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PROGRESSIVES HOLD CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Party Leaders Assemble to Plan on Work During Next Four Years.

Chicago.—The event of the week in the field of politics was the national conference of progressive leaders in Chicago Tuesday and Wednesday, to devise plans for carrying on the work of the party during the next four years. Colonel Roosevelt was among those in attendance at the conference. He has entirely recovered from his wound and took active part.

Among those who participated in the deliberations were: Governor Stubbs of Kansas, William Allen White, Henry J. Allen, Editor of the Valparaiso, Philadelphia, Gifford Pinchot, William F. Hall, Bull Moose leader in Pennsylvania; Dean Kirtley of Columbia university; State Chairman Hotchkiss of New York; former Attorney General Charles D. Borah; Miss Frances Keller of New York; Miss Alice Carpenter of Massachusetts and many other persons of prominence. Colonel Roosevelt and Mr. and Mrs. McCormick will be the guests at Hull House of Jane Addams.

The program follows: Tuesday—11 A. M., conference called to order by National Chairman Pinchot, of Montana; 11:30 A. M., address by Colonel Roosevelt; 2 P. M., address by Miss Jane Addams, who presided over the committee; 6:30 P. M., brief speeches by Colonel Roosevelt and other leaders.

Wednesday—10 A. M., discussion and reports; 2 P. M., final session of conference.

The committee on arrangements in attendance at the conference includes every state chairman and members of the national executive committee, as well as hundreds of members of the party, including many women.

Montana Favors Washington Plan

Butte, Mont.—A committee representing labor organizations of the state, including the State Federation of Labor and the Western Federation of Miners, which has been in session here to discuss labor legislation, has drafted a workman's compensation bill closely resembling that now in effect in the state of Washington. The bill will be presented at the coming legislative session.

OUTLAW ROBS TRAIN

"Imperial Limited" Pullman is Looted Near Vancouver, B. C.

Vancouver, B. C.—A train holdup that for boldness has never been equaled in Vancouver was perpetrated just as the Canadian Pacific railway's "Imperial Limited" transcontinental passenger train, was passing out of the Vancouver city limits.

A single highwayman, disguised by a black mask, boarded the train as it was passing the British Columbia Sugar Refinery, a mile and a half out, entered the Pullman car and at the point of a revolver forced the passengers and the Pullman conductor to pass over their money and valuables. The man dropped off the train just before it arrived at Barnet, which is six miles from the city.

The total loss was \$308 in bills, two watches and one chain, one diamond ring and two English sovereigns, amounting to about \$10. The conductor contributed \$30 of the \$308. There is no trace of the robber.

Bill Against Miscegenation

Minneapolis.—Inspired by the recent wedding in Chicago of Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, and Lucille Cameron, a white girl formerly of this city, State Representative Nimocks announced that he intended to introduce a bill in the next legislature prohibiting the marriage of blacks and whites.

WILSON TO VISIT MANSE

Presbyterian Minister to Be Host at Staunton, Va., on Birthday

Staunton, Va.—President Wilson will be entertained on December 28, the 56th anniversary of his birth, in the house where he was born in this city.

Soon after his election a delegation of citizens waited on the president-elect in Seagirt and received from him a promise that he would visit his native city this month.

The Presbyterian Manse, occupied by his parents here when the president-elect was born, has been put in first-class condition, and its present occupant, Dr. A. Fraser, is to entertain Mr. Wilson and such members of

his family as accompany him on the visit.

David Eccles Stricken
Salt Lake City.—David Eccles, president of the Amalgamated Sugar company and one of the wealthiest citizens in Utah, died suddenly at the Emergency hospital here of heart disease.

Brief News of the week

Heavy snows and extreme cold in Colorado have driven packs of gray wolves out of the timber and many cattle are falling victims to their attacks.

The Nebraska Woman Suffrage association has decided to petition for a submission to the people of a constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage.

The official vote of Ohio on president shows that Wilson carried the state over Taft by 146,086. The vote: Wilson 423,152; Taft 277,066; Roosevelt 229,327; Chaffin 11,459; Debs 89,930.

All native newspapers have been forbidden to discuss the movements of Chinese troops, indicating that the situation is precarious, and that China is ready to fight Russia on a moment's notice.

