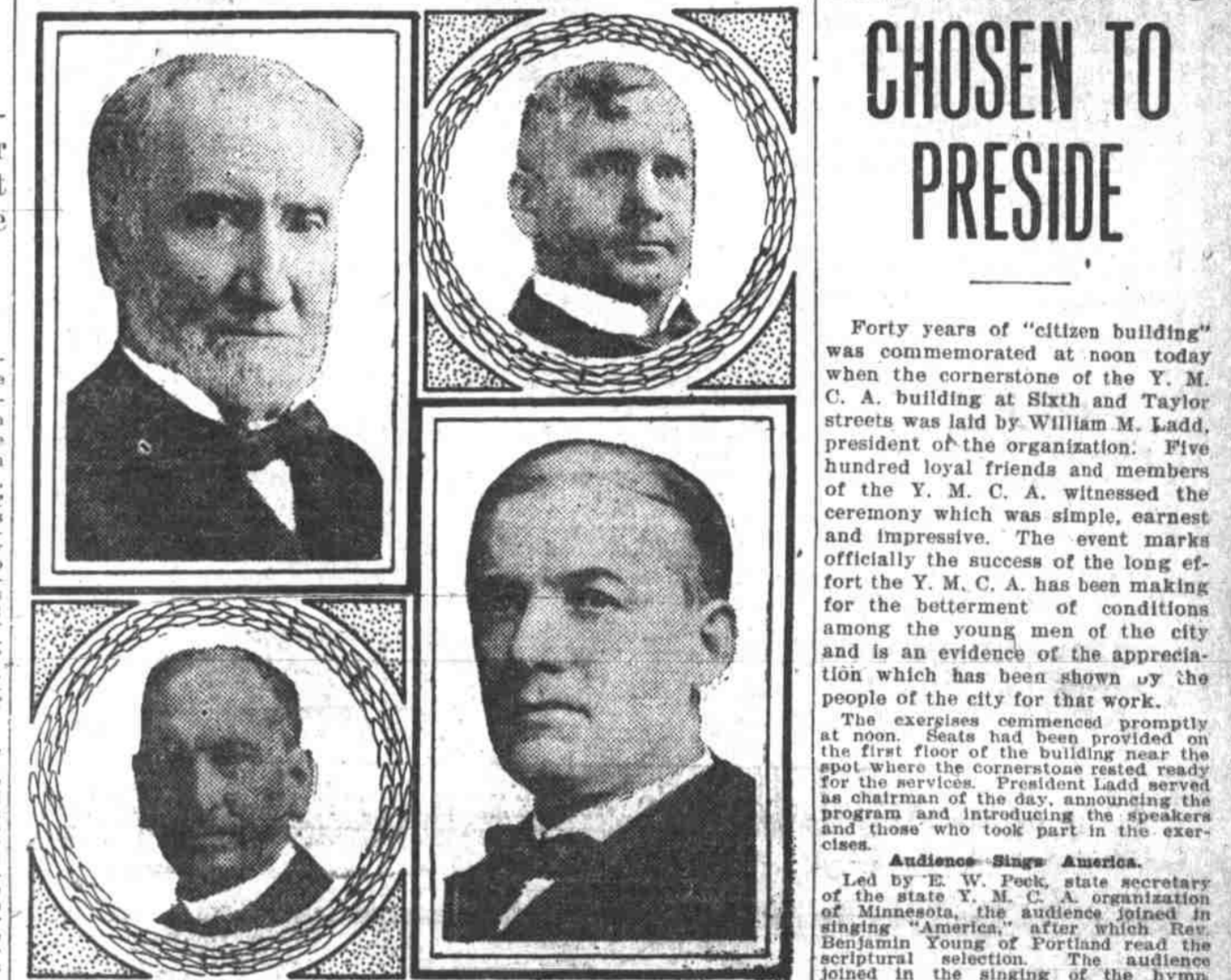
LOWEST RATES TO NORTHWEST THREE CITIES TO FIGHT RATES

From Missouri River, \$50; From Chicago, \$62, to A.-Y.-P. in 1909.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Dec. 4.—After giving a rate of \$50 for the round trip from Missouri river points and St. Paul the A.-Y.-P. exposition, the Transcontinental Passenger Association has announced that what is considered to be an extremely low rate from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis. M. Cleland, general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, that round trip tickets good from May 25 to September 30 would be as follows: From Chicago, \$62; Peoria, \$60.15; St. Louis, \$58.25. The rates are considered the lowest excursion rates given last summer from Chicago was \$72.50.

