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PROFESSOR PEEBLES RESIGNS

Principal of Grant School Has a Record of Thirty Years of Useful Labor in the School Room.

Professor Geo. A. Peebles, one of the oldest educators in this state, who for the past thirty years has been more closely connected with the children of Oregon than possibly any other teacher in our public schools, has announced his resignation from the principalship of the school of this city, and with his resignation his long career as a school teacher will end.

Professor Peebles was born in a cabin near Aurora, in Clackamas county. He was educated in the public schools of Salem, and at William University, which institution he attended from 1863 to 1867, and from 1874 to 1877, graduating from the college in the class of '77. He was in college Prof. Peebles took an active part in athletics, having been president of the celebrated college baseball club, and a player on the college's crack team of '75 and '76. He began his educational career as a teacher in the Pleasant View school near Salem, in 1871. From there he went to his home district near Aurora, where he taught for several years. The next year he took charge of the second school ever taught in the town of Turner. From here he went to the Waldo hills, where he taught for several terms. The next year he went to the school at Silverton, and the next at Woodburn.

His work in the public schools of Oregon began in the fall of 1879, when he was elected principal of the North school, called the Grant school. After teaching for several years in this position he resigned to accept the position of County Superintendent, an office he held for two terms, from 1889 to 1893. For two years after that he was attorney and agent for Appleton & Co., of New York, looking after their interests in the state of Oregon, Washington and Idaho from 1889 to 1893 Professor Peebles was principal of the McMinnville

public schools, after which he returned to Salem, where he was again elected to the principalship of the North school. This position he held until 1895, when he was appointed City Superintendent.

After serving in this capacity for one term Professor Peebles was elected to the chair of History and Literature in the Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston. In this institution he served six years, during four of which he was vice-president. For a brief period, also, he was acting president of the Normal School. Again returning to Salem he was a third time elected principal of the North, or Grant school, where he is now closing his work. He will retire on June 15.

The many friends of Professor Peebles will hear with regret that he is to give up entirely his work in the public schools. But for thirty years the professor has worked hard and faithfully, and he feels that he deserves a needed rest. In view of the long service rendered in our public schools the board, in accepting the resignation, gave to Professor Peebles a testimonial of their esteem for his ability and standing as an educator, especially as related to his work in the public schools of Salem.

SMILES

There must have been some mistake made in the arrangements for the National Republican convention. The convention is to be opened with prayer by a Catholic bishop, followed next day by an Episcopalian clergyman of Grace church, New York, then by a Methodist from Philadelphia. They overlooked announcing what rabbi will pronounce the benediction. Are we not making a mockery of our pretense at complete separation of church and state?

The Portland papers are promising the people a great string of paper railroads "when Harriman sells his bond issue." In the list we do not see much mention of the Drain and Coos Bay line that was officially and formally promised to be built at once two years ago. Oh, well, 20 years from now will do just as well.

All we could do in Oregon was stand on the beach and see the fleet go by. Where, oh, where, was the magic wand of the Portland Commercial club?

If we are not mistaken, Rev. Clarence True Wilson of Portland two years ago was opposed to Woman Suffrage, and now he is whooping it up for Suffrage. Wise men go slow on important matters and don't jump around so much. Alleged leaders and molders of public sentiment who whiffle around and age here today and there tomorrow are not in such great esteem as formerly. A little continuity, a little consecutiveness, to say nothing of such old-fashioned virtues as consistency, are appreciated, and people are not ready to flip-flop every time a pulpit acrobat turns a somersault.

In place of \$100,000 for paving, this city should turn loose not less than \$500,000 this year for street improvements.

Has Mr. Fulton made the same kind of an appointment for Collector of customs at Astoria that he did at Portland, a man who will not lift his voice for his party or his benefactor in any emergency? Oregon Republicans have too many of that kind of stall-fed patriots holding high federal positions. It is enough to sink and ruin any party.

Tom Platt had a sweet little "motto" girlie of 40 laid away for a rainy day. But he wrote her too many letters. Tom Platt and Chauncey Depew are United States senators of the "party choice" style. No direct primary or wicked invention like Statement No. 1 keeps those grinning political death's heads in high office.

HENEY

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today in the midst of work he is already carrying on to re-try the ex-cess, to make this statement. If he is thoroughly discouraged over the work of the jury, which was discharged Thursday night because it could not reach a verdict after being out 43 hours, his facial expression did not indicate it. The final vote of the jury was six for acquittal and six for conviction.

"Of course," added Heney, "I am of the firm conviction that the verdict of the jury is not a fair index of the honesty, intelligence and good citizenship of the community, but the blame should be placed where it belongs—on those superior court judges who furnished such a large proportion of bad citizenship from which to select our jurors. The efficiency of the jury system is on trial in San Francisco and is being put to a very hard test. I shall continue this battle until Ruef gets what he deserves."

Charged With Contempt.

An affidavit charging Dr. E. J. Creeley, a prominent veterinary surgeon, with contempt, was filed in court today by Special Prosecutor Heney. Creeley is accused of hailing the Ruef jury while it was on its way to court and shouting, "Don't convict my friend, Ruef."

Creeley appeared in court soon after the affidavit was filed and explained that he had no intention of attempting to influence the jury, that one of the jurors was his personal friend and that he thought the jury was on its way to court to be discharged.

Gets Five Days in Jail.

The court did not accept Creeley's excuse and sentenced him to five days in jail.

Juror Edwin Mohrig, one of the six men who held out for the conviction of Ruef, declared today that in his opinion there is no chance of securing the conviction of Ruef in this city on the ground that not enough good men care to serve on juries.

