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ELECT OFFICERS AT GRAND LODGE

ED COOLIDGE ADVANCED TO DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Mrs. Addie Grout of La Grande Honored With Wardenship in the Grand Lodge of Rebekahs—Much Business Transacted—Regular Officers Advanced, But Two New Men Injected Into Grand Lodge Slate—Grand Lodge Will Adjourn Tonight.

Salem, Ore., May 21.—The election in the grand lodge today resulted in the advancing of the old officers and injection of two new ones. Thos. R. Ryan was elected grand warden, and Cunningham of Canyon City was elected grand junior warden.

The encampment and grand lodge will close tonight and delegates will return Sunday. The next meeting place is at Albany.

La Grande Rebekahs Elected.

Much important business has been enacted. Rebekah assembly newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. Mary Smith of Grants Pass; vice-president, Cordella Hubbard of Independence; warden, Mrs. Addie Grout of La Grande; secretary, Mrs. Cora Cosper, Dallas; treasurer, Miss Eda Jacobs of Corvallis.

The election advances Ed Coolidge of La Grande from grand warden to deputy grand master—only one position from the top of the list.

Congratulate Coolidge.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows and many non-lodge friends of Ed Coolidge, this afternoon telegraphed congratulations to Salem on his election to the office of deputy grand master.

Western Pacific to Northwest. Los Angeles, May 21.—Edwin Gould announced today that the Western Pacific would not only reach San Francisco and Los Angeles, but also would invade the Pacific northwest. He predicts the Pacific coast in the next few years is going to experience the greatest period of railroad activity ever known.

EXPECT VERDICT IN RUEF CASE

JURORS REFUSE TO GO TO LUNCHEON TODAY.

No Word Has Been Received From the Jury Hearing and Weighing the Evidence in the Abe Ruef Case at San Francisco—Believed That Men Will Come to an Agreement This Afternoon—Defendant Gives No Sign of Mental Worry.

San Francisco, May 21.—Prospects for a verdict in the Abe Ruef trial before noon today dwindled as the hours rolled by and no word came from the jury room. At 11 o'clock the jury had been out 38 hours. Ruef, imperturbable as ever, sat in the court room most of the morning.

Either a verdict or dismissal by the Ruef jury is expected this afternoon. At noon the jurors announced they would not go to lunch, but would stick it out. This caused Judge Dooling to believe a verdict might be expected in a short time.

CHICAGO NOW TALKING STRIKE

WOULD BE GREATEST STRIKE IN HISTORY.

Very Critical Condition Exists in Chicago Today Over Hiring of Nineteen Non-Union Street Car Men—President Mahon Alarmed Over Situation and Leaves Things at Cleveland to Come to Chicago—Five Thousand May Go Out.

Chicago, May 21.—Unless the Chicago Railways company does not discharge 19 non-union employees, 5000 union men will walk out and tie up every line on the north and west sides of the city.

This is the ultimatum delivered to the company by the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway employees, on behalf of men who demand the strike.

W. D. Mahon, president of the international union, has left the delicate situation at Cleveland to come to Chicago and take charge there for fear that the greatest street car strike in history is about to be precipitated. Mahon believes a walk-out is certain unless the company capitulates.

Fire at Grants Pass.

Grants Pass, Ore., May 21.—The large mason and Williamson flour mill was burned to the ground last night, resulting in a loss of \$15,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from a gang of tramps who were sleeping in the mill shed. The establishment had only been in operation a few months.

DIM MEANING IS MADE CLEAR

TOTAL APPROPRIATION IS SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND.

Another Telegram From United States Senator Fulton Settles Further Question About Size of Appropriation Amendment Which Passed the Senate Yesterday—One Building and the Sum is \$65,000—Thank Mr. Fulton.

Washington, D. C., May 21, 1908.

La Grande, Ore.

There is but one building provided for and that I secured a provision for in the senate. It is a postoffice building and the appropriation is \$65,000.

C. W. FULTON.

Such is the text of a telegram received from United States Senator C. W. Fulton at Washington today, in response to an inquiry wired last night, and settles the question of the size of the congressional appropriation which was raised yesterday on receipt of the first joyful tidings that Fulton had been "plugging" for La Grande.

The appropriation is \$65,000 and provides for a postoffice building. It passed the senate yesterday and as congress adjourns soon, the city will be advised in the near future whether or not the house acted in compliance with Fulton's efforts.

La Grande Appreciative.

