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SEND 1,000 MEN INTO WALLOWA TO BUILD ROAD

GENERAL MANAGER IS IN LA GRANDE TODAY.

That There Will Be a Total of 1000 Laborers in Wallowa County to Complete and Push to Joseph the New Extension is Assured—Company Has Appropriation Ready and Nothing But Haste Will Actuate Management—Permanency is Key-note of the Improvement Work—Ready to Heal Heavy Loads.

That 1000 men will be transported from points without to the Wallowa country to rush the Wallowa extension to Joseph, is the assertion of General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, who is in La Grande today.

When questioned relative to the real intensity of purpose in the improvement work, he reiterated what was said several days ago, that the company has the appropriation in hand and that the road into Wallowa county will be completed with the utmost dispatch. The 1000 men who will do this work will be under two heads; five hundred being employed by contractors and 500 by the O. R. & N.

These men will be put to work in two weeks and the force will be maintained until the work is done. Much of the grading is done already, and needs but to be retouched in places. The construction of bridges will be commenced at once with the result that the laying of steel can be carried out without a halt when once started. It is proposed to use track-laying machinery as soon as the Canyon stretch of road is finished. Permanency is to be the keynote. The company realizes that the loads hauled out of the fertile county will be large, and the management has issued instructions to have the roadbed

ballasting and track foundation of such a character that it will stand the heaviest sort of loads.

Wallowa county is not the only district to profit by the new road. La Grande will be the distributing point and the terminus of the short line.

According to the earnestness manifested by the general superintendent, the road will soon be a reality.

CARRIERS IN QUANDARY.

Chamberlain and Postal Department Lock Horns Over Auto Races.

Gresham, Ore., May 28.—Whether to run the risk of being killed by \$0 racing autos, with certain arrest if they escape alive, or to resign their positions and see their families starve in the quandary two rural mail carriers here have been placed in by a clause between the governor and Uncle Sam.

Governor Chamberlain has forbidden any one on the base line of section line roads on June 4, when the auto road races will be run. The government has ordered the carriers out on those roads that day as usual. Local postal inspectors told the carriers the government would fight the case if arrested, but would not be responsible for their death of damage to their rigs.

HEARST IS HOUNDED.

McClellan Losing Lead in Recount of Tickets in Mayoralty Election.

New York, May 28.—After dodging a process server by boarding the Luntania at 4 o'clock this morning, William R. Hearst is bound for Europe to avoid testifying in the famous recount case now in progress, thus upsetting the plans of Mayor McClellan. The mayor had planned to put the editor on the stand. Hearst learned of the scheme and made his escape. The recount of the first two ballot boxes has reduced Mayor McClellan's lead by 27 votes.

Father of Actor Dead.

Washington, May 28.—Levi Hanford, father of actor Charles B. Hanford, died here today. He has been clerk of the pension bureau for a quarter of a century. He is a California forty-niner.

J. T. ROSS GIVEN HIS SENTENCE

FIVE YEARS IN PEN AND ENORMOUS CASH FINE.

Portland Banker Faces a Penitentiary Term of Five Years and a Fine Which, Served Out in Jail, Would Mean 800 Years—Stay of Judgment Granted and New Bonds Are Named—Punishment for Converting School Funds From His Bank.

Salas, May 28.—J. Thorburn Ross,

judge district of Oregon, sentenced Ross to five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$576,853.74.

In default of paying this enormous fine, he must spend 388,000 days in the Multnomah county jail, which is more than 800 years. The jail sentence is aside from the penitentiary imprisonment.

A stay of judgment was granted by the court and bail, pending an appeal, was fixed at \$8000. The total bail now required by Ross is \$20,000.

Railroad in Trouble.

New York, May 28.—Another portion of Gould's trans-continental system is in trouble. The Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal company faces the payment of \$600,000 interest next Monday. It is probable that a committee to protect holders of the company's \$30,000,000 first mortgage bonds will be formed this afternoon.

Pastime Change.

The change at the Pastime theatre tonight includes the following new pictures: "Parson of Hungry Gulch," "The Venetian Baker; or the Judicial's Dream," "Johannesburg by Electric Tram," "Sherwood Williams will sing two songs and Nate Ardrey will perform on the banjo. All commences at the usual hour tonight.

