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LIBERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR A FEDERAL BUILDING IN LA GRANDE

NEW FEDERAL BUILDING IS ASSURED CITY

TWO VERSIONS POSSIBLE ON MESSAGE RECEIVED.

Unless Fulton's Efforts Fall at the Eleventh Hour City of La Grande Will Get Liberal Donations and Appropriations From Senate—Word "and" in Message Leads to Belief That Two Buildings Will Be Forthcoming—Practically Certain That Postoffice Building Bill Will Be Passed.

- Washington, D. C., May 20, 1903.
- Mr. G. M. Richey, La Grande, Ore.
- Have secured an amendment to the public building bill, appropriating \$65,000, and for a postoffice building at La Grande.
- It will pass the senate today and unless defeated in conference between the two houses will become a law. I shall make every effort to hold it in conference.
- C. W. FULTON.

The best bit of news that has been sent over the Western Union telegraph wires in many years is the joyful tidings as per above telegram. That La Grande is going to secure a liberal appropriation through the efforts of United States Senator C. W. Fulton is practically assured. As can be noted in the message received by Postmaster Richey this afternoon, there is but little doubt of the bill passing both houses successfully.

There is room for two interpretations of the telegram and due to the lateness of the hour when received it is impossible to verify which was meant by the sender, beyond a possible doubt.

When received, a service message was called for immediately and the Portland office verifies the wording as it is above. Not satisfied with that proof that La Grande is to have two federal buildings, the office at Chicago was asked to verify further. The answer from the Chicago relay office was that the message was filed as received here. The distance between

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ABOUT TO CLOSE PUBLICITY DEAL

COUNTER PROPOSITION IS RETURNED TO FIRM.

What Looks Like Definite Action Relative to Greater Publicity for La Grande Was Taken Last Night by the Board of Managers of the Commercial Club—Deal Not Consummated Yet, But Thought That It Will Be—To Know Very Shortly.

At their regular meeting last evening the board of managers of the La Grande Commercial club took steps, which it is believed, will in a day or two close and consummate the deal that has been hanging fire between the club and one of the several publicity houses of the west, which made bids to take charge of the publicity work for the city of La Grande. Representatives of several prominent firms have been in La Grande of late trying to close a deal with the club managers, but until last night nothing looking like definite action was taken. As the deal is not consummated, there being several details yet to be attended to by the firm itself, everything is not settled. For this reason the board thinks best not to disclose the detailed plans or the firm which was given the contract.

The firm to which the contract was given for final settlement has had its plan before the club for some time. The proposition was accepted last night with amendments which, it is believed, the firm will readily accede to, but this is not certain. As soon as an answer can be had from the firm, the board will know if the amendments were accepted.

The plan in general is similar to the one which all the cities of Oregon have adopted, that are in the throes of greater publicity. The publishers will send expert publicity men here to gather the data and will take charge of the publication of the boost literature according to present plans.

Illinois Elks in Session.

Peoria, Ill., May 20.—Thousands of members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are in Peoria today in attendance at the annual state convention of the order. All of the 60 Illinois lodges are represented. The most elaborate convention program in the history of Illinois Elksdom is being carried out.

SEVEN DROWNED.

Gasoline Boat Tank Explodes Killing Seven Occupants of the Boat.

Memphis, Tenn., May 20.—Seven persons lost their lives and nine narrowly escaped destruction in an accident which befell a gasoline launch on the Columbia, eight miles north of Clarendon, Ark., last night. The tank exploded. The drowned are: Misses Lillian Winfield, Alma Peets, Nattie Counts, Bessie Palmer, Althea Burton, Joseph McManus and Dr. A. J. Huston.

DISAGREEMENT NOW PROBABLE

RUEF JURY REPORTS TWICE DURING DAY.

Unable to Reach an Agreement, the Jury Hearing the Testimony in the Abe Ruef Case, Report to Judge Dooling That They Want More Instructions—Report Again at Noon for Re-instructions—Likely That Disagreement Will Result.

