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WANT AMERICAN CITIZENS EMPLOYED

Utah Smelter Laborers Will Ask Officials to Hereafter Exclude All the Greeks and Austrians

(Observer Special)

Murray, Utah, Nov. 23.—Word was quietly passed around Murray this morning for all American citizens to meet at the Froadero Dance hall tomorrow night for the purpose of discussing "the alien menace," as one man put it.

It is proposed at the mass meeting that a committee shall be appointed for the purpose of waiting on the smelter officials and asking them hereafter to employ only Americans, and discharge all Greeks and Austrians now in the employ of the company.

The movement is being supported by a number of prominent citizens of Murray, although several this morning said that while they were in favor of such a move they did not feel justified in joining the ranks of those who were threatening

to drive the aliens out of the country by force, if the smelter people would not discharge them.

The dance hall has been tendered to the meeting, and it is anticipated that there will be a large crowd in attendance.

This action is the outgrowth of the scoundrelly assault last week upon Mrs. Swan and her children.

There are now over 700 Greeks and Austrians employed at the smelters, and it is the idea of the hothoods at Murray to drive them out of the country, if necessary.

In support of his high handed position they claim that the aliens work for a small wage to the exclusion of the American, and that they are practically no benefit to the town, as they trade at their own stores and even then spend but little money.

Led A Double Life

(Observer Special)

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 23.—Death has revealed an extraordinary case of double life led by Dr. T. C. Conklin, a prominent physician of Farmington, who died Nov. 8. The wife with whom he was living at the time of his death went to Lewiston to have herself appointed administratrix of his estate and found that the records showed that many years ago her husband had been married to a Miss Steele, and that the first wife and four children were still alive.

Children of the first wife will make a fight for the estate which amounts to about \$10,000. Dr. Conklin had two children by his second wife.

Train Wreckers

(Observer Special)

Fresno Cal., Nov. 23.—The report reached here this afternoon that an effort was made last night to wreck the Owl passenger train near Tipton. The report says that the engineer discovered a rail across the track in a manner that would certainly have wrecked the train had he not noticed it. The rail was securely fastened to the rails and the engineer was only able to stop his train a few feet from the obstruction. There is no clue to the wreckers.

More Land

(Observer Special)

Portland, Ore., Nov. 23.—The Southern Pacific will on Jan. 1 throw open for sale and settlement 2,000,000 acres of subsidy lands in Oregon. Harryman two years ago stopped sales but through his instructions today gave notice that the entire lot would again be thrown open. Preparations for a large clerical force to handle this department is now being arranged for.

Want Another Asylum

(Observer Special)

Bellingham, Wash., Nov. 23.—It is very probable that the physicians of the state will ask an appropriation at the hands of the legislature for the establishment of another insane asylum, as the present provisions for taking care of the insane are said to be very inadequate. The plan that is now proposed for the indorsement of the physicians is to build another asylum in another section of the state and have it operated entirely separate from the present institution.

Another Treaty

(Observer Special)

Washington, Nov. 23.—The United States and Portugal today signed an arbitration treaty.

Adjourned

(Observer Special)

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—The congress of representatives of the Russian province Zimstros, which has been in session since last week, today adjourned sine die.

Fatal Fire

(Observer Special)

Mrs. Lizzie Court is dead, Charles Court, her husband and eight months old babe were seriously burned this afternoon as a result of an exploding lamp setting the house on fire.

Carnegie Ill

(Observer Special)

New York, Nov. 23.—Andrew Carnegie is reported quite ill at his home in this city, but his condition is not considered serious.

Brigand Killed

(Observer Special)

Naples, Nov. 23.—The notorious brigand Plombino was killed by a soldier in Grotto today.

Young Weber Held

(Observer Special)

Auburn, Nov. 23.—Judge Smith today held Adolph Weber without bail on the charge of murdering his mother (father, brother and sister. Young Weber's attorneys immediately gave notice that they would sue out a writ of habeas corpus.

When seen in jail this morning young Weber said he had spent a good night but his looks belie him. The strain is telling on him. Sheriff Keene went to Sacramento today in hunt of the man who sold the pistol found in the Weber barn.

Wreckers Caught

(Observer Special)

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Another attempt to wreck the Southern Pacific was made last night at Capitola, near Santa Barbara. Two tramps were caught in the act of setting rocks on the track with axes. Revenge is believed to have been their motive.

WHO WILL GET IT

(Observer Special)

Whitman, Wash., Nov. 23.—The first steps were taken in preparation for the Rhodes scholarship at Whitman yesterday. A meeting was held of those eligible, at which President Penrose and Prof. Anderson explained the nature of the examination, which will occur during the middle of January.

The examination is said to be comparatively easy, except probably the Latin composition and Greek and Latin grammar. It will be conducted under very strict rules by special examiners to be sent here, the college faculty having nothing to do with the test. The papers will be sent to London, where they will be rigidly marked, and the names of those successful will be sent back. The Whitman faculty will then appoint the holder of the scholarship, who will take his place at Oxford next fall. Twelve students were present at the meeting yesterday and most of those will probably take the examination.

