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INDIANS TO MEET AGAIN

Secretary of New Brotherhood Reaches Pendleton From Washington.

TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY

Joe Craig Says Practically All American Indians Have or Will Become Identified With Organization—Carnegie Would Give Building.

Because his new duties will require a great deal of his time during his term as secretary of the Brotherhood of North American Indians, Joe Craig, the well known local redman, will leave again for Washington, D. C., next week to attend the second meeting of the new organization which will be convened on the 18th of this month.

The well known interpreter who was so signally honored by the federated tribes arrived back in Pendleton last Wednesday and has spent most of his time since returning at his farm home on the reservation, the month of city life making him appreciate his natural surroundings as never before.

Craig's return to Pendleton was a week or more later than that of the rest of the local representatives at the convention for the reason that he, with fifteen other of the leading spirits in the new movement, were summoned to New York by Andrew Carnegie, the great iron magnate and public benefactor.

According to Craig, Carnegie is greatly interested in the Indian brotherhood and is planning to construct a magnificent building at Washington as headquarters for the organization if he receives sufficient assurance that he receives sufficient assurance that the redmen can maintain it.

The secretary returns imbued with the spirit of the organization and intensely enthusiastic for its success. As explained by him, the purpose of the association is not only to secure the payment of claims but to become a factor in the education of the Indian, in raising him from a state of dependence upon the government to a state where he can take his place in the industrial life of the nation.

Under the proper influence," he said, "the Indians will develop into a strong, self-reliant race and it is toward making them walk alone on a plane of equality with the white man that the organization will work.

Craig reports that the gathering of the redmen and the formation of the brotherhood was heartily endorsed by President Taft, many governors and congressmen and other men high in the official life of the nation.

He met the president personally and states that the chief executive told him that the formation of the organization was the greatest thing the Indians had ever done.

Loyal support, financial and legislative, was promised them by congressmen, he says, and many inscribed their names on the honorary roll of the brotherhood.

"Everywhere we went," he said, "we were royally entertained and encouraged in our work."

Fifty tribes were represented at the gathering, according to the secretary, and, while the convention was in progress, so many further applications for membership from unrepresented tribes came in that it was decided to hold another meeting this month.

"The Indians everywhere, even the most benighted and ignorant classes, are joining in the movement," he declared. "Old war chiefs who were present at the meeting made speeches that would have done credit to any white orator and all promised to enlist their people in the perfection of the brotherhood. Here on our reservation we will immediately take steps toward forming a local organization to cooperate with the national body."

Saves Her Doll in Fire; Dying. New York.—As a result of her heroic efforts to rescue a Christmas doll from the flames of her mother's kitchen stove, Emma Benson, two years old, is dying at Bellevue hospital.

COUNTY TAX LEVY 8 MILLS

Much Larger This Year Than in 1911, Account of State Demand.

COUNTY TAX ABOUT SAME

Pendleton Citizens Will Pay a Total Tax of Over Two Cents on Every Dollar's Worth of Property They Own.

It is now possible for the property owner of Umatilla county to ascertain exactly how great a tribute will be demanded of him in taxes for the next year, the county court at its session today fixing the general state and county levy at eight mills divided as follows: for state, three mills or \$137,966.75; for general county expenses, one and one-sixth mills or \$55,376.00; for school purposes one and twenty-nine sixtieths mills or \$47,830.00 (this amount is fixed on the basis of ten dollars per capita for school children); for roads, two and one third mills or \$95,000; for library purposes, one-sixtieth of a mill or \$390.

This general tax is larger than that of last year but the increase is due to the demands of the state and not of the county, the levy fixed for county purposes being practically the same.

This levy of eight mills means that Pendleton property owners will pay taxes at the rate of 20 31-60 mills on every dollar's worth of property— which rate is 2 31-60 mills higher than last year. The city tax this year is nine mills, the same as last year, and the school tax is six mills, one mill higher than last year, and inasmuch as Pendleton and all incorporated towns are exempt from the general road tax, the total for this city is brought up to 20 31-60 mills.

AMERICAN TROOPS ORDERED TO CHINA

Washington, Jan. 9.—Five hundred American troops today were ordered rushed to Chin Wang Tao, China, from Manila, to guard the American concession of the railway line from Peking to the sea. They will start in the transport Thomas immediately.

To Organize Cabinet. Shanghai, Jan. 9.—Wu Ting Fang left here today for Nanking to complete the cabinet which will organize the new state. All those who were selected have accepted office. Li Yuen Hung has been named generalissimo and will lead an attack on Peking at the conclusion of the armistice, provided a basis of peace is not arranged by then.

