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COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

The attendance at last night's business men's meeting was not what it should have been, however much business of great importance was considered.

Turner Oliver spoke several minutes of the advantages of good roads and described the meeting held in Pendleton a few days ago, he being present, and among other things stated that in the latter part of June the National Good Roads meeting would be held in Portland, and advised that the Club issue a letter informing every road supervisor and member of the county court in this county, of the date of this meeting and suggest that they be present.

Mr Oliver also stated that such an attendance would practically secure the fall meeting for La Grande. A committee was appointed to carry out the suggestion.

Mr Edwards stated that he understood the club was desirous of adopting some novel scheme of advertising the county during the fair, and offered a plan which he had carried out in the middle western states, and that was the distribution of literature from a miniature carriage drawn by four white goats. Mr Edwards offered a very reasonable proposition for the distribution of 20,000 pieces of literature, but the club was confronted with the sad condition that they were short of the literature. However, a committee was appointed to investigate how much 20,000 illustrated photographs would cost. The club took cognizance of the published statement in the Observer a few days ago, which stated that from the estimates then made of the census enumerative now being made, that the total figures for La Grande would be about 3,500. Nearly all present thought that was entirely too low, and the club provided that a committee of five be appointed to carefully examine the enumeration, and if necessary, assist in seeing that no one was missed.

These state enumerations are of much value, as our representative in the legislature is based upon the population of the state census.

DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED EARLY

Scripps News Association
 Gunsha Pass May 20—A general engagement between the Japanese and Russians is now imminent. General Oyama is deploying heavy forces against the Russian left, and is concentrating his troops along the center. However, this base opposite the right of General Linevitch. It is not yet clear which wing is making the demonstration or which will deliver the main blow. It is evident from the preparations of General Linevitch that he intends to accept a decisive battle.

Pays a Big Debt

By Scripps News Association
 Washington May 20—Secretary Atkinson, of the Territory of Hawaii, who has been here for a conference with the various departments, has just closed negotiations in New York for the refunding of eight hundred thousand dollars of the territorial debt.

Breaks the Record

(By Scripps News Association)
 Morris Park Race Track N Y May 20—In the opening meet of the Motor Racing Club this afternoon, Louis Chevrolet, in a ninety horse power Fiat, lowered the mile record from fifty two and four fifths. The former record was held by Oldfield.

Transport Floated

By Scripps News Association
 Washington, May 20—General Corbin, commanding in the Philippines, has cabled the war department that the Transport Buford, recently grounded near Malabang, Mindanao, was floated on May 14. The ship sustained but slight damage.

Another Inspection

By Scripps News Association
 Saigon May 20—Admiral Dejeunquiere sailed today on the cruiser Guychen. It is understood that he will make another inspection of the coast to see if the French neutrality is being infringed.

BANK OFFICIALS ARE INDICTED

(By Scripps News Association)
 Fort Worth Tex., May 20—O J Lowden, O W Steffins and W H Thompson, respectively president, vice-president and cashier of the American National Bank of Abilene, have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for embezzling bank funds. The amount of money embezzled is estimated at one hundred and forty five thousand dollars. They were also indicted for making false returns to the comptroller of the currency. It is alleged that the money was used in cotton speculation. Lowden was the republican candidate for Governor in the last campaign.

French Fear Japanese

Paris May 20—M Deloncle, deputy for Indo China, has submitted to a special parliamentary committee on naval affairs a remarkable report on the urgent necessity for strengthening the defenses of Indo-China against the peril of a Japanese invasion. "Indo China," he says, "has only two enemies, namely, Japan and China encouraged and supported by Japan. The former constitutes the real danger, for Japan has much to gain and little to risk." The report concludes with asserting it would be puerile to disregard the gravity of the situation and urges the necessity for making large sacrifices to place Indo-China in readiness.

McArdle Is President

Scripps News Association
 Detroit Mich May 20—P F McArdle of Muncie, Indiana, was today elected president of the Amalgamated Associated Iron, Steel and Tin workers, defeating Theodore Shaffer.

Marble Workers Strike

Scripps News Association
 New York May 20—A strike of several hundred employees has led to the closing of the doors of a number of the largest marble yards in the city. The strikers demand both a reduction in the number of hours they shall work and an increase in wages.

CHICAGO STRIKE SEEMS SETTLED

(By Scripps News Association)
 Chicago, May 20—"The strikers have accepted our terms and will go back to work as we want them to," announced attorney Levy Mayer, the counsel and spokesman for the employers association this morning. This statement was made immediately after a conference with the labor leaders at his office. This is the employers' official announcement pending the strike which was predicted yesterday. The terms proposed to the strikers were the reinstatement of the union men as soon as possible and expedient.

