

SHARP THRUSTS IN MAYOR LANE'S LETTER

EXECUTIVE NOW READY TO RELEASE OFFICE

People Should Be Represented Collectively, Not in the Interest of an Individual—Sarcastic Reference to Other Administrative Officials.

Portland, Or., June 30, 1909.

To the People of Portland:

In turning over to you the affairs with which I have been intrusted for the past four years, I take the liberty of saying a few words in regard to the same.

At all times during my term of office I have had but one object in view, and my greatest desire and ambition has been to obtain for you that which I thought belonged to you. This has been the governing motive underlying every official act of mine, and I have had no other rule of conduct so far as it pertained to such matters.

Rights of People.

I have firmly believed that the rights of the people were greater than those of the individual, whoever he might be, and have never been able to conceive of a just government if such rights were invaded or infringed upon in the slightest degree. I have also always felt that it was the bounden and solemn duty of public officials to resist by every means in their power any encroachment upon them, and, if necessary, to fight for them.

It is but a simple rule of official conduct, as you will allow, and without it seems to be a fair and just one, and easy of application, yet as a matter of fact it is a most difficult one to enforce or to follow.

In addition to this, I have all my life had some curiosity to find out what the effect would be upon public affairs if this rule was day after day and without fail impartially applied to all men and all measures as they came up for consideration, and have given it a fair trial. The ensuing results have been of many kinds, some of the most interesting of which have not yet been brought to your notice, and whether the plan adopted was for the best is for time and yourselves to determine without suggestion from me.

The Only Rule.

So far as I was concerned, as a public official, it was the only rule to follow and the only thing which I had a right to do. As to its effects upon me, personally, politically or otherwise, being some-

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WIFELESS MEN PLAN ENTERTAINMENT FOR MAIDENS ON FOURTH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Huron, Wash., June 30.—The only organization of its kind in the west, the Pioneer Bachelor club of Klickitat county, with headquarters at Trout Lake, is about to undergo one of the most pleasurable experiences since its inception. Some 20 marriageable women of Portland and surrounding towns, who have been corresponding and supplying photographs to the members of the club for some time, today signified their intention of honoring the club with a personal visit.

A short time ago C. H. Pearson, corresponding secretary of the club, forwarded an invitation to the maidens to come to Trout Lake and help celebrate the Fourth of July. The invitation has been accepted, and the ladies will be on

hand to join in the festivities on that day, and also incidentally to carry out their matrimonial views in securing a sturdy bachelor for a husband. Accommodations for the feminine contingent have been reserved at the Guler hotel, and the bachelors are making elaborate preparations for their reception. The club members vie with each other in having their ranch surroundings look more beautiful than ever, and are brushing up their song-and-dance suits and practicing a love-song-the roses walk for the occasion.

The club's membership is growing rapidly. Several have joined recently from the eastern part of Klickitat county, and the secretary states that scores of applications from bachelors are received at every meeting.



TONGS AT WAR BAFFLE POLICE

Patrolman Sees Assassination; Assassins Utterly Vanish.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Vancouver, B. C., June 30.—Wong Gong is at the St. Paul hospital, dying. Mah Bing is dead from poisoning, and two Chinamen, whose names are hidden under many aliases, are dead by suicide; a reporter for a local Chinese daily paper has been threatened with death for being "a talking machine," and all Chinatown is in a ferment over a falling out among the Chinese gambling tongs. The stabbing of Wong Gong was witnessed by a policeman yesterday in the notorious Canton alley, but before he could arrest the two Chinese who committed the deed they disappeared as if swallowed up by the earth.

Additional policemen have been detailed to patrol the Chinatown district to prevent further disorder.

DOUBLE MURDER; THEN SUICIDE

Iowa Farm Hand Revenges Himself Upon Wife's Parents.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Des Moines, Iowa, June 30.—Run to earth by a posse which was hot on his trail throughout the night, Cal Littlepage, a farm hand, 25 years old, shot himself through the temple early today rather than face trial on a charge of double murder.

Littlepage shot and killed Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jamison, parents of his divorced wife, yesterday afternoon. The tragedy took place at the Jamison home, eight miles west of Valley Junction. It is thought Littlepage had accused the Jamisons of estranging him from his wife and in a passion killed the pair for revenge.

