

TEDDY CENSURES IDAHO SUPREME COURT DECISION

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Former President Roosevelt made his first public appearance in the councils of the progressive party for many weeks last night, to say that so far as he is concerned there will be no compromise, no amalgamation, no yielding in the fight for party. The progressive party has come to stay, he declared.

The ex-president again attacked the supreme court of Idaho for its decision denying the progressive party a place on the ticket in the fall election and asserted this court had done more harm to courts than any anarchist ever can, and declaring the decision "even greater blot on American judiciary than the Dred Scott decision."

Many of the conspicuous figures in the progressive campaign last fall gathered for the Lincoln day dinner of the National Progressive club. Many women were present and hundreds of spectators filled the balcony overlooking the ball room in which the dinner was held. Albert J. Beveridge, progressive candidate for governor of Indiana; Oscar S. Strauss, progressive candidate for governor of New York; William H. Hotchkiss and ex-Congressman Bourke Cockran also spoke.

Colonel Roosevelt said in part: "At this moment there has occurred in Idaho a decision by the highest state court, which within its own limits is an even graver offense against justice and decency, and an even greater blot on the American judiciary than the Dred Scott decision itself. The reactionary supreme court of Idaho has played into the hands of the republican machine, of which it was itself a part, precisely as Justice Taney and the majority of the supreme court of the nation in 1857 played into the hands of Presidents Pierce and Buchanan and the reactionary organization of which he and they were parts.

"In Idaho the result was as grave a miscarriage of justice as the election as already occurred at the nominating convention and the court became the most potent instrument in this denial of justice. This decision I hold to have been an outrage upon the people of Idaho and not merely upon them, but upon the people of all the United States for any interference with the right of an American in any state to cast his vote and have it counted for the president of his choice is an offense against the Americans of all the states.

"I think the result of the vote showed that if we had been given our clear and undoubted rights Idaho's electoral vote would have been in the progressive column. The action of the reactionary court, taken in combination with the action of the republican machine resulted in the deprivation of the right of the people of Idaho to express their choice for president.

