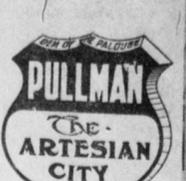




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PULLMAN PLAY HOUSE BURNS

BUILDING ERECTED IN 1893 BURNS TO THE GROUND— CAUSE OF FIRE A MYSTERY.

The Pullman Auditorium, one of the best equipped play houses of the Inland Empire, was totally destroyed by fire early last Saturday night, the fire not being discovered till the interior of the house was a mass of flames upon which water fell with no effect, and the firemen were obliged to confine their efforts to the saving of the adjacent buildings, one of which, the Thompson residence just to the south, was also destroyed.

The fire that wiped out the theatre was first discovered at about 10:30 o'clock, the interior then being a roaring furnace of flames, and before the firemen could respond to the call, the sky was made lurid and the entire city lighted up by the conflagration fed by the immense wooden structure, the sixty-foot loft forming a chimney and creating a draft that made near approach to the burning building impossible, and within an hour only smouldering embers, and the towering furnace stack, were left to mark the location of what had been a monument to the energy and public spirit of Pullman's pioneer citizens.

How the fire originated is only a matter of surmise, although it was evident that it started in the basement either from spontaneous combustion or incendiary origin. It is known that the theatre has been a rendezvous for a certain class of youngsters for a long time past and it is more than possible that a dropped match or cigar stub was the cause of the fire. It is reported that two men were seen in the building within an hour of the discovery of the fire. The house had been "dark" since June 2nd.

History of the Auditorium

The Pullman Opera House, as it was then known, was erected in 1893 at a cost of about \$15,000 on the strength of subscriptions from the business men. The opera house was formally opened on November 14, 1893, "The Story of a Kiss," being the first attraction, and an orchestra being imported from Spokane to furnish the music. The place of amusement failed to pay from the first and the hard times following found the subscribers to the project unable to make good their subscriptions. The directors were forced to endorse the payment of the notes, but times continued hard and taxes and interest accumulated until suits were commenced on mechanic liens. Soon afterward foreclosure proceedings were instituted and the opera house was sold for taxes, Whitman county being the purchaser. The county, in turn, sold the place to Geo. Ford for about \$1500 and from that time on the house was a paying investment. Ford conducted the place for about two years and sold to the present syndicate some four years ago.

NEW BRIDGE FOR PULLMAN.

Contractor Valk Will Begin Work at Once and Have Bridge Completed About July 1.

The steel for the new bridge across Grand street, near the Alton hotel is expected to arrive today, and Contractor Valk will put a dozen men at work immediately upon its arrival. The steel was ordered from the Gilbert Hunt company of Walla Walla and is strictly a western product.

The contract for the bridge calls for its completion by July 1st the contractor to receive a bonus of \$10 per day for every day under the stipulated time and he in turn to pay the same bonus to the county for every day after July 1, before the bridge is completed. Mr. Valk says that the bridge will be completed within a few days of that date. Work on the bridge would have commenced several days ago but for a delay in the shipment of the steel. As soon as the work is finished in Pullman, Contractor Valk will take his force to Colfax, where he has a contract for a bridge across Cooper Lake.

PULLMAN GIRL TO GO ON STAGE.

Mrs. Francis Savage Curtis Accepts Position With Well Known Manager.

Mrs. Francis Savage Curtis, of New York, who is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Savage, is to become an actress and The Herald predicts that she will become a star. Mrs. Curtis is well known in Pullman, where most of her life was spent, and where she won local fame as an elocutionist before she went east to study her chosen profession. After some time spent on the Lyceum circuit as an elocutionist, in which she "made good" and won fame wherever she appeared, she became the wife of Lucius Fisher Curtis, a well known newspaper man of New York. Mr. Curtis was employed on the New York Times, but devoted much time to writing short stories for the magazines and has been successful in his work. He was recently taken from the Times by Melville Stone, manager of the Associated Press and given a position as Mr. Stone's assistant, a position of responsibility and trust.

Mrs. Curtis has been studying hard since she married and that her work has been well conducted is shown by the fact that she has accepted a position with Mr. Henry B. Harris, the well known New York Manager, and will begin her season's work with a New York opening, in September. The Herald joins the many friends of Mrs. Curtis in Pullman and the Inland Empire, in wishing her success in the calling in which she has already shown much talent.

BOHLER RETURNS.

