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SCHOOL BUILDINGS NOT PROVIDED WITH SUFFICIENT FIRE ESCAPES

CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS TO PERMIT CONDITIONS TO REMAIN AS THEY NOW ARE

Means of Egress Are Entirely Inadequate and Should Fire Break Out Loss of Life Might Be Appalling--School Room Doors Open Inward, and the Halls and Staircases Would Simply Be Chimneys for the Fire Should It Start in the Basement--Conditions Must Be Remedied at Once.

Salem, Ore., April 29, 1912.

To the President of the Salem School Board, Salem, Ore.:
Dear Sir: Pursuant to a communication which I directed to the chief of our fire department relative to the conditions of our school buildings, together with any recommendations which he might desire to make, I enclose herewith letter of March 8th, last, for your serious consideration. You will notice that some of his criticisms are very severe, bordering on the criminal, and it becomes my duty to urge upon you the absolute importance and necessity of throwing every possible safeguard around the pupils who attend our public schools.

The importance of this matter is apparent and I will thank you to advise me without delay just what action the board intends to take to remedy existing conditions, otherwise I feel it incumbent upon me to take the matter up with the council for adjudication. Awaiting your reply, I remain very truly yours,
LOUIS LACHMUND,
Mayor.

Salem, Ore., March 8, 1912.
Mr. Louis Lachmund, Mayor, Salem, Oregon:
Dear Sir: In accordance with your request that I inspect the different

school buildings, and report to you my findings, together with any recommendations I might make, I will say that I have inspected said buildings, and beg to report as follows:
All of the buildings have one common fault, namely: That the pupils are compelled to pass through a common hall in leaving the building. In the East Salem building the pupils who occupy the upper floor are compelled to pass down stairs into a hall that is used by the pupils who occupy the floor below, and then pass out of the same exit with the lower floor pupils.

Nearly the same conditions exist at the High School. At the High School the assembly rooms on the upper floor, where, at times, during entertainments, some 800 people are liable to be congregated. There are two stairs leading from this floor, said stairs are 6 feet, 6 inches in width. These stairs lead down to the hall below, and from this floor there is an exit that leads to the outside, and two stairs which lead to the ground floor hall.

In the North, South and Yew Park, the Englewood and the Garfield, exits are provided so that the pupils in the

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TAFT GOES AFTER THE COLONEL

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Bayview, Md., May 4.—"I am a peaceful man and I don't want to fight, but when I do fight I hit hard," said President Taft in his speech at Hyattsville today. Then he launched into a bitter denunciation of Roosevelt.

"The cause I represent is being injured by misrepresentation of Colonel Roosevelt. He is spreading the impression that if you nominate him he will abolish bosses. Roosevelt was president for seven years and I would like some one to tell me how many bosses he abolished."

Referring to Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney general under Roosevelt, President Taft said:

"My friend Bonaparte, if I may call him that, says I am a substitute president. I cannot reply to that. Such an attack is like criticizing one's personal appearance—a matter of taste only."

At Laurel President Taft again referred to Roosevelt in a sarcastic manner, saying: "I tremble for the country were Roosevelt to die, with so much depending on his life."

STATE MAKES STRONG CASE AGAINST ALLENS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Wytheville, Va., May 4.—The state's evidence against Floyd Allen, member of the Allen clan of outlaws on trial here for the part he played in the shooting he enacted in the Hillsville courtroom, was practically finished today. Allen, dazed at the strength of the murder case the state has presented against him, is on the verge of collapse.

Sidna Sprackler testified that he heard Claude and Floyd Allen talking in the court room at Hillsville before the shooting. He declared he heard Floyd Allen ask: "Are all the boys ready?"

When the firing started, said Sprackler, Claude and Sidna Allen mounted a bench and opened fire.

Boston Beat Brooklyn.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Boston, May 4.—The Beaneaters wiped out yesterday's defeat today, beating Brooklyn in a heavy hitting contest, 6 to 4. Score:

R. H. E.
Brooklyn 4 11 1
Boston 6 10 2

Batteries: Stack, Knetzer and Phelps; Brown, Hogg and Raridan. Umpires: Rigler and Finneran.

A LESSON IN MODERN POLITICS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Seattle, May 4.—Charles W. Wapenstein, chief of police in Seattle for two terms, is today in the custody of penitentiary officials. His vigorous fight to the last for a stay in his sentence of three to 10 years for bribe-taking, failed. He left for Walla Walla at 7:30 last night in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Linder, and was received there this morning.

There was no one at the depot to bid him good-bye. The man who one year ago was the storm center of Seattle politics, passed practically unnoticed. Wapenstein was neatly dressed, bought his own ticket to Walla Walla with a berth reservation, and smiled to the newspaper men as he boarded the train.