San Francisco, May 20.—The jury in the Abe Ruef case reported to Judge Dooling at 10 this morning that they were unable to agree as yet. Dooling refused to dismiss them, but gave them further instructions.

The jury members were told that if any witnesses could have been indicted for connection with the case on trial, they were accomplices and therefore their evidence could not be weighed.

At 1 o'clock the Ruef jury again reported its inability to agree on the definition of "accomplice" as applied in the testimony of supervisors in the Parkside Realty bribery case. They were not excused by Judge Dooling.

At noon when they went to lunch the jury was reported to be standing 6 to 6. Later they asked that the testimony of former Supervisor Andrew Wilson be sent to them.

MOB WOULD LYNCH CARMAN

MANY ADDITIONAL POLICE KEEP CLEVELAND QUIET

Unusual Quiet Follows Night of Rioting at Cleveland, O., Where Street Carmen Are Striking—No Arrests Follow Dynamite Work Last Night—City Comparatively Quiet Today But Police in Readiness to Quell Disturbances.

Cleveland, O., May 20.—The riots of last night were followed by unusual quiet this morning in the street car strike in this city, but in anticipation of equally riotous disturbances today the police force was increased along the car lines.

Small knots of strikers and friends gathered about the car barns early in the day but made no attempt to interfere with the running of cars. Five men who were wounded in Tuesday's riot, were reported to be resting easily this morning, and out of danger. No arrests had been made up to noon today in connection with the blowing up of five cars with dynamite shortly after midnight.

The most serious disturbances Tuesday was the attempt on the part of a mob to lynch the conductor who ran over a small girl, Yetta Wolinski, and killed her. A force of 50 policemen were necessary to protect him.

A. J. Warren, who was severely injured at the Geo. Palmer mill yesterday, is reported as doing nicely.

EVIDENCE AGAINST HEMBREE.

Tillamook Rancher But Little Disturbed Over State's Efforts.

Dallas, Ore., May 20.—Calmly chewing tobacco, A. J. Hembree, a Tillamook county rancher on trial for his life on the charge of killing his 19-year-old daughter, Ora, in December of 1905, listened to the state witnesses piling up evidence against him which may bring him to the gallows. The state rested its case at noon and the defense opened this afternoon.

SENATOR PLATT DENIES IT ALL

AGED SENATOR ON THE STAND IN OWN BEHALF.

With Much Evidence of Anger He Repudiates the Charges Made by Miss Mae Wood—Alleged Marriage Declared to be a Myth—Admits He Met Her Frequently and Used Endearing Terms—Signature to Marriage Blank Was Unintentional, He Says.

New York, May 20.—With a voice husky with deep emotion aged Senator Thomas Collier Platt took the stand today and denied every allegation that Mae Wood had made in her divorce suit against him. He denied his alleged marriage with her and declared, with voice raised in anger, that the ceremony she swore to was nothing more than a myth. He denied the authorship of letters Mae Wood declares he wrote her. He admitted he met Miss Wood in 1901 and frequently afterward. He swore the letters in which reference to the marriage was made were blank when he signed them.

He stated his signature was obtained under the impression it was an autograph, and nothing more. He declared his relations with Miss Wood

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WEATHER ADMITS OF RACE MEETING

SUDDEN CHANGE FOR THE BETTER TODAY.

Burst of Sunshine Puts New Life in Auto Day Committee, and the Event Will Not Be Postponed as Feared. Would Become Necessary—Will Arrange Schedule and Races at an Early Date—Machines From Out of the County.

The elements changed their tactics over Union county at the opportune moment. The burst of sunshine put new life into the Automobile day committee, and announced that there will be no postponement of the big buzz-buzz machine day.

Members of the committee are in Union today working up enthusiasm in that section, and telephone and personal letters will be resorted to liberally from now on with the result that many county machines will enter both parade and races.

The effort to have fast machines from out the county will be carried on without ceasing.

The committee will meet in the near future to set the races and arrange the schedule. This card will care for many various distances with various cars and will undoubtedly prove a strong drawing card.

