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"BOOSTER" TOM RICHARDSON IS COMING HERE

WILL REORGANIZE LA GRANDE COMMERCIAL

"Booster Tom" of Portland, Will Be in La Grande Wednesday Evening and Will Address a Mass Meeting of Business Men—Will Take Charge of the Reorganization of the Present Club—Present Board to Resign in Body That Evening.

"Booster" Tom Johnson, manager of the Commercial club in Portland, will be in La Grande the same evening that the mass meeting of citizens is held for the purpose of reorganizing the Commercial club of this city. There is hardly a boy or girl who has not heard of "Booster Tom." With his enthusiastic vim and boost he will address the citizens of this city in the opera house, if such arrangements can be made, and he will take the reigns of reorganization in hand. The outcome cannot be a question.

Touring Eastern Oregon.

Tom Richardson is touring eastern Oregon, and has informed Secretary Bay, of the local club, that he is to be here Wednesday evening. This is the date set for the reorganization of the present club here, and the two events will work together for the greatest good. Business men who are interested in the welfare of La Grande should begin to plan now for attendance at this meeting. If we mistake not, this meeting will mark a new era in this city's commercial lines.

Old Club to Resign.

Immediately upon being called to order the mass meeting will be presented with the resignations of every member of the present board of managers. From that moment on, the meeting will be in the hands of Tom Richardson. There is a paper now being circulated which contains

the names of many of the city's leading business men, all anxious to form a reorganization along commercial lines exclusively. They will be given the opportunity next Wednesday night.

Richardson to Elgin. Mr. Richardson, in personal letters to Turner Oliver, President Crawford and Secretary Bay, gives the information that he will arrive in La Grande Wednesday morning and go to Elgin, returning on the evening train. He will remain here Wednesday evening and night, going on east in the morning.

While not definitely arranged, it is hoped the Steward opera house will be secured to house this meeting. What Tom Richardson has done for Portland, Oregon in fact, can best be told in a book, and what he will do for La Grande in this crisis is not a question for debate—he will organize a club that will be as good as the best. Plan to be out.

During a few hours work yesterday a large number of subscribers to the new club subscription were found. The canvass is not complete, and the following list of names will not end the list for the canvass is to be a thorough one:

George T. Cochran, F. S. Ivanhoe, Dr. C. T. Bacon, W. J. Church, F. L. Meyers, W. L. Brenholts, T. J. Seroggin, J. G. Snodgrass, James R. Smith, A. V. Andrews, D. Fitzgerald, H. E. Coolidge, William B. Sargent, C. W. Van Fleet, A. T. Hill, Dr. A. L. Richardson, Wm. Ash, Fred G. Taylor, Turner Oliver, F. C. Bramwell, Wm. Miller, E. C. Moore, G. E. Fowler, Bird F. Lewis, J. A. Russell, J. B. Gigham, I. R. Snook, E. Polack, M. A. Stillwell, Walter Ferguson, Dr. R. L. Lincoln, John Collier, Mac Wood, Fred Geibel, Dr. G. L. Bigger, O. F. Coolidge, T. H. Crawford, F. M. Housh, G. M. Richey, Dr. F. E. Moore, E. D. Seider, A. Newlin, J. M. Berry, George H. Currey, Fred B. Currey, W. H. Bohnenkamp.

Arizona for Taft.

Tucson, Ariz., April 17.—President Roosevelt's administration will probably be endorsed and two delegates pledged to Taft elected at the Arizona territorial republican convention in Tucson tomorrow.

MARSHFIELD BOY SHOTS GIRL

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IS ENACTED BY YOUNG LAD.

Terrible Tragedy Committed at Marshfield When Jealous Boy of 21 Shoots His Sweetheart and Then Suicides—Girl Well Known in Eastern Oregon—Had Promised to Marry the Young Man, But Quarreled After Visit to a Rink.

Marshfield, Ore., April 17.—A girl's petulance and a boy's overmastering jealousy caused the double tragedy at Marshfield, Ore., in which John Grills shot Miss Ora Roby, and then killed himself. At the coroner's inquest a pitiful letter written by the distraught youth to his mother, just before he consummated the terrible deed, shows the state of mind under which he labored.

