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HUNDREDS CAUGHT IN TUNNEL

NONPARTISANS ARE SHUT OUT BY TAX CLUBS

Attempt to Thrust State-Controlled Bank Plank into Platform Overwhelmingly Beaten at Session.

BROWN IS PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED COOPER

Income Tax Bill of Grange Endorsed—Recall Law Held Necessary

Attempt, launched by the advocates of the Nonpartisan league, to incorporate a state controlled bank plank in the platform of the Oregon Tax Reduction league at the latter's state convention here yesterday, met with bitter opposition from the more conservative members of the league, and when the matter was put to a vote it was downed by an overwhelming majority.

Following long-drawn out talks which led to nowhere in particular, but served to hold the impatient members in their seats while the platform committee was in executive session, F. E. Coulter of Portland, and former speaker for the Nonpartisans in North Dakota, took the floor when the platform resolutions were introduced and endeavored to put over the state bank idea.

Jones to Rescue
Sejour Jones of Marion county immediately jumped to the floor and demanded that Coulter's recommendation be tabled without further consideration in order to prevent disruption in the convention.

Two or three of the league followers reached their feet at the same time, demanding the right to vote the question to a vote. It was then that Jones started his campaign, which was later responsible for defeating the resolution.

Death of League Feared
"It is perfectly all right for this convention to go on record as favoring the Nonpartisan plank for tax reduction, but we are going to make a very serious mistake if we step into this state bank proposition," Mr. Jones said.

"If you gentlemen want to kill the tax reduction movement in Oregon I will say right now that all you have to do is to tack on to it a Nonpartisan league platform and you will kill it until it will never be revived."
Mr. Jones' remarks swept the convention literally off its feet, and when the question was put to a vote the state bank platform received only two or three favorable votes.

Reduction Measure Adopted
Following arguments, lasting nearly two hours, a resolution known as the agricultural farm bloc, introduced by Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county, was amended to read as a tax reduction bloc, and was passed unanimously.

There was considerable bitter opposition to the idea of making the resolution a tax reduction measure, the drafters of the farm bloc measure declaring that as such it would attract more favorable attention than if it were amended. The amendment, however, was incorporated in the platform of the league by a standing vote of 21 to 14.

Recall Law Favored
The platform committee went on record as being antagonistic to further increases in taxation; favored the recall law and endorsed the income tax measure initiated by the state grange.

The complete platform, as adopted, is as follows:
"Confiscation by taxation in Oregon must cease.

"We oppose any further appropriation by the legislature, so long as the present millage tax remains unchanged, to any of the educational institutions of higher learning of the state, and favor a law requiring such institutions to maintain all activities thereof, including extension work now carried on.

Specific Action Urged
"We reaffirm those planks of the last platform of the state convention of the Tax Reduction clubs and favor specific reduc-

FIRE IN SUBWAY TRAIN MAY CAUSE DEATH OF THREE

HARDING URGES PARTY HARMONY

Too Many Merely Try to Attract Attention to Self, He Declares

COLUMBUS, O., President Harding in an address here tonight made a vigorous appeal for harmony in the ranks of the Republican party. Too many who profess to be Republicans, he declared, are attempting to "attract attention to themselves," instead of working for the good of their party and country.

The president said he did not care to be a "solist" but added that someone had to act as director, otherwise there would be no harmony. He spoke at an open air banquet which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Columbus Republican glee club of which he was tonight made a life member.

IDAHO AUTO HIT BY CAR

Vehicle Smashed to Bits by S. P. Motor—Driver Is Yet Unidentified

With his automobile fairly crushed to pieces around him when hit by one of the gasoline trains of the Southern Pacific company a hundred yards south of the state prison yesterday afternoon, a stranger calmly climbed out of the wreckage, looked at the remains, and started down the road towards town. No one could be found last night who knew the identity of the man.

Boy Sees Accident
According to a small boy who saw the wreck, the stranger was driving down the road from the state highway garage. Evidently he was attracted by the approach of an auto from the east road and failed to hear the oncoming motor car which picked a fence and completely demolished it.