After the murders, Littlepage took flight and was lost to sight for more than 10 hours. A posse was organized and took up the chase. Early today the fugitive was found dead in a field.

SEVEN INJURED BY A TORNADO

Towns of Niles and Leeds in North Dakota Swept by a Fierce Storm.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Devils Lake, N. D., June 30.—Seven persons were seriously injured and 30 houses were demolished by a tornado which swept the towns of Niles and Leeds, according to telephone messages received here today.

Early reports of the damage done by the storm were exaggerated, it being stated that a number of persons were killed. So far as can be learned here there were no fatalities.

The injured persons are members of the Ames family. They had a terrible experience. Their house was demolished by the storm and the father and six children were badly hurt.

WOMEN WIN IN FIGHT WITH CONVENTION

Northern Baptists Vote to Allow American Baptist Home Mission Society Membership in Organization—Mrs. Nuveen Wins.

Thursday's Program.
9 a. m.—Report of committee on time and place; report of committee on resolutions; report on conventions committee on the A. B. M. U.
10:30—Session of A. B. M. U.; the Judson Birthplace, O. H. Moss, Massachusetts; introduction of Rev. William Carey, India; addresses by missionaries; miscellaneous business.
12:30—Adjournment.
2:30 p. m.—Addresses by missionaries, "The Congo Situation," Dr. Herbert S. Johnson, Massachusetts.
3:30—Women's Work for Women, led by Mrs. J. E. Scott, president of Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary society of the west; address, Dr. Ida Faye Levering, South India.
4:30—Miscellaneous business.
4:30—Adjournment.
8 p. m.—Address, Thomas S. Barbour, foreign secretary, "The Message of the East to the West"; introduction of new missionaries, Rev. Fred B. Haggard, home secretary.

The great battle of the Northern Baptist convention developed this

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CASE OF EVANS MYSTIFIES SLEUTHS

Portland Real Estate Man's Disappearance Remains Unsolved After Lapse of One Week—Peculiar Facts Develop.

Portland Man's Disappearance
Where is Madden B. Evans, prominent in Portland realty circles, and strangely missing since Thursday of last week when he mailed a postal at Tacoma, Wash., to his wife in this city, telling her to expect him home Saturday?

While his grief stricken wife waits at their home, 188 East Thirty-second street, detectives are seeking to solve a mystery of commercial intrigue, which, it is said, involves prominent Portland business men in an alleged forgery, caused Evans to be hounded by spies, and culminated in either his abduction—in an effort to secure from him certain papers—or his murder.

(By Journal Staff Correspondent.)
Tacoma, Wash., June 30.—"There is no doubt in my mind that Evans has been foully dealt with or is being detained somewhere against his will." This is the statement made today by F. S. D. Hughes of this city, the private detective who is heading the search for Madden B. Evans, secretary of the Purdy In-

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UTAH COMPLAINS SHE IS ENSLAVED TO BENEFIT COAST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, June 30.—Scathingly denouncing alleged railroad discrimination against Utah cities in favor of San Francisco and other cities of the Pacific coast, a complaint was filed today by the interstate commerce commission with the traffic bureau of the commercial club of Salt Lake City.

The complaint charges a dozen railroad corporations with exercising through vast corporate power a pernicious influence, merciless, blighting and destructive to the people and to the development of the country. It also alleges that conditions in Utah are striking examples of the inequality and injustice of the commercial relations of the railroad with the east and with the west.

The roads named in the complaint are the Harriman lines, the Santa Fe, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Denver & Rio Grande, the Illinois Central and half a dozen others.

"Arbitrary, oppressive and exceptional methods of transportation and rate making, especially calculated to promote the growth of San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities and to produce and maintain a condition of commercial servitude and distress for cities of Utah have always been and are now employed and enforced by the defendant railroads," the complaint declares.

"The methods employed," it continues, "are not tolerated elsewhere in the whole country by communities capable of successful resistance. Through unceasing exercise of vast corporate power and influence, fertile in pretext and merciless in action, they still overshadow the whole region with the withering blight of their pernicious influence. This influence is destructive alike to the welfare of the state's people and the development of the country. It stands as a last striking example of inequality and injustice in the commercial relations of the east and west."



Visiting Missionaries and Officers of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Never Before Has So Many Workers in Foreign Fields Been Assembled in One Group.