Says Nelson's Time Was Faster Than Announced at Chicago.

Coach J. F. Bohler returned this week from Chicago where he went with Jack Nelson, the famous W. S. C. sprinter, and Clarence Cool, the distance man, who entered the big Intercollegiate meet of the Middle West. In regard to Nelson's record in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, both of which he won with comparative ease, Coach Bohler says:

"Nelson was easily the wonder of the meet and received great praise for his work. The easterners had his records all worked out and he was the curiosity of the meet. The time is the funny part of the race. In the preliminaries all three heats were in ten seconds and in the final the men certainly ran faster than in the preliminaries and the crowd all looked disgusted when the time of ten and one-fifth was announced.

"I caught him in nine and four-fifths and it looked that much faster than the preliminaries. In the mile Cool led the race in the first three laps and when in the fourth the others began to forge ahead he did not seem to have the stamina to run any faster. It was a case of the time being a little too fast for him. However, he did better than he ever did here. I timed him and he made the time of four-twenty-seven."

TO BE HELD AT DAYTON.

Annual Convention of Christian Churches.

The Annual Convention of the Christian churches of east Washington will be held at Dayton, Wash., June 27th to 30th. Besides local speakers, there will be present, Rev. J. N. McCash, secretary of the American Missionary Society, Cincinnati; Rev. Marion Stevenson, National Bible School Superintendent, and Rev. J. H. Wohorter, Secretary of the National Benevolent Association, St. Louis; Rev. P. C. McFarlane, Secretary of the National Brotherhood of the Disciples, Kansas City; Mrs. A. M. Atwater, President of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Indianapolis; and Rev. H. Malden, returned Missionary, from India.

It is expected that the convention will surpass all previous ones in attendance and interest. There are sixty congregations with eight thousand communicants in this field, an increase of nearly one hundred percent in the last year. A large convention chorus is being planned. A rate of one and one-third fare, on the certificate plan has been granted on the railroads. Lodging and breakfast will be free to delegates.

PRESIDENT BRYAN WILL REMAIN AT W. S. C.

Decision Brings Joy to the Hearts of the People. Will Take Leave of Absence for One Year.

Probably nothing has happened in Pullman for many years that brought more real gladness and thanksgiving to the hearts of the people than the fact that President Bryan had reconsidered his resignation and would remain in Pullman as the head of the Washington State College. This decision on the part of President Bryan came only after several days of careful consideration and after petitions, telegrams and resolutions had come in from every conceivable source in an attempt to cause Mr. Bryan to reconsider.

The climax was reached yesterday immediately following the graduating exercises, when R. C. McCroskey, president of the board of regents, read petitions from the W. S. C. Alumni Association, the Students' Assembly, the faculty of the College, citizens of Pullman and Colfax, the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, and the Spokane W. S. C. Alumni, urging him to reconsider his resignation and asking the board of regents to grant him any leave of absence he wished in order to retain his services. The petition circulated among the faculty members was signed by every member of that body in Pullman.

The board of regents, through Regent McCroskey, offered Mr. Bryan a leave of absence of one year, to begin at any time he desired in the spring. The president accepted the offer. It was by far the most emotional meeting ever held in Pullman and everybody was deeply moved, tears telling better than words of the profound happiness that filled the heart of everyone present.

After the meeting the members of the Alumni Association removed the horses from President Bryan's carriage, and fastening a long rope to the vehicle pulled Mr. and Mrs. Bryan to the family residence. The president was deeply moved and said in a faltering voice:

"My Children:—
"In a family, affection is sometimes shown in one way and sometimes in another. I take this as a token of love from the members of the Alumni Association."

He attempted to go further but was prevented by deep emotion. The members of the association had heard President Bryan make many speeches but these few words were the most eloquent of all.

The Petition.

The petition circulated in Pullman read as follows:

Whereas, it has been reported in the public press that President E. A. Bryan contemplates resigning as president of the W. S. C., and

Whereas, by broad, wise and democratic policy, backed up by indomitable energy, business ability, and scholarship seldom found united in one man, he has built up the college second to none in the Pacific northwest and has bade it the pride of every citizen who desires to see the young men and women of this state educated in the useful arts and science without the arrogance too often associated with the college graduates, and

Whereas, we, as citizens of the town of Pullman, proud of the honor of being the home of such an institution and jealous of its growth and future development and increased usefulness, and appreciating to the fullest extent that to its president, the institution, the state and the city, owe a debt that can not be repaid, and that to make a change at this time will endanger the future of the institution and be detrimental to the best interests of the state, and that it requires for some time to come a continuance of the broad policy, the business judgment and statesmanship which has characterized its his-

tory under the present management, and which will be hard to duplicate with another man.