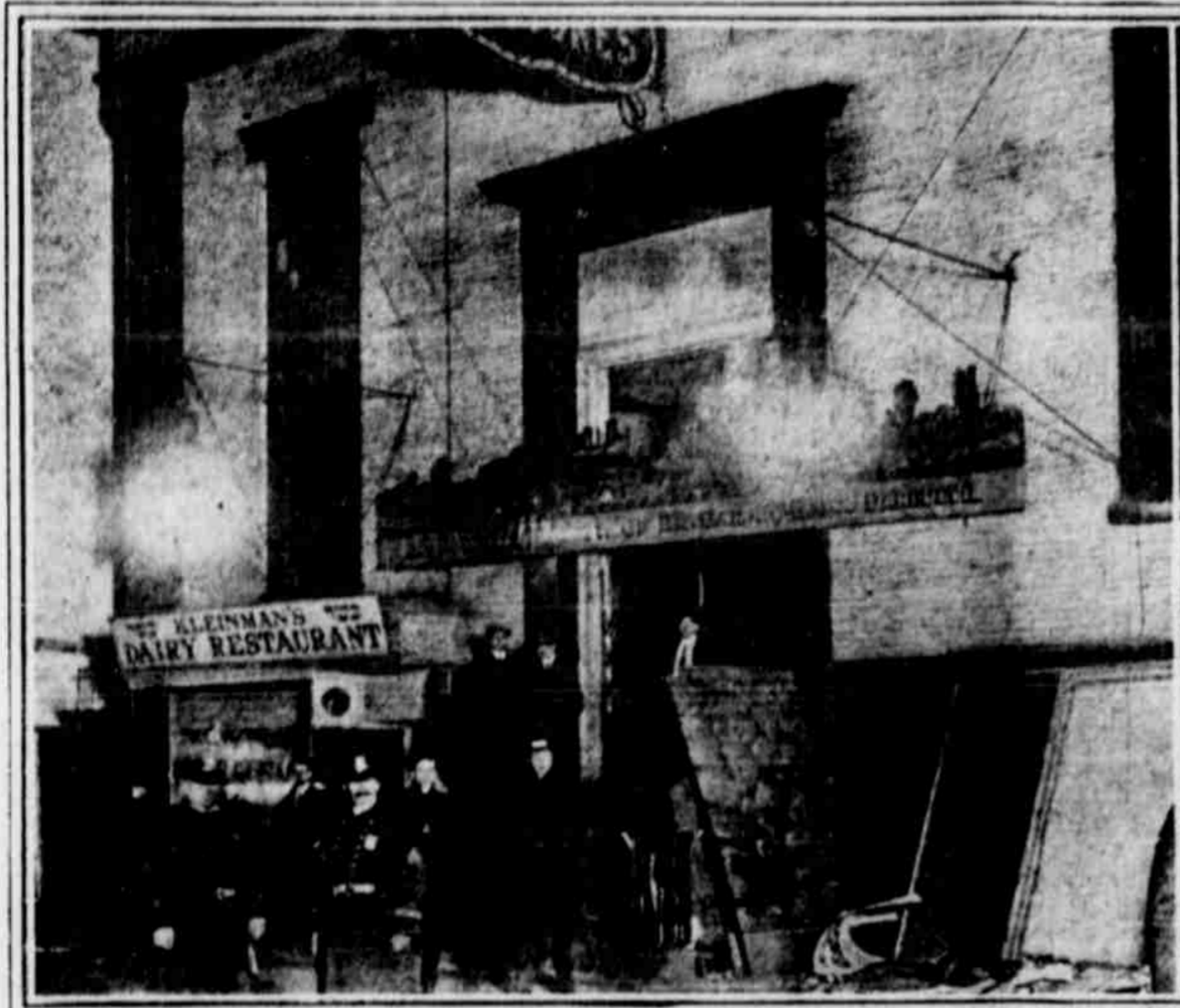
"Abraham Lincoln said that he believed the Dred Scott decision represented a conspiracy against liberty between the then supreme court and the leading officers of the reactionary party to which that supreme court belonged. I believe that with even more justice Abraham Lincoln if alive today could make the same statement about the action of the reactionary court of Idaho in connection with the reactionary leaders of the republican machine of Idaho.

"But the court did not stop here. There was in Idaho a newspaper which fearlessly and in entirely proper manner condemned the court for this outrage. The editor and publisher of that paper and another man connected with them have been thrown into jail and fined heavily for contempt by the court. The court in its opinion has cited the numerous dynamite outrages and the like that have occurred as justifying their action. No more extraordinary plea was ever made. I yield to no man in the horror I feel for the anarchists and all other criminals who do murder, whether by dynamite or in any other fashion.

"But the damage they do, though great, is by no means as great to the cause of law and order as is that done by a decision such as the decision in question; and no anarchist ever can or ever will hurt the courts as they are hurt by such action as this of the highest court of the state of Idaho. Remember that if the position of the Idaho court in punishing its critics for contempt is proper, then Abraham Lincoln should have been jailed and fined for his words about the supreme court of the United States in connection with the Dred Scott decision.

"Abraham Lincoln was no more or less guilty than the three men whom the supreme court of the state of Idaho have imprisoned for contempt because they criticized, in less severe language than Abraham Lin-

NEW YORK MOTION PICTURE THEATRE WHERE TWO WERE TRAMPLED TO DEATH AND MANY HURT IN FIRE PANIC



MOTION PICTURE THEATRE WHERE FIRE PANIC OCCURRED.

Two women were trampled to death, eighteen persons were seriously injured and taken to hospital and more than a score of others were badly shaken up and bruised in the panic at the Houston Hippodrome, a moving picture theatre in New York city, caused by a boy crying fire when a film burned. Although it did hardly one dollar's damage, it was a repetition on a small scale of the Troopville Theatre disaster, where hundreds of persons plunged frenziedly through the front door and jammed in a struggling, crushing mass at the bottom of a short flight of steps. So terrific was the crush of human beings in the narrow space that firemen and policemen had to crawl over the bodies to go to the rescue.

