

Late General News

Sacramento, March 21.—The situation in the labor difficulty is practically unchanged. Non Union carpenters are at work, but construction work on the large structures in the city is stopped.

The open shop policy was inaugurated this morning and the Citizen's Alliance is not crowding it, inviting union men to go to work on the old terms. They do not propose to extend the open shop to other trades, at least at present.

The Building Trades Council says it will not call other trades out unless the open shop is forced on them.

San Francisco Mar.—In the Botkin case, Dist. Atty. Byington made the statement for the state. When he referred to the orgie in the flat occupied by John Dunning, whose wife was poisoned, during which Mrs. Botkin danced the cancan on the chiffonier, a number of the women, who composed the largest part of the spectators in the court room, laughed aloud. Twenty of them were immediately expelled by order of the court.

The first important witness was Harry Pennington, brother of Mrs. Dunning testified to taking a package of candy out of the Pennington box in the Dover post office and carrying it home.

Washington, March 21.—The House committee making investigation in connection with members of congress and post-office scandal this morning continued the hearing of Bristow.

He declared that he had no personal knowledge of the cases detailed in the so-called Bristow report. He never read it and did not know what clerks prepared the report, but First Assistant Wynne might tell.

Asked when he first suspected Beaver's maladministration Bristow said he thought some years ago that Beavers was not the kind of man he would like to have under him. He was employed under first assistant Heath. Could not say that he suspected the integrity of Heath.

Reno, Mar. 21.—All danger of the Lake Tahoe dam breaking out passed. People living along the Truckee river, which is now three feet lower than three weeks ago, feel assured that there will be no damage from high water. Repairs to the dam are completed, and the water is at a stand still. Experts are on guard in case of emergency and the danger of undermining has been removed.

Sacramento, Mar. 21.—The river is rising slowly, but the tributaries are falling. All trains are running except on the Marcuse and Oroville branch.

High water in the river has broken the piles adrift at Edwards break and the work of closing has been abandoned. It is feared that the break will be enlarged half a mile at the south end by tonight. The city levee here is perfectly firm.

Seattle a Closed Town

Seattle, March 21.—Judge R. A. Ballinger succeeded Mayor Hume this morning. The general impression is that Seattle will be closed tighter than a drum during the coming administration.

Hutcheson Gets Appointment

Washington, Mar. 21.—The President today nominated Norman Hutcheson, of California, for Secretary of Legation at Caracas, and Edward Stockable, of Hawaii to be Collector of Customs in that territory.

Triple Alliance Suspected

St. Petersburg, Mar. 21.—A Harris dispatch declares that it is believed there is a triple alliance between Japan, China and Korea formed, which was the real object of Marquis Ito's visit to Seoul.

From Wednesday's Daily.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Invitation Issued For Formation of Committee

Following is the communication sent out to the different organizations of Marshfield by the committee laying in hand the matter of a promoting a Fourth of July celebration:

Whereas, it being some years since Marshfield has held a celebration on July 4th, and whereas, this being the proper time to make arrangements for one, that said arrangements may not conflict with those made in other towns and;

Whereas, believing it to be good policy to bring the people of the whole county together that they may become acquainted and enjoy a good time and the hospitality of its principle town and whereas Marshfield being better prepared to entertain a large number of guests than any other town in the county, there fore be it;

Resolved, That all Fraternal Orders and the municipal officers of Marshfield be asked to take a hand in this proposed celebration by appointing a committee of three to confer with the committees of the other orders and they to appoint their officers and the different committees on entertainment sports, subscription etc. And be it further resolved that in order to avoid all jealousy and work together in a harmonious and combined effort to make a success of the celebration, that no Order claim or be given any undue prominence or honor and be it further;

Resolved, That each Order and the Municipal officers entertain their guests at dinner or luncheon at their own expense, and at an hour and place selected by themselves and be it further resolved that, for the benefit of those who do not care for dancing, the different orders fit up comfortable quarters and entertain their guests with games music recitations etc, and be it further resolved that a free barbecue clam bake and dance be given for the general public, the expenses of same to be paid from the subscription fund, and also that all general expenses be paid from the subscription fund, and be it further;

Resolved, That the Committee from each lodge and the Municipal authorities be appointed as soon as possible and their names be sent to the Secretary and be through the "COAST MAIL" call a meeting of the different committees for the purpose of organizing and be it further;

Resolved, That the committee appointed by the joint committees have the power to change these resolutions to suit such emergencies as may arise.