As a result of the government crisis resulting from his failure to find a successor to Lieutenant General Uyebara, minister of war, Premier Saionji and the entire Japanese cabinet resigned.

There are 12,000 corpses lying unburied on the battlefields of Kumanya and Monastir. Owing to the frozen rocky ground interment is impossible. Portable crematories are to be sent to dispose of the bodies.

Summer tourist fares to Pacific coast points and return during 1913 were placed on the same basis as prevailed last year, \$72.50, at a meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger association in Chicago.

American born wives will no longer be granted entry into the German diplomatic corps under a ruling of Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, restoring a regulation made by the late Prince Bismarck prohibiting German diplomats from marrying foreigners.

To emphasize to the world at large that San Francisco, on the eve of its exposition era, has buried discord and that all factions will be found pulling together, various newspapers and civic bodies have started a movement for a great "burning the hammer" celebration on Christmas eve.

People in the News

The will of the late Senator Rayner, of Maryland, shows that the value of his estate will approximate \$1,000,000.

The resignation of Robert L. Farrington, second vice president of the Great Northern railroad, is announced. Major-General Julius Staehl, of the civil war volunteers, died in New York after an illness of about a year. He was second oldest surviving general of the civil war.

Henry Disher, of Davenport, Iowa, aged 73 years, and a veteran of the civil war, has just welcomed his twenty-third child. It is a few days old. His oldest is a son, 43 years old. All are living.

Senator Poindexter at Washington signaled his entrance into the national capital by giving out an interview in which he declared that President Taft should be impeached for improper use of federal patronage.

Mrs. Daniel E. Sickles has again saved her husband, the aged Major-General Sickles, from his financial troubles, this time by satisfying a judgment ordered against General Sickles by the Bank of Metropolis for \$5050.94.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Chinese progressive leader, and former provisional president of the new republic, is coming to Los Angeles with three members of the Chinese cabinet. The orientals also will visit San Francisco, Washington and New York.

"Make a bonfire of your hats; throw away your corsets and wear trousers instead of these ridiculous tight skirts," is the recommendation of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt the suffragette leader, to the Equal Suffrage League in her report of her two years' round-the-world campaign in behalf of votes for women.

A farmers' school of agriculture was conducted under the auspices of the commercial club at Centralla December 9, 10 and 11. The school was instructed by the best agricultural experts in the northwest, several professors from the agricultural college at Pullman being on the list. Dairying, soiling, crops, horticulture, pathology and general agricultural subjects were taught, in addition to a domestic science course for women, which was presided over by the domestic science teacher from the state college.

THE NOOKSACKS FORTY YEARS AGO.

A Paper Read by Mrs. Phoebe N. Judson, of Lynden, at the Women's Missionary Meeting.

The following interesting paper was read by Mrs. Phoebe N. Judson at a Women's Missionary meeting, at the Baptist church in Lynden, November 23, 1912. "Our experience among the Nooksack tribe of Indians began more than forty years ago. We found them very friendly and naturally well adapted to be of much service to the white settlers.

"The Indian, his canoe and his paddle, were of the utmost importance to us by making it possible to live in the Nooksack valley where there were no roads at all. We depended wholly upon him to bring our supplies from what is now Bellingham. They did us much good and no harm; and now that they have nearly all passed away I regret that we did so little for their happiness at the time when they were so numerous and were living in so deplorable a state of ignorance, superstition and fear.

"Often we were awakened at the dead of night by the reports of their fire-arms, which were fired at the 'Leaums' (devils) which they imagined were haunting their camps. Frequently we were serenaded by the unearthly music of the 'tomamomous' which always took place when one of their number (memaloozed) (died) became ill. This was a very sacred ceremony to them—but incomprehensible to us. No doubt it was a tradition handed down to them from their ancestors for generations.

