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LA GRANDE TO HAVE OVER MILLION GALLONS PURE AND SPARKLING WATER EVERY DAY

Steps Taken for Immediate Action in Bringing 1,842,431.89 Gallons of Water to This City a Distance of Nearly Fourteen Miles, by Gravity System

City Fathers Adopt Report of Investigating Committee

It was all work and no play for the council last evening which sat in regular session. The matter of so much importance to the city of La Grande, the water question, was launched into after the roll call. Councilmen Meyers, Gardiner, Dunn, Williamson and Bartlett answered. The committee which went to Beaver creek, Mayor Stoddard, Councilmen Williamson, Bartlett and Gardiner, reported and a verbatim of that report is published below. Everything moved smoothly and quickly and after a short discussion, the report was adopted. Councilman Meyers moved that the committee be discharged, which was seconded by Dunn. Here was room for debate but the motion finally carried. Councilman Meyers again addressed the chair with a motion that a committee of four consisting of Bartlett, Williamson, Gardiner and the mayor be appointed to take up the work of securing water for this city as per report. The motion was carried. A resolution by Bartlett was then introduced and passed which empowered the new committee to have the necessary survey, specifications, and plans made by a competent engineer, and in other ways proceed to with the greatest possible dispatch to prepare a statement with these specifications and report on the cost of securing this gravity system.

The standing water committee with councilman Williamson was instructed to make application to the government for a permanent forest reserve to be set aside

so that La Grande can forever have access to Beaver creek.

LIGHT QUESTION

There was another question before the city fathers of gigantic importance. That was the light contract. Councilman Dunn, the only one of the street and light committee present, made an informal report on his efforts to draw up a contract that would be satisfactory to the committee and the light company. This he said he had. Upon reading the contract several members of the council found clauses and conditions that were not satisfactory. Among these was one in regard to the lights that would occasionally be disabled, and otherwise out of service. The contract as agreed upon by the committee and the Grande Ronde Electric Light Company, specified that in case the superintendent or the man in charge of the electric lights, was notified before one o'clock in the afternoon of a light or lights that were not in suitable operation, the company must repair that breakage before the lights were turned on that evening or the city would not be required to pay for that light or lights. After much argument it was pointed out by Bartlett that should a light, say for instance, tonight at nine o'clock, or even all the lights, suddenly cease to give any light, the company by virtue of the contract would not be required to repair that damage until after one o'clock tomorrow afternoon and neither could the city demand any rebate for any or all of the

lights that did not burn through the night. It was also the general impression of the members that the city should not be the one to look after the lights and see that good efficient service was given the city, a consideration specified in the contract.

The committee was then instructed to take the matter up again with the company and get another contract.

The petition of C. C. Frazier was read and referred to the fire and police committee. The pound master had taken into custody fourteen horses recently and when the owner, Mr. Frazier, came to take them out of pound he drew a check for fourteen dollars and immediately stopped payment on same at the bank. As announced in this paper yesterday the poundmaster has a worthless check on his hands. Mr. Frazier held that the poundmaster should have notified him by phone.

The committee report of the feasibility of bringing water here from Beaver creek is ended encouraging. When the forest reserve is set aside, the cattle and sheep now grazing on the Beaver creek shed, will be taken away and instead of any possibility of the water supply ever ceasing, it will increase. From the present indications the cost of the monster undertaking is nominal. If the council continues on the logical yet rapid pace it set last night it will not be long before the citizens of this city can

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BROWN OF OHIO LEADS FOR CHIEF

Tanner Pleads for Suppression of Sports

(Scripps News Association)

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 15.—The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held its first business session at the Auditorium this forenoon. There was a full attendance and Commander-in-Chief Tanner opened the session. The reports of the various officers were read and Corporal Tanner delivered his annual address. The session will probably last through the afternoon and will be continued tomorrow, when the new officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Three candidates are prominent in the race for the office of commander-in-chief, Past Department Commander Robert B. Brown, of Zanesville, O.; Charles G. Burton of Nevada, Mo.; and P. H. Coney, of Topeka, Kas. During the last few days since the opening of the encampment numerous rallies of the friends of the respective candidates have been held and there has been a great deal of button-holing and quiet campaigning. United States Senator Bulkeley of Connecticut, was also mentioned as a candidate a short time ago, but it seems that he has withdrawn from the race, because his public duties in the Senate would not permit him to devote a sufficient amount of time to the duties of a commander-in-chief of the Grand Army. Commander Brown is an active Grand Army man and served during the war with the Fifteenth Ohio Infantry. Comrade Burton served with the Nineteenth Ohio Infantry. He too is a past commander of Ohio. Department Commander Coney of Kansas fought with the famous 11th New York Infantry from the beginning of the war to Appomattox. He also served with the Fourth New York Heavy Artillery.

While the Grand Army is holding its annual session at the Auditorium, the Woman's Relief Corps is meeting at the Wesley M. E. church and the Ladies of the G. A. R. are holding their convention at the First Baptist church.

After the preliminary business, Commander-in-Chief Tanner made the annual address and said in part: "Despite the nine thousand deaths of our members, which caused me to believe that the number of last year would be decreased, we find that the membership has increased thirty five hundred. During the last year, while the public was conscious of outrages by the exposures of corruption in high places, the minutest investigations have revealed that not one veteran of the civil war was among the fallen and guilty. The grand army of the republic responded royally to the appeal for funds. We hope the memorial day will be observed and kept sacred. I desire that all work for the suppression of ball games and races as well as other sports on that day. We are assured of the co-operation to the fullest extent of the President in securing twelve monthly pensions for all veterans and widows, although it will take \$34,000,000 from the treasury at the start."

