

WEARING APPAREL FOR BRIGHT SUMMER DAYS

THE WARM WEATHER THIS WEEK IS REMINDING US QUITE FORCIBLY THAT SUMMER IS GOING TO BE HERE JUST THE SAME, EVEN IF IT WAS A LONG TIME IN COMING. WE ARE EPREPARED TO SUPPLY YOUR EVERY WANT IN THIS LINE, AND DESIRE PARTICULARLY TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR

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TO UNDERTAKE AN IRRIGATION SCHEME HERE

EASTERN CAPITALISTS CAN SEE PROFITS.

Monster Irrigation Scheme Started Last Summer is to Be Picked Up Again by Other Interests—Commercial Club Working to That End—All That is Needed Locally is Assurance From Union County Land Owners of Co-operation.

The gigantic irrigation proposition given impetus last year by local financiers, has again been abandoned, and it is believed by those who keep in touch with such matters, that the irrigation project looking toward a thorough water system for the Grande Ronde valley will be successfully consummated. The chief reason for the belief that it will materialize is the fact that eastern capitalists have become interested in the project as announced in detail by The Observer last summer.

Commercial Club at Work.

The second huge task to be tackled by the new Commercial club is the irrigation question. The managers are working along lines looking toward speedy commencement of preliminary steps to land the very desirable end. The cost of building the reservoir and other matters incidental to it is, of course, great, but this will be taken care of by monied men. As will be seen from the following communication from the Commercial club, all that is required of local money is assurance from land owners that they will use the water at prices to be agreed on later.

About a year ago, the people of the Grande Ronde valley were considerably elated over the prospect of the consummation of an irrigation system that was expected to cover a large part of the land of the valley. The scheme was based upon the construction, up Grande Ronde river, of one or more large reservoirs, in which

were to be stored the water which annually goes to waste during the spring freshets, for use during the summer months when it is most needed.

A company was formed, the dam site purchased, and options were taken on the land required for the reservoir site, and a large amount of money was spent in having surveys, estimates and a detailed report made on the proposition by civil engineers of state reputation. The company had all its arrangements made for the immediate commencement of construction work, when the unfortunate death of W. G. Hunter, a member of the company, occurred. This misfortune, followed later by the financial depression which affected the entire country, caused an entire change in the company's plans.

At the last meeting of the directors of the La Grande Commercial club, it was announced that eastern capitalists, after a careful investigation and examination into the engineer's reports, had practically decided to finance the enterprise and carry it through to completion, provided the land owners of the valley would show a sufficient interest in the proposition to bear the expenditure. It is well understood, of course, that no individual or company would invest money in an enterprise of this kind, without reasonable assurances of a reasonable return on the investment. In all probability a canvass will be made sometime during the next month or two with a view of finding out what encouragement will be given to the enterprise by the land owners of the valley in the way of agreements to purchase water when it is delivered to them.

Nothing has yet been done, and it is very doubtful if any other thing could be done, that would so enhance the value of farm lands in this valley, as to place the land under a ditch carrying a plentiful supply of water for irrigation. At the present time, the best quality of land in the valley sells at from \$40 to \$75 per acre, according to its location. The same land placed under a ditch carrying plenty of water for irrigation, would sell with far greater readiness at from \$100 to \$200 per acre. See what has been done in the sagebrush desert in Umatilla county, in Oregon, and in the Snake River valley and the Twin Falls country in Idaho. Land that in its natural state was absolutely worthless, has been fairly snapped up by buyers from all sections of the country at prices ranging from \$100 per acre up-

ward. Just as soon as water was put on it, and sometimes even before the water was actually put on it. In conversation a few days ago with a man who has had a great deal of experience in the Lewiston-Clarkston, and other irrigated sections, he said:

"Put water on your land in this valley, and I predict that within three years land lying under the ditch will be selling for \$200 per acre."

To those who know the prices at which land sells in the Hood River, Yakima and Lewiston-Clarkston sections, the above statement is entirely within the bounds of reason. If it is true, think of what it means to the lucky man who owns land that would come within the scope of such a system, and, in fact, to the whole county. Twenty thousand acres put under water would add \$5,000,000 to the wealth of the fortunate farmers, and to Union county. Is not this worth striving for? The La Grande Commercial club thinks it is, and proposes to do all within its power to bring the thing about, and it asks the influence and co-operation of every property owner in the county in its effort to bring it about.

May we depend on you?
LA GRANDE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

CONVENTION YELLS

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sub-committee on resolutions took a recess until 3 o'clock. Members of the committee said the entire session would be taken up with the anti-injunction matter.

It is practically certain that the sub-committee will not be ready to report to the regular committee before 4 o'clock this afternoon.

TAFT CONCLUDES CONVENTION.

Credentials Committee Ratifies National Committee's Action.