"Politics got me," he said. "I am innocent of the charges, and I would have saved myself by perjury. I might have said others were to blame. I am paying one of the penalties of politics."

"That's the way it goes," he said, "what did those men care that they voted my life away? I still hope that my good friends will be able to do something for this blow falls heaviest on my family, on my wife, and my boy and girl who are now in school. And that hurts."

Story Is Dissipated.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

New York, May 4.—The story told the Titanic investigation committee by T. J. Dunn, a traveling salesman, that a White Star line official received a message early on the morning following the disaster, stating that the vessel had sunk, was dissipated here today by Senator William Alden Smith, chairman of the senate committee.

Fred Dauter, a delivery clerk at the Western Union office here, whose son is alleged to have told Dunn that his father handled such a message addressed to "Telefrank" the code name for Vice-President Franklin, emphatically denied to Chairman Smith that he handled or seen such a message.

Weather Forecast.

Salem and vicinity: Fair to night with light frost. Sunday fair and warmer. Westerly winds.

TRANSFER OF LINES COMPLETE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Another Strike in Chicago.

Chicago, May 4.—Eight thousand freight handlers, clerks and checkers on 20 railroads entering Chicago, were ordered to walk out at noon today. The men demanded \$5 a month increase in wages, a half holiday on Saturday's and double pay for all holidays. The strike was ordered pending a final reply from the railroads. The men announced that they would wait until noon for a favorable answer.

CHICAGO PAPERS ARE ALL TIED UP

FOUR-PAGE EDITIONS WAS THE BEST THE BIG DAILIES COULD DO THIS MORNING—OTHER UNIONS JOIN THE STRIKERS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Chicago, May 4.—Four-page editions was the best Chicago's big morning newspapers could do for the reading public here today. The issues appeared without advertising in their pages, and only a few were distributed in the residence districts, while none could be bought in the chief business streets.

It is generally believed here that the pressmen will win their strike. The leaders spent today in enlisting the aid of other printing trades. All newsboys joined the pressmen at midnight, and other trades will probably quit before tomorrow morning, unless the publishers give in.

The Chicago Socialist, an afternoon publication, got out a morning paper, and thousands of copies were sold. The Chicago Day Book was also widely circulated.

A few small riots were reported today when attempts were made to sell the morning papers down town but no one was seriously injured. It is feared other riots will occur later in the day.

CAMERON WILL FIGHT THE RECALL

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

That District Attorney Cameron, of Multnomah county, intends fighting the recall proceedings launched against him became evident today when he failed to present to the secretary of state his resignation and Monday morning the secretary of state will call an election for his recall. The election must be held within 20 days after the call is made. Cameron's deputy consulted with the attorney general on the subject of fighting the proceedings several days ago. It is understood he intends to restrain the secretary of state from calling the election on the ground that the recall amendment to the constitution is self-executing but that further legislation is necessary. It is also understood that he will contend that the amendment is contrary to the constitution of the United States.

The Republican state central committee met in Portland today.

A firebug made two attempts to burn the Woodburn livery stable last week.

AVIATORS GET A FALL OF 400 FEET, NOT HURT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Philadelphia, May 4.—Careening at a dangerous angle 400 feet downward through the air, crashing through two fences and finally landing in a creek bottom beneath their overturned biplanes, Marshal Earl Field, an amateur aviator, and his instructor, G. W. Beatty, escaped with minor injuries while on a flight from New York to Philadelphia. The mishap occurred near Elizabeth, N. J.

The pair were bowling along 400 feet above the earth when their motor began to miss fire and the machine started downward at a dangerous angle. The aeroplane was smashed to bits when it struck the creek bottom, but the aviators fell in such a way that neither was seriously hurt.

Died as He Lived.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Lexington, Ky., May 4.—While standing in front of his store at Crockettville, Breathitt county, today, Ed. Callahan, Kentucky's most noted feudist, and the instigator of many fatal shooting affrays, was shot and killed from ambush. His slayer is as yet unknown.

Just a Sneeze.

Los Angeles, May 4.—Reaching for the papers in the case of Kaczorkiewicz vs. Kaczorkiewicz, wicz, judge Monroe began: "Case of—of—case of—of K-a-c-z-e-r-k-i-e-w-i-c-z," he spelled, "against er—the same." He joined the grin as the bailiff pounded for order.

TRANSFER OF LINES COMPLETE

Welch Takes Over the P. R., L. & P. Co's Street Car System Today—And Purchases a Block on Commercial Street

CONSIDERATION IS \$500,000

Block on Commercial Street Cost \$100,000—Loop From Prison to Asylum to Be Completed and Another on Ferry Street From Front to Liberty and on It to State—Roads to Be Built to Rosedale, Stayton, and then, Welch Only Knows.