WESTMINSTER BANK ROBBER SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST. Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—Suspected of being concerned in the theft of \$258,000 from the Bank of Montreal, at New Westminster, B. C., Charles Hoffman, whom the police say really is Charles Dean, is under arrest awaiting the action of Canadian authorities.

His alleged companion, John McNamara, who is known as "Australasian Mack," is in jail in New York charged with the same offense. Detectives say they traced them from British Columbia to Los Angeles and New York.

Former Frisco Saloonman. San Francisco, Jan. 9.—McNamara, who is under arrest in New York, formerly conducted a saloon here and is well known.

TWO SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON

Following their pleas of guilty to the charges against them, Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps this morning sentenced Frank Clark and George Cannon to serve indeterminate terms of from one to seven years in the state penitentiary.

Clark was indicted for larceny from a dwelling, he being the man who on Christmas day entered the residence of Fred Earle, and made away with a silver toilet set and a considerable quantity of clothing. He was captured at La Grande and all of his plunder was recovered.

Cannon was indicted for stealing wheat from the warehouse of J. E. and Charles McLean of Athena and was arrested during December by Jinks Taylor, special deputy sheriff.

Almost the entire day has been taken up today with the hearing of the Toner vs. Spokane Harvester company.

WESTON MAN INSTANTLY KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

Gene Graham, aged 22 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graham, a pioneer Weston family, was electrocuted about 2:15 this afternoon in the basement of D. P. Jarman's store at Weston, according to a telephone message, received at this office from Weston a few minutes after the tragedy. When discovered his body was a mass of flames and could not be touched until the power had been shut off at Athena in response to a hurried telephone communication.

Wires in the basement of the store were discovered to be in disorder earlier in the day by Mr. Jarman, who experienced an electric shock and warned his employees against touching them. Young Graham however, thinking he could adjust the difficulty, went below without the knowledge of the proprietor and it is supposed that in handling the wires he received the full voltage which the wires carried and which was unusually large today for some reason.

The body was horribly burned when it was finally recovered. The victim of the accident had been a resident all his life of Weston and was universally popular so that the news of his death came as a great shock to his many friends.

RICHESON DOOMED TO DIE NEXT MAY

Pleads Guilty and Almost Collapses When Sentenced.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 9.—Pleading guilty to a charge of murder in the first degree for killing his former sweetheart, Avila Linnel, Rev. Clarence Virgil T. Richeson this afternoon was sentenced to be electrocuted in the electric chair during the week of May 19th.

Richeson almost dropped to the floor when Judge Sanderson pronounced sentence on him. The murderous clergyman was hardly able to stand until the sentence was pronounced.

The proceedings, aside from the minister's demeanor, were not sensational, as deputies had cleared the court room when the time approached for the arrival of Richeson and his attorneys and guards.

The ordeal was over in less than fifteen minutes. The minister limped badly as a result of his self mutilation several weeks ago.

Governor Foss is now the only one who can save the minister from paying the penalty of his cowardly crime in the electric chair. Many believe that the governor will commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

WASHINGTON SIXTEEN HOUR LAW IS INVALID

Washington, Jan. 9.—The United States supreme court today declared unconstitutional the Washington state law prohibiting the employment of railroad men for more than sixteen consecutive hours, reversing the state courts. It held the law conflicts with a similar federal statute which also limits the hours.

RATE DECISION UPHELD

Washington, Jan. 9.—The United States supreme court today reaffirmed the constitutionality of the Hepburn law regulating interstate commerce, in deciding the cases of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railways. It also held that the order, reducing rates on lumber from northwest points to the east, was valid.

NOT A CRIME TO SOLICIT BRIBE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 9.—Deciding that under the statutes of Oregon it is no crime for a judge or other public official to solicit a bribe, State Circuit Judge R. Morrow dismissed an indictment against Max G. Cohen, a lawyer of this city.

Cohen was charged with having, while acting as municipal judge during the absence of Judge George Tazewell, offered to dismiss a charge against one Eleanor Maceo if she would employ an attorney by Cohen at a fee of \$150.

The indictment returned by the grand jury was based upon an alleged affidavit by the Maceo woman that Cohen had made such offer but that she repudiated that offer "see about it." The statement of the woman that she did not agree to comply with Cohen's alleged offer was seized upon by Cohen's attorney as grounds for invalidating the indictment and they were upheld in their contention.