BELLS RING AND WHISTLES SOUND DURING THE CEREMONY

BATTLE ROYAL PROMISED OVER UNCLE JOE'S CHAIR



Joseph Cannon, upper left; Charles N. Fowler, upper right; Theodore E. Burton, lower left; Charles Townsend, lower right.

The greatest contest of recent political history will be enacted in the hall of congress should President-elect Taft carry his fight against "Uncle" Joe Cannon for the speakership of the house of representatives to a finish. This is a fight which even President Roosevelt has never attempted. It is a fight not against Mr. Cannon but against his policy of coercion, which has earned for him the title of "czar."

Fight His Policy.

Backed, as Mr. Cannon is, by the standard-bearers of the Republican party, he feels comparatively safe. Knowing that a fight was imminent, however, his supporters have secured pledges from many of the congressmen and claim enough pledges to carry Mr. Cannon to the seat. This, however, was before the fight against Mr. Cannon and consternation prevails in the Cannon camp. It is well known that many of the congressmen who had given their pledges to Mr. Cannon are now actively working in behalf of Mr. Cannon and he is bending every effort to stop the agitation for a change in the administrative head of the house.

Theodore E. Burton was the man who set the political world afire with his statement to the effect that President-elect Taft was going to fight Cannon in behalf of reformation in the policies of the house leaders. Congressman Burton, while denying this, is a candidate still has potential possibilities, especially if he should be defeated in his bid for the senate. His opponent, Burton is himself engaged in a fight for the Ohio speakership and should he succeed he will, of course, be eliminated from the speakership contest. But should he return to the house, it is rumored he will be Taft's candidate for the speakership.

Charles Fowler of New Jersey has announced his intentions of making a fight for the speakership and he has a considerable following. His well known abilities as a parliamentarian and his experience in the house would render him very serviceable in a candidate.

Charles Townsend of Michigan is also being favorably mentioned. Mr. Townsend possesses a personality which has made him many friends in congress and his energetic methods, which have been on the side of the reactionaries, are being favorably mentioned.

Mr. Cannon has never made a short address outlining the history of the organization in Portland. After which E. Quackenbush, first president of the Portland Y. M. C. A., made a short address outlining the history of the organization in Portland. Mr. Quackenbush called to mind that the first tentative organization of the Y. M. C. A. was effected in Portland in 1859, though the present organization was completed 40 years ago, March 31.

The exercises commenced promptly at noon. Seats had been provided on the first floor of the building near the spot where the cornerstone rested ready for the services. President Ladd served as chairman of the day, announcing the program and introducing the speakers and those who took part in the exercises.

The Post-Intelligencer is not advocating the election of a Democrat to the senate in Oregon; so far as the partisan aspect of the issue is concerned, it is closed; it is now a question of political decency. Legislators who have entered into a contract with the people cannot honorably break it. If they do their state is dishonored.

The people of Oregon have spoken on the United States senatorship in that commonwealth. If they have made a mistake, it is their mistake, and a mistake to be corrected by them in their own time and in their own way.

It does not in the least concern the representatives who have agreed to do what the people of Oregon instructed them to do; the obligation resting upon legislators of Oregon is a moral obligation, sanctioned by the legislature and the people of the state; it cannot be shirked without hurt to public morality, and anything that offends public morals is a political detriment.

Whatever sovereignty Oregon may possess is in the people of the state, in the qualified voters who control the state, and when they speak, the voice is and should be the law.

W. M. LADD IS CHOSEN TO PRESIDE

Forty years of "citizen building" was commemorated at noon today when the cornerstone of the Y. M. C. A. building at Sixth and Taylor streets was laid by William M. Ladd, president of the organization. Five hundred loyal friends and members of the Y. M. C. A. witnessed the ceremony which was simple, earnest and impressive. The event marks officially the success of the long effort the Y. M. C. A. has been making for the betterment of conditions among the young men of the city and is an evidence of the appreciation which has been shown by the people of the city for that work.