"In a camp close by, Sally's daughter was seemingly about to pass away. When we heard the dismal sound of the discordant 'tomamomous' we attended the services with much more reverence than curiosity. But when we witnessed the heathen incantations of these poor, ignorant natives, my heart was moved with both pity and disgust. There was an old Indian who had often visited us, claiming to be a 'umachin' (mediciner) and who had known God ever since he was a small boy, now down on all fours, leaning around the camp, catching evil spirits (more probably microbes or germs.) When he imagined or made believe he had caught one, he took his gun and went outside the camp and fired into the tree. All the time this performance lasted the family and friends were keeping time by a sorrowful wail and drumming with wooden sticks on boards. This wailing and devil's tattooing did not cease until the old conjuror had made away with all the evil ones. Then all fear was removed from the mind of the patient and she rapidly recovered. Had she died, the relatives would have taken the old magician's life as a forfeit.

"Immortality, or rather the belief in it, was so deeply implanted in their natures that when one of them passed to the higher realms all of his valuables were placed with the body in a box upon a scaffold or in a canoe high up in a tree. If the deceased owned slaves, these were killed to accompany their master to the happy hunting grounds.

"Years ago, at the head of Puget Sound, I gave an 'elita' (slave) whose master had died, his last meal. The poor fellow, a bright-looking lad under twenty years of age, who could speak many English words, was trying to escape from captivity and the fate about to befall him. He was on his way to Shoalwater Bay (now called Villapa Harbor) hoping to hide aboard some vessel, but he was overtaken and killed by a short distance from our home.

"In these early days fear was the predominant characteristic of these natives of the great somber forests. Their lives were overshadowed by omens of future evils, and to protect themselves they constructed hiding places away beneath the ground. There still remain evidences of these ancient underground houses. They have been described to me as having been built in rows, with passages leading underground from cave to cave. So deep were they that ladders were used to reach the top.

"Chief Yellowcanim's last wife once told me that her father's death was caused because, while in battle with Northern Indians, an enemy secured a lock of his hair. There are people still living who will recall the incident. He called upon his white friends and told them that at a certain time, only a few days away, he would have to die. So terrifying were the effects of his belief in an evil power that he quickly became ill and sent for his white friends. Capt. Henry Roeder and his wife visited him, but so firm were his convictions that no amount of persuasion or ridicule served to shake them. He passed away at the appointed time, surrounded by his waiting friends and relations.

"I had small hope that these people would ever become Christianized, but late one Saturday eve, we were delighted to welcome to our house two missionaries, the Rev.

Mr. Tate and Capt. John, a converted Indian from the Chilliwack, B. C., mission. They came on horses over dim trails through the immense forests and through swamps girth deep in places, for the purpose of preaching to the Nooksack tribe. We were taken by surprise, but Sally and Joe, our two old relatives, began to spread the news among their 'tillikums' (friends), and they must have reached them by wireless, for before eleven o'clock the next morning our house was filled to overflowing with native worshippers. It was the first Christian meeting ever held in Lynden, and my heart melted to tears when these poor benighted souls responded so readily to the Spirit of Divine Love which pervaded the meeting. Brother Tate preached in the Indian language which he had learned to speak fluently, of 'the glad tidings of a free salvation to all without respect of persons. The earnest pleading of the two missionaries had the desired effect of leading the listeners to renounce their idolatrous way of living and accept Christianity. And, so anxious were they to acknowledge their faith that they pressed forward, the chief taking the lead, and gave their names to Brother Tate. Each one in turn, with much emotion, told of the love he felt in his heart for the 'Sahalie' (God), who was their Father, just as he was the Father of the white man. Mr. Tate continued his efforts among the Nooksacks for some length of time, for not only his life but his heart was devoted to the work. He was so faithful in his charge over them that we soon noticed a change for the better in their habits. The first reform we noticed was the marrying of all who were living together as man and wife. Chief Yellowcanim was the first to go through the marriage ceremony, which occurred at a meeting at our house. I remember that we were quite astonished when we saw him standing before the minister who was to tie the knot, with a young girl instead of Fanny, the old woman with whom he had been living. Brother Tate began to remonstrate with him, when he replied, 'I want a young wife if I have to live always with her. When convinced that he was not doing the right thing he reluctantly changed partners and Fanny became his lawful wedded and only wife as long as she lived. This was quite a recommendation for the old chief since it was the custom of the chief to practice polygamy. The next reform was the burying of their dead that had been lying in state above ground for many years. No more we heard the doleful sound of the tomamomous or the mournful wailings around the shrines of their dead.

