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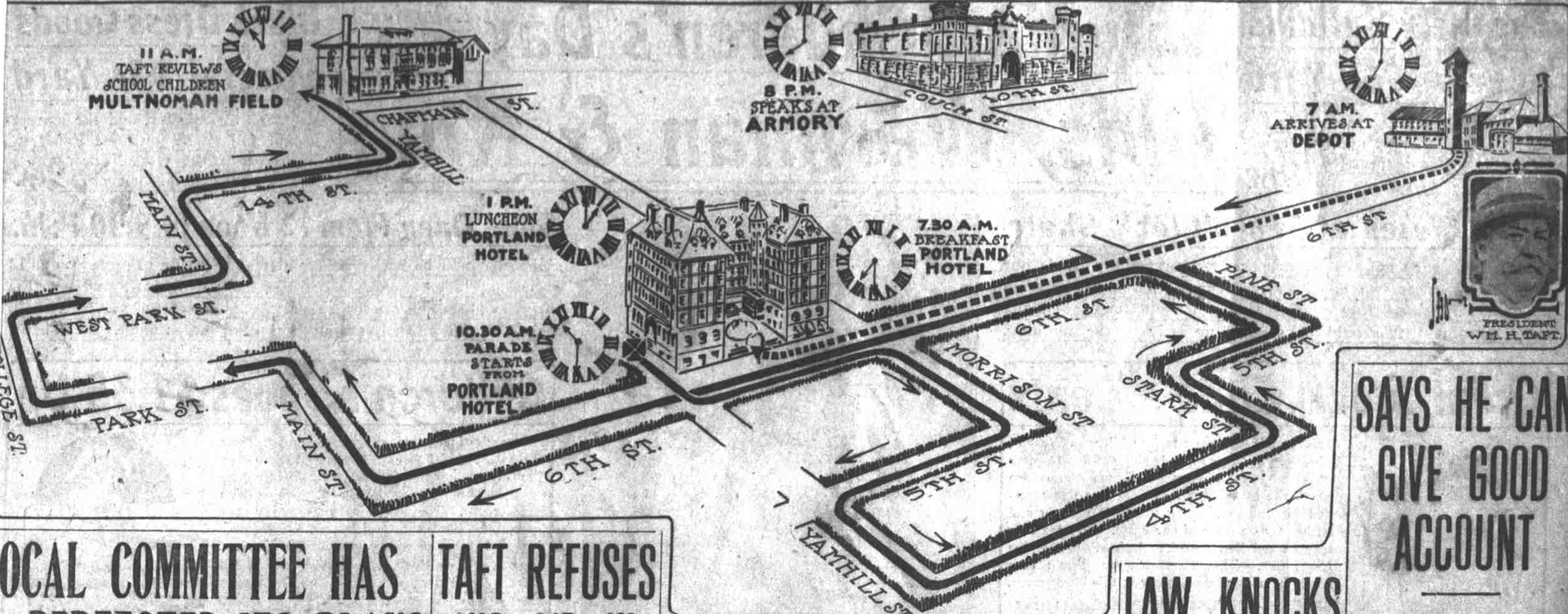
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OREGON WILL EXTEND ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO PRESIDENT



LOCAL COMMITTEE HAS PERFECTED ITS PLANS

President Day in Portland tomorrow. Every flag and every band of bunting in the city will be hung out by tonight and the streets and buildings will be placed in a spick and span condition to make the best impression upon the president and his party.

Already there are thousands of out-of-town people in the city brought here by the coming visit of the president and the committee expects that the program will go off like clock work from the time the president's special train reaches the depot until the completion of his address at the Armory tomorrow night.

Special Entrance. According to the plans of the committee the public will be admitted to the Armory through the west entrance to the building on Eleventh street. Only those holding platform or press tickets will be admitted at the Tenth street entrance to the building.

There will be 50 seats on the platform, and the tickets for these seats—as for all the other appearances of the president—are being distributed by the reception committee, of which Mayor Simon is chairman. The president's party will occupy 15 of these seats. The consuls of foreign governments in Portland are garbing herself in holiday attire today in honor of the visit.

TAFT REFUSES HIS AID IN A.-Y.-P. JOB

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Oct. 1.—President Taft and the exposition management have had a warm exchange of remarks over the matter of publishing the presidential line of march through the streets of Seattle. The exposition officials refused at first to give the route to the newspapers, in order, it is hinted, to force the people who desired to see the president to pay their admissions to the fair grounds to enjoy that privilege. As a result the Taft processions have been made through comparatively deserted streets.