More than four hundred persons were crowded in the theatre, which formerly was an old church, watching the showing of a melodrama, when a sudden flash from the moving picture machine brought forth cries of "Fire" and resulted in the terrible panic. Although the fire was quickly extinguished the crowd became so excited that they made a mad rush for the narrow door.

coln, a decision as indefensible from every standpoint of law and justice and popular rights as the Dred Scott decision itself.

"A case like that in Idaho shows the need of the power of popular recall of the judiciary, a need which I believe could probably best be met by having the judges appointed or elected for life, but subject on petition to recall by popular vote every two years.

"This action would not, however, meet all the difficulties of the case. In this state, for instance, there have been many well-meaning judges who, in certain cases, usually affecting labor, have rendered decisions which were wholly improper, wholly reactionary and fraught with the gravest injustice to those classes of the community standing most in need of justice. What is needed here is not the right to recall the judge, who in some one instance gives a mistaken and reactionary interpretation to its constitution, but the right of the people themselves to express after due deliberation their definite judgment as to what the constitution shall permit in the way of legislation for social and industrial justice.

"I hold that in such a case as the hakeshop case, in such a case as the workmen's compensation act, in such a case as the tenement house sugar factory act, in such a case as the act providing for the safeguarding against dangerous machinery, in such a case as the eight-hour law, that it is for the people to themselves to decide whether such a law is or is not to stand on the statute books. I do not care whether you call this action of their construing the constitution or making the constitution. I care for the fact and not for the name."

Substituting the word "progressive" for "republican" in a letter written by Lincoln, the substitution being, Colonel Roosevelt said, only that of the name of the progressive party of today for the progressive party of Lincoln's time—Colonel Roosevelt read the letter, as follows: "As to the matter of fusion, I am for it if it can be had on progressive grounds; and I am not for it on any other terms. A fusion on any other terms would be as foolish as unprincipled. It would lose the whole of what we have, whole the common enemy would still carry all the vote that is hostile to us. The question of men is a different one. There are good patriotic men and able statesmen in this territory opposed to us whom I would cheerfully support if they would now place themselves on progressive grounds, but I am against letting down the progressive standard a hair's breadth.

"What Lincoln then said as to principles, men and methods applies exactly to all attempts to fuse or amalgamate the progressive with any other party in our own days."

MARRIED.

Hamilton Watkins and Ida Jane Barrow were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Shields at the Presbyterian manse at 7 p. m., Wednesday, February 12. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are both from near Eagle Point, and expect to live on their large ranch, five miles north of that place. With them go the good wishes of their many friends.

PAINT STORE IS GUTTED BY FIRE

Fire at an early hour today gutted the paint shop at the corner of Fifth and Grape streets but owing to the isolated location of the establishment the flames were easily checked. It is owned by D. J. Stull. The loss will range about \$3000, covered by insurance.

The oils inside the building burned fiercely for a time but a liberal use of water subdued them.

MINING BUREAU BILL REPORTED FAVORABLY

SALEM, Feb. 13.—The ways and means committee has reported favorably upon H. B. 108, introduced by Carlin of Jackson to establish a bureau of mines and geology. The bill carries an annual appropriation of \$20,000 a year, having been reduced by the committee from \$25,000.

Only the fact that Mr. Carlin was a member of the ways and means committee saved the bill. A hard fight against it is in prospect in the house.

MODERN IMPROVEMENTS ON M'ANDREWS HOMESTEAD

Among the improvements in the surrounding country near Medford may be noted the various changes made at the McAndrew farm during the closing months of the past year.

Alterations were made in the dwelling so as to allow bathrooms on both floors. An up-to-date water system was installed consisting of pneumatic pressure tank with electric pump and automatic switch which makes it almost perfect in its performance. The dwelling was wired and electricity substituted for carbide lighting. A modern farm system of sewage disposal was also completed, wood house and modern poultry house also constructed.