WILL HAVE THE RED FLAG

(Scripps News Association)

Oklahoma City, August 16.—The Socialists of Oklahoma and Indian Territory opened their annual encampment here today. Several hundred socialists from the two territories are assembled here and will remain here four days. Meetings will be held every day and prominent socialistic speakers will address the meetings. "Mother" Jones and Maxim Gorky were both invited to attend the encampment and to deliver addresses, but were prevented from coming.

REUNION OF THE 148TH N. Y. VOLUNTEERS

(Scripps News Association)

Geneva, N. Y., August 16.—The annual reunion of the 148th New York Volunteers is being held here today. The attendance is quite large and many of the veterans are accompanied by their families. The meeting this morning was held at the Armory, where luncheon will be served after the meeting.

ENDORING CANNON FOR PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The congressional convention held today generally endorsed Cannon for President and it is expected that all the states will support them.

CANNON RENOMINATED

(Scripps News Association)

Danville, Ill., Aug. 16.—Speaker of the House Cannon was today renominated for congress. The boom for president was started and his accepting the nomination sounded the keynote to the Republican congressional campaign.

INQUIRY ENDED

(Scripps News Association)

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ended its investigation into the ice trust.

BATTLING NELSON IS STILL IDLE

(Scripps News Association)

Goldfield, Aug. 16.—Still there is no referee for the Gans-Nelson fight. Nelson is still without training quarters, and Manager Nolan is worried, as Battling Nelson must begin real training soon. The Dane is taking on light road work every day, but that is all. Bobby Lundy will soon be here to spar with Nelson. Everything is going along smoothly. In the Gans camp the Baltimore lad is doing well. Plans for the arena, drawn by a local architect, were accepted this morning and work was commenced at once.

FRENCH AND TURKS CLASH

(Scripps News Association)

Tangiers, Aug. 16.—The paisai today fought a battle with the Sultan's troops near this city. There are many casualties. Several Europeans are said to be in a critical condition.

OLIMEN CONFERENCE

(Scripps News Association)

Geneva, Ill., Aug. 16.—Olimen of Germany, Switzerland will meet here in September to consider plans for the gigantic oil trust. The Russian companies will fight the Standard with a united front.

SHOCKING CONDUCT OF OFFICER

(Scripps News Association)

Vallejo Cal., Aug. 16.—The courtmartial of Lieutenant Edward Dunn, charged with scandalous conduct aboard the Independence at Mare Islands, which commenced yesterday, was resumed today. Boat-swain rising, that witness who testified said he saw a woman from the local tenderloin district come on board the ship when Dunn was expecting her. He testified that he did not see her go away but she might have done so. The pay clerk testified that he saw Dunn and the woman in the former's rooms, and two days after found her there still. The witness told her to go ashore but she refused. At that instant Dunn reeled in to the office drunk. Other witnesses testified that they had seen Miss Churchill, with Dunn.

CANNON'S PRESIDENTIAL BOOM

(Scripps News Association)

Watska, Ill., August 16.—Uncle Joe Cannon's presidential boom, which has been carefully nursed by his lieutenants during the past few weeks, will assume a concrete form this afternoon, when the Republican convention of the Eighteenth District meets here. Speaker Cannon will be re-nominated for Congress.

BOMBAY FLOODED

(Scripps News Association)

Bombay, Aug. 15.—Great loss of life and property and all communication are shut off except by boat. It is cut off unprecedentedly by floods from the Bengal.

FLORIDA MILITIA SHOOT

(Scripps News Association)

St. Augustine, Fla., Aug. 15.—The marksman of the State Militia of Florida began their annual rifle competition on the rifle range near this city this morning. The range has been greatly improved since last year and is in excellent condition. Both men and officers will take part in the various contests. The rifleman are camping right on the range and will be given every opportunity to practice for the various tournaments.

CONVENTION ADJOURNS

(Scripps News Association)

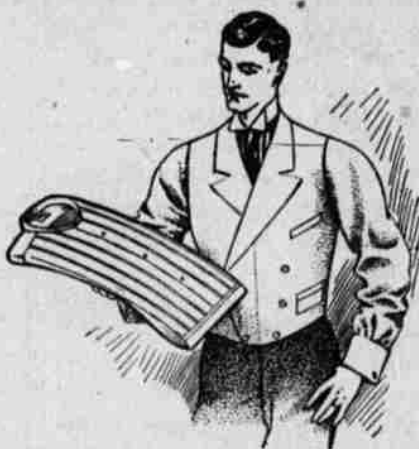
Lincoln, Neb., August 16.—The democratic populist convention, which was in session here yesterday, adjourned this morning. The bitterness of the all night session is in no way allayed.

"Harmony for Bryan's sake" is the course of the bitterness in session. A fusion ticket has been agreed upon. Ashton C. Shallenbarger was nominated for governor. The populists were angered because Bergot was turned down. W. H. Thompson was endorsed for United States senator.

GET INTO A NEW SHIRT

If you're not already we want to speak a word of advice—a word or two about "good shirts." Talk, "good shirt" insurance—for we, of course are going to try to persuade you to buy your shirts here—because—if you do, that insures your wearing good shirts.

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