Finally President Taft gave orders to his military aide, Captain Butts, to cause the newspapers to print his itinerary about the city at any cost and without regard to whether the exposition people liked it or not. Today the papers have the route mapped out on their first pages, and the president was greeted by good sized crowds.

Such were the prophetic utterances of Alfred Henry Lewis, the widely known author and journalist, who arrived in the city last evening from the east for a two days stay.

Mr. Lewis has some reason to know whereof he speaks, for he is in close touch with the political game, as it is played in New York, and since leaving there two weeks ago he has been traveling abroad of the Taft party, keeping his finger on the pulse of public sentiment throughout the country and contributing several thousand words daily to a Hearst paper.

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OREGONIAN MISSTATES SEATTLE FIGURES

By means of false figures and by the grossest misstatement of facts, the Oregonian attempts to make its readers believe that the total paid attendance at the Seattle exposition is not yet equal to the total paid attendance at the Lewis and Clark fair. To reach this result it resorted to the simple expedient of padding the paid attendance at the Lewis and Clark fair by 1,000,000.

Portland people are justly proud of the magnificent success of the Lewis and Clark exposition and of the immense attendance which it drew. But since then four years have passed, the population of the Pacific northwest has grown by leaps and bounds, and the tide of travel from the east has swollen to huge proportions. Under these conditions the Seattle exposition could not fail to surpass its predecessor in attendance. Indeed, it would be a misfortune to Oregon, as well as to Washington, if the A.-Y.-P. exposition had not been the great success which it has proved.

The total paid attendance at the Lewis and Clark fair (falsely given by the Oregonian as 2,510,799) was actually 1,588,858. These are the official figures. The total paid admissions at the A.-Y.-P. exposition up to last Friday night were 2,182,310, with two weeks yet to run. Paid admissions at Seattle already exceed the total paid admissions at Portland by 593,452. Moreover, the official figures show that the number of persons admitted on passes was less, proportionately, at Seattle than at Portland.

The following tables give the official records of attendance at the two expositions:

Lewis and Clark, from opening to close—	
Paid admissions	1,588,858
Passes	965,990
Total	2,554,848
A.-Y.-P. exposition, to September 25—	
Paid admissions	2,182,310
Passes	928,512
Total	3,110,822

The success of the Lewis and Clark fair was extraordinary, but it is not enhanced by padding the official figures nor by belittling and misrepresenting the exposition at Seattle.

PEARY'S SHIP IN LINE OF PARADE

Explorer Takes Day Off From Controversy—Almost Bumps Into Cook.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Oct. 1.—Accompanied by his wife, Commander Robert E. Peary arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning. They were met by Herbert Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, and had breakfast with him at the Belmont hotel.

At 9:10 this morning the Roosevelt, with Commander Peary and his party aboard, steamed up the river between two excursion boats and took its place in the Hudson-Pulmon parade.

Peary refused to say anything further regarding his controversy with Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

Peary missed meeting Dr. Cook by only half an hour at the railroad station this morning. Just 30 minutes after Peary had left the station Dr. Cook arrived to take a train for Boston, where he will lecture tonight.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW VERY LARGE GAINS OVER LAST YEAR

An increase of 25.59 per cent was recorded in the receipts of the Portland postoffice for the month just closed. The books show that during September, 1909, \$56,945.25 were taken in to the government coffers, while during 1908 but \$44,934.46 was the amount collected.

This increase of \$12,010.79, or 25.59 per cent, is the largest that has been shown in the postoffice in over two years. It is a wonderful record for the postoffice and Postmaster John C. Young is very happy over the showing made. The report for the month of September was made this morning.

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LEWIS BOOSTS STAKES LIFE ON TOSS OF COIN

Says Man Tammany Forces Itself to Swallow Will First Be Mayor, Then Governor, Then President—Taft Can't Beat Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Greenwater, Cal., Oct. 1.—After staking his life on the toss of a coin and losing, David Eldredge, son of B. Eldredge, president of the National Sewing Machine and Bicycle company, of Illinois, perished on the burning sands of Death Valley, according to a weird story told today by a desert character known as Malapal Mike, who arrived here in a semi-delirious condition.

Mike's story, which was one of the most harrowing of the terrible tales of suffering that ever emanated from the grim sink of holes of the Death valley, clears the mystery of the disappearance of Eldredge more than a month ago.

In company with Malapal Mike, Eldredge started from Greenwater to Telescope peak, 40 miles across Death valley. He had been employed to investigate a proposed power site for the Brockington company of Boston.

