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## HOUSTON TEXAS IS SWEEPED BY FIRE FIFTY-SEVEN BLOCKS ARE BURNED

### CITY OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THE DAMAGE AT \$6,000,000 FIREMEN DID HEROIC WORK

Fire Started Last Night in a South Houston Hotel and Was Soon Beyond Control--A Fi erce Gale Blowing Made it Practically Impossible for the Firemen to Stop the Onward Rush of the Flames, Which Were Swept a Half a Block Ahead of the Real Fire--Other Cities Give Aid.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 21.—Houston is counting her losses and getting her breath again after one of the worst fires in her history. It started in a hotel in South Houston last night at 10 o'clock, and, with a strong gale blowing, the blaze was soon beyond control, though the fire department put up a heroic fight, and were aided by the citizens in every way possible. The sudden shifting of the wind, which drove the flames back toward the burned over district, gave the firemen their chance, and this morning all danger was over. Many neighboring cities tendered assistance, but most of it came too late, and this morning fire fighting men and machinery on their way to the city were stopped by wire and told their

services would not be needed. There were many spectacular and dramatic scenes, and, when the fire was at its height, the flames, driven by the gale, and carrying pieces of burning roofs, and lighter material were simply appalling. It was indeed "a hell of a fire." The mayor this morning said: "Houston is hurt, but not helpless or disheartened, and can take care of her people without aid" and already the scarcely cold embers are being removed in a few places to make way for new buildings. After a visit to the burned section, city officials at noon placed the fire loss at \$6,000,000. The flames destroyed 57 blocks of residences, churches, schools, warehouses and other buildings.

## BIDS OPENED FOR TWO NEW SCHOOL HOUSES

At a meeting of the school board, held at the office of J. F. Lafky yesterday afternoon, the bids for the construction of two new school houses, one in Richmond addition, and one in Highland addition, were opened. There were 15 bids in all, and most of the bidders were present. The bids ranged from \$36,834 to \$44,894. The bids of W. D. Pugh, Welch & Wright, Nelson & McLaren and Snook & Carter were rejected, and the last four were referred to the building committee for consideration, in consultation with the attorney of the board, as to the regularity or irregularity of the bid of W. D. Pugh, which was reduced, by a communication to the board, after the bid had been handed in. The reduction in the bid of Pugh was \$2644.

The board then adjourned to meet at the same place at 10 o'clock Wednesday.

### MCGILCHRIST-SAVAGE WEDDING THIS EVENING

The wedding of William McGillchrist, Jr., and Miss Eva J. Savage, of this city, will take place this evening at the Presbyterian church. The couple will leave immediately for the south. The honeymoon journey will include a trip to the Sandwich Islands and will consume several weeks, after which the young couple will reside in Salem. We wish them a long and happy married life and believe that our wish in this respect will be realized as they are certainly the kind of people to make the married relations pleasant.

### TERRIFIC GALE SWEPS TEXAS, DAMAGE IMMENSE

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—More than \$2,000,000 damage is estimated as the

### Promises Thrills.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Thrills are promised San Franciscans by Howard Kearny, St. Louis aviator, who announced today that he would fly across the bay from the Oakland aviation field at 5 o'clock this afternoon and skim over San Francisco, following Market street from the ferry building. On the way back to Oakland Kearny will drop 1,000 tickets, admitting the finders to the aviation grounds.

## NEARLY A MILLION TO WALK OUT

ALL ENGLAND ALARMED OVER  
THREATENED COAL MINERS'  
STRIKE THAT WOULD PARALYZE PRACTICALLY ALL INDUSTRIES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Feb. 21.—Another conference of representatives of the 800,000 coal miners of England, Scotland and Wales with agents of the coal companies and the government, will be held today in an effort to settle the existing difficulties growing out of the demand of the miners for an increase in wages.

As a result of the recent ballot of the mines of the United Kingdom about a universal stoppage of work in the mines of the United Kingdom on February 29 unless the mine owners accept the principle of a minimum wage for all men and boys. Every effort will be made to adjust the difference today for a strike of the miners would result in tying up thousands of British industries, throwing thousands out of employment and causing much suffering, in addition to probable riots and bloodshed.

result of the terrific gale that is sweeping Texas today. Hundreds of small buildings are totally wrecked, and it is believed that further reports will show heavy losses to ranchmen in cattle and horses. The street car traffic in Austin is demoralized.

### Taxicab Bandits Busy.

New York, Feb. 21.—Taxicab bandits who for days have terrorized New York, today committed another daring crime, seizing Robert Schearer, an artist, hustling him into a taxi, robbing him of \$30 and a watch, and after beating him into unconsciousness, throwing him into the street. Schearer gave a good description of the men who held him up. The police believe the bandits mistook Schearer for a rich man carrying a large sum of money.

## TO CLOSE ALL SHOPS SUNDAYS

Municipal Improvement League Will Tackle the Job of Making Salem Be Good, at Least on Sundays.

### ELECTED OFFICERS TODAY

Smokers Must Buy Their Cigars Saturday and Lovers of Ice Cream, Soda Pop and Candy Must Pill Up the Night Before or Go Without Until Monday—It is the State Law and Will Be Enforced.

If the plans of the Municipal Improvement League, which was organized here yesterday, as a result of the Buelin revival meetings, and which elected officers at noon today, are carried out, and there is every reason to believe that they will be, every business house and place of amusement, save theatres, will be closed in the city on Sunday.

For years and years past the people, despite the law on the statute books to the contrary, have permitted cigar stores, billiard rooms, news stands and confectionery stores to conduct business on Sunday. The law says that all shops, stores, billiard rooms and many other places, must be closed, making exceptions only, in favor of theatres, drug stores, hotels, livery barns and places handling the necessities of life.

If, therefore, the league carries out its plan citizens who desire to enjoy a good Havana cigar on Sunday will have to do as the indulger of the liquid which cheers does now, make his purchase Saturday night. The same method will have to be pursued by those addicted to the habit of drinking soda pop, eating ice cream, indulging in bonbons and marshmallows. News stands, under the law, can also be tabooed, but it is not likely that the arm of the law will be strong enough to reach the news boys, and, with an armful of papers, he may likely be able to serve the people who want Sunday reading.

But a week or so ago, Chief of Police Hamilton, in obedience to instructions from Chairman Jones, of the health and police committee, directed that all shaking of dice for cigars or drinks, or playing cards for the same or other articles of value must cease. Even raffle games, where products, as candy and gum, were raffled off, have been abolished. There seems to have been only one game which the chief has so far overlooked, and that is a checker game being run in a rendezvous in the city for a penny a game. It will only be a matter of time, however, until his eagle eye detects it, and it will also be abolished.

### WHATEVER IT IS, IT IS INCORPORATED

With the object of "teaching, demonstrating science, art, chiropractic, neuropathy and care for removing morbid conditions of the sick," the "Eugene Modern College of Chiropractic Neuropathy and Evolutionary Academy of Rejuvenescence and Sanatorium" filed articles of incorporation yesterday. Incorporators, Dr. Thos. A. Jensen, H. B. Springmeier, A. S. Springmeier and Dr. Ella H. Jensen, Eugene.

The latter-day moral philosophy is: Be just and generous to the man you can't lick.

## CHEERING THOUSANDS WELCOME ROOSEVELT TODAY AT COLUMBUS

### Bladen Confesses.

Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—Harry Bladen, arrested in New Orleans under the name of John C. Wallace, and charged with the abduction of Hazel Aylesworth, of Suisun, Cal., whom he married at Oakland, has confessed to a charge of robbery and assault to commit murder in Portland and will return without extradition, according to telegrams received here by Captain of Detectives Duty from the chief of police of New Orleans.

## HIS POLICIES PROGRESSIVE WHAT HE SAID OF LA FOLLETTE AND HIS WORK WAS CHEERED

He Came Out Flatly for the Initiative and Referendum, the Short Ballot, Direct Nominations by the People, the Presidential Preference Primary, the Election of United States Senators By Direct Vote of the People, and in a Measure Went on Record as Favoring the Recall--Was Given an Ovation at Close.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Pledging himself flatly as for the initiative and referendum, the short ballot, direct nominations by the people, the presidential preference primary, the election of United States senators by direct vote, and, in a measure, going on record for the recall, former President Roosevelt here today addressed the Ohio state constitutional convention, and outlined, as he has never done so fully before, just where he stands as to the progressive policies on which it is believed he may again become a candidate for the presidency.

Welcomed to Columbus by cheering crowds, Colonel Roosevelt also received an ovation when he appeared in the convention hall. With little delay he plunged into his speech, which was distributed for publication to the news agencies under the title "A Charter of Democracy."

It is estimated that more than 1000 persons heard Colonel Roosevelt's speech. A demonstration, which lasted several minutes greeted his appearance in the convention hall, cheers, the

'rebel yell,' handclapping and the waving of handkerchiefs making the hall a pandemonium of noise and color.

President Bigelow, of the Ohio constitutional convention, introduced the former president. He referred to Benjamin Franklin's popularity, and said: "His world-wide fame was never surpassed by any American citizen, save him who is our guest."

Roosevelt's speech was repeatedly interrupted by thunders of applause. At the end of his speech Colonel Roosevelt posed for a flashlight picture with Bigelow, Gladden and the reception committee of the convention. On his leaving the chamber the crowd in the corridor demanded a speech, and Roosevelt said:

"This constitutional convention must represent not only you men of Ohio, but all of the nation in the effort to shape government so we will have rule by the people, and not by a part of the people."

During his set speech Roosevelt's mention of La Follette and of his work in Wisconsin was loudly cheered.

## CUCUMBER GROWING IS PROFITABLE

AN INDUSTRY THAT HAS BEEN  
NEGLECTED, BUT ONE IN  
WHICH THERE IS GOOD PRO-  
FIT--A CROP EASILY GROWN

One of the industries in the Willamette valley which has been sadly neglected and which offers splendid remuneration for the grower is that of growing cucumbers for pickles. There are at present not enough cucumbers grown in this vicinity to support a pickle factory in Salem, although the few growers that do engage in this business, do so at a nice profit to themselves. Some growers having a number of children who are able to do the picking, find it especially remunerative. As the picking begins about June 10th and lasts until October, the children are thus enabled to care for the entire crop, which will yield from \$100 to \$150 per acre.

The Gideon Stoltz company, of Salem, for a number of years conducted a pickle factory. This concern pays as high prices as are paid in Portland, Tacoma or any of the other cities where pickle factories thrive and large quantities of cucumbers are grown. The Gideon Stoltz company will be glad to quote prices and make contracts if those interested will call on them, or phone Main 26.

What Gideon Stoltz company most desire is to get into communication with experienced growers who have grown cucumbers for eastern pickle factories; as these growers know the prices elsewhere and know the methods used and are usually better satisfied with the results than the contractors making their first planting.

## HI GILL IS NAMED FOR MAYORALTY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Feb. 21.—With 233 precincts out of a total of 281 heard from this noon, results of the city primaries here remain practically unchanged.

Former State Senator George F. Cottrill, progressive Democrat, and Hiram C. Gill, stand-pat Republican, former mayor, who was recalled last year, are the nominees.

Thomas A. Parish, Republican, ran third and M. A. Wells, Socialist, was a close fourth, with nearly 9000 votes cast for him.

The Socialists nominated E. J. Brown for corporation counsel; Frank Hillebrand for comptroller, and R. E. Jacob and John Burgess for councilmen.

It is estimated that the total vote was about 60,000 out of a total registration of over 74,000.

Progress never got a very big onward boost from the perfectly contented man.

## HALLBERG PURCHASES FINE TRACT

A deal which means much to the development and the beautification of the suburbs of Salem was pulled off yesterday when, through the Oregon Realty company, R. C. Hallberg became the owner of 53 acres of land on the Riverside drive, just outside the city limits.

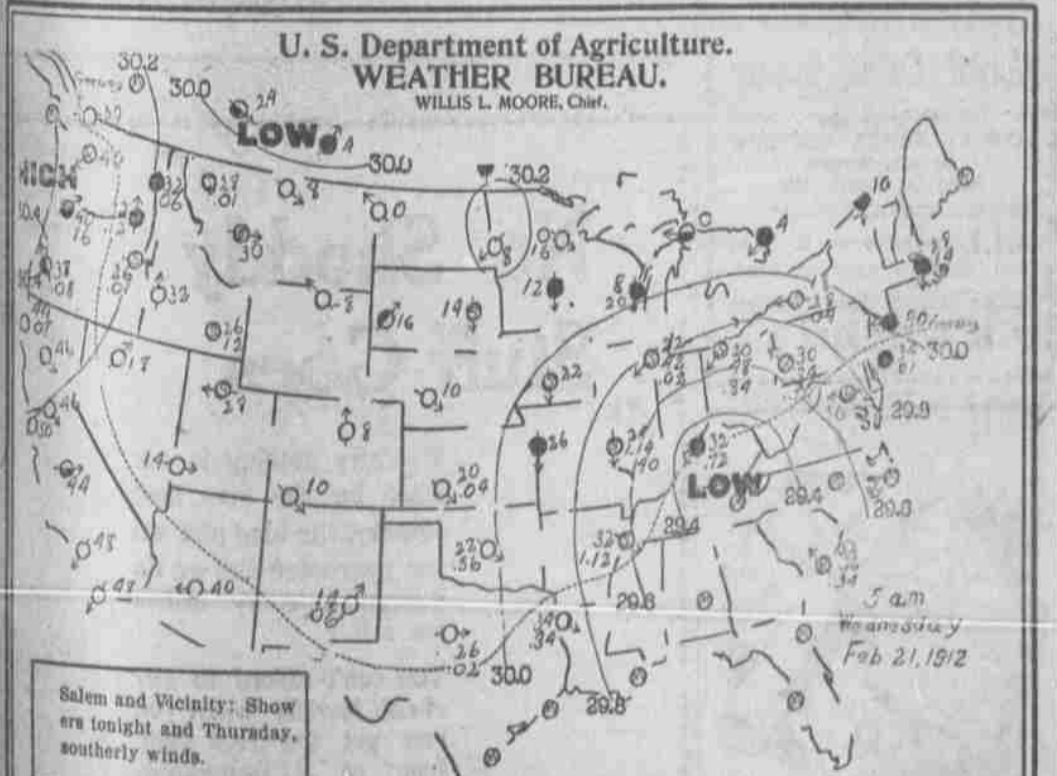
Mr. Hallberg's new acquisition will be known as the Riverside Acres. It is situated immediately adjacent to the Oregon Electric railway as it leaves Salem for Albany. With a gently sloping surface the location is a beautiful one, and presents from any point of view an excellent panoramic scene of the Willamette river. The Oregon Electric railway, running near the tract will, in a short time, run

be doing a livelier business than at present between the up-river cities and the capital.

It is Mr. Hallberg's intention to subdivide this new acquisition into tracts containing from one and one-half to four acres. Riverside drive, which skirts along one side of the tract, will be connected up with Commercial street at Hansen avenue as soon as the divisions of the tracts are completed. The right of way for this change has been secured, and the survey will be so made that winding drives will drop gently from the plat to Riverside drive. Mr. Hallberg has secured the services of W. J. Colver to survey the tract. This work will be started immediately, and the tract will be on the market about March 1.

Mr. Hallberg, who is considered one of Salem's most energetic business men, last year opened and put on the market Richmond addition, which has proved to be one of the best additions to the city.

The barn owl has a wondrous appetite for rats and mice; he should be encouraged, but not with a shotgun near the tract will, in a short time, run



Forecast Till 5 p. m. Thursday.  
Oregon: Showers went tonight and Thursday, showers or snow flurries east portion tonight or Thursday. Variable winds, becoming southerly.

Shippers' Forecast.  
Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 40 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 30 degrees; southeast to Boise, 20 degrees; south to Sleiktyon, 22 degrees. Minimum temperatures at Portland tonight, about 40 degrees.

River Forecast.  
The Willamette River at Portland will continue to fall slowly for the next two or three days.  
EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.