Reagan Given Decision. Salt Lake City, Jan. 9.—Jimmy Reagan of San Francisco was given the decision over Chalky Germain of St. Louis last night after five rounds of a scheduled ten-round bout. Germain went to his corner in distress at the end of the fifth round and the three boxing commissioners of Salt Lake City appointed by Chief of Police Grant ordered the bout stopped.

Commits Suicide. Nome, Alaska, Jan. 9.—Mrs. J. H. Wood, wife of the United States commissioner at Teller, committed suicide last night by hanging herself. She had previously tried to take her life by drinking carbolic acid but prompt treatment saved her. She suffered greatly from rheumatism.

BRYAN SAYS HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Can Do More For Another Man Than For Himself

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Final declaration that he is not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination was this morning made by William Jennings Bryan the Nebraska Commoner, while addressing the Jackson club at a banquet. "I have been accused of harboring that ambition," declared the commoner. "I have been a candidate three times and some people believe that I am indispensable to the democratic campaign. But I will not let you believe that that has been the one object of my life. "I will be able to do more effective work for the man who is selected as the standard bearer for democracy in the next campaign than I could possibly do for myself."

CONVENTION AT BOSTON.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The democratic national committee set June 25 as the date for the democratic national convention today and Baltimore was chosen as the convention city.

LILATHA CHARGES BRIBE

Chicago, Jan. 9.—In sworn statement Johnson today answers James Corbett to the effect that Johnson is the greatest "staller" the fight game ever knew. He declared Corbett and H. H. Frazes offered him a substantial sum if he would allow Corbett to stay ten rounds and later they offered him \$100,000 to lay down to Al Kauffman, after the Jeffries scrap. He says he declined.

WIRELESS TO STOP FIRES.

New Plan Proposed for Protection of Forests. Helena, Mont.—Wireless telegraphy will become a factor in the prevention of forest fires in Montana if experiments planned by R. P. McLaughlin, forest supervisor, are successful.

It is proposed to establish a station and open communication with the wireless plant at Kalispell high school. If the experiment is successful several stations are to be operated in connection with the telephone system already in operation.

CHINOOK MAKES FLOOD DANGER FELT ON COAST

Portland, Jan. 9.—Flood conditions for Puget Sound and Willamette river districts is predicted today as the result of a chinook which is melting snow rapidly on the west coast. East of the Cascades the temperature has risen generally, and a snow storm is raging at most points. A chinook saved thousands to Portland.

15 Injured in Wreck.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 9.—Fifteen persons were injured, none fatally, when a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train No. 78, east bound, was struck by a freight train on a hill ten miles east of here last night.

Wilde Case Postponed.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 9.—Due to the crowded condition of the docket, the trial of Louis J. Wilde indicted for alleged embezzlement from the Oregon Trust and Savings bank, which was to have commenced yesterday, was postponed until Wednesday.

Vessel in Distress.

Portland, Jan. 9.—An unidentified vessel is reported in a dangerous position off Coos Bay and is sending up rockets, signals of distress, according to reports received this morning. The wires are down and the boat's fate is unknown.

Whitman Loses a Case.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The United States supreme court today decided against Whitman college in its suit by institution against the state of Washington to secure exemption from taxation. The college claimed exemption under its charter terms.

10 LIVES AND EQUITABLE LIFE BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

Insurance Society's New York Home and Valuable Securities Go Up In Smoke

DAMAGE WILL PROBABLY TOTAL \$20,000,000

Fire Chief and Banker Meet Death in Flames That Entrance One Million Gothamites and Drive Fireman Insane--Death List Uncertain.

New York, Jan. 9.—The known dead are: Battalion Chief William Walsh, Special Policeman Selbert, Guiseppe Conti and John Savz, porters; an unidentified citizen and porter. John Campion, night watchman. Officers declare the monetary loss is not less than fifteen and not over thirty million dollars.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Ten persons are known to have lost their lives and late estimates place the property loss at \$20,000,000, as the result of the destruction by fire this morning of the fourteenth story building of the Equitable Life Assurance society and other buildings in the same block, which is bounded by Broadway, Cedar, Nassau and Pine streets.

The Equitable building was supposed to be fire proof. A high wind was blowing at the time of the fire and spread the flames. More than three thousand firemen battled with the flames all morning and succeeded in getting it under control at noon. Fire Chief Walsh was among the number who perished. He fell with the third floor when it collapsed and his body was precipitated into a vault in the basement.

The rescue of President Gibbin of the Mercantile Safety Deposit company, was dramatic in the extreme. Locked in a steel vault with the flames playing about them, firemen sawed at the steel bars while other firemen played streams of water on them.