Facing Death in the Desert.
After completing the investigations, the men set out on the return trip. In the middle of the sink hole, 250 feet below the level of the sea, Eldredge's burro gave out, and for days he and Mike plodded under the burning desert sun in search of a trail to civilization.

"We were lost, and we knew it," said Mike today. "We were almost without food and had but five canteens of water left. We were both so weak that we knew that we could not last."

"One night while we were laying half

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BILLY BOY MURDERS KIDNAPED MAIDEN; POSSE PRESSING HIM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Banning, Cal., Oct. 1.—The body of Mary Nita Boniface, the 14-year-old Indian girl, who was kidnapped by Billy Boy, a fugitive, after he had killed her father, was brought to Banning early today. The girl had two bullet wounds in her back, and it is thought she was murdered while trying to escape from her captor.

Deputy Sheriff Benjamin De Creeve, accompanied by two officers, brought the unfortunate little girl's body back to civilization. According to the story, it was found yesterday in the burning bones in the foothills of the San Bernardino mountains, 45 miles from this city.

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LAW KNOCKS CONVENTION PLANS

Second District Democrats Withdraw the Convention Call and Order Mass Meeting to Name Congressional Candidate.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 1.—The preliminary plans of Second district Democrats for electing their man to congress in opposition to W. W. McCredie of Vancouver and Portland received two rude jars last night and today. The first was when it was discovered that tomorrow is the last day when filings of nominations can be received at the office of the secretary of state in Olympia. Thirty days must elapse between the filing and the election, according to the new law. Governor Hay has called the election for November 2.

The sudden discovery of this fact last evening caused a hasty gathering of local leaders in the office of George P. Wright of Tacoma, state chairman, and the telephone and telegraph were freely used to cancel the call for the convention to meet in Olympia tomorrow so as to get the nomination into the office of secretary of state before closing hours.

Langhorne Cannot Accept.
The second stumbling block was encountered today when Maurice Langhorne of this city, who was looked to by the Democrats to lead them to victory and had tentatively agreed to ac-

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MAN DISAPPEARS IN STRANGE WAY AFTER PREVENTING HOLDUP

To be jumped on and severely beaten by the man whom he was attempting to rescue from the attack of two highwaymen at an early hour this morning at the corner of Third and Morrison streets, was the misfortune of O. E. Tate, who lives at 2414 East Oak street, and who was walking at the corner of Third and Morrison streets at 12:30 o'clock this morning when he was suddenly set upon by two highwaymen who overpowered him and attempted to separate him from his watch and a wallet containing \$20.

The screams of Mrs. O. E. Tate, who witnessed the attack from across the street, brought a passer-by, O. E. Tate, to the scene and the latter immediately jumped into the fray and attempted to rescue Turner from his assailants. The robbers at once separated themselves from the man and escaped. Mr. Turner, who was severely injured, was taken to the hospital and is now recovering from his wounds.

SAYS HE CAN GIVE GOOD ACCOUNT

W. H. Wehrung, President of Oregon Commission at A.-Y.-P. Exposition, Denies Charges of Mismanagement.

W. H. Wehrung, president of the Oregon commission at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, yesterday gave The Journal a statement in reply to accusations that have been made against the management. Accompanying the statement he presented figures to show that there remains \$5,625.02 of the appropriation by the legislature and a balance of \$2,837.92 in a separate fund carried in the name of "W. H. Wehrung, president."

Mr. Wehrung invited inquiries and investigation of every controverted point and made a full explanation of each matter to which suspicion has been directed. He showed that many of the criticisms have been due to a lack of information, but up to this time, until The Journal reporter secured an interview with Mr. Wehrung, much of this information was known only to the president of the commission and one or two others.

"I recognize the right of the public to a full explanation and I want you to ask me about everything you have heard called in question," said Mr. Wehrung at the opening of the interview. "I don't read Wednesday's Journal. I had no idea of much that was being said about the management. I want it all brought in, open, so that I may meet it squarely."

Has Acted on Advice.
"I want to say first that I have proceeded throughout under the advice of Governor Benson and Attorney General Crawford. They have been fully advised of what was being done, and I particularly consulted them with reference to carrying a separate fund into which all receipts of the commission have been turned."

"At first I started to carry this separate fund under the head of 'Oregon commission, A.-Y.-P. exposition, revolving fund,' but they advised me to carry it under the appropriation as a straight fund. The bank advised me that this was the proper way to carry it, and this fund has since been the 'W. H. Wehrung, president, fund.' Into this we have turned everything that came in, including the payments of \$50 per day by W. E. Watson, who

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