Route Agent Birch has been in the city the past 24 hours attending to business matters for the Pacific Express company.

FLEET PASSING OREGON'S COAST

SPECTATORS CAMP ON NEWPORT BEACH LINE.

Astoria is Deserted and Many Oregonians From Interior Points Are Out on Excursion Boats to View the Fleet—At Newport Hundreds Lined the Shore to Get Glimpse of Big Fighters—Brief Haze Obscures View of the Fleet for a Time.

Newport, May 20.—The Atlantic fleet is off the Oregon coast. Hundreds of spectators who had camped on the beach at Newport during the night, were up with the sun, sweeping the horizon for the first thin streak of smoke which would indicate the coming of the great fighters.

At 5:30 a watcher who had climbed a high tree, made out the Connecticut and within an hour the entire fleet was in sight and continued so for another hour. Off to sea a haze sprang up and partly obliterated the big ships for a time.

Astoria Out En Masse.

Astoria, May 20.—Not a business house in this city is open today except restaurants and hotels. The entire population and thousands from the interior are here to board excursion boats and to observe the passing of the fleet. Orders were issued by the authorities at Fort Canby refusing to allow visitors on the grounds who were equipped with cameras. New fortifications are being erected and was the cause of this order.

Missouri Democrats.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 20.—Missouri's democratic state convention was called to order at noon today by state Chairman W. N. Evans, and will elect delegates to the national convention at Denver, four to represent the state at large and two for each of the state's 15 congressional districts. The friends of Bryan are apparently in full control of the convention and the delegation will undoubtedly be pledged to his candidacy.

Fight on Bryan.

Lansing, Mich., May 20.—With every indication of a hot fight in prospect, over the Bryan endorsement question, the democratic state convention of Michigan was opened in Lansing today. The Johnson boom has waxed strong in this state and the Bryan adherents are alarmed by the possibilities of a widespread defection to the Minnesota governor.

Attorney C. E. Cochran went to Union yesterday, returning on the late train last night.

LILLY CHARGES WERE NOT TRUE

SCATHING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE.

Special and Select Committee Appointed to Investigate the Accusations Against the Electric Boat Company by Lilly, Find Them Without Foundation—Say Charges Are Fake—Congressmen Really Working for Lake Submarine Company.

Washington, May 20.—Branding all of his charge as being false and accusing him of bad faith, and of contempt and disregard of his obligations as a member of congress, the select house committee appointed to investigate the accusations of Representative Lilly against the Electric Boat company of using corrupt methods of influencing legislation in its favor, made its report to the house today.

The report is a scathing denunciation of the part played by Lilly in the controversy and a complete vindication of Congressman Loud. Lilly is arraigned for making himself an "instrument like the submarine company" and charges him with "acting in bad faith" and "violating his obligations as member of the house," and "acting in contempt of the house." The committee says he had no information to support his charges.

The report further charges him with formulating and urging before the committee groundless charges against Congressman Loud of Michigan and that he acted in bad faith when he allowed his clerk to write and send letters reflecting on the honor and integrity of certain members of the house. The committee finds that Lilly in reality was engaged in "propaganda" for the Lake Submarine company in making the charges.

The committee finds that no press correspondent, naval official, member of congress and campaign committee had been corrupted by the Electric Boat company.

Lilly is Retired.

Waterbury, Conn., May 20.—Representative Lilly today refused to discuss the committee's report. "I will read the entire report first," he said, before making any statement. His most serious phase as I see it now, is the reflection on my personal honor. Those who know me here know how groundless this charge is."

Call for Bank Statements.

Washington, May 20.—The comptroller of the currency has today issued a call for national bank statements showing the condition of national banks at the close of business May 14.

The Suit we make for you will set you wondering why you have been paying the other tailors so much money

Hundreds of neat, bright new summer goods to show you. Come in NOW and order a Royal Tailor suit and get the legal guarantee that every garment will hold its style and fit until worn out.

\$17.50 AND UP THE FAIR

IT IS THOUGHT TO 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

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