Soon after, they severed their tribal relations and were allowed to take up land as homesteads. My husband went with a number of them in a canoe to LaConner where court was held at that time, to help them file and prove up on their lands. They improved their claims by building of comfortable houses and planting fruit trees and shrubbery around their homes. Here they lived happy, harmonious lives until the saloon came. This institution instead of taking up the work so well begun by the missionaries had, of course, just the opposite effect and instead of a blessing proved a curse which destroyed nearly all of the good missionaries' work, as well as destroying the poor Indians themselves. The saloons, to rob them of their hard-earned money, sold them the vilest concoctions, which made those under their influence fighting crazy, killing their best friends. Not having the same fear of the spirits which intoxicated them as they had of their own invisible ones whom they had once feared, they became easy prey for the saloon, and were soon reduced to a more deplorable state than when living in superstitious ignorance. Then they could live with but little effort; salmon and game were abundant. Now their families must suffer for what they earned was squandered at the saloon. The old chief's last days were made miserable by seeing his tribe passing before him to drunkards' graves. Many pathetic scenes and incidents has he from time to time related to me that are not pleasant to write. How discouraging it must be to the missionaries everywhere to have to contend with this monstrous evil. Wherever they go the liquor either precedes or soon follows them. Still they cannot falter in their good work.

"I know of three noble Indians who were converted through the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Tate; one of them is still living; two, who were steadfast to the last, have passed over to the Great Beyond where they are doubtless reaping the reward of the faithful and true.

"We should be encouraged to go forward in the good work for the ignorant ones of the world, for

we know that 'knowledge of the Lord is to cover the earth as the waters cover the deep,' and we must help to bring this about soon. Let us women take courage since so many states have given us the privilege of the ballot.

"It is said of Mrs. Horace Greeley that she said to her daughter, while dying, 'If I had my life to live over I would shake the world.' Let her words be our motto! Let us shake the world with our ballots for the entire prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, and God will crown our efforts with success."

WASHINGTON BRIEFLETS

The Walla Walla branch of the postal savings bank is not drawing the patronage that branches do in other cities.

At Wenatchee death claimed Elizabeth Barrett, niece of the first territorial governor of Oregon, and herself a pioneer of that state. She was 85 years old.

Thirty days in the city jail was the punishment imposed upon Mrs. Maude White of Vancouver for smoking a cigarette in the city park, while sitting on one of the benches there, by Police Judge Shaw.

The state of Washington profits to the extent of \$367.68 in receiving the inheritance tax on the estate of the late Thomas R. Lyon, who died in Chicago in 1909, leaving an estate valued at \$93,335.43. It consists of 22 tracts of timber land in Clarke county.

Since the Washington state industrial law went into operation in October of last year the commission has collected \$1,200,000, has paid out in claims \$600,000, has set aside reserves on claims already approved of \$284,000, and has a cash balance of \$316,000.

Commissioner Hayden has served notice on the Spokane club and the Inland club, the two most exclusive clubs in Spokane, prohibiting sale over the club bars, or in their dining rooms, of intoxicating liquors on Sundays, which has been a practice for some time.

Director Newell of the reclamation service is urging upon congress passage of Senator Jones' bill appropriating \$1,800,000 for the construction of storage works for the Wapato unit of the Yakima irrigation project, which proposes to reclaim a large body of Indian lands.

After visiting with a neighbor at South Bend and being in perfect health and the best of spirits, Mrs. W. A. Kirk went to her own home just across the street and put a bullet through her heart just as her husband was entering the house. The cause of the suicide is a mystery.

The president sent to the senate the recess appointments of Clinton W. Howard as federal judge, and B. W. Colner to be district attorney for the western Washington district. It is said that Democratic and insurgent Republican senators will combine to prevent confirmation of the appointments.

Ten miles of permanent highways will be built in Walla Walla county in 1913, according to present plans of the board of commissioners. The commissioners will have over \$110,000 to spend on roads and bridges and instead of stringing it out on poor dirt roads plan to expend it on macadam highways.

A Payette, guard at the Chehalis county jail and father of Sheriff Edward Payette, was struck over the head with a shovel and narrowly escaped death when Matt Petranovich attempted to escape. Payette had just performed a kindly act for the man when the assault was committed. Petranovich was captured by other prisoners.

