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MOB NEARLY LYNCHES NEGRO PORTER

OFFERS GIRL INSULT; IS ARRESTED

Negro Pullman Porter Taken From Train and Lodged in Jail—Victim is Daughter of Well-Known Resident of Grants Pass—Indignation Runs High in Neighboring City.

Laura Moss, 15, the daughter of Joseph Moss, United States land commissioner at Grants Pass, was the victim of an attempted assault at the hands of J. K. Sanders, a negro Pullman porter, this morning on train No. 15 between Eugene and Roseburg. The girl did not tell her story until she left the train at Grants Pass, and then only to her father, who immediately notified Sheriff Russell of Josephine county. A large crowd of men at the depot got wind of the affair and upon their making threats of lynching the negro was not taken off the train by the sheriff until Jones creek, four miles from Grants Pass, was reached. Reports from Grants Pass are to the effect that feeling is running high against the negro.

According to the girl's story, Sanders came to her berth in the early morning hours and offered her some candy. This she refused and then says the negro insulted her. Further than this the girl will not tell her story, but she is uninjured. Her threats to arouse other passengers caused the negro to leave her.

According to trainmen on No. 15, Sanders is a comparatively new employe of the Pullman company.

Reports from Grants Pass are to the effect that feeling is running high and that Sheriff Russell is taking full measures to protect his prisoner. He took the prisoner back to Grants Pass, where he is lodged in jail.

Miss Moss is spoken very highly of in Grants Pass, ever being retiring by nature. She is a pretty child of hardly 15 summers. Her mother was formerly Miss Jennie Jackson of Jacksonville. The Jackson family were pioneer settlers.

PLAN FOR NEW CONGRESSMEN

New Apportionment as Result of Recent Census Already Being Considered—One to 350,000 Population May Be Ratio.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—That a new apportionment for congressional representation is already being planned by the Republican leaders has become known here. The plan is to prevent a great increase of representation from the Southern states, which it is feared by the Republican leaders, would endanger the "house machine."

It is predicted that the membership in the house under the new apportionment will not be more than 410, as against the present membership of 386. It is expected the ratio of apportionment will be one representative to every 220,000 persons. The present ratio is one to 194,182.

From figures that already have been given out by the census bureau it is estimated by the congressmen that the population of the south is about 29,000,000, and this would give two more representatives under the apportionment planned. Republicans fear that the increase in population in Oklahoma will give the new state additional representatives.

ASK THAT 3 STREETS BE PAVED

City Dads Will Meet This Evening and Consider Much Important Business—Assessment Ordinances for Sewers and for Paving Are to Be Considered.

The paving of three additional streets in the city will be petitioned for at the regular meeting of the city council this evening, and will in all probability be ordered. Property owners have requested the paving of Went Tenth street from Fir to Oakdale, Mistietoe from Seventh to Tenth and D street from Eighth to Twelfth streets. It is understood that a number of other petitions for paving are now being circulated.

The property owners on Alder street will petition this evening for a water main and those on North Fir will ask that both water and sewer mains be laid on their street.

The council will this evening pass an assessment ordinance declaring the cost of laying the sewer on Jackson street. The cost is 85 cents per front foot of property.

One assessment ordinance for paving will be passed. This is for Genesee street, which is 24 feet wide and the cost will be approximately \$3.70 a front foot.

Other minor business will be transacted.

LABORER ACCUSED OF NEGLECTING WIFE

John Stewart, laborer, was bound over to appear before the grand jury Monday next on a charge of failing to support his wife.

It is alleged that in spite of the fact that Mrs. Stewart was ill, her husband neglected her and failed to provide her with the necessities of life. The woman was taken to the county hospital and Stewart was arrested and bound over on his preliminary trial.

FOLK DESCRIBES BATTLE BETWEEN SPECIAL INTERESTS AND CLEAN GOVERNMENT

Ex-Governor of Missouri and Presidential Candidate on the Awakening of the Public Conscience.

Before one of the largest audiences ever assembled at Ashland, Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri, who won fame as prosecuting attorney in exposing the grafters, and who is mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, spoke entertainingly on the awakening of the public conscience in the matter of government and the nation-wide battle against corruption and for clean government. His lecture, which was the star attraction of the Ashland Chautauqua, was interrupted with frequent applause and at its conclusion a public reception was tendered Mr. Folk.

Mr. Folk spoke in part as follows: Great Awakening.