Escape Is Miracle
How the man ever escaped at least serious injury could not be accounted for by any person who viewed the wreck as the machine was crushed to splinters and the steering wheel nearly driven into the front seat.

The car carried Idaho license plates No. 17-870.

Coal Strike Conference Fails to Get Results

WASHINGTON, July 6.—A prolonged session between anthracite coal mine operators and union representatives called to Washington by President Harding to consider methods of getting work resumed, broke up tonight without definite results being accomplished, but with an agreement by participants to meet again at 2 p. m. tomorrow. No statements were given in behalf of either operators or union officials.

Knights of Road Raids Wardrobe on River Bank While Boys Frolic in Swimmin' Hole; Now Under Arrest

His clothes soiled, tattered and torn and not putting up exactly the sort of personal appearance which all good knights of the road should present, Louis Besire, said to be a trodder of the circuit path, was arrested by Verden Moffitt, chief of police, yesterday after Besire had made a raid on several piles of clothing belonging to boys in swimming at the municipal playgrounds.

Chief Moffitt arrived on the scene just in time to persuade Besire to remove shirt, shoes and trousers belonging to three different youngsters. The lad, whose trousers the trodder had taken over to himself, was the most unfortunate of all—he was compelled to wear them home, while the other boys held their belongings at arm's length as they started down the street.

"Believe me, ma'am got to wash these before I wear them again. Too much lives'ck for me," the boys growled.

NEW YORK, July 6.—(By The Associated Press)

Trapped in a dark subway tunnel, 75 feet below the street and reeking with gas fumes and smoke, nearly 80 men, women and children, passengers on an east side train of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, today were converted into a frenzied, shrieking mob.

Almost a third of its members were overcome before they could fight their way to safety. Three probably will die. Police officials said it was a miracle many were not trampled to death.

Exits Inadequate
A worse spot for such an accident scarcely could have been picked than Lexington avenue at 60th street where the train came to its sudden halt. There is no express station between Grand Central terminal at 42nd street and 6th street. The express tracks are three tiers down beneath the local tube of the I.R.T. and the cross tunnel of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company are the only exits are narrow little spiral stairways at 53rd and 63rd streets—these were jammed with fugitives from the scene below.

A little fire extinguisher whose contents were turned on a tiny blaze in a motorman's control box, was held responsible by police and fire officials for the clouds of poisonous fumes and smoke sent swirling through the tunnel.

Many Taken to Hospitals
More than three score of those overcome were in such condition as to require hospital treatment, while the number treated on the streets and in the emergency hospitals was placed at about 200.

The train, a ten-car Jerome avenue express, heavily loaded, was crashing along its suburban way when passengers were startled by an explosion which blew open the door of the driver's compartment. A short circuit had occurred. The train stopped.

Patrolman Fred Norman, who was riding in the car, seized a fire extinguisher and rushed to the compartment and shot the contents of the extinguisher on the flames which were eating the insulation from the control box wires. He declared the extinguisher served only to spread the flames and in a moment the car and soon the entire tunnel were choked with smoke and fumes.

Policeman Is Hero
Patrolman Norman seized a woman who had been overcome, clambered down into the darkness of the tunnel and commanded other male passengers to follow him. He groped his way along with his burden to 59th street and led the refugees up a long winding emergency stairway to the street.

Then he sent alarms which brought all available fire apparatus, ambulances and police reserves in the vicinity rushing to the scene. He then plunged back down the stairs to rescue other victims. He worked until he dropped and was sent home in Mayor Hylan's private limousine.

Panic Ensnared in Darkness
Power was shut off to save the passengers from possible electrocution. But the darkness only added to the panic and the passengers on the train smashed their way out of the cars and

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HOT WEATHER TOO MUCH FOR HENS; FAINT

Three Birds at State Game Farm Collapse—Unable to Walk for a Day

WALLA, WALLA, Wash., July 6.—Heat has been so intense in this city for the past few days that three hens at the state game farm collapsed and had to be put in the shade, according to August Bade, superintendent of the farm. One of them was not able to walk for a full day after being cooled off.

The three hens had been setting and are reputed to have collapsed after being placed in the runs with the young game birds. But few young birds have been lost at the farm from the heat, though twenty young tame chickens succumbed Monday and Tuesday.