Arsenal Burning

(Observer Special)

Tokio, Nov. 23.—A report from Port Arthur just received states that building near the arsenal caught fire at noon on Nov. 22 caused by the Japanese naval guns at 9:40 last night were still burning.

Narrow Escape

(Observer Special)

Walla Walla, Nov. 23.—A little daughter of Andrew Huff who lives at 556 Locust street came near losing her life last evening through accidental poisoning. She and her little brother were playing in the yard and the little boy found, on a fence post, a piece of candy wrapped in paper which he gave to his sister. The child ate the candy and in a few minutes was in agony. A physician was called and by hard work he saved the girl's life. No clue to the prisoner can be found.

Queen of the Navy

(Observer Special)

Rockport, Nov. 23 (2 p m).—The cruiser Pennsylvania is now entitled to the honors of the "Queen of the Navy." She finished her course of 88 miles making 27.75 knots. Contracts called for 23.

LA GRANDE IS STEADILY GROWING

Union County is Upbuilding—Hundreds of New Residences Erected Within Two Years

La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 23.—(Staff Correspondence Baker City Democrat) —The growth of La Grande has been phenomenal since the removal of the county seat from Union here. The new county capital has a present population of 5,000 or more.

The county court house, costing approximately \$30,000, is constructed of stone and brick, two stories in height, with a more lofty central tower. It is near the \$20,000 high school building. Circuit Judge Eakin resides in La Grande. So do the Union county officials. The United States land office located here, transacts a vast volume of business.

This is the end of a division on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's railroad between Portland and Huntington, Baker county. Many railroad engineers, firemen and trainmen have their homes and families here. The O. R. & N. Co.'s machine shops, store rooms, coal bunkers and the yards with miles of side tracks keeps a large force busy day and night. The monthly payroll is one of the factors in holding up the trade of the town.

Probably two hundred new and modern comfortable residences have been built here within two years.

La Grande has a suitable electric light and power system, gravity water system and sewerage. The Morgan lake water system is said to have already had expended on it fifty thousand dollars. The Morgan lake enterprise proposes to supply light and power not only to La Grande, but also ample electrical power for the suburban trolley railways around Grande

Ronde Valley, connecting Union, the Coxe, Summerville, Alicol, Ribley and Island City with La Grande, the county capital. This is intended to mutually benefit La Grande and Grande Ronde Valley farmers. The valley has an area of about 250 square miles.

Ten thousand people reside in the valley which grows choice grain, fruit and vegetables along with cattle, horses and sheep. The manufacture of and shipment of lumber by the Grande Ronde Lumber Company, employing in season 250 men, and dozens of other sawmills, is a growing industry.

The half-million dollar beet sugar factory had the best run in 1904 since it was erected. It employs in season 300 people, besides keeping busy other folks in the sugar beet fields.

Apple packers, pining mills, flouring mills, creamery and knitting factory are kept busy in La Grande.

The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company has 597 subscribers and 'phones in town. The regulation, automatic system will be in action here by January 1, 1905, according to current report.

The town has a dozen or more church buildings and zealous pastors. Public and private schools, including Sacred Heart Academy, Roman Catholic, are doing effective work. There are 30 thriving fraternal and benevolent lodges. The La Grande Commercial Club is prospering and doing good work for the town. The Club has its own well furnished building, costing \$10,000, having parlors, gymnasium, library, reading, billiard and card rooms.

Supreme Court Enjoins

Effort Made to Throw Out Eight Wards in Denver Because of Illegal Voting

(Observer Special)

Denver, Nov. 23.—The supreme court today enjoined the election commission for making final certificate of election for this city and county, until further orders of the court.

The motion will be argued next Wednesday to throw out the vote of eight wards. If this precinct is thrown out it will give the legislature to the Republicans.

The federal court today issued warrants for the arrest of Pleasant election clerk and Samuel Slatkin election judge.

The regular dance by the Jollity dancing club last evening at the Commercial club was well attended and very enjoyable.

Unsuccessful Attack

(Observer Special)

Tokio, Nov. 23.—A telegram received here this morning from army headquarters besieging Port Arthur says the Russians made a counter attack upon the Japanese front, but the attack was unsuccessful though there was some fighting. The condition remains unchanged.

Small Riot

(Observer Special)

Chicago, Nov. 23.—One woman and seven men were arrested this afternoon for participating in a riot during which one tailor shop was wrecked. The trouble grew out of a tailor strike.

Bank Failure

(Observer Special)

Worcester, Nov. 23.—The Worcester National Bank today closed its doors. The deposits amount to \$380,000. No explanation as yet has been given out.

Should Win

(Observer Special)

Vienna, Nov. 23.—Two thousand coal heavers today struck for a thirteen hour day and \$5 per week wages.

Men Returned

(Observer Special)

Harve, Nov. 23.—The carter's strike ended today and the men have all returned to work, and it is believed all disturbances will cease.

You Can Get

La Grande Creamery Butter

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