There has been a great awakening on the subject of individual responsibility for the affairs of city, state and nation within the last few years. The public conscience has been aroused against evils and things are not tolerated now that a few years ago were submitted to in silence. Will

ROOSEVELT NEUTRAL ON CANDIDATES

Ex-President Will Not Indorse Any One for Office, But Hopes to See Progressive Platforms Adopted by Various Republican Conventions This Fall.

NEW YORK, July 19.—"I have never recommended any man for office and I do not intend to do so this year," said Theodore Roosevelt in a statement issued today shortly after the visit of Judge Kinkaid of Ohio, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

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SLEWING TELLS OF TRAIN WRECK

For 24 Hours Passengers Were Forced to Wait Until Tracks Were Cleared—Broken Flange Cause of Disaster—One Man Killed.

Robert Slewing of Orland, Cal., a former resident of Medford, arrived Monday evening to visit old friends in this city, having been delayed 24 hours by the freight wreck on the Southern Pacific Sunday.

Mr. Slewing states that the wreck was one of the worst he has ever viewed. Eight cars were piled in the ditch and one man was killed. It seems that the engine had two flat-cars ahead of it, besides a heavy train. A flange on the foremost car broke and disaster was upon them. As the train was running fast in order to make a siding to pass No. 16, the crash was terrific. The engineer and fireman sat in the engine, on the top of which were piled two freight cars. Neither was injured. For 24 hours the passengers were forced to wait until the tracks were again opened to traffic.

More than 4000 yardmen, conductors, trainmen and baggagemen are out and 5000 shopmen are affected.

President Butler and Professor Peck of Columbia at War.



Columbia university has a row on her hands that promises to involve a number of prominent educators. Professor Harry Thurston Peck was sued for \$50,000 breach of promise. President Butler asked Peck to resign. Peck refuses and declares Butler has been running the university with a high hand. Butler admits that Peck wrote his speech which he will deliver in Latin before the University of Berlin in October. The Germans may refuse to hear the address now.

THOUSANDS GO OUT ON STRIKE

TORONTO, Ont., July 19.—Thousands of men went out today in one of the biggest railroad strikes Canada has ever known and no trains are running over 4500 miles of the main line of the Grand Trunk railroad.

The men struck simultaneously and the road is completely tied up. Yardmen, trainmen, conductors, baggagemen and shopmen quit work and with a defense fund of more than a million dollars a month are ready to fight the officials of the road to a finish.

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TAFT NAMES NEGRO OFFICER

WASHINGTON, July 19.—It was learned today that President Taft has decided to appoint Whitfield McKinley, a prominent colored man, collector of customs at Washington.

The office is a remunerative one, paying \$4500 a year. McKinley, it is said, received the backing of many leading colored men in different parts of the United States.

The defense fund of the union is said to be \$1,350,000 monthly and more has been promised.

A few mail trains were allowed to leave the terminals today by the strikers, who declare they will not interfere in any way with the handling of the mails, but that they will allow no other trains to be moved.

DEATH IN FLAMES OF FOREST FIRE

Two Persons Known to Be Dead and Hundreds of Thousands of Standing Timber Destroyed—Blaze Threatens to Destroy Entire Idaho-Washington Belt.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 19.—Two persons, a woman and a baby girl, are known to be dead, several men are missing and standing timber and property to the value of hundreds of thousands have been consumed by forest fires which are burning in Northeastern Washington and in the Idaho Panhandle today.

The dead: MISS PEARL BREWEN, 22, a schoolteacher.

Her one-year-old niece, daughter of Hon. J. S. Wyman, Plains, Mont. Rain is the firefighters' only hope, otherwise a general conflagration of the forest-districts is feared.

Horrible death in the schoolteacher's little cabin on Mill creek, 18 miles from Colville, Wash. The young woman and the baby were surrounded by a fire which, it is asserted, was started by a farmer who was clearing his ranch of brush.

W. A. Trowbridge, who lived on a neighboring ranch, has been arrested and charged with starting the fire. He will be brought to Spokane today by Sheriff Graham.

In the Colville district in Washington and in the Coeur d'Alene and other parts of the Idaho Panhandle the forests are seas of flames. Great stretches of land which were timber-covered a week ago, today are covered with ashes. In some parts of Idaho the smoke is so thick that the sun is obscured and an unnatural twilight makes the ravages of the fire fiend seem more awful.

According to reports received here fires are burning in the Priest River national forest, in the Warden, Kellogg, Wallace and Colville districts. In Montana fires are burning in the Blackfoot country and in the Missoula district. Dispatches received here state that big fires are burning in Canada just north of the Washington state boundary and are doing much damage.