Committee. Henry Bengtacken John F. Hall, R. C. Lee, Otto Schetter, F. S. Dow, A. B. Prentis Secretary.

If the interest of all the fraternal orders in the town, or nearly all, can be enlisted in support of the plan proposed, there is no doubt but the resulting celebration would be one of the most successful ever held in Marshfield. Not only is it something new here, but it would seem that in a section where there are so many lodges, the pull of these organizations would insure a tremendous attendance. As the MAIL understands it, the idea is for each order to extend an invitation to members in other parts of the county to attend, and to prepare for their special entertainment. If the scheme could be launched on a scale large enough and enthusiastic enough it might be possible to draw a goodly attendance from each of the Coquille towns, as well as the country tributary to the bay. In fact if all can work together, no better plan could be devised for a really big time.

As each organization, no matter how small, will have equal representation on the committee with the largest, there seems no good reason why all should not take part, unless prohibited by the law or custom of the order.

The adverse view, however, is presented in a communication printed below, written by a member of one of the fraternal orders, who advances a plan of his own. He makes some excellent suggestions as to details of the celebration. The water carnival should certainly be a leading feature in any celebration we may have. But these details could be carried out as successfully by a committee selected in the manner under contemplation as by one selected at a mass meeting.

COAST MAIL

A Fourth of July celebration is being agitated in Marshfield. One of the prominent lodges in the city is working up the idea and suggests that the different lodges unite and celebrate together.

This would be all right if it could be accomplished but jealousies are sure to arise which would throw a damper on the affair. Now the writer would suggest the following: That a popular committee be appointed to arrange a regular mardi gras celebration for two evenings with other sports during the day. We could easily accomplish this by offering liberal prizes for best sustained characters, groups and floats of the different business houses and fraternal orders of the city—for instance, on the afternoon of the 3rd a ball game and a balloon ascension could be pulled off. In the evening, a street carnival or festa in which our sister cities would join us.

Then on the morning of the 4th we would celebrate the natal day in the usual manner. The afternoon's exercises could be devoted to games, races etc.

We are proud of our bay; why not have a water carnival? Coos Bay boasts of over 60 gasoline launches—why not offer a prize for the best decorated and illuminated launch or steamer or any craft which would wish to participate.

This could be accomplished only by the unanimous consent of the business men and citizens of Marshfield without lodge concurrence.

While I appreciate the stand which the different lodges have taken in celebrating our glorious Fourth, yet I think by offering a good, substantial prize for which all lodges might compete, they would show the same appreciation of the community.

A CITIZEN

Good Citizenship

(Contributed)

As the national barometer again falls in indication of an approaching campaign, and the political atmosphere once more assumes the warning line of a social inclemency, a few words along the line of safe citizenship should not be amiss at this time.

Our great commonwealth is already astir in the preparation for this necessary and important event and the responsibility of a conservative preparation is rightfully resting, with an equal weight, upon the shoulders of every American citizen. This work of preparation, when properly conducted, consists solely in the qualification of a sound, individual citizenship. If every male American, twenty-one years of age, who is eligible to a vote would devote himself solely to the qualification of his own citizenship, the Goddess of Liberty and the American Eagle would easily take care of themselves. The full and correct meaning of the word "citizenship" embraces everything from the love of family to the love of country and its scope is bounded only by the advantages and possibilities of the individual.

Ours is indeed a golden age. We are favored as no other people. Our advantages greatly surpass those of the citizens of any nation of the world. All this is clearly seen in our natural facilities, our delight in scientific research, the increased intelligence and quickening of the public mind, the diffusion and popularization of knowledge through the press as well as the constant demand of a natural and growing patriotism for even a greater dissemination of knowledge among all classes. But these advantages bring with them corresponding responsibilities. Bound to allegiance on the one hand and entitled to protection on the other, it is the duty of every American citizen to inform himself thoroughly on the principles of government, the progress and development of the nation, including the living issues of the day. Our nation is just what we as citizens make it. By the cultivation of our citizenship we can make its future as the full blown flower of which the present is but the opening bud, or by a selfish neglect of that citizenship we may permit imminent and threatening dangers to thwart its growth, if not to stun its life permanently.