The transfer of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company street railway lines at Salem and suburbs to the Welch system was accomplished Friday, although scheduled for May 1st. The consideration was about \$500,000, and \$100,000 has been invested in the block of ground on which the Commercial Hall, on Commercial street, stands.

A number of changes will be made in the service at Salem, and the street car system and interurban lines will all center at a union station on the corner of Commercial and center streets. The loop connecting the state prison and asylum will be completed, and the line will run around from Front on Ferry and then on Liberty to State.

Other changes will be made. Frank Waters, former mayor of this city, was in Salem yesterday to file the transfer papers, and said a number of extensions were planned, but could not yet be announced. Among them are a line to Rosedale south Stayton and north, but how far no statement would be made.

Base Ball

Archer & Wiggins' (Weonans) the pick traveling team or Archer & Wiggins' League of Portland.

vs. The Local Team League Grounds

Tonorrow, 3 p. m.

POLITICS ARE RED HOT TODAY IN MARYLAND

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Baltimore, May 4.—Four candidates for the presidential nomination, Colonel Roosevelt, President Taft, Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, and Speaker Champ Clark, are today busily engaged in telling the Maryland voters just why the state delegates should be instructed to support their candidacy. The most interesting, however, centers in the fight being waged between Colonel Roosevelt and President Taft.

President Taft left Washington at 8:30 o'clock and started to woo the voters right after breakfast, speaking first at Hyattsville. At the same time Colonel Roosevelt was addressing an enthusiastic crowd at Westminster.

Both Roosevelt and Taft claim victory, but politicians here believe the contest for Maryland's delegates will be close.

In addition to speaking at Westminster Colonel Roosevelt addressed big crowds at Heymar, Frederick and Hagerstown. He will wind up his campaign tonight at Cumberland in the heart of the coal mining region.

Former president will start for Oyster Bay immediately after he finishes his address, and will arrive home Sunday. President Taft's itinerary included Laurel, Aberdeen, Elkton, Belair and Havre de Grace.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, will make his appeal to the voters next Monday.

A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS DOES NOT COVER LOSS CAUSED BY FLOOD

5000 SQUARE MILES ARE UNDER WATER IN LOUISIANA MONEY LOSSES APPALLING

Loss Has Already Reached \$60,000,000, and the Breaking of Levees Today Will Add \$25,000,000 to This--500 Students of the State University Working Along With every Available Man in the City in an Effort to Save Baton Rouge From Destruction--Rice Growers' Loss \$2,000,000--Cotton and Wheat Growers \$7,000,000.

THE ANNUAL RELAY RACE IS RUN TODAY

THIS IS THE SIXTH RACE CHEMAWA AND PORTLAND Y. M. C. A. TEAMS--CHEMAWA HAS WON FOUR PORTLAND ONE, AND IT WILL BE A HOT CONTENT TODAY.

At ten a. m. Governor West started the annual relay race between the Chemawa Indian Training school and Portland Y. M. C. A. At Portland the relay runners arrive at the Y. M. C. A. building at 3: 30 to 4:00 p. m.

Teams for Each Lap

In each of the teams are five men who have participated in the race previously. On the Chemawa team these men are Joe Denhart, Tom Powers, Aurelius Talbot, Louis Dan and Klotus Jim.

The teams for each of the laps in the order in which they come are as follows:

First lap, Klotus Jim and Barddollar; second lap, Eli Gangra and McDonald; third lap, Louis Dan and Payton; fourth lap, William Dale and Vanderlip; fifth lap, Paul Finley and Brown; sixth lap, Aurelius Talbot and Turner; seventh lap, Tom Powers and Freichel; eighth lap, John D. Adams and Gunther; ninth lap, Davis Nathan and Jenabold; tenth lap, Joe Denhart and Booth.

Records of the Past

May 4, 1907--Chemawa winner; time 5 hours, 25 minutes; lead 12 1/4 minutes.

May 2, 1908--Chemawa winner; time 5 hours, 16 1/2 minutes; lead 24 minutes 15 seconds.

May 4, 1909--Chemawa winner; time 5 hours, 31 minutes, 52 seconds; lead 9 minutes, 43 seconds.

May 8, 1910--Chemawa winner; time 5 hours, 17 minutes; lead 13 minutes 5 seconds.

May 12, 1911--Y. M. C. A. winner; time 5 hours, 25 minutes, 20 seconds; lead 13 minutes, 6 seconds.

The course adopted last year requires that the runners starting the race pass through some of the main streets of Salem. This serves to arouse much more enthusiasm in the race than would otherwise be manifested. From the capitol building the runners go down State street to Commercial, from Commercial to Hood, from Hood to the Fairgrounds road and thence toward Portland. The course is divided into ten laps of slightly over five miles each.