With slightly cooler weather today no deaths were reported among the fowls.

TWO JUDGES SIT IN CASE

Bingham and Kelly Both to Preside Over Hall Re-count Hearings

"I am asking Judge Percy R. Kelley to sit with me in the primary election contest case over the gubernatorial nomination that has been brought in the circuit court of this district," said Judge George H. Bingham, last night.

"It is an important case, involving new and uncharted ground, and the public will be interested in seeing a thorough investigation of every phase of the matter. There have been contests in Oregon, of course, but none, I believe, under the corrupt practices act; certainly not of this magnitude. Judge Kelly is a good jurist, and his counsel in a case so closely affecting the fundamental principles of self government will be of great value."

Judges to Confer
Judge Kelly is in Salem, and the two jurists will go into consultation over the matter of a joint hearing of this newer, bigger case.

Judge Bingham would give no snap judgment on either the facts or on the law itself.

"I have read the law," he said, but as it has no precedents in Oregon, it will have to be interpreted by a close study of the facts as presented, and a close study of

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State Democrats Will Meet on July 15

PORTLAND, Ore., July 6.—Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman, today called a meeting of the Democratic State Central committee in Portland, July 15. Not more than one third of the counties have elected their committeemen, according to reports reaching Dr. Smith, making many meetings of county committees necessary before the state gathering.

SUN WON'T MEET MING

CANTON, China, July 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Sun Yat Sen, deposed premier of South China, today refused General Chen Chung-Ming's proposal that he have a delegation from the eight southern provinces to negotiate with the Peking government for the reunion of China, unless he is first restored to the southern presidency from which Chen drove him.

Seaplane Rescues Five From Burning Ship

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 6.—A big seaplane swooped down onto the sea near here, today, rescued five injured men from a burning fishing boat, the Nisslin, and sped back with them to the North Island naval air station dispensary, where their burns were treated. Shortly after the men were picked up by the plane, the boat which was burned to the water's edge, sank from sight.

The seaplane rushed to the burning boat as soon as the fire was reported by a scout plane at practice. The planes were from the air squadrons of the Pacific fleet. The captain and one of the crew were burned severely.

SHOPMEN BACK ON JOBS, RAIL HEADS CLAIM

Espee Reports 434 Men Returned Since Ultimatum on Passes and Pensions Issued.

UNION OFFICIAL DENIES REPORT—CARS PILED UP

Trouble Said to Be Brewing in Various Yards—Strikers Hold Officials

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—The wide discrepancy between the statements of the opposing interests stood out today as the principal feature of the railroad shopmen's strike in this region.

The Southern Pacific company reported that in response to its ultimatum that the strikers return a. m., today or lose all seniority, pass and pension privileges, a total of 434 returned on the first shift alone at Sacramento and Los Angeles where the general shops of the system are located. The secretary of the federation of railroad employees of the Southern Pacific system, L. S. Gordon, answered this with the statement that there were but 28 men at work in the Sacramento shops all told and that the Southern Pacific figures included maintenance of way workers who have not yet been called out on strike.

Men Quitting, Claim
Other systems reported that men were being recruited to take the place of the strikers while the strike officials countered with the statement that not only were new workers appearing but more of the union workers were quitting their jobs. According to Secretary Gordon the sidings at Bakersfield and Dunsmuir were filling up with "bad order" cars and train crews were beginning to complain that the locomotives were not "standing up."

Governor Calls Troops
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 6.—Following reports from Decatur that an outbreak threatens as the result of the Wabash shopmen's strike, Adjutant General Carlos E. Black ordered two troops of cavalry and five companies of infantry to assemble at their armories prepared to move at a moment's notice.

Signal Men to Scary
CHICAGO, July 6.—A threatened extension of the strike of railway shopmen to include 12,000 signal men, as prevented today by members of the United States railway labor board when D. W. Heit, head of the brotherhood of railroad signal men which has been taking a strike vote, promised to maintain the status quo pending further conferences.