Thomas Crow, a stenographer, was arrested at Spokane on a charge of forgery sworn to by James Martin, a special agent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company. The charge was made in connection with the loss of \$5000 in pay checks en route from Spokane to Wallace, Idaho. Fourteen of the missing checks were cashed in Spokane.

Forty-four witnesses, business men of Seattle, intimate acquaintances of W. E. DeLarm and investors in his bankrupt Columbia River Orchards company, have been subpoenaed by federal deputy marshals to appear in Portland December 26 and testify in the trial of the orchards company promoters, who have been charged with using the mails to defraud.

Improvements of the O-W. R. & N. main line between Portland and Spokane, including the Spokane-Ayer Junction cutoff, double-tracking between Portland and Ayer and rock ballasting between Portland and Hood River, with an aggregate expenditure within the coming year of approximately \$3,000,000, have been authorized by the Harriman directors in New York.

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WASHINGTON STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Important Happenings of the Week From Towns in Our State.

Montesano Plans Celebration.

Montesano.—Montesano business men are planning a railroad day celebration early next year to commemorate the entry of the O-W. R. & N. and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway lines, which will be completed about January 1. The railways are planning the erection of a joint depot, within one block of the present Northern Pacific depot and an effort is being made to have the three roads erect a union depot.

Fruit-Packing School is Aim.

Walla Walla.—District Fruit Inspector C. L. Whitney and L. M. Brown, secretary of the commercial club, are busy working out the details for the apple-packing school, which will be held in Walla Walla immediately after the first of the year. If possible the school will be free and an effort will be made to get support so that no fees will need to be charged.

"PORK BARREL" IDEA HIT

Good Roads Association Urges Funds Be Distributed in "Paid-in" Ratio.

Tacoma.—With the election of John P. Hartman, of Seattle, president, adoption of a series of resolutions for presentation to the coming state legislature, and the selection of North Yakima as the next meeting place, the 13th annual convention of the state Good Roads Association came to an end here.

Among the resolutions was one indorsing a \$500,000 appropriation for Washington's building and display at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and another recommending a 3-mill levy for permanent state highways.

The "pork barrel" method of distributing state funds for road purposes was denounced, and it was urged that the public highway fund be divided as nearly as possible between the east and west sides of the state according to the amount paid in.

A complete system of roads to encircle Mount Rainier was indorsed, and the state legislature will be asked to memorialize congress for the construction of more national highways for the general development of the United States.

A resolution calling upon the legislature to appropriate money to pay convict labor on roads provoked a spirited fight in the convention. Governor Hay objecting to extending the motion to include young men between 18 and 25 sent to the reformatory, because of the criminal brand that might be stamped upon them after release. The motion carried with this amendment allowed.

Walla Walla Man Killed by Auto.

Dayton.—An automobile, occupied by three young men of Walla Walla—Glen Gilliam, Jack Snyder and Louis S. Sharpstein—was being driven from Dayton to Walla Walla, when the machine ran into an embankment two miles west of here and overturned. Sharpstein was killed outright. The other two young men were only slightly injured.

SAYS PROMOTER NOT DEAD

DeLarm Believed to Have Escaped When Another Died.

Seattle.—That W. E. DeLarm, the meteoric financier of Portland and Seattle, whose death in Placerville, Cal., last June was reported and generally accepted, did not really die, but cleverly escaped at that time, is the startling assertion made to Postoffice Inspector Temple and United States Marshal Jacoby by F. J. Parker, of this city. He makes this statement in the face of the fact that the body of DeLarm was identified by his wife and that an insurance company paid the policy on his life.

Mr. Parker says his son, who lives in Placerville, is ready to make deposition that it was not DeLarm who died, but another man, who was frequently visited in the hospital by a man said to be DeLarm and that this visitor left with the sick man before his death the papers that served to clinch the body's identity as that of the missing financier.

It is known to the government officials here, who kept thoroughly posted on the DeLarm case, although not in charge of it, that shortly before the news of DeLarm's death was received here a secret agent was preparing to leave Seattle for Placerville in search of the man.

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