Miss Roby, who was famous in the Willamette valley for her beauty, had lived at Marshfield but a few months, but in that time won the love of young Grills, who was just past 21, and had promised to marry him. Then the parents of the girl intervened and declared the young couple must wait.

In the meantime it seemed to Grills that the girl's love cooled.

In returning home from a skating rink they quarreled and the murder and suicide resulted.

In the letter addressed to his mother, found in the boy's coat after the tragedy, he said:

"I could not live to see anybody else have her. I know I am crazy, but I can't help it. She promised me, then she tried to shake me, but she could not. If I can't have her nobody else can."

Miss Roby was well known in Milton and other sections of eastern Oregon, where she frequently visited with relatives.

A little rain and mud will not interfere with the stock show and market day tomorrow afternoon. The parade starts at 1:30.

RAINS PREVENT A LARGE VOTE

DEMOCRATS ARE BUSY WRITING IN NAMES.

Careful Canvass of Union County Shows Conditions That Are Not Over Bright for a Large Vote—Fulton and Cake Each Confident—Rains All Over the State—Big Vote Coming in Tonight in La Grande, Which Will Bring Up the Total.

A careful canvass of the county made by The Observer this afternoon, reveals the fact that notwithstanding the cold winds, the muddy roads and frequent showers that have prevailed all over the county, the vote at the primaries this afternoon will be heavier than circumstances would indicate. At Elgin the vote is light and the 512 registration in the two precincts of that city will not be reached. There is no particular fight there. Cove seems to be the liveliest precinct of all, both from a point of numbers out and from interest taken. Candidates are doing some effective work there. The farmers are coming in to vote in pleasing numbers. The 195 registration is expected to be about equalled by the primary vote. At North Powder, too, there is lively voting from an interest standpoint, but the numbers are lacking. The principal interest centers in the county clerk race, and the United States senatorship.

The Union districts are weak in their vote by the absence of High Valley farmers. Few are coming in and the total will be less than the registration by a large margin. It is believed.

Summerville and Allice alike were extremely quiet until late in the afternoon. The Allice registration of 57 will no doubt be reached, however. The same is true at Summerville with a registration of 175.

Island City was anything but brisk until about 2 o'clock, when farmers began to come in, after taking dinner at their homes. The spirit usually manifested here is lacking today.

Perry expects to reach its 53 registration, according to reports from here. The bad weather is not affecting Hilgard as much as it does the valley town and the light registration of 63 will be reached without question.

La Grande Slow.

In La Grande things will have to pick up wonderfully if the grand total registration is equalled. At 3 o'clock this afternoon only 37 republicans and 5 democrats had voted in No. 1. The registration there is 146. In No. 2, at the same hour, "republicans, 89; democrats, 40," represents the vote in that precinct. This should be 303 total by 7 o'clock. In No. 3, where the registration is 305, 65 republicans and 1 democrats had registered at 3 o'clock.

The finish will be strong in each ward of the city, however, as the workmen have not yet had time to vote.

In No. 4, where the registered voters number 271, 44 republicans and 20 democrats had voted at 3:20. Out at the Grange hall where No. 5 precinct is located, only 15 votes were cast at 3:30. Eight of these were republicans and the rest democrats. The registration there is 77.

Cake and Fulton Confident.

Portland, April 17.—A general rain all over the state, but the heaviest is in the Willamette valley, and will probably cause a sharp reduction in the number of votes previously estimated would be cast at today's primaries.

Closing his campaign last night in a rally on the east side in Portland, United States Senator C. W. Fulton left for his home in Astoria this morning. Before leaving he expressed himself confident of winning. Judge Cake spent the morning in a close conference with his advisers and in hearing telephone reports from all over the state.

He said: "I feel confident that I will be given the nomination as a result of today's primaries. The rain is general all over the state. This will help me in the country districts I

think, but may operate against me in the cities."

Democratic Candidates.

It is generally understood that the democrats will write in the following names for the following offices, to which no candidates have filed petitions to become candidates:

George Chamberlain for United States senator; A. J. McCabe of Multnomah county, for railroad commissioner; Herman Rothchild, for representative; A. B. Huelat, for county clerk; Arthur Curtis for surveyor, and M. K. Hall for coroner. There are aspirants for the other positions, with the exception of county treasurer, and it is not expected that there will be any one who desires the nomination against Mr. Frawley.