Strikers Trap Officials
MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 6.—Reports were received here tonight by the Montgomery Advertiser from Albany to the effect that 1500 striking shopmen doing "picketing" duty have 25 special officials of the Louisville and Nashville road held virtually prisoners inside the railroad property. Governor Kirby has communicated with officials of the road and promised adequate protection to property. Governor Kirby, who is in Clanton, will return here tomorrow when he will decide whether state troops or special officers will be sent to the scene.

Men Refuse to Return.
EUGENE, Or., July 6.—Twenty-four Southern Pacific car repairers and inspectors on strike here refused to go back to work this morning and the company is now replacing them with other men. There is a small crew at work in the yards and the round house crew here is 100 per cent.

Portland Strikers Return.
PORTLAND, July 6.—Men who last week dropped their tools in the local rail way shops and went out on strike at the orders of their elders are returning to work according to information given out today by rail officials.

The local unions are still keeping up the picketing of the shops.

URGENT NEED IS FELT FOR PICKER FOLK

Demand for Assistance in Harvesting Berry and Cherry Crops is Imperative

Loganberry pickers are wanted, are needed, in the fields around Salem, to help keep the crop from loss. The hot weather has matured the berries with exceptional rapidity; likewise, it will cut the yield short, for there won't be any long-drawn-out crop as there would be with a good rainy year.

It's good citizenship to help pick these berries that make the country prosperous. The farmer who grows a crop that he can't harvest because he can't get help, has a right to damn the country that will go picknicking but won't help him save his produce in so bitter an emergency.

Call up some of your friends who want pickers; look for the ads. in the papers or in the store windows, pleading for pickers; or register at the city hall, and help to save the crop from serious loss. Men, women, children—the call is for everybody.

KING BING MAY HIT THE WATER

Or Again It May be Chief Blackcap, But One of Them is Certain

NEWBERG, Ore., July 6.—If you hear a big splash on next Saturday afternoon it may be big King Bing McGilchrist of the Cherrians, or again it may be big Chief Blackcap of the Newberg Berrians, for one of these two big boys is going to hit the water in the tug of war between the Cherrians and the Berrians at Newberg during the second annual Berry festival.

Last year the Cherrians met the brawny blacksmiths and farmers of the Newberg country and although they did not get pulled into the water, they lost the referee's decision. This year the Berrians promise to use lighter weights on their end of the line and the Cherrians expect to have an easy time of it.

Big Day in Prospect
But the Berrians are planning for a big day next Saturday and this tug of war is only one small item on their program. A big parade will open the festival in the morning. The Rosarian band and drill team from Portland have promised to take part in this. The Prunarians of Vancouver will also be here and Hillsboro, McMinnville and other nearby cities will participate.

A luncheon in honor of the Cherrians, Prunarians, Rosarians and the guests will be given at noon and other special entertainment features will be provided. King Bing, the Big Prune, Chief Blackcap and others will make speeches and a good time is promised.

In the afternoon the Salem Senators will try to carry off the fifth game of the five game series with the St. Paul team. So far, both of these teams have the honor of winning two contests.

Dance in Evening
In the evening a big dance is being given by the Newberg American Legion post as an opening affair for the new \$20,000 auditorium building. The Newberg people has tendered a special invitation to the Salem folk to attend this festival and they promise to serve free berries and cream to all who come.

There will also be some splendid exhibits of berries and other fruits on display in a special exhibit building.

Narcotic Peddler Goes to Pen for 18 Months

PORTLAND, Ore., July 6.—T. Takamoto, formerly steward on the Japanese steamer Meiwu Maru, was today sentenced to 18 months in the federal penitentiary after he had entered a plea of selling smuggled narcotics at Astoria. S. Hango, sailor on the same vessel, received a sentence of three months in the county jail for selling intoxicating liquor to prohibition agents. When Takamoto and Hango were arrested federal prohibition agents announced seizure of \$100,000 worth of narcotics.

EIGHT INITIATIVE MEASURES DEFAULT, PETITIONS LACKING

LUMBER FIRE LOSS \$175,000

Booth-Kelly Plant at Wendling Totally Destroyed by Flames Yesterday

EUGENE, Ore., July 6.—The Booth-Kelly Lumber company's big sawmill at Wendling, 20 miles northeast of Eugene in the Mohawk valley was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$175,000 and officials of the company said the plant was insured for 90 per cent of its value. The fire started in the center of the mill between 8 and 9 o'clock and spread so rapidly that the employees were unable to get water on the flames until the whole structure was enveloped.

