

AFTERMATH OF FIRE THAT CAUSED DEATH OF MANY CHILDREN

Cleveland, March 5.—Up to noon 112 little bodies had been identified among the pupils of the Lake school in Collingwood, who lost their lives in the fire which gutted the building yesterday. Twenty-four have passed, but the exact number of fatalities is unknown and it is estimated that 170. How many bodies still in the ruins, if any, has not been determined.

The search of the ruins is still proceeding, and so far 125 bodies have been recovered and of these, 56 it is generally admitted cannot be distinguished one from another, and the names must be ascertained from a list of the missing. There will be a great public funeral tomorrow. County Coroner Dr. T. A. Burko has begun a thorough investigation of the causes leading to the terrible disaster. There will also be an investigation by the board of education and other officials. So far there is no definite conclusion as to the cause of the fire or where the blame, if any, is to be placed. It is generally admitted that if the building had been of approved fireproof construction the calamity could not have been averted, looked at from this standpoint. Also it is now believed the fire did not originate from the furnace or from the explosion of a heat boiler. From testimony so far adduced it started under the stairway leading from the easement to the first floor of the building. Janitor Fred Herler stoutly maintains there was no waste or rubbish there.

Officials are doubling their efforts to ascertain the names of the three girls reported to have been in the basement at the time the fire started and said by the janitor to have notified him of the fire. While the janitor practically cleared himself upon

PUPILS SAVED BY FIRE DRILL

Grand Rapids, March 5.—Grand Rapids was threatened with a repetition of Cleveland's tragedy yesterday, even on a larger scale, today. Fire broke out in the laboratory of the Central high school, but the 1200 pupils were marched out in perfect order, the building being emptied in two and one-half minutes. The school is overcrowded and the stairways inadequate, but the fire drill proved effective and little damage was done.

That no panic occurred was probably due to the fact that a photographer had been taking flashlights in the corridors for a few minutes before the fire and the pupils were warned not to be alarmed. When the fire drill sounded they thought it part of the picture taking program and marched out quietly.

blame, justified or not, being heaped upon him Herler has broken down with grief over the loss of three of his own children in the fire.

As the day wears on the belief gains that the number of dead will total upward of 180.

Writes own obituary to be read at funeral.

Silver Lake, Or., Feb. 29.—George Duncan, of this valley, who is known as "Uncle George," is now past 87 years of age, and is a remarkable character. Like many of the earlier pioneers, he has his hobbies and eccentricities, and is enthusiastic in their defense. "Uncle George" has written his own obituary, which is to be read by a friend at his funeral. He says he wants no weeping and mourning over him when he dies, and he has expressed the wish that his friends shall hoist "Old Glory" and sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at his funeral.

The paving of several blocks of Albany's business thoroughfares is practically assured this year. Public sentiment is united for this improvement and definite action by the council is expected within a month at most. According to the present plans the expense of the work will be borne by the owners of property adjacent to the streets paved, and there is little discord on the question among the property owners, almost all being in favor of the plan.

DEMOCRATS OF BRYAN'S STATE REMAIN LOYAL TO COMMONER AND NEBRASKA POPULISTS FALL IN LINE



Pictures of Fairbanks and Cannon will not appear on campaign buttons.—News Item. —Kessler in St. Louis Republic.

is not nominated they will vote for Bryan. LaFollette is their only reform candidate—the only man bold enough to take his stand with the people. Roosevelt, thundering Democratic doctrines in his message to congress, has opened the minds of the millions of Republicans to the philosophy of Democracy. He calls to arms to the masses against the classes has opened the hearts of the thousands to the evangel of Democracy.

"The Democratic party will nominate a man for president who would rather live on a farm at Fair View than be president, owned and controlled by special interests; a man who would rather go down in defeat in the third battle than to mortgage his party before election; a man who for twelve years has been oak and rock to the Democratic party. He is Democracy's choice—Democracy's hope. They tell us that he has been defeated twice. Twice defeated he has convinced the world that he is worthy to be president; twice defeated, he has forced a Republican president to turn his back upon the Republican party and take his stand upon a Democratic platform."

Twelve of the sixteen delegates from Nebraska to the Democratic national convention will be selected by congressional district conventions of the party here today.

Four delegates at large will be chosen this afternoon by the convention. All sixteen will go to Denver instructed for Bryan.

Bryan did not attend as a delegate but slipped into the hall unnoticed by the delegates and took a seat far back under the gallery.

POPULISTS ENDORSE BRYAN'S CANDIDACY

Omaha, March 5.—With the largest number of delegates of any Nebraska populist meeting in four years the populist state convention met this afternoon.

A resolution reaffirming the Omaha platform, announced in 1892 and declaring for the support of Bryan, was passed.

Omaha, March 5.—When the state Democratic convention for the election of delegates to the national gathering began this afternoon more than 1500 delegates were in the hall. Thomas S. Allen, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, called the gathering to order and plans of the state leaders have been directed toward making the affair a demonstration in favor of the candidacy of Bryan for the presidential nomination.