That the efforts of the senator in securing this appropriation for La Grande are appreciated here, is manifested in the action of several individuals and the Commercial club this afternoon. Messages of congratulations and admonition to "stay with it" were wired back to the representative in the senate today.

SENATOR PLATT IS EXONERATED

CONTENTIONS OF MAE WOOD WERE FALSE.

Senator Thomas Collier Platt Was Never Married to Mrs. Mae Wood, the Society Belle, Who Brought Serious Charge Against Aged Senator—Miss Wood Is in Jail—Many Hard Blows—Contentions Brought by the Would-be Wife.

New York, May 21.—Judge O'Gorman found for the defense in the senator Platt case today, exonerating Platt and sustaining his assertion that he was never married to Mae Wood. Miss Wood was committed to jail.

More hard blows were struck at the foundation of Mae Wood's contention that she was the wife of United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, when announcement proceedings were resumed today. Frank Platt related the incidents of the payment of the \$10,000 to her for the return of Platt's letters to her, which it was rumored she intended to publish under the title, "Love Letters of a Boss."

"Did you see those letters?" inquired Attorney Stanfield for the defendant. "I did."

"Did they contain endearing terms such as 'My Bride to be' and 'dear little one'?"

"They did not," was the answer. Frank Hill, a newspaper man, testified that Mae Wood told him one time that Platt's matrimonial affairs did not interest her, and that she respected the senator, but had no other feeling for him.

Charged with perjury, Mae Wood, the plaintiff in the sensational Wood-Platt case, lies in jail, while the aged senator is cleared of all suspicion of having committed bigamy.

Final Exams Next Week.

The public school children all wear a worried look, for on next Monday the final exams begin and continue through the week.

Fleet in Puget Sound. Seattle, May 21.—The Atlantic fleet entered Puget sound at 12:10 this morning from San Francisco, and passed Port Crescent at 5:30.

Grand Lodge Over.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows ends at Salem today and the La Grande delegates will be arriving home about Saturday morning.

60 KILLED AND 100 ARE INJURED

TWO HOLLAND TRAINS IN AWFUL SMASH-UP.

At Least Sixty Are Dead and One Hundred Seriously Wounded as Result of a Frightful Train Wreck in Holland This Morning—Mistaken Signals, a Missed Switch, and Wreck Results—Three Coaches Were Smashed to Kindling Wood.

Antwerp, Holland, May 21.—In one of the worst railroad disasters that ever occurred in this country, at least 60 passengers were killed and 100 seriously hurt in a collision between two passenger trains this morning.

The trains were running at a high rate of speed when the crash occurred. At the town of Contich, six miles south of Antwerp, the two trains met. They came together with great force, piling up wreckage in great heaps. One train was bound for Brussels and the other for Lierre. Three coaches of the latter train were smashed into kindling wood.

Mistaken signals at a crossing is thought to have caused the disaster. A misplaced switch was the direct cause of the catastrophe.

So badly entangled were the passengers that it was several hours before the rescuers could get in efficient work.

Many of the corpses were so badly mangled that they could scarcely be handled as a result of the fire that sprung up in the wreckage. Hospital facilities are inadequate and much suffering followed.

Police Charge Women.

London, May 21.—A mob of suffragettes invaded Downing street this morning and gathered in front of the offices of Prime Minister Asquith. Before the speakers could make any address, however, the police charged and dispersed them. Six arrests were made. The intention of the women was to make a noisy demonstration before Asquith's offices because he refused to grant their demand for a suffrage bill.

Albany Next Meeting Place.

Salem, Ore., May 21.—Albany was selected as the next meeting place of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., this morning at the grand lodge, which is in session here this week.

THE PENNANT IS UNFURLED TODAY

INLAND EMPIRE LEAGUE RACE NOW ON IN EARNEST.

From Now on it Will Be Nip and Tuck Between the Four Club of the Inland Empire League—Kotteman is Twirling for La Grande—Newspaper Comment From the Four Club Towns—Fans Look for Three Games at Baker City, But Not the First One.

That little pennant for which the season of 1908 will be devoted, went up at Baker City this afternoon and will flutter in the winds until the season is over. Who is going to haul it down?

Off for the opening series of the Inland Empire league, the La Grande club team left for Baker City this morning. Kotteman twirls for the La Grander in the opening game.