The Capital Journal will get reports on each lap.

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GOVERNOR FAILED TO BE THERE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

The absence of Governor West from the state house today will necessitate the canvass of the abstract of the state vote without him, though the law specifically provides that the canvass shall be made by the secretary of state in the presence of the governor and the state treasurer.

The law provides that the canvass must be made within 15 days after the election and today is the last day. Governor West yesterday was at Hood River and today before returning, intended to visit his camp of "honor men" who are at work on the Shell Rock road just below Hood River.

The secretary of state and state treasurer after directing Private Secretary Watson to get West back if possible, decided that should he fail to arrive, to proceed with the canvass without him. As he is not due in Portland until about 4 o'clock, it is not likely he will be able to get here.

Whether the canvass would be legal, not being done in his presence is a question.

INDIANS KILLED CONSTABLE

Clinton, B. C., May 4.—Provincial Constable Kindness was shot and killed today near Clinton, B. C., while in pursuit of Moses Paul and Spintlam, the two escaped Indian murderers who killed a white man and a Chinaman near Clinton last July. Provincial Constable Forest Loring was wounded in the arm. Three special constables, who went out with the first two are missing but are presumably safe.

SEVERAL DIVORCES GRANTED YESTERDAY

In Department No. 2 of the circuit court yesterday afternoon and this forenoon, the following decrees in divorce cases were had: Minnie C. Wells, from Edward C. Wells; the minor child Madeleine D. Wells, age eight years, was awarded to its mother; Hallie Parrish Hinges from Charles H. Hinges; the custody of Karl E. and Hallie May was awarded to Mrs. Hinges; Lottie C. Dorcas from Charles A. Dorcas, the minor child being awarded to its mother; May B. Warren from Edward K. Warren.

Court adjourned this forenoon until 9 o'clock Thursday, May 9th.

WHAT IT COST THE BIG CANDIDATES

According to an expense statement filed today with the secretary of state by the Roosevelt campaign committee, the state committee spent \$4,333.50 in behalf of his candidacy in the state, and the county committee of Multnomah county, \$372.80.

Max Michel spent \$5,941.70 in behalf of Selling, and Selling himself spent \$784.16, according to statements filed. O. P. Coshov, who was candidate on the Democratic ticket for United States senator, spent \$402.40, and Walter Pierce, who was a candidate on the same ticket for the same office spent \$989.97.

WILSON IS AGAINST ORIENTALS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, May 4.—In a telegram received here today, addressed to ex-Mayor James D. Phelan, New Jersey's progressive Democratic presidential candidate, Woodrow Wilson, in no uncertain terms states his attitude on the question of oriental exclusion, and the encroachment of Asiatic labor. The dispatch came as a reply to a question as to his views addressed to Wilson in behalf of a large number of California voters. It says:

"Princeton, N. J., May 3, 1912.—In the matter of the Chinese and Japanese coolie immigration I stand for the national policy of exclusion or restricted immigration. The whole question is one of the assimilation of diverse races. We cannot make a homogeneous population out of a people who do not blend with the Caucasian race. Their lower standard of living and labor will crowd out the white agriculturalist, and in other fields the Chinese and Japanese coolies are a most serious industrial menace."

"The success of free Democratic institutions demands of our people education, intelligence, patriotism and the state should protect them against unjust and impossible competition. "Remunerative labor is the basis of contentment. Democracy rests on the quality of the citizen. Oriental coolieism will give us another race problem to solve, and we surely have had our lesson. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

AMERICANS GET OUT OF TORREON

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Eagle Pass, Texas, May 4.—Americans are fleeing from Torreon, Mexico, today in the face of the advance of the main body of the rebel army under General Orozco from Escalon. The rebels are now surrounding Torreon on three sides, and over 8000 men will be about the city when the movement is completed.

Orozco is convinced that General Huerta, the federal commander, will make his final stand at Torreon. His present plan is not to attack but to besiege the city.

The federal troops have been withdrawn from Coahuila, and the small garriplones scattered along the railroad to the south have been called in. The rebels expect to be within firing distance of Torreon on Monday, when a big battle may take place, if the federal show fight.

Co-operation is the application of common sense to the doing of things.

BORAH IN LEAD FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

The checking up of the tally sheets at the state house so far show Senator Borah of Idaho, to be leading as candidate for vice-president and Thomas McCusker, of Portland, to be second in the race. It is believed that Borah will probably be the man nominated. Checking up of the tally sheets also shows that there were about 150 candidates for the office, which makes it the most popular in the state.

HOMER DAVENPORT WILL BE BURIED AT SILVERTON

Word has been received at Silverton, the former home of Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist, who died May 2, that his body will be brought back there for interment, arriving about the first of next week.