We, therefore, hereby express our sincere desire that the president will reconsider his intention of resigning and hereby give him our expression of confidence, and pledge to him our loyal support and earnest co-operation, and we call upon every friend of the institution in the state to give expression to their feeling on this matter.

Has Done Good Work.

President E. A. Bryan was elected to the presidency of the Agricultural College and School of Science in 1893, at which time the board of regents was composed as follows:

Gen. T. R. Tannatt, of Farmington; J. W. Stearns, of Tekoa; E. S. Engraham, of Seattle; Judge Blandford, of Walla Walla; and C. R. Connor, of Spokane.

President Bryan is a graduate of Indiana University and Harvard College. After leaving college he taught for a while in the schools of Grayville, Ill., and from there was called to the presidency of Vincennes University, where he served for eleven years previous to his election as head of the Washington Agricultural College. He took charge at a time when the prestige of the local institution was not high, and when it was greatly in need of re-organization. Pres. Bryan has really re-created the college and has made it the foremost educational institution of the northwest, and recognized as such all over the United States.

President Bryan's duties at the Agricultural College began on Sept. 13, 1893, and the opening of the College year found 135 students enrolled and the faculty composed as follows:

Enoch A. Bryan, A. M., president, professor of history and political science.

Edward R. Lake, M. S., professor of agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

Mrs. Nancy L. Van Doren, preceptor, professor of English literature and librarian.

Chas. V. Piper, B. S., professor of botany and zoology.

James Ferguson, secretary of the faculty, professor of stenography and typewriting.

Addison R. Saunders, M. E., professor of mechanical engineering and physics.

Osmer L. Waller, Ph. B., professor of mathematics and civil engineering.

Elton Fulmer, M. A., professor of chemistry.

Lyman C. Read, assistant professor of horticulture.

Preparatory Department—George H. Watt, B. S., principal; Miss Anna Howard, assistant.

From that time on the college grew and assumed its real position in the educational world, and each successive year found a larger enrollment and a larger faculty until, after seventeen years, the institution boasts of an enrollment of 1348 students, and a faculty consisting of 95 professors and instructors.

Back to the Pulpit.

The many Pullman friends of Rev. Geo. E. Barrows, formerly pastor of the Christian church of this place were deeply grieved to learn of his death, May 25th, at Mansfield, Wn. Mrs. Barrows has announced her intention of taking up her husband's work as pastor of the church at Mansfield. She was last year principal of the schools at that place and has been offered an increased salary to keep the work but declares she will continue the work of her husband.

BASE BALL.

Boosters and Cubs Have it Out on Local Diamond.

After several months of rivalry between the Cubs and Boosters, two local ball teams, the two aggregations met on the local grounds last Sunday afternoon. The game was not as close as was expected from the determination shown by each team but was exciting and well played.

The game was a striking example of a pitchers' battle, Evans, for the Cubs, and Foran, for the Boosters, having a hard fight. Foran pitched better ball than his opponent, however, and was credited with more than ten strike-outs. Evans was wild and passed several men, although he also had a string of strike-outs. Evans' pitching ability attracted the attention of a great number of fans, who expressed surprise at his delivery.

The boosters started scoring early, sending three men across the plate in the first inning. They scored three more men before the fifth inning, while the Cubs made one in the fourth. From the fifth inning to the close of the game both sides played good ball and no more runs were made. The final score was 6 to 1 in favor of the Boosters. The feature of the game was a sensational catch by Nessly in the eighth.

The Pullman Boosters went to Palouse a week ago, Sunday, where they met the fast Palouse Giants. Until that game the two teams had met twice during the season, Pullman winning the first game by a score of 4 to 3 in eleven innings, and the second game resulting in a score of 7 to 7 after 12 innings had been played. The third game was fully as exciting as the other two, Palouse winning with a score of 9 to 8. The Pullman battery was Evans and Graham.

This makes one game each for the teams and one tie game, showing that the teams are the most evenly matched in the county. The final game will be played at Pullman in a short time and a good game is expected.

WASHINGTON PRODUCTS.

Exhibited in the Eastern States by Great Northern Railway.