There is much speculation as to how many of the series the visitors will take, and the consensus of opinion is that the first game goes to Baker City—fans don't generally want it otherwise—but that the O'Brien squad will come back with three of the four. Is looked for. The Sunday game will attract many from La Grande. Fans are trying to get up a crowd of 50 or more, and it appears at this time that such will be the case.

Observer to Furnish Score.

While the team is away, fans who are compelled to stay at home will be given the score right off the bat at The Observer's score boards, to be found at the old places. As a rule it will be about 5 o'clock before the scores are posted.

Pendleton, Walla Walla and Baker City dailies comment as follows:

Baker's Line-up.

On Thursday the baseball season opens and every baseball fan is anxiously awaiting for the time when he can cheer the umpire call "Play ball!" There is only one drawback to this great event—the storm will not close. It seems that some of the stores would not consent to closing. Captain Criderman will put one of the fastest teams ever seen in these parts in the field. Price will be at the initial bag gathering in everything coming his way while Thompson at second, who was with the Libain team in the Western league, will do stunts at his career. Felpe, the fastest shortstop in the Northwestern league of last season will be seen at short, and Zimmerman at third base is a Cincinnati boy who will hold down that difficult corner and who also promises to be one of the most valuable men on the team. Molins in the right garden is a sure fielder, while Wilson, who shows himself to be an A No. 1 man will be in left field. Moiverhill, who was Union's catcher last year and showed himself to be a first-class man, will ramble around the center field. Either Hoffman or

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A QUARTER PAGE FULL OF SPECIAL BARGAINS -- FOR SATURDAY ONLY --

THERE WILL BE MANY OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS ON DISPLAY AT OUR STORE WHICH LIMITED SPACE WILL NOT PERMIT MENTIONING. IF YOU HAVE ANY WANTS TO SUPPLY IT IS DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS YOU CAN SUPPLY THEM HERE AT A QUARTER TO A THIRD LESS THAN REGULAR PRICE.

LACE CURTAINS AT A LIBERAL SAVING.

Curtains in all desirable nets—Nottingham, Arabian, Irish Point and Cluny lace effects, in white, ecru and coffee colors.

\$1.35 and \$1.25 Curtains, good assortment of patterns, 3 1/4 yards long, 54 inches wide; special for Saturday, the pair.....98c

\$1.50 Lace Curtains, splendid assortment, 3 1/2 yards by 60 inches; special, the pair.....\$1.19

\$6.50 ecru Curtains, extra large size; special for Saturday, the pair.....\$4.87

\$15.00 VALUES, LADIES' SUITS, FOR SATURDAY AT SPECIAL PRICE, \$6.35

In tan, blue and black Panama, black Sicilian, gray Oxford and Novelty Mixtures, some with Eton Jackets, others in fitted and semi-fitted backs.....\$6.35

\$1.50 black Satteen Petticoats.....98c

Just 25 in the lot and extra good values; special for Saturday only.....98c

1000 yards summer Dress Goods, regular 15c to 25c values; special for Saturday, per yard.....12 1/2c

75c Ladies' Lace and Embroidered Hose.....49c

\$2.00 to \$2.50 Men's Hats : : \$1.45 \$1.75 Ladies' Long Silk Gloves, Spl. \$1.38

... Boys' and Young Men's Suits at ... SPECIAL REDUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY

GOOD CLOTHING FOR FAR LESS THAN YOU HAVE EVER PAID FOR THEIR EQUAL AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR—NOTE PRICES CAREFULLY.

\$3.50 to \$4.50 Boys' Suits.....\$2.20

In blue Serge, Cheviot, Worsted and Novelty Mixtures, ages 3 to 14; regular \$3.50 to \$4.50 values.....\$2.20

Also special lot of Boys' Suits, ages 3 to 14, worth up to \$5.00; special.....\$2.98

\$2.75 BOYS' SHOES, SPECIAL \$1.98

In vicel calf, bai or blucher cut; regular \$2.50 to \$2.75 values.....\$1.98

YOUNG MEN'S SUITS SPECIALLY

REDUCED FOR SATURDAY ONLY.

One lot Suits, regularly priced \$7.50.....\$4.89

Choice of \$12.50 young men's Suits.....\$9.85

Choice of \$15.00 young men's Suits.....\$11.85

Choice of \$18.50 young men's Suits.....\$14.35

Choice of \$22.50 young men's Suits.....\$17.95

Choice of \$25.00 young men's Suits.....\$19.95

The Fair

IT MIGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY 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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