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## RETIREMENT OF ALDRICH SOON IS CONFIRMED

General Brayton, Republican Boss of Rhode Island, Announces That Under No Circumstances Will Aldrich Be Candidate for Re-election to Senate—Held Office 29 Years.

## ILL-HEALTH IS GIVEN AS REASON OF WITHDRAWAL

Retirement of Aldrich Will Remove One of Most Striking Figures From Senate—Dominates Senate at Present.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 18.—Senator Nelson Aldrich will retire at the end of his present term. Under no circumstances will he be candidate for re-election. The announcement was made by General Brayton, known as the Republican boss of the state. General Brayton declares that ill-health is the cause of the senator's determination to retire.

General Brayton's announcement is considered authoritative and the rumor which has been circulating for the past three days that Aldrich planned to retire is now generally accepted here. Aldrich has refused as yet to make any statement other than that he would fight for re-election if the fight against him in Congress continued or if a fight were started against him in Rhode Island.

General Brayton's announcement is taken to mean that an understanding has been reached by Republican leaders in the state and that Senator Aldrich will be allowed to retire without any movement against him here, but with the indorsement of his party here.

The retirement of Aldrich will take from the senate one of the most striking figures in recent years, and the man generally conceded to have the greatest influence in the upper house of congress.

Aldrich was elected to the senate in 1881 and served continuously since he took his seat, October 11 of that year. Prior to that he had served in the lower house in congress and as a member of the Rhode Island general assembly.

Aldrich, because of his long service and his great influence, has been considered the leader of the Republicans in the senate. Although the insurgents have made him the center of their attack, they have never succeeded in undermining his power. He is considered as the dictator of the recent tariff bill, as it passed the senate. If he retires at the end of this term, which expires next year, he will not have achieved the pet ambition of his career. He is credited with having desired, more than any other thing, to frame the financial legislation which is expected to change the present system of finance.

### Will Reorganize Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The retirement of Senator Aldrich at the close of his term in 1911 means (Continued on Page 8.)

## Dr. Frederick A. Cook Now Living Life of Exile in South American Hamlet

TRENTON, N. J., April 18.—According to former State Comptroller William S. Hancock, who has just returned from a tour of South America, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discarded Arctic explorer, is living in a small village named Chilaseoles, on the Chilean side of the Andes. His wife is with him. When a party, of which Hancock was a member, arrived at Chilaseoles, the natives were talking of two American strangers whom they believed to be fugitives from justice. One member of Hancock's party

## UNCLE SAM IS INVESTIGATING CITY'S GROWTH

Postmaster Is Furnished Blanks to Give Information Regarding Federal Building Need in Medford—Score of Questions Are Asked Regarding Local Field.

## COMMITTEE LOST NO TIME IN GETTING BUSY

Assistant Postmaster Woodford Is Busy Collecting Data—Federal Building Bill Should Be Reported Within Few Weeks.

The committee on public buildings, of which was referred Congressman Hawley's bill providing \$125,000 for a federal building in this city, has just no time in getting busy and investigating the growth and future of Medford. Although the bill was introduced on April 8, blanks have already been received here by the postmaster with a request to have them filled out and returned.

The blanks ask a multitude of questions. One of them is for the postal receipts ten years ago, what they are today, and an estimate of what they will be ten years hence. Population is also asked for these three periods.

Other government departments here will be queried. These include the land office, federal court, O'Gara's office and the forestry department.

Location is a difficult matter for a federal regulation provides that the building must be distant 40 feet from every other building.

It begins to look as if Medford might get her federal building, after all.

## MEDFORD AUTOMOBILISTS HAVE PLEASANT DRIVE

Sunday morning for eight touring autos left Medford for a day's outing and spent the day in touring the country. The route was laid out via Jacksonville, over to Applegate, down that stream and return by way of Grants Pass.

The trip was made without incident until the noon camp was made, when it was discovered that there was one machine missing. By the time the line was spread this machine, L. B. Brown's, came back. He had started in the lead, outrun the others, gone on to Grants Pass, and then, remembering the contents of the hamper in the other machines, drove back the eight miles in order to participate in the good things provided.

At Woodville, on the way back, the party picnicked again and came home in the cool of the evening.

In the trip the autos covered over 80 miles. The machines were those of Messrs. Ritter, Merrick, Nicholson, W. H. Brown, Alfred, Eubanks, Carlton, L. B. Brown.

was certain that the strangers were Mr. and Mrs. Cook. An inquiry was made and Mrs. Cook admitted his identity. He declined to discuss any of the charges made against him by members of the various geographical societies. He seemed to be gloomy and was determined to be as much alone as possible. Mrs. Cook also seemed much depressed. Members of the party who had seen Cook when he reached New York said he showed considerable change.