The employers claim a complete victory, but the unions make different claims. They declare that a settlement is practically agreed upon, but that the acceptance of the employers terms by the teamster's committee will be repudiated by the referendum vote of the unions after the teamster's joint council has passed upon the proposition. There seems little probability of such opposition to the settlement.

EMPLOYERS CLAIM VICTORY

Speaking for the employers, attorney Mayer further said: "This means the beginning of the end of the power of organized labor unions in Chicago. Having vanquished the giants of the unions, the employers are now ready for the pigmies, and they will be treated in the same manner." This statement confirms the report recently circulated to the effect that the business interests in Chicago had determined to crush out all unions.

ARRANGING DETAILS

At noon twelve members of the employers association were closed in the office of attorney Mayer with president Steen and fifteen members of the strike committee. It is understood that the details of the strike settlement are being finally determined and that the agreement is being signed.

THE BEGINNING AND RESULTS

The teamsters' strike began on April 6th as a result of the lockout of seventeen garment workers in the employ of Montgomery Ward and company. The total number of strikers involved was thirty seven thousand seven hundred and seventy two. Eight deaths resulted during the riots and there were one hundred and fifty persons injured according to the police reports. Five thousand three hundred extra police and deputy sheriffs have been on strike duty at a cost of seventy thousand dollars to the city and county.

COST OF STRIKE

The cost to the teamsters, in wages and assessments, is estimated at three quarters of a million dollars. It is estimated that the cost to the employers, including the loss of business, is twelve million dollars.

OFFICIAL AGREEMENT

At the conclusion of the conference between the labor leaders and the employers this afternoon at one o'clock, it was announced that the proposed plan for the strike settlement would be formally submitted to the teamsters' joint council for their ratification at eight o'clock tonight. It is understood that this course was taken in order to permit the union to set officially upon the terms and make the announcement to their members. The united employers association of wood industries and the feed dealers association this afternoon began preparations for a full resumption of their deliveries Monday, on the assumption that the strike is now off.

TWO INJURED DIE

Policeman Patrick, E Blackwell died this morning as a result of a fractured skull received during the strike riot on May 10th, and policeman Joseph H Gough is dead as a result of exposure while on strike duty. These two make ten deaths attributed to the strike.

One Racer Sighted

Scripps News Association
 New York May 20—The steamer "Princess Alice" arrived here today and reports sighting the American yacht Apache yesterday sixty seven miles east of the Nantucket light ship. The yacht was running due east at the time, and every stitch of canvas was set.

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

(Observer Special)
 Enterprise Ore May 20—After being out nearly twenty four hours the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree against J H McBain for the murder of Chas. and Theodore Trost near Grossman, last April.

It is reported that the first ballot stood 10 to 2 for murder in the first degree and ballot, after ballot, until long after midnight stood eight to four, until finally at 9 o'clock this morning the jury agreed on the second degree. Sentences will be passed next Monday. The jury in the case was composed of the following well known citizens of this county: Polk Mays, J D McNally, George Gosling, Robert Scott, Wayne Wade, Wm Cook, Riley Cook, Gus Schieur, Jas Harshorn, Frank Wright, John Rankin and J D Wood.

Orders War Vessels

By Scripps News Association
 Vienna, Austria, May 20—Austria has ordered six torpedo boat destroyers and ten torpedo boats to be built at Fiume. These will be the first of such vessels to be built in Hungary. The cost will be three million dollars.

Our Population

Today at noon an Observer representative secured the following figures from the census enumerators, who are taking the census of this city and the totals will reach about 3700. The surprise comes in the increased population in ward 4, north of the railroad. Chas. Owsley is taking wards 1 and 4, Adna Rogers No. 2, and Chester Newlin No. 3. The figures given at noon today which are estimated, for No. 4, as Mr. Owsley considers that he is just about half through and now has 625 and estimates the total of this ward at 1100 strong. On this basis we have:

Ward 1, Old Town	600
No. 2	1050
No. 3	900
No. 4	1100
Total	3650

The government census in 1900 gave La Grande 2991. If the above figures are correct, and they must be about right, for the census in No 1 is completed, and wards 2 and 3 are nearly so, this will give us a gain during the past five years of 650, equal to about 22 per cent.

Can't be Taxed

(By Scripps News Association)
 San Francisco, May 20.—In an opinion rendered at the instance of the assessor, city attorney Long stated today that the \$180,000,000 bonds to be issued by the Southern Pacific, under consolidation three years ago in which all the lines in this state and those previously incorporated under the laws of Arizona and New Mexico, were incorporated under the laws of California and cannot be taxed, as a direct tax is paid upon the lines in this state and in the two territories in which they lie.

RESIDENTS DEFEND FLEEING SOLDIERS

Scripps News Association
 Belgrade, May 20—The town of Guillon, Macedonia, is besieged by a force of two thousand Albanians. Eight hundred soldiers took refuge in the town and the residents defended them from the Albanians. A relief force has been dispatched to the beleaguered city.

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