COMPLETE CITY PIPE BY SATURDAY

Gravity Water System Will Be Finished, Unless Unforeseen Delay Occurs and Little Butte Water Will Be Turned In—Concrete Headworks Nearly Completed.

Unless something unforeseen develops, Medford's \$350,000 gravity water system will be completed by next Saturday evening and Little Butte creek water turned in. The contractors are making rapid progress and expect to have their work entirely completed July 23.

The work would have been completed a week earlier had it not been for a scarcity of teams with which to handle pipe from Eagle Point to the Hanley ranch. This pipe will all have been delivered by Friday evening and as the pipe laying gang is keeping up with the teams, it will all be laid by Saturday evening.

The work on the construction of the huge concrete headworks is nearly completed.

As water has already been placed in the pipe from Slinger's ranch to the Bradshaw drop, it will not take any considerable time to have the water filling Medford's water mains.

CITY OF ANGELS MAY BE DRY

Union Labor Leaders Combine With Prohibitionists on Account of Strike in Local Breweries and Stoppage of Picketing.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 19.—Los Angeles will become "dry" within a year if the campaign which will be inaugurated next Monday by local union labor leaders is successful. Following their recent declaration that they would endeavor to place this city in the prohibition column, the labor leaders announced that next Monday they will start circulating a petition to secure the enactment of anti-liquor legislation.

A mass meeting of union men and prohibitionists will be held on Sunday at which the campaign will be outlined. According to the city charter an initiative petition must bear the signatures of 7 per cent of the registered voters. About 2200 names will be required.

A strike of the employes of the several local breweries, declared several weeks ago, is said by anti-laborites to be the direct cause of the proposed movement, the announcement of which followed closely upon the passage by the city council of an ordinance prohibiting picketing. Both the striking brewers and metal workers here have picketed actively since the declaring of their strikes.

CUTHBERT RESIGNS AS COMPANY MANAGER

R. M. Cuthbert has resigned as manager of the Crater Lake Transportation company has been succeeded by J. C. Neff of Detroit, an automobile man of wide experience.

By Saturday the dining room at the lodge, on the rim of the lake, will be opened and then people may board either at Arant's camp or on the lake's rim.

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Enemies of the People Always United, While Good Government Forces Don't Pull Together.

manage to complicate the main issue with other questions so as to bewilder men of even the best intentions. By confusing the issue the representatives of privilege divide the forces in opposition.

Those who object to reform do not usually put their protest upon the true ground, but they seek some other pretext. They ask why is not this or that done? If one examines the source of a complaint like this he will usually find that it is not because of a desire that reform be made more thorough, but to discredit what has been done. If one sincerely desires progress in the way of better things, instead of criticism he will give his help in the accomplishment of the things wished for. Reform always progresses by degrees—everything cannot be done in a day.

No Injury to State.

One of the obstacles to the progress of righteousness everywhere is the mistaken view that it injures a

city or state to prosecute wrongdoing. I have heard men deplore the exposure of public corruption because it hurts a city; I have seen men oppose the enforcement of law against gambling and liquor lawlessness because it injures the state; I have heard men object to prosecuting trust and monopolies because it hurts business.

Such views are entirely false. No city can be injured by the enforcement of the people's laws; to do otherwise is to substitute the will of the official for the laws of the people, and that is tyranny. No state can be hurt by opposing grafting; to do otherwise is to connive at it. There is no secret remedy known for evils of this character. They cannot be cured by hiding them. The disgrace is not in their correction, but in submission to them with supine indifference.

Highest Civic Virtue.

It is well for a state to display its virtues and not parade its faults, but it should not be forgotten that the highest civic virtue is in the overthrow of civic depravity. Grafters, whether in St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco or Pittsburg, always endeavor to have it appear that a fight against them is a slan-

Constant Vigilance Necessary to Protect Rights and Good Citizenship the Greatest Essential.

der against the city in which they operate. Criminal wealth when assailed always tries to hide behind the skirts of legitimate business and claim that business is being attacked. According to their argument grafters should never be assailed, lest some assume that all in the city are grafters, and lawlessness in business should not be fought lest it be suspected that all business is lawless.

In the work before you there is no use for the sword, but there is a stern demand for that courage shown by Americans on so many battlefields. The spirit they exhibited as soldiers of war we should show as soldiers of peace in the noblest work to which the patriot can be called—the supreme and sublime effort to bring a little nearer day by day the time when brotherhood and charity shall rule instead of avarice and greed; when special privilege in every form shall be destroyed and equal rights to all enthroned as the ruling principle of public and the

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