Safe citizenship demands a careful study of our country and its people, our government and all questions of vital interest which are constantly pressing themselves to the front. He who will not inform himself upon the living issues of the day and interest himself in

those subjects so essential to national life does not deserve the title of "citizen", and by his own ignorance and neglect becomes, in fact if not in intention, an enemy of his own country. It is not only the privilege from these advantages, but with them it becomes the duty, also, of every man to interest himself in a careful and comprehensive study of party and national politics. In this day of public schools and penny newspapers, a total ignorance of the affairs of state should be considered a crime almost akin to treason, and he who is found to be willingly guilty should be denied a vote upon such issues as will mould and shape the destiny of a nation. The constant cultivation of our own citizenship is, therefore, the key to the furtherance of our national prosperity, and thereby an assurance of our continued liberty and protection. We need better citizenship both in and out of office. We need more education and a better knowledge of our system of government. Every man should be able to vote intelligently.

It is commonly called the privilege, but is nevertheless the duty every American citizen to exercise his rights to vote at all the primaries and all of the elections to which he is eligible. The American people are too indifferent in nominating and supporting men for office. The making up of the ticket is too often left to a lot of "grafting" politicians, and then the masses obediently swallow the pill because it was rolled out by the so-called party leaders. When selfish and unprincipled politicians control the election, incompetent and unworthy men are invariably put up and elected to office. This indifference on the part of the American voters is the only cause of American politics. Every citizen should attend the caucuses or primaries of his own party and insist upon the nomination of good men and when incompetent or unworthy men are nominated refuse to support them. Every good citizen will support the best man for the office regardless of personal feelings or politics when it comes down to a question of fitness. While it is the duty of every individual to act generally in conjunction with some political party it is also his duty to constantly urge upon the recognized leaders of that party the necessity of nominating good men for office and when the party fails to do so it is the place of a loyal citizen to vote against the nominee, thus keeping the public and general good before his eyes and setting an example of true public spirit before the followers. It is a dangerous thing to support a man simply because he has been nominated by a certain party. We should study carefully the political and private record of every nominee and above all things and at all times, let merit and ability be the only claim to office.

Contractors Responsible

New York, March 23.—The coroner's jury this morning held Eugene Allison head of the Allison Realty Co. and Pole and Chwandtner Iron Contractors, guilty of negligence causing the collapse of the Darlington hotel. Warrants for his arrest have been issued.

Hotel Blown Up

Littleton, W. Va. March 23.—The Sharpe hotel was blown up by an explosion of natural gas this morning. Wm. Lawson of Pittsburg, was killed. It is feared that five others were buried beneath the ruins.

Kansas City Fire

Kansas City, Mo. Mar. 24.—Fire, this morning, did \$130,000 damage in Jones' dry goods department store, and caused the fatal injury of a fireman. A stroke of lightning was the cause.

A. V. Merrill, a spectator, may die of concussion of the brain, the result of a stream of water striking him.

MRS BOTKIN IDENTIFIED

By the Drug Clerk Who Sold Her the Poison

San Francisco, March 23.—In the Botkin trial today the defendant was unqualifiedly identified by F. S. Gray, a drug clerk, as the woman to whom he sold a quantity of arsenic in June, 1908. He declared that he remembered the woman because he had seen her in the store in company with John Dunning, husband of the poisoned victim. The positive identification almost caused the prisoner to collapse.

Mrs. J. J. McGinnis, formerly a clerk in a candy store, could not positively identify Mrs. Botkin as the woman who bought the box of chocolates of her. She believes that she was, however. Detective McVey, the Dover officer who worked up the evidence in the East, denied that former Chief of Police Lees told him that he had ordered Chemist Wolf to report that he had found poison in the candy. McVey also denied that

he had heard of a threat made by John Pennington of the Dunning family that he intended to kill the family by placing poison in the coffee.

Bubonic Plague in South Africa

Pretoria, Mar. 23.—One death from bubonic plague occurred here today. The authorities believe this indicates that in Johannesburg where the plague has been raging isolation is unsuccessful and it is feared it will spread through South Africa.

Philippines Captured

Manila, Mar. 23.—Macario Sakay, president of the Filipino Republic with fifteen followers were killed and the remainder of the band were captured by Capt. Dewitt's constabulary and Lieut. Pitney's scouts. No casualties are reported among the Americans.

Dynamiters Arrested

Liege, Mar. 23.—Two Frenchmen have been arrested as responsible for the recent dynamite outrages and have confessed.

Schwab Returned

New York, Mar. 23.—Chas. Schwab returned from Europe today, called home by the illness of his wife.

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