FAITH CURE BILL TO PASS SENATE

CURRENCY COMMISSION IS PROVIDED FOR.

Senate This Afternoon Will Likely Pass the Main Provisions of the Faith Cure Currency Bill—Provides for Cash to Banks in Time of Emergency—Currency Commission of Nine From House and Nine From the Senate.

Washington, May 28.—The main provision of the "faith cure" currency bill agreed on by the house yesterday, are slated to pass the senate this afternoon.

The emergency currency may be issued to the extent of \$500,000,000, subject to a retirement tax of six per cent for the first two months, and one per cent per month thereafter until 10 per cent is reached. State, county, and municipal bonds are to be accepted as security at 90 per cent of their market value; other bonds, commercial paper at 75 per cent of their market value.

No bank is to be allowed emergency currency in excess of 30 per cent of its capital stock and surplus, on commercial papers. None will be allowed unless the bank has already taken, under the present law, currency equal to 40 per cent of the capital and surplus.

A bank holding state, county and municipal bonds, with approval of the secretary of the treasury, is allowed additional currency, directly upon them, at 90 per cent of their market value on individual and initiative responsibility.

Commercial paper will be used as a basis of issuance, only by banks affiliated with groups that aggregate a capital of more than \$5,000,000, and which are to be known as "National Currency associations."

The bill creates a currency commission of 18 members; nine from the house, and nine from the senate.

It was decided this morning to make no filibustering effort to block the passage of the currency bill. This is taken to mean final adjournment will be taken Friday night, and the bill, as adopted by the house, will become a law.

NEW CASES FILED.

Circuit Court Which Opens Tuesday Will Not Have Long Docket.

As Saturday is a holiday and the Monday following is election day, it is very probable that the clerk of the circuit court, J. B. Cilham, will have the June docket prepared by tomorrow some time. The list of cases is short one. However, a few new ones have been added today. Among them are suits for divorce and suits for recovery of damages and money alleged to be due.

Walter M. and Samuel South against Martha Sutherland, et al., to quiet title to land located near Medical Springs, is one of them.

Hanson rBox, of North Powder, to recover \$729.25 of an open account with H. B. Rankin, is another.

Catherine C. Rogers of this city, vs. the O. R. & N. This is a suit to recover \$2500 as damages. Mrs. Rogers owns land near the main line that is now isolated by trucks and she wants damage money.

Lodeha Tucker against W. L. Tucker, is the title of a divorce suit in which it is alleged desertion. Mr. Tucker was formerly principal of the Elgin schools.

SUSPECT IS RELEASED.

Man Who Was Suspected of Connection With Hold-Up Was Let Go Today.

The suspect arrested last evening in connection with the hold-up at the intersection of Second street with the main line of the O. R. & N. was released this morning when Frank Pritchard, the victim, came to the jail and found the one-armed man was not one of the individuals sought.

The hold-up took place last evening about 9 o'clock, when Mr. Pritchard was coming to La Grande from a visit with friends near the Palmer mill.

He was accosted by two men, thrown to the ground, and robbed of \$24. In the scuffle one of the men spoke, and Mr. Pritchard declares he can identify the voice if he hears it again. A careful search was made for the two men by the night police force, but it is believed the men got out of the city early in the night. A suspect was taken in by the police, but was released today. Police authorities in other cities are on the lookout for the hold-up artists.

Mr. Pritchard is an employe of the Grande Ronde Lumber company.

FOUND INSANE MAN.

Train Crew Picks Up Man Who is Ready to Make High Dive.

The train crew on an extra east-bound freight train this afternoon found an insane man two miles west of Bingham Springs. Sitting beside the track, naked, he talked freely when the crew interrogated him. He maintained he was preparing for a high dive off some imaginary bridge. At Kamela the crew left him in competent hands, after supplying sufficient clothing to the maniac to make him presentable. Sheriff Taylor of Pendleton was notified and he will take charge of the fellow this evening. The man could give no name and appeared to be about 40 years of age.

MISSING EDITOR FOUND.

Former Elgin Editor Has Come to Light in Tacoma, Wash.