Meanwhile Father McGean, fire department chaplain, went to the vault and amid the flames with the water freezing to his garments, the priest calmly administered the last rites to the dying men who accompanied Gibbin.

After several hours the steel bars which prevented Gibbin and Fireman Sheehan and Campion from escaping were broken and the men dragged out. Gibbin was probably fatally burned, Campion was dead when gotten out and Sheehan was unconscious.

Entire Department Fights Flames.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 9.—(Bulletin.)—Twenty, and probably many times that number of people lost their lives and the handsome modern skyscraper building of the Equitable Life Assurance society, was totally destroyed this morning by fire which started at 5:30 o'clock. The property damage will run from \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

BACKBONE OF COLD WAVE IS BROKEN

Suffering citizens of Pendleton will welcome the prognostications and indications of warmer weather for this community. Supporting the forecast of the government weather bureau, the mercury in the thermometer did not fall as low last night as the night before and today it has been sufficiently high to admit of exposure on the streets without great discomfort.

Although none of the snow in Pendleton was melted today, reports from Pilot Rock and outlying district have been received to the effect that a Chinook has visited these nearby sections and that the snow is being turned into water. Local weather prophets predict that the warm wind is about due to reach this city and there are few who would regret such an arrival, although some of the farmers would not complain if the snow remained for a few days longer.

The train service of the city is still in a badly demoralized condition. No train from the east except stubs has reached Pendleton since Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock owing to a snow blockade in the mountains, and all trains from the west over the O-W. R. & N. lines are coming in many hours late, the drifting snow near The Dalles giving the railroad workers much trouble.

\$20,000,000, according to the amount of securities that were in the company's vaults at the time and no estimate of which has as yet been made. So fierce was the fire that the entire fire department of the city was called out and for hours surrounding buildings and a vast scope of the skyscraper district, in the vicinity of Broadway and Nassau streets, where the destroyed building was located, were threatened with destruction.

Millions Watched Flames. More than one million people were attracted to the scene of the fire and from the tops of other buildings and in the streets they watched the destruction that was being wrought and the battle put up by the firemen, un-mindful of the raw weather. One thousand policemen were detailed to do duty in the vicinity of the fire, to keep the masses of curious people back out of danger.

Bankers Lose Lives. During the hottest part of the fire, President William Gibbin, of the Mercantile Safety Deposit company and two companions, who went to the fire as soon as learning of it, rushed into the building in an effort to save valuable securities that were kept in their office in the same building. They were driven into an empty safety deposit vault and hemmed in by the flames. Firemen worked several hours before they succeeded in rescuing them. Gibbin was dragged out in a dying condition and his two companions lost their lives.

Fire Chief Missing. The extent of the death list will not be known for hours but it is believed certain that District Fire Chief Walsh is among the number. When last seen he was on the third floor and shortly afterward this floor crashed and fell to the basement among a seething inferno of burning debris.

Shortly after the fire started several porters on the fifth floor were cut off by the flames. They jumped from windows and were lost in the burning debris below.

Death List in Doubt. At eight thirty o'clock the fire had gained such headway that the firemen working on one side of the building were called away and within a few minutes the walls on that side crashed. The flames at that hour were sweeping the entire block, bound by Cedar, Pine, Nassau and Broadway. Just how many lives were lost will be in doubt for hours.

Among the offices in the building were those of August Belmont, Koutz Brothers, the Western Maryland Railway company, the Equitable Trust company, the Mercantile Trust company, the Mercantile Safe Deposit company, and the general offices of the Equitable Life Assurance association.

Fireman Driven Mad.

Timothy Manning, one of the firemen who participated in the Gibbin's rescue, was made temporarily insane by the terrible experience. The body of Conrad Selbert, a special officer of the Equitable building, has been recovered.

Trust Company Uninjured.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The Mercantile Safe Deposit company, whose offices and vaults were in the Equitable building, issued a statement today to the effect that their vaults are intact and that no serious loss was sustained by the company in the fire this morning.

Armistice Extended.

London, Jan. 9.—Peking says the armistice has been extended to January 15th. The public favors a division of the country, the republicans taking the south half, and the Manchus the north.

Torpedo Boats Missing.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Wireless messages to the navy department from the second division of the South Atlantic squadron say the torpedo boats McCall and Mayrant are the only ones which disappeared in the story not yet located.

New Grand Jury Ordered.

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—The venire for the new United States grand jury to continue the dynamite probe will be drawn today. Veniremen are ordered to report January 23.