TAFT WON'T RESIGN.

Will Stay in Office During the Presidential Nomination Campaign.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary Taft is authority for the statement that he will not resign from his cabinet position during the presidential campaign for nomination for the republican candidacy for president, but will step down if nominated in June.

He takes this position because of the fact that he wishes to be in a position to officially care for the legislation affecting insular position in which the department wishes to be enacted.

FIFTEEN MORE FAMILIES HERE

THIRTY FAMILIES YET TO BE BROUGHT IN.

Twenty Families of the Original Contract for Twenty-Five Families From the Walla Walla District, Are Now at the Hill Ranch—Special Coach of Fifteen Come This Morning—Twenty-Five to Be Brought by Separate Contract.

A special coach attached to the eastbound passenger this morning, brought to the Grande Ronde valley 15 German families who will work in the best fields of the valley. With five families already here, and five more to come at once, the original contract for 25 Walla Walla Germans will be filled, but that amount is to be doubled, according to Mr. Scott, of the Amalgamated Sugar company who personally superintends the bringing to the Grande Ronde valley, of these colonists.

The special car in which the colonists came here in, was set out at Hot Lake and teams from the Hill ranch conveyed the immigrants to their future homes. The other colonists, will be scattered to the various ranches of the company's fields.

This is displaced a large number of Japanese employes who will take to fields elsewhere. From time to time the Germans will be brought in and the Japanese relegated to the junk heap, figuratively speaking.

Report on Egyptian Cotton.

Boston, April 17.—That Egyptian cotton can be successfully grown in the southwestern portion of the United States is the statement of experts in attendance at the convention of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, in session here today. For many years attempts have been made to introduce Egyptian cotton into this country, but the climate of the South Atlantic and Gulf states was found unsuitable for its culture. Recent trials in New Mexico and Arizona have been highly successful and it is likely that the industry will become firmly established in those territories.

WRINKLES ON "PEERLESS" BROW

JOHNSON MEN SEE SURE DEFEAT FOR BRYAN.

W. J. Bryan Has Received Several Severe Jolts in Rapid Succession That Have Sent Johnson Men Shouting With Glee—Michigan Failed the Nebraska; So Did New York and Delaware—Must Have Illinois to Win.

Chicago, April 17.—Is William Jennings Bryan on the political chute leading to the pit where the down and outs go?

This is the declaration of the John A. Johnson men here today, who are more than pleased with the sudden turn of affairs that have occurred within the last few days. Even the most enthusiastic Bryan men are perturbed. Action of the state central committee of Michigan, failing to endorse Bryan, was a heavy blow and even the "Peerless one" winced when the news was reported to him.

It came to him in the shape of a cruel surprise, as he had been most enthusiastically greeted at Lansing the night before by a large crowd of democrats.

At the Johnson headquarters, where they are already mentally counting on being headliners in the Nebraskan's political obsequies, they can count off on their fingers blows he has received in the last week, and which they assert, has made his case desperate at once. These are:

Vital to Johnson.

Failure at New York to instruct its 75 delegates for him.

Failure of the Michigan state central committee to endorse him.

Action of the Delaware convention in instructing for Judge Gray.

Publication by the Bryan press bureau of the "Johnson's impertinence" letter.

Unless Bryan wins in Illinois, declare his enemies, he cannot be nominated and they declare that he has squelched the anti-Roger-Sullivan fight that Carter H. Harrison was planning upon a few days ago. Bryan it is said will not risk the Sucker state delegation in any event. Bryan, it is also said, is satisfied that he must have the 54 delegates from Illinois to win the nomination.

Some Thoughts on EASTER

April 19, 1908, is a day that will be looked forward to with great anticipation by thousands. Why? Because it is Easter Sunday, the day that marks the formal opening of Spring. It is then we put on our "best bib and tucker" and march forth in gladness and attire. A common text for ministers on this occasion is: "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Of course, reform is not made to members of the congregation, but the application would not be at all amiss.

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LADIES' OXFORDS	\$2.50 to \$4.50
MEN'S OXFORDS	\$3.00 to \$5.00

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IT SHOULD BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon