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A BOOM ERA IN LAGRANDE IS INEVITABLE

NEW STRUCTURE ON WASHINGTON IS PLANNED.

New Garage Building to Be Erected on Washington Avenue if Plans Fall Not, and Other New Structures Contemplated—List of Homes That Have Been Improved, and New Ones Constructed During the Past Few Months—General Boom Era Noticeable Throughout the City Today.

One the eve of election, when the dry movement will be the prime issue—the building fever, the pave street propaganda and federal building movement, tells a remarkable story. Enemies of the dry movement contend that prohibition will mean a dearth of business enterprises in the city, but the facts indicate differently. The entire city is in the center of an improvement era. Homes here and there are being improved, lawns are being planted, new structures are being planned, and all in all there is a general air of prosperity.

A modern and up-to-date garage is one of the new industries in sight for La Grande. The La Grande Investment company is now considering plans to construct a structure facing Washington avenue, between Depot and Fourth, that will be the home of a large garage, equipped to handle all the business of a similar institution of similar size.

The promoters own the ground on which this building is to be constructed and are now negotiating with contractors to do the work. If things materialize as they give every appearance of doing, the big one-story structure will soon be under way.

It will abut the Blue Mountain Creamery building on the east, and is to have a 68-foot front.

This building and many others that are contemplated, aside from the general tone of improvement manifested throughout the city, has a peculiar significance at this time.

Following are a few of the improvements under way, new buildings erected during the past few weeks, all of which is proof positive that the city of La Grande is entering upon a boom era which is not destined to cease for some time to come:

C. A. Murray, superintendent of the George Palmer mill yards, has just completed a bungalow in North La Grande, on the old ball ground site,

the value of which has been estimated at about \$1800.

C. W. Bearden is erecting a new house on his property in Fourth street, South La Grande.

Julius Roesch is preparing to lay cement walks around his property at the corner of Adams avenue and Fir street.

Fred Knutson, blacksmith at the George Palmer mill, has a new bungalow in North La Grande, on the old ball ground site, valued at about \$1800.

Jack Childs is adding to his home and building a brick store room on Fir street.

The members of the L. D. S. church are building cement side walks around the tabernacle, on Fourth street.

Fred Schilke has just completed a new \$3500 residence on N street, which is a credit to the city.

Dr. Hubbard is erecting a brick bungalow on Fourth street, which promises to be a perfect type of the kind.

Dr. A. L. Richardson is putting cement walks in and around his property on P street, and expects to add quite an imposing veranda to his house.

A. T. Hill is building porches and making other repairs on his house.

J. K. Wright is adding a second story to his cottage on P street.

A new cement sidewalk is being put in in front of the Probstel property on Second street, to conform with the grade of the adjoining property of Arthur Williams and W. H. Hohnenkamp, the former being completed last week.

A. Thomas, machinist at the sugar factory, is erecting a home on the corner of Adams avenue and Second street.

Several thousand dollars are being spent on the old Commercial club for a modern home for the B. P. O. E. lodge.

Empire Day in England.

London, May 23.—Celebration of Empire day, the anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria, May 24, 1819, began today in London and throughout the empire. As the anniversary this year falls on Sunday, most of the public observances took place today. Flags were displayed everywhere and there were special exercises by school children, troops and patriotic organizations.

Toronto, Ont., May 23.—Empire day, one of the principal holidays of the dominion, will be widely observed throughout Canada today. Special services in memory of Queen Victoria, whose birthday the anniversary commemorates, will be held tomorrow in many churches.

Bubonic Plague Raging.

Willemstad, May 23.—The bubonic plague is reported to have broken out at Puerto Cabello. Messages from that place say the plague is raging with terrible result at La Guayra.

PUTER'S BOOK OFF THE PRESS

DETECTIVE BURNS' PIC- TURED AS ASKING MERCY.

Book Which S. A. D. Puter, the Noted Land Frauder Wrote While in Prison at Portland, is Now Off the Press—Account of Arrest and Subsequent Rearrest Differs From Other Narrations on This Subject—Names Mentioned in Each Case.

Portland, May 23.—"Don't shoot. Give me for God's sake, don't shoot." This is the way that the noted detective, W. J. Burns, pleaded with S. A. D. Puter, when Puter covered him with a revolver at the time of Puter's arrest in Boston, according to the noted land frauder's book, "The Looting of the Public Domain," which is just off the press.

Puter wrote the book while in jail in Portland, serving sentence for land fraud conspiracy. Puter's account of his arrest by Burns in Boston, his escape and rearrest in Oakland, Cal., differ materially from the story told by other writers on this subject. Puter's book reveals a number of sensational incidents in relation to the land fraud game in the Pacific northwest. A number of these alleged grabs took place in Idaho and Washington, as well as Oregon. Names are mentioned in every instance.

Hero Given Death Blow.

Fresno, Cal., May 23.—Attempting to save a crowd of small children from being trampled to death by a runaway race horse which was attached to a sulky at the race track this afternoon, Principal M. P. Holmes was crushed to the ground, his skull fractured, and he will probably die.

GERMAN EDITOR SCORES VICTORY

FAMOUS EXPOSURE WILL MEAN HARDEN'S FREEDOM

Supreme Court of the German Empire Hands Down Decision Which is Severe Blow to High Society of Germany—Famous Case in Which Editor Harden Was Given a Farce Trial Will Again Be Heard—Public Clamor Will Be Appeased.

Leipzig, Germany, May 23.—Editor Maximilian Harden, whose exposure of the immoralities of the knights of the Round Table, and Emperor William's "kitchen cabinet," resulted in his imprisonment for libel, secured a great victory today when the supreme court of the empire passed down a decision declaring that his trial and sentence were unfair and granting him a new hearing.

Harden was sentenced for accusing Count von Moltke of unspeakable practices. Prince Su Eulenberg, von Moltke's best friend and at one time Emperor William's trusted adviser, is under arrest charged with giving perjured testimony in the Harden trial.

The decision is a crushing condemnation of the methods used in the Harden trial. The reversal is expected to quiet the public clamor against the injustice done the editor. The court has ordered Harden's release upon bond.

Boiler Makers to Meet.

Detroit, Mich., May 23.—Detroit will entertain master boiler makers from all over the United States and Canada next week, when the second international convention of their organization will meet here. The sessions will begin Tuesday and continue through Wednesday and Thursday.

Emperor Joseph Indisposed.

Vieana, May 23.—Emperor Franz Joseph has caught a fresh cold and general audiences have been suspended. His age and ill health are causing much uneasiness.

SENATOR PLATT SHEDS HIS TOGA

PROMINENT POLITICIAN READY TO LEAVE SENATE.

Man Who Rose From Mediocre Position in Public Life to Be One of the Leaders in the United States Senate Will Leave His Official Life Next Year—Withdrawal to Private Life is Decreed, He Says—Feels Sorry for Mae Wood.

New York, May 23.—"I will not be a candidate again for United States senator. I am winding up my affairs incident to closing my political career."

Senator Thomas C. Platt made this statement today and added that he was sorry for Mae Wood, the woman who lost her divorce suit against him and was thrown into jail on charge of perjury.

"My withdrawal to private life is decreed," said Platt. "I realize that age stands between me and another term in the senate. I cannot tell you with what regret I shall return to private life."

He was elected to the United States senate in January, 1881, and resigned that office May 16, of the same year. He was chosen secretary and director of the United States Express company in 1878, and in 1880 was elected president of that company. He was a member and president of the board of quarantine commissioners of New York from 1880 until 1888. Was delegated to the national republican conventions of 1876, 1880, 1884, 1892, 1896 and 1900. Was a member of the national republican committee. Was elected United States senator in 1896 and took his seat March 4, 1897. Was re-elected in 1903. His term of service will expire March 3, 1909.

SEATTLE SEES ATLANTIC ARMADA

THOUSANDS OUT ON BAY TO GIVE WELCOME.

The Atlantic Armada Has Now Reached Seattle, Where Admiral Sperry is Given the Key to the City—Key Made of Alaskan Gold Nuggets—Japanese Join in Reception—Full Program for Entertainment of Officers and the Men.

Seattle, Wash., May 23.—In its most virulent form the fleet-madness which has raged as an epidemic in the cities of the California coast today seized Seattle in its grasp and transformed the populace, augmented by thousands of visitors, into a fair imitation of an army of howling derelicts. All day yesterday and early this morning the trains and boats poured sightseers into the city in an ever-increasing flood that threatens to swamp the hospitable provisions of Seattle's houses of entertainment. The rush for places of vantage to witness the incoming fleet began early and continued until the great fighting ships poked their noses into Elliott bay to be welcomed by a pandemonium of cheers and booming guns and shrill, jubilant whistles from the craft in the harbor, taken up and echoed by myriad whistles in factory and mill.

Two great merchant vessels, bearing the reception committee of the Seattle chamber of commerce, the mayor of Seattle, the governor of Washington and executive officials of all the states and leading cities of the northwest, headed the line of scores of craft that welcomed the fleet. Governor Mead and Mayor Miller extended to the officers and men of the fleet the freedom of the state and the city, and Admiral Thomas was presented with a large key of purest Alaska gold.

This evening the officers of the fleet will be given a reception by the chamber of commerce, and the enlisted men will be the guests of the city fire department at a grand ball at

Leschi park pavilion, and the others will not lack entertainment, even, let it be whispered, if their desires should take the form of indulgence in the cup that cheers.

Next week's entertainment will open with a great land parade that will be one of the spectacular and most thrilling features of the demonstration in this city attendant upon the present visit of the Atlantic battleship fleet. Sixteen thousand uniformed men marching to the music of 40 bands, between double lines of several hundred thousand people, will furnish the greatest military spectacle ever seen in the northwest.

A particularly brilliant feature of the parade will be the immense reviewing stand at Second avenue and Stewart street, before which the marching men will salute the high officials of the army and navy, the governors of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Mayor Miller of Seattle, and the executives of many other cities in the northwest. The section of the grandstand reserved for the official party will be brilliant with blue and gold lace of the army and navy uniforms, and will form a bright central picture in the sea of brightly-colored summer costumes and striking hats of the women who will assemble upon the stand to cheer the passing troops.

Three hundred thousand people welcomed the fleet into Seattle today. Splendid weather prevailed when the big ships came in. The harbor was filled with small boats and excursion steamers.

Daylight fireworks from the Japanese colony marked the reception.

Suffragists' Crusade.

New York, May 23.—Plans have been made by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch and other leaders in the suffragist movement for a trolley excursion and crusade to follow the state convention at Seneca Falls next week. The Seneca Falls meeting will commemorate the anniversary of the first woman's suffrage assembly, which was held at Wesleyan church at that place in 1848. The convention will close next Thursday evening, and the following day the suffragettes will board trolleys there and work their way toward New York by easy stages, stopping at every town of importance along the road, where demonstrations will be held.

Prohibition Election.

Raleigh, N. C., May 23.—Whether North Carolina will join Georgia in the ranks of the totally "dry" states will be decided next Tuesday, when the prohibition election called by the legislature will be held. A hot campaign has been waged by the temperance people, Governor Glenn leading in the fight for a "dry" state.

Off for Portland.

Pendleton, May 23.—A number of Pendleton people will leave today for Portland as witnesses in the land fraud cases against prominent Umatilla county and Pendleton people. A great deal of excitement was occasioned by the announcement of the calling of a grand jury, and the outcome is awaited with interest.

STUDENT AFFAIRS MEMBERS RESIGN

TROUBLE IN RANKS OF STANFORD OFFICIALS.

Incensed Over Criticism Brought Against Student Affairs Committee at the Stanford University—Two Members of It Resigned—Recent Action of a Majority of the Members—Considerable Dissatisfaction Throughout Over Methods.

Stanford, Cal., May 23.—Rather than continue to bear the criticism of the students for the acts of the student affairs committee, and be placed in the position of having approved of the course of the committee, Prof. A. M. Cathcart of the law department, and R. A. Swine of the chemistry department, have announced that they were unwilling to continue on the committee and handed in their resignations.

The resignations from the committee will take effect on June 1. It is believed that the action of the committee in refusing to allow Harold Fitch, editor of the Daily Palo Alto, the student daily, his degree from the law school, because he took a stand with the students in the present difficulty, brought about the crisis.

The minority on the committee have long been fighting the methods of Chairman Clarke and the majority members on the committee.

Fitch's offense consisted in editorially condemning the radical action of the student affairs committee. His course was acknowledged to be very conservative, however, and the action of the committee in his case was a great surprise. It was openly opposed by Prof. Cathcart.

BONAPARTE NOT RESIGNING.

Roosevelt Sets at Rest Any Rumor Current to This Effect.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—President Roosevelt declared today that he wished to set at rest any rumor that indicated that Attorney General Bonaparte had threatened to resign, and that there was a difference between them over the suit filed against the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. The president announced that he has no intention of suspending proceedings and that Boston had been selected as the city in which the hearings should be held.

Asleep for Four Days.

San Francisco, May 23.—To lay four days and nights partly asphyxiated by gas, conscious, yet unable to speak or cry out for assistance, was the harrowing experience of Henry Cook, an employee of the Hotel Atherton. Monday Cook went into the cellar to mend a broken gas pipe and he was overcome by fumes. When he awoke he attempted to rise but was too weak. He lay there until found Friday night. He may die.

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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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