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Antidotes—Sing America. Led by E. W. Peck, state secretary of the state Y. M. C. A. organization of Minnesota, the audience joined in singing "America" after which Rev. Benjamin Young of Portland read the scriptural selection. The audience joined in the singing of the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still."

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FIRE PURSUES 44 CHILDREN

State School for Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Boise, Idaho, Is Partially Destroyed, Pupils Barely Escaping—State Records Also Burned—Loss \$15,000.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 4.—Forty-four children, some deaf and dumb and some blind, attending the state school here, had a narrow escape at 7 o'clock this morning, when the old Central school building, a three-story brick structure, temporarily occupied by the state school for the deaf, dumb and blind, and also by a number of state offices, was partially destroyed by fire.

The children were being marched from the third floor, where their sleeping apartments were located, to the basement for breakfast, when the alarm of fire was given. With little disorder they were taken from the building. Had the fire occurred an hour earlier they would have been caught in a death-trap, as the fire originated on the third floor and the upper portion of the structure was soon a mass of flames. The tower was the first to go, and the fire gradually worked its way downward.

A defective flue is supposed to have been the cause of the fire. Many valuable state records in the office of the state engineer, the state bank examiner and other state officers were badly damaged by water before they could be removed. After more than two hours the flames extinguished the building adjoined the new state capital, under course of construction, and the ruins will be removed to make way for the west wing of the new structure. The legislature soon to convene, will doubtless make appropriation for a new school for the deaf, dumb and blind.

The fire loss, estimated at \$15,000 is covered by insurance.

Would Bring Dishonor on Oregon

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (Rep.)

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CALLS CANNON A MURDERER

Governor Guild Making Plea for Forest Preservation for New England, Arraigns "Infatuated Speaker" as Destroyer of Lives and Property of Men.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boston, Dec. 4.—Comparing the attitude of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon toward the forest preservation legislation with that of congress in sending Massachusetts volunteers "to be slaughtered by Spanish troops because of obsolete equipment," Governor Curtis Guild in an article to be published tomorrow in the New England Magazine, appeals for the preservation of New England forests. He says in part:

"The Massachusetts regiment of volunteers posed with black powder and obsolete rifles before the Spanish enemy armed with Mauser rifles and smokeless powder, and died with gasping sobs because that enemy was beyond the reach of their rifles."

"Congress for years had refused an appropriation for the proper equipment of the national guard and an infatuated speaker prevented action on an emergency bill."

"Not on the hands of those who have done their best nor those of the secretary of war, who pledged his private fortune to get guns and cartridges, but his jealousy of the president stifles his love of country, is the blood of those volunteers."

"New England's roads are choked with dust, the harbors are filled with the smoke of forest fires, and the rivers have shrunk to threads, leaving beds of sewage, the spawn of disease."

"Year after year, congress has been forewarned of this and turned a deaf ear. Millions have been provided for runways for irrigation streams in the west but not one cent for forest reserves at the head of New England rivers."

"Save the water supply! If the mills stop, if the cattle die, if the children sicken, the guilt will not be at the door of the president, who has done his best for the forests, but—finish the parallel as you like."

KEEP THE INTEREST ALIVE

"While there has been much enterprise shown by individual manufacturers there has never before been the unanimous and concerted action shown like that manifested since The Journal has begun its home industry campaign," said Theodore Bergmann, president of the Bergmann Shoe Manufacturing company.

"The publicity which this question is receiving is a boon to the whole state, for it is educating the people to the importance of buying 'home-made goods.' I sincerely hope that when the campaign of The Journal is finished that the manufacturers, collectively, will devise ways and means to keep the matter at all times before the purchasers, for only by keeping eternally at it can we hope to keep their interest alive."

"The people should be made to realize that the whole existence of manufacturing in this state is 'up to them,' and that their cooperation is absolutely essential to the manufacturers of Oregon goods."