The old poultry house which was demolished, was with a portion of the dwelling, one of a few landmarks that was on the farm when "Uncle Tom" McAndrew took possession some forty-eight years ago.

Some new fencing was added also and at present since the return of good weather an entire new yard fence is being built. The ground has been plowed for lawn and a locust tree that must have been planted some fifty-five years ago was grubbed out and made into wood. It would have been left to die of old age but was fairly in front of the doorway and was on the decline, so it was disposed of.

The pioneers have left their mark and many have passed away but it is good to note that a number remain to witness the changes and improvements that have come in these later days. It is hoped they may live to see and hear the trolley cars along with other improvements and changes yet to come in this valley.

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HOW REDDY GOT HILL AUDIENCE TO HEAR LECTURE

(Portland Journal)

Sammel Hill, who has just been elected president of the American Road Builders' association, has a warm admirer in Dr. J. F. Reddy of Medford. Dr. Reddy was in Portland yesterday and told among other reminiscences his experience with the first Pacific Coast Good Roads convention which was organized by Mr. Hill.

"About 12 years ago," said Mr. Reddy, "I received a letter from a friend, who was then living in Seattle, and I was living in Spokane. The letter stated that a friend of his, Sammel Hill of Seattle, was going to hold a two or three days' good roads convention in Spokane, that he personally did not know anything about good roads, and didn't know anybody who did, but that Mr. Hill was a friend of his, and wished that I would do anything that I could to make the convention a success in the way of bringing an audience.

"Three or four days later Mr. Hill, accompanied by Charlie Chamberlain and Judge Hanford, and a couple of county commissioners of Whatcom county, Wash., arrived on the scene to hold this good roads convention.

Prisoners in Audience

"Mr. Chamberlain, who was acting as advance agent, had borrowed the use of a church in which to hold the convention. The convention day arrived, and four or five people assembled in the church. Charlie wanted to know if there wasn't some way in which we could rustle up an audience. The only way I knew to get an audience was to go down to the city jail, I being chief of police at the time, and having in jail about 80 prisoners. I requested three or four of the plain clothes men and officers to get the prisoners up to the church to make Mr. Hill believe that he had an audience.

"Between the plain clothes men, policemen and prisoners, we collected about 100 people. The convention lasted three days. Mr. Hill had the undivided attention of all present during the entire three days while the convention lasted.

Becomes Real Booster

"I listened to one of the commissioners from Whatcom county stating his experiences in building good roads and was very much impressed with the arguments he put forth, and the results obtained from the money that was spent under his supervision in building good roads, and I have been a consistent good roads booster ever since.

"This, I believe, was the first good roads convention ever held on the Pacific coast. In those days the newspapers did not give the good roads movement any publicity, not knowing anything about them, and they didn't consider the subject worthy of space in their papers."

"Dr. Reddy once told me that by reason of those addresses, he began boosting good roads, and I consider him one of the greatest good roads boosters on the Pacific coast, and Medford, his home town, now has about 23 miles of paved streets, and Jackson county is one of the most progressive counties in Oregon," said Mr. Hill, commenting on Dr. Reddy's statement.

HELP THE LIBRARY PURCHASE ITS BOOKS

The following are some of the books, useful and interesting, which the public library would like to put on the shelves:

- Stratton—"Morris of Liblost."
- Taylor—"Principles of Scientific Management."
- Shackleton—"Adventures in Home Making."
- Sadler—"Cause and Cure of Colds."
- Hatchinson—"Conquest of Consumption."
- Eucken—"Truth and Religion."
- Spencer—"World's Minerals."

Anyone who is interested in any of these subjects can help the library purchase the books by attending the benefit concert, Feb. 17th. The Presbyterian church has very kindly given the use of the church. The newspapers are very generous in giving notices. It is hoped the public will respond with a generous attendance.

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