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in seclusion, revising the draft of the platform, and no inkling was given out as to the result of the deliberations. Allen's opening remarks were brief. He introduced H. H. Hanks, of Nebraska City, selected for temporary chairman. Chairman Hanks' speech, in which he sounded the slogan of the gathering, referred to Bryan as the "next president of the United States" amid tumultuous cheering.

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JAPS ATTEMPT TO HIRE SPY ON OUR FORTS

Salt Lake, March 5.—Jack Treadwell, a Japanese interpreter, formerly a member of the Twenty-First U. S. Infantry, states that he has been offered \$150 a month by an agent of the Japanese government to act as a spy in discovering the location of the mines and descriptions of the fortifications at San Francisco, San Diego and Puget Sound.

Treadwell gives circumstantial details of the alleged offer.

FALSE ROBBERY ALARM AT MARCOLA

FIVE MEN SWORE THEY SAW BURGLARS IN AMOS' STORE CARRYING AWAY GOODS, BUT IT PROVED TO BE HALLUCINATION

Constable Plank was called to Marcola yesterday by a telephone message saying that three men were seen in William Amos' store there early last night before carrying away the goods in the store. The constable went up on the afternoon train and when he got there he found that the doors of the store which had been nailed up by him some time previously, the store having been closed by attachment proceedings, had not been molested and none of the goods were gone. Five different men swore that they saw these men in the store, and could not believe that nothing had been disturbed. The constable made an investigation and found that three men were engaged during the night moving some things out of a building adjoining and placed them on the back porch of the store to haul them away. These five men saw them through the glass doors of both the front and rear of the store, and it appeared very much as if the men were inside.

Constable Plank went to Marcola again this afternoon to arrange for the sale of the attached goods.

Mrs. Julia Ruby, the old Indian woman, famous for her age and endurance, died at Ranier Tuesday at the age of 111 years. Mrs. Ruby belonged to the Tumwhata and Cascades tribes. She married a white man in her early years and was the mother of fourteen children. Mrs. Ruby was active up to her last moment, and at the age of 115 years suffered a broken arm, which when set knitted perfectly.

EUGENE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS SAFE FROM FIRE

EACH IS WELL EQUIPPED WITH FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS AND DRILLS HELD REGULARLY

OUTSIDE DOORS OPEN OUTWARD, THUS COMPLYING WITH STATE LAW—COURT HOUSE DOORS OPEN TOWARD INSIDE IN VIOLATION OF LAW

The terrible fire in the Cleveland, Ohio, school house yesterday has caused inquiry among the citizens of Eugene as to the safety of the public school buildings here. The Guard today interview Chairman Osburn, of the board of education, in regard to the matter. He said: "As far as I know the school buildings of Eugene are very safe from fire. The furnaces at all of the buildings are practically now and each building there is amply equipped for extinguishing a blaze should one occur. In the high school building there are reels of large hose on each floor and at the other buildings there are several small hydrants in the yards with plenty of hose kept in readiness for instant use. Besides these, there is a fire hydrant in close proximity to each of the buildings. The children are given fire drills regularly and the short time it takes them to get out of the building after the alarm is sounded is remarkable. As far as I know the outside doors at all the buildings open outward, thus complying with the state law in this regard."

It was reported on the streets today that one of the outside doors at the Geary building opens toward the inside, but upon inquiry from Superintendent Alderman The Guard learns that this is not true and that at each of the buildings the law is strictly complied with.

In this connection it might be well to state that the outside doors at the courthouse open toward the inside. The building was erected before the law requiring the doors of public buildings to open outward was passed, but the change should have been made long ago.

JAPS LOSING THEIR PRESTIGE IN MANCHURIA

Mukden, March 5.—Japan has been compelled to vacate or buy all Russian banks throughout Manchuria seized during the recent war, and consequently has lost prestige with the Chinese. At Harbin flour milled from Chinese wheat is under selling American flour and American trade is threatened. American agricultural implements are gradually finding a market in Manchuria which promises great possibilities.

Peking, March 5.—Japan is threatening to force the unconditional surrender of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, which is still retained by the Chinese government on West river. The vessel was seized at Macao March 7th by Chinese cruisers on the charge that she carried a cargo of arms and ammunition intended for the Chinese revolutionists, although consigned to a merchant at that place.

Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to China, has handed to the Chinese government Japan's refusal to accept China's proposal to appoint a joint Japanese and Chinese commission to examine all the charges. China, through Vice Admiral Moore, of the British China station, has proposed arbitration, but Japan refuses his overtures.

Coercion of China is feared here.

NO ANARCHIST PLOT REVEALED

Chicago, March 5.—Assistant Chief of Police Schenckler now believes that Lazarus Averbuch was alone in his dastardly attempt to murder Chief of Police Shippy. All efforts to connect others with the plot have failed, but Averbuch's friends continue to be arrested and it will be sifted to the bottom.

Rosie Stern and Olga Averbuch were released from custody today.

Among other questions upon which the people of Oregon will vote at the coming June election is that of increasing the compensation of members of the legislature from \$129 to \$400 for the session. Assuming that regular sessions will consist of 30 days, as in the past, the increase is from \$3 per day to \$10 per day.

It is said that the electric cars will be running to the railroad track at the end of East Thirteenth street by Tuesday. The work of extending the line is progressing rapidly.