The intense interest aroused throughout the east by a recent exhibit of Washington products conducted by the Great Northern Railroad indicates that the eastern people are beginning to fully appreciate the wonderful resources and possibilities of the Pacific northwest and more especially of the state of Washington from a fruit growing and agricultural standpoint. At the Philadelphia exhibit from 15,000 to 20,000 Pennsylvania farmers visited the rooms every week while the attendance at Boston exhibit rooms was even more remarkable, numbering from 5000 to 10,000 daily and elicited most favorable comment from the New England press, commending the enterprise of the railroad and the spirit of the people of Washington in making such an exhibit possible.

The Washington exhibition car also exploited by the Great Northern Railway has made the fruit, grain, and lumber products of the State of Washington known along the lines of the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Erie, and Nickel Plate railroads and in some cases special trains were run to bring people from a distance to visit the car, while the stereopticon lectures held at night in the opera house of the towns visited by the car have been playing to standing room only.

Exhibits of this nature undoubtedly do much to foster and stimulate immigration and add materially to the wealth and development of the state.

Pocketbook Found.

A small, ladies pocketbook was found in Reaney's park during the encampment of old soldiers. Finder may have same by calling on K. P. Allen at the postoffice and proving property.

Miss Bessie Andrews, of Kearney, Nebraska, is visiting with relatives in the city. Miss Andrews is a niece of Prof. Elton Fulmer and Mrs. R. W. Thatcher.

LIVELY WEEK AT W. S. C.

CLASS OF SEVENTY-SEVEN IS GRADUATED FROM WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE.

Another college year has closed and a class of seventy-seven young men and young women has gone into the world to fight the battle of life with a college education as their qualification. The class just graduated from Washington State College is the largest in the history of that College and represents nearly every county in the northwest. While commencement day, Thursday, was the banner day of the week, the several days previous to that were busy ones at the College and immense crowds attended the various events of commencement week.

By far the largest number of former graduates of W. S. C. ever present for the commencement exercises of their Alma Mater were in Pullman, some for the first time since they graduated, and many tales of former college days at old W. S. C. were told on the campus.

On Friday evening occurred the annual entertainment of the college literary societies, and the next evening the annual music recital by the advanced students in the music department.

Baccalaureate Address.

Sunday afternoon the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. Luther R. Dyott, of the First Congregational church of Portland. The program, which was given in the College Auditorium, began with invocation by the Rev. Dr. W. G. M. Hays, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Pullman, followed by the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." Scripture reading was followed by a vocal solo "Cujus Animam," from "Stabat Mater," by Rossini, sung by Mrs. Kuria Strong.

In the evening the annual address to the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., of the College was delivered by Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Walla Walla. The program was as follows:

Tannhauser, "To God My Song Aye shall Resound," Glee Club.

Invocation, Rev. Harrison.

"Humoresque," Ant. Dvorak, Mr. Fitzsimmons.

Scripture Reading—Rev. Robert Brumblay.

Prayer.

Hymn—"Wonderful Words of Life."

Address—Dr. Raymond Brooks, First Congregational Church, Walla Walla.

"Evening Hymn," Concone—Polyhymnia Trio.

Benediction—Dr. W. G. M. Hays.

Senior Class Play.

Monday evening at 8 p.m. the Senior class play "Our Alma Mater," was presented in the college auditorium and drew a big crowd. The play is a four act comedy, dealing with college life in a western institution, and showed much hard training and considerable ability. The members of the cast were coached by Mrs. Collett, head of the department of Dramatic Art. Numerous jokes on the faculty and students helped to liven things and the play was a decided success.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Marcus Aurelius Gaskill: Adjunct Professor of Latin with a "Bug Hobby"—Charles Leidl.

Frank Harley: A Student Who Has Worked in the Mines—Bernhardt E. Torpen.

Bullock Eggleston: "Bull With a Pull." A student and Athlete—Ray V. Baker.

Percy Wilkins: A student (?)—Will Charles.

Olaf Nielson: "Olaf the Assassin." An Art (?) Student—Fred Moss.

Jimmy Brown: A Student—Clifford Inus.

Tin Star Shine: The Constable—Fred S. Wheeler.

Minerva Gaskill: "Minnehaha" the Professor's Neice—Miss Florence Waller.

Ethel Wilkins: Percy's Sister, a Society Bud—Miss Verne Gaddis.

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