"I doubt if there is any chance of securing the conviction of Ruef in this city. Disinclination of straight men to serve on the jury is taken advantage of by crooked ones to get on. For this reason I do not look for a conviction. When these men have an easy job at \$2 a day and five at the St. Francis there is not much hope to secure a true verdict."

Statement by Juror Edwin Mohrig.

Although the graft prosecution has not formed its plans for the future there is every likelihood that ere long several of the hoodling supervisors who have not been particularly "good dogs" when placed on the stand in both the Ford and Ruef trials will have to stand trial for one of the many crimes to which they have confessed.

Daniel Coleman and Andrew Wilson, who have been reluctant witnesses in all the trials, may be the first to feel the wlack of Langdon's big stick.

SUICIDE WAS BIG EMBEZZLER

Nice, May 22.—The inquiry into the death of the wealthy banker, Raimbault, for whose alleged murder his housekeeper, Marie Gilles, is under arrest, has revealed the fact that the dead man's real name is Barré and that several years ago while managing a bank at Angers he embezzled a large sum of money and fled, but was captured and served five years in prison, taking the name Raimbault after his release.

The woman Gilles has told a remarkable story of the tragedy to fellow prisoners. She claimed that her master was taking a foot bath when he called her, saying, "You must kill me or I will kill myself." Then, taking a knife from his pocket he stabbed himself. He fell from his chair and asked the woman to finish him, which she admits she did without hesitation. Frightened at the sight of the dead body she conceived the idea of cutting it up.

RAILROADS HELPING TO BREAK CORN CORNER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, May 22.—Railroads throughout the country have taken cognizance of the condition of the corn corner and are making efforts to facilitate shipments. This was disclosed today following the issuing of an order by the Burlington railroad to its traffic superintendents instructing them to see that the loading of corn be subject to no delay.

THOUSANDS VIEW

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From early morning a continuous procession of vehicles of every description have brought in their loads of happy country folk adding thousands more to the numbers of visitors.

The feature of today's program was the parade of two thousand blue jackets. Before 8 o'clock the landing parties consisting of a battalion of blue jackets from each ship, were piped to quarters, and a half hour later with the same precision as though marching from an armory trooped down the ships' gangways to the small boats bobbing alongside.

Thousands of spectators were massed along the water front to watch the sailors disembark.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, under command of Captain Potter of the Vermont, the long column of sturdy sea fighters swung into Elk street from the landing stages. The line of the parade was through solid banks of wildly cheering people who gave vent to their patriotism in a demonstration as has not been witnessed since the fleet dropped anchor in Pacific waters.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock a baseball game will be played between a team from the Connecticut and the Bellingham league team which will be attended by several thousand sailor rooters.

Tonight one thousand enlisted men will attend a theater party tendered by the city while others will be entertained with a dance at the White City.

The attention offered the enlisted men of the fleet has elicited the warm commendation from Admiral Sperry and the fleet officers.

The social evening of the fleet's visit will be the officers' ball at Fairland rink this evening. The display of fireworks will be given by the Japanese and Chinese residents this evening.

The warmth of this initial welcome to the north coast has been most gratifying to the personnel of the fleet and the approaching visit to Seattle and Tacoma are being looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation.

Russia is invading Persian territory with the sinister design undoubtedly, of licking the whey out of the Kurds.

HEMBREE

FOUND GUILTY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Dallas, Or., May 22.—Ab Hembree, charged with the murder of his 19-year-old daughter, Florence, in a mountain cabin in Tillamook county in December, 1906, and of afterwards of burning the cabin to hide the trace of the crime, was found guilty Thursday evening by the jury. He will be sentenced June 24.

Evidence against Hembree was circumstantial.

The prisoner was convicted once before on the charge of killing his wife who was murdered at the same time the girl was.

He was tried in Dallas, having secured a change of venue from Tillamook, where the former trial was held.

CHICAGO

STRIKE

ARRESTED

Chicago, May 22.—A general strike on traction lines on the north and west sides of the city was avoided today when the 20 employes who withdrew from the union sent a letter to General Manager Roach of the traction lines, saying that, in the interests of peace and to save the city from riots and disorders, they would pay their dues and fines to the union and relieve him of embarrassment in the matter.

These men had been defeated in their efforts to secure an injunction restraining the company for opposing them because of withdrawal from the union but the manager of the system was disposed to stand by them.

The union had given an ultimatum that the men must be discharged or forced back into the union by Monday next, and the directors of the road had been called to consider the matter. The voluntary action of the 20 men, however, clears the entire situation.

WIRELESS

MESSAGE THIEVES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, May 22.—A report prepared by officers of the Atlantic fleet on the pirating by commercial telegraph companies of wireless messages exchanged between naval vessels and government stations, will be submitted to congress by the navy department with the recommendation that legislation be enacted imposing a severe penalty for the offense.

Since the arrival of the fleet on the Pacific coast official messages being exchanged between ships of the fleet and shore stations have been intercepted by the commercial stations and given out to newspapers for publication. This practice has become so general that it has necessitated the employing of the cipher code, whenever a message is exchanged which the department does not wish to become public.

This entails a great deal of inconvenience in the sending of routine orders and the exchanging of reports between the ships.

Several of the commercial stations have made a practice of serving newspapers of the class not over particular as to the methods they employ in their news gathering, with fleet news, by intercepting press dispatches sent by correspondents with the fleet.

A number of examples of this "air looting" with the necessary exhibits from the wireless stations on the ship and the clippings from the papers publishing the stolen reports, will be incorporated in the report as additional evidence of the necessity of prohibitive legislation.

At every coast city official fleet news has been bartered to journalistic "fences" until the practice has reached such a dangerous stage that official recognition has been taken of it.

Impossible that Senator Platt could have promised Mae Wood any appointment, when the senators let nothing worth having get away from their own families.

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