## J. C. O'Laughlin, Active In Roosevelt-Pope Incident, and Leaders of Catholic Church In U. S.



One point of interest that is due to be discussed for a long time is the connection of John C. O'Laughlin with the Roosevelt-Pope incident. Mr. O'Laughlin was assistant secretary of state under Mr. Roosevelt, but now earns his money as a newspaper man. President Taft disliked O'Laughlin, and the feeling was returned. The friends of President Taft have wondered and will continue to wonder until the Roosevelt party returns just how much O'Laughlin had to do with the incident. O'Laughlin is a Washington newspaper man sent to Europe to meet the Roosevelt party, but his training as a diplomat and his friendship for Colonel Roosevelt seem to have led him into other paths. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishops Ryan, Farley and Ireland have defended the pope, as they did in the Fairbanks incident. For days to come a discussion between the representatives of the pope and the representatives of other denominations are due to be added to the political discussion as to what effect Colonel Roosevelt's action will have on his political popularity.

## Jam Carries T. R. Off Feet

Austrian Chief of Police Is Suffering Broken Leg as Result of Roosevelt Visit—Teddy Calls on Royalty.

BUDA PEST, April 18.—The visit of Theodore Roosevelt has cost the chief of police here a broken leg. The Hungarians' enthusiasm over the former president's visit caused the accident and it has also caused the police officials in general considerable worry.

The police chief last night was caught in the rush at the railway station. People rushed forward to get close to Roosevelt. The jam was so tremendous that the colonel was lifted off his feet and carried 40 feet before he could escape. He was unharmed. The police chief, however, trying to stay the onrushing sightseers, was thrown down and trampled on and his leg fractured.

Today Roosevelt called on Archduke Joseph and Premier Count Hedebrary. Count Apponyi, an old friend of the colonel, who had visited him in Washington, acted as escort during the calls. Roosevelt visited parliament today.

Tonight he will attend a dinner at which the legislative leaders will attend.

Roosevelt broke away from royalty long enough to visit Francis Kosuth, leader of the united opposition party.

Kosuth was confined to his apartments by illness. He was overjoyed at the unexpected visit. The people were delighted at this instance of Roosevelt's democracy.

J. W. Armstrong of Corina, Cal., is in Medford on business.

## Sam Lock Gets Off Good One

Proprietor of Canton Restaurant Falls to Fall for Trick of Fellow Countryman—Turns the Joke.

"For ways that are dark And tricks that are vain, The Heathen's Chinese is peculiar."

Sam Lock, who conducts the Canton restaurant on Front street, is laughing up his sleeve today at a neat little trick he turned on a fellow Chinaman Sunday. For instead of being the "fall guy" he is four bits ahead and has the joke on the other fellow. This is the tale.

On Sunday a Chinaman who lives in Medford and has it in for Sam sent a man over to the Canton restaurant with a request that Sam Lock sell him some whisky. Could he get it?

"Sure," said Sam. "I'll fix it up— you just wait a moment."

And Sam went into the rear of the restaurant and soon returned with a bottle, which looked good, at any rate.

Fifty cents was paid and the man left. Today Sam is laughing up his sleeves at the result of his little stunt.

For in the bottle was some very fine cold tea.

## CHAUFFEUR RUNS DOWN PARTY OF JOY RIDERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 18.—Miss Mae Cassin of this city and H. E. Berry of Oakland are in local hospitals today, each suffering from a broken right leg as a result of being struck by an automobile in front of a roadhouse near Redwood City Sunday morning.

## Huge Orchard Is Enlarged

Westerlund Adds 550 Acres to Western Oregon Orchard Company's Holdings—Now Totals 2843.

J. A. Westerlund has purchased from M. W. Wheeler, for the Western Oregon Orchards company, the 550 acres adjoining the company's property on the south. It is understood that the consideration approximated \$75,000.

This property makes a total of 2843 acres in the orchard property, of which 1250 are planted to fruit. This is the largest orchard in the northwest and bids fair to become the largest in the world. It is located three miles southeast of Medford.

The Wheeler tract is excellent fruit land and will be subdivided into five and ten-acre tracts.

## WATER IS TURNED INTO HOPKINS CANAL

Today the water was turned into the Hopkins canal from the foot of the "Bradshaw drop." The full amount of improvements contemplated by the Fish Lake company have not been completed, owing to the difficult experience in securing a sufficient force of men and teams to carry out the plans. However, the demands for water became so insistent among the users along the canal that the water was turned in and a crew will be kept at work during the season making enlargements wherever possible and seeing that the canal is carrying its full capacity.