300,000 Feet Lumber Burned
Half a million feet of lumber on the sorting tables and a large electricity driven timber crane valued at \$12,000 were destroyed and the six dry kilns were damaged from a third to a half of their value. The wind blew away from the planer and the town of the loss would have been much greater as the mill is very close to a large number of buildings. Announcement was made by A. C. Dixon, manager, that the plant will be rebuilt as soon as the ground can be cleared. Sixty men were employed at the mill. A third shift will be put on at the company's mill at Springfield and this crew will be taken care of there. No loggers will be thrown out of employment said Dixon.

Measures That Die
The measures which die because completed petitions were not filed are:

Public service commission removal amendment, proposed by Oregon Hotel Men's association, Telephone rate rehearing bill, proposed by Oregon Hotel Men's association.

Property classification bill for assessment and taxation, proposed by Oregon Tax Equalization association.

Millage tax repeal bill for Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon, proposed by Oregon Tax Reduction club.

Two-thirds vote on public indebtedness amendment, proposed by Oregon Tax Reduction clubs.

Initiative and referendum revision, amendment, proposed by Oregon Tax Reduction clubs.

Anti-alien land ownership bill, proposed by American legion.

Ballot titles on the seven measures were filed, are as follows:

Single Tax Up.
Single tax, proposed constitutional amendment—initiated by Oregon Single Tax league—to amend section 1 of article 9 of the constitution of the state of Oregon to read as follows: From July 1, 1923, to and including July 1, 1927, all revenue for maintenance of state, county, municipal and district government shall be raised by a tax on land irrespective of improvements thereon or thereon and thereafter the full rental value of land, in—

(Or—) respective of improvements, shall be taken in lieu of all other taxes for the maintenance of government, and for such other purposes as the people may direct.

Salmon Protection Proposed.
Salmon fishing and propagation, proposed constitutional amendment, initiated by G. G. Green of West Linn—Making unlawful the use of seines, traps and fishing wheels for catching salmon in any waters of the state or over which it has concurrent jurisdiction; requiring 50 per cent of salmon spawn to be planted in the river from which it is taken not less than 20 miles from its mouth, except where a dam or falls is within such distance, then as near as practical to such dam or falls; and providing a penalty from \$100 to \$1000, or imprisonment in the county jail from 60 days to one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Lower Interest Favored.
Interest rate bill, proposed constitutional amendment, initiated by J. F. Albright of Oregon City—

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PRISONERS HANG AT 8:30 TODAY

Execution of John Rathie and Elvie Kirby Scheduled at Early Hour

John L. Rathie and Elvie D. Kerby will be executed at the state penitentiary early this morning for the part they played in the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor of Pendleton July 25, 1920, while a jail break was in progress. The shot that killed Taylor was fired by Neil Hart, who was executed December 3, 1921, but there was evidence that Rathie and Kerby were ringleaders of the plot to escape.

Many attempts have been made in the courts to save them from the gallows, but without success. The executions will begin at 8:30 o'clock and will probably be completed shortly after 9. The usual number of pleas have reached the governor's office by letter and telegraph.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kerby, parents of the doomed youth, arrived last night from Wapato, Wash., and spent some time at the prison last night with their son.

Warden Lewis yesterday gave Rathie and Kirby their last opportunity to make requests. They were informed by the warden that the state has no appropriation for transportation of their remains, and that such arrangements cannot be made unless it is done by friends or relatives. Rathie informed the warden that Father Buck, Catholic clergyman of Salem, would have his body sent to Idaho Falls, where his people live. Kirby said he had made no arrangements and that it made no difference to him what disposal was made of his remains. He requested, however, that the warden notify his family at Wapato, Wash., so relatives would have opportunity to send for the body if they so desired.

"Both boys realize that there is no hope for them," said the warden today, "and are reconciled to go."

WEATHER
Friday fair; continued warm.