Former Editor H. H. Palmer of the Elgin Leader, who mysteriously disappeared from La Grande several weeks ago, and who it was feared for a time had committed suicide, has at last been found. He made his identity known from Tacoma to his former partner in business at Hoquiam, Wash. The discovery of the whereabouts was brought about by urgent need of funds. Palmer wrote to Mr. Snyder, his partner in business, asking for a "lift" of \$20.

No effort will be made to bring the man back to Elgin, as practically all the bills against the firm were taken care of by Mr. Snyder.

The discovery relieves the anxiety entertained by friends of the editor, who harbored fears that he had taken his life.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

Proposed Ceremonies for Opening of Ball Season Materialize.

The proposed ceremonies to attend the opening of the baseball league season here for next Saturday, have materialized and the mayor will pitch the first ball. It will be caught by Judge Crawford. The La Grande band will lead the players to the grounds and be in attendance when the first inning calls.

Cleveland Sinking.

Lakewood, N. J., May 28.—There were renewed precautions today against the public learning the condition of ex-President Grover Cleveland and it is believed the end is near. One of his specialists has been in constant attendance. Last night both were with the sage of Princeton.

FINAL ACCOUNT IN SKIFF ESTATE

MYSTERY AT NORTH POWDER REKINDLED.

Though Dead, or Missing, for Twenty-Two Years, Willis Skiff's Estate Will Be Probated Soon—Final Account Was Filed by McAllister Today—Recalls Mysterious Murder of Former County Clerk at North Powder in 1886.

The Willis Skiff murder at North Powder 22 years ago, was brought vividly to mind today, when D. A. McAllister filed the final account in the Skiff estate, with the county clerk. The action has started pioneers gossiping about the supposed murder of that time. Dates conflict slightly, but nevertheless, the fact that Willis Skiff disappeared in the year 1886, and that a body identified later to be his, was found in the North Powder river the following year, is well known.

History and pioneers say that Skiff was murdered on the steps of a North Powder hotel in 1886. The following year a body was found in the river and was identified to be that of Skiff. Others refuse to believe this and say that it is possible Skiff is alive or at least lived after the finding of the body. In any event, 14 years ago saw administration of the personal property in the court of Union county.

From that day to this the courts have not dealt with the Skiff estate. The final account as filed today, specifies that the estate, though inventoried at \$2740, has badly depreciated and is not worth that amount now by a large margin.

Suspicion pointed strongly, at the time, to the proprietor of the hotel near which the alleged murder took place. Long and sensational trials followed, but no one was ever convicted of the crime. The proprietor was soon after incarcerated in the insane asylum.

Suspected Dynamiters Arrested.

San Francisco, May 28.—Officials of the graft prosecution are positive that the men who dynamited ex-Supervisor Gallagher's home, were trying to intimidate graft witnesses. "Kid" Nelson, Tom Groves, A. H. Middleman, and Jim Hayes were arrested early yesterday morning because they trailed Detective Burns in an auto yesterday. No specific charge has been entered yet.

Town Out With Guns.

Oakland, Ore., May 28.—The entire town has turned out with guns hunting the two robbers who looted 11 business houses here, and shot Marshal Beckley in the shoulder yesterday. There may be a lynching. The mob is incensed over the malicious destruction of property by the thugs. They burned the stamps in the post office and smashed windows and show cases in the stores where but little money was found.

IT OUGHT 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

La Grande

Oregon

A July Sale in June

The Fair's Great Unloading Sale Starts

Thursday Morning, June 4

It Will Pay You to Wait For It

A monster stock to be turned over to the public, for their benefit as individuals. A July Sale in June. It has to happen now. Our summer clearing sales usually begin after July 4th, but this year we are compelled to cut loose early for the reason that the stocks—splendid, complete stocks throughout the entire store—are entirely too heavy, and we must hasten to dispose.

Profits Entirely For the People

to be paid them as individuals, so that a few dollars spent in this great sale will go the circuit of the entire family.

Why it will pay you to wait: In the first place, this great sale will be conducted for the benefit of the people as individuals, so that the many great savings will mean much to them. Secondly: Our great stocks of fine merchandise throughout every department is tremendously heavy, so we are forced to cut prices with a ferocious vengeance in order to get rid of our surplus stuffs within a period of 15 days.

WAIT! WAIT! WAIT! for this great sale. It will pay you and pay you well. Store now in active preparation for your coming, and the splendid displays being arranged for your glad and easy choosing.

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