William H. Taft has clinched absolute control of the national convention which was called to order at 12:15 today, when, after a session lasting 15 hours the credentials committee, by an overwhelming vote ratified the action of the national committee in every contest over seats. No real fight occurred in the committee. The proposal to endorse the action of the national committee by single vote opposed on the ground that it would ap-

pear to stifle a fair hearing of all cases. So committee went over the 110 credentials offered by the counsel for Cannon, Fairbanks, Hughes and Foraker. The first vote on the Alabama contest was 28 to 7, favoring Taft, showing how completely he is in control.

Over 700 for Taft.
The committee decided to submit the report to the national committee, recommending:

"That the temporary roll of delegates to the convention as prepared by the national committee be made permanent."

This makes it certain that Taft will have over 700 votes on the first ballot. A small majority threatened today to support Mayor Charles Book-walter of Indianapolis in demanding the contesting delegates from Indianapolis be seated. Taft leaders asserted today, however, that such an effort will be subdued quickly. There is little prospect of a fight over the seats on the floor of the convention.

Committee Out All Night.

After Temporary Chairman Burrows had called the convention to order for the second day's session at 12:15, Chairman Daugherty of the credentials committee announced that he would be ready to make a report in about an hour. He explained that the committee was in session all night until 5 this morning. Otherwise the report would have been ready.

Henrie Baker of Minnesota, and Judge James D. Connor of Indiana, who are attending their first national convention, were introduced.

Loud cheering occurred when it was announced that the resolutions committee had rejected, by a vote of 25 to 17, the resolution introduced by Representative Burke of Pennsylvania, "Resolving the representation of the southern states."

More Representatives From South.

Burke then announced he would carry the fight for the resolution decreasing the southern representation to the floor of the convention. He said a minority report would be made favoring the resolution. The rules committee decided to increase the representation of New Mexico, Arizona, Hawaii from two to six delegates each.

Prayer Offered Again.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. O. Waters. During the interim Mrs. Beatrice Fisher Erlanger sang a solo from the balcony.

A large supply of Taft banners were distributed throughout the hall.

The report of the committee on credentials was made, recommending the temporary roll be made permanent. The report on permanent organization was next received and adopted. General Stewart L. Woodford of New York, and Governor Deneen of Illinois, were appointed a committee to escort Senator H. C. Lodge, permanent chairman, to the platform.

CUMMINS IN THE LEAD.

Dolliver Dropped, But John Hays Hammond Has Fighting Chance.

The vice-presidential boom of Governor Cummins of Iowa, was formally launched today under an agreement with the factions of the party in Iowa, with an official White House stamp of approval. Senator Dolliver is said to have been eliminated from the race at a meeting of the Iowa delegation at which the delegates pledged themselves for Cummins. One of the Iowa delegates announced that he had received positive assurance that Roosevelt is willing for Cummins to be nominated. This, following the assertion of Roosevelt and Taft, when they notified their managers at Chicago, that either Dolliver or Cummins would find favor at the White House, is taken by many to mean the administration has settled on Cummins as the running mate for Taft.

Hammond Confident.

John C. Montgomery, manager for John Hays Hammond said today:

"Hammond will certainly be placed in nomination. He will be voted for solidly by several western states. He will be strongly supported in the east, as well as the west. It is probable that the nominating speech will be made by a Colorado orator, as Hammond lived in that state for many years."

COAST IS SLIGHTED.

All But One Delegate Opposed to Anti-Injunction From Northwest.

There will be nothing doing for the Pacific coast in resolutions adopted by the convention, Washington, Oregon and California will go on record through their members of the committee as opposing the president in the matter of the anti-injunction plank, through Richard A. Ballinger of Washington. The coast is represented on the sub-committee of 15. Ballinger is a member of Roosevelt's

RHEUMATISM BODY RACKED WITH PAIN

No other disease causes such wide-spread suffering as Rheumatism. It is a nerve racking torture, and so thoroughly does it dominate the system when it becomes entrenched in the blood, that its victims are usually complete slaves to pain. Rheumatism is due to an excess of uric acid in the blood brought on by stomach troubles, weak kidneys, indigestion, and a sluggish condition of the system. The natural refuse of the body, instead of passing off through the ordinary channels of waste, is left to sour and ferment in the system because of these irregularities, forming uric acid which is absorbed into the blood, and Rheumatism gets a foothold. As the blood circulates through the body it deposits the acid, irritating substances with which it is saturated, into the different muscles, nerves, tissues and bones. Sharp, biting pains commence, the flesh becomes feverish, swollen and tender, the muscles and joints throb and jerk, and the body is literally racked with pain. Plasters, blisters, liniments, etc., can never cure the disease; they relieve the pain, perhaps, temporarily, but do not reach the trouble, which is in the blood. S. S. S. is the proper treatment for Rheumatism. It goes down and attacks the disease at its head, and by driving out the poison and acid fluids which are causing the pain, and strengthening and enriching the blood, cures Rheumatism permanently. S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers, just what is needed in every case of Rheumatism. Book on Rheumatism and any medical advice free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