If you don't get frequent and valuable service from the want ads, you are not quite in touch with the way things are accomplished in this town.

## BIG BUILDING IS BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITERS

Steel Frame of Utah Hotel, a 13-Story Building in Course of Erection, Completely Wrecked at Early Hour Today—No Clue to Men Who Did Work.

## STEEL BEAMS HURLED INTO THE AIR LIKE STRAWS

Roof of Neaf-by Bank Is Riddled and Crushed—Contractors Have Been Having Trouble With Union Labor of Late.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 18.—The steel frame work of the Utah hotel, a 13-story building in course of construction, was dynamited early today.

The explosion shattered windows in several near-by blocks and scores of panic-stricken persons rushed to the streets in their night clothing.

Directors of the company have offered a big reward for the dynamiters.

The explosion hurled steel beams into the air and dropped them like straws into the streets, on near-by buildings and back into the twisted mass of girders.

The roof of the Utah State bank was riddled and crushed by the falling beams. Several persons in a near-by apartment house had narrow escapes from death.

The force of the explosion was so great that telephone operators in a branch building two blocks away from the hotel were thrown from their chairs.

Telegraph and telephone lines adjacent to the building were put out of commission.

Shortly before the explosion the watchmen reported that they had seen two men emerge from the shadows of the framework and run at top speed. The watchmen said they started in pursuit, and they believe that to this fact they owe their lives.

Labor disputes have marked the entire period of construction and several men are reported to have been attacked because they worked on the building after the Jones Construction company had declared for "open shop."

## ANOTHER HITCH IN THE WELSH-M'FARLAND MILL

CHICAGO, Ill., April 18.—Another hitch has appeared in the plans for the Freddie Welsh-Paaky McFarland fight in London. Welsh, who is in Cleveland playing a theatrical engagement, announced just before he left Chicago that Welsh had sent word that the McFarland fight would be called off if satisfactory arrangements can be made for a Wolcott-Welsh scrap at San Francisco.

However, he will fight the man who will bring him the most money.

## TO ENTERTAIN BUSINESS MEN FROM PORTLAND

Commercial Club Plans a Reception Which Will Surpass Everything of Its Kind Ever Pulled Off in Oregon and Which Will Delight Visitors.

## 150 AUTOS TO SHOW VISITORS THE VALLEY

"Know Oregon" Excursion Will Be Here Next Monday and Then There Will Be Something Doing Along Boosting Lines.

If the plans of the Medford Commercial club do not miscarry—something that has never happened as yet—the entertainment which will be afforded the Portland business men when their excursion reaches this city next Monday, will be the most elaborate ever pulled off in Medford—and that's going some.

The train will arrive in Medford at 1:40 p. m. and is scheduled to leave for Ashland and the south at 4:40 p. m. The time while here will be devoted to various forms of entertainment, chief among which will be an auto ride through the valley.

It is thought that at least 150 machines will be on hand to welcome the "Know Oregon" excursionists, and the ride through the valley will be something worth while.

The Commercial club will thrash the entire matter out at its regular meeting Wednesday evening and formulate plans which will make the other towns in the itinerary of the trip go some to surpass.

## POLICE INVESTIGATE BLACK HAND STORIES

CHICAGO, Ill., April 18.—The police today began an investigation of a story told them by one of four Italians arrested here, that he and two others of three men were the "original Black-Handers" in the United States. Charles Moratze, 45 years old, when taken into custody with William Lorenzoni, 48, and John Morisi, 62, admitted that he had been blackmailed and declared that he and the other two men 19 years ago first conceived the notion of using the terror which Italian secret societies inspired to extort money from wealthy men. Their idea was taken up by other Italians, said Moratze, and within a few years the Black Hand had spread to all parts of the country. On further information by Moratze, Rosien Romacchiotti was arrested today.

Moratze was arrested last night on suspicion following investigation of a complaint that an Italian gang had been trying to blackmail a wealthy Sicilian. He tried to escape while officers were questioning him and fired several times at pursuing bluecoats, but was finally captured.

## Fiends Attempt Wholesale Slaughter of Children By Scattering Poisoned Candy

MOUNT VICTORIA, O., April 18.—A score of detectives have been employed to assist the local officers in capturing the persons who, during the last week, have scattered pounds of poisoned candy in the streets in what is believed to have been a fiendish attempt at a wholesale slaughter of children. Last evening the officers gathered a bucketful of candies which were found scattered in every section of the town. Every morsel contained strychnine. The city council will meet in special session late today to consider means of capturing the offenders. It is believed that the council will offer a large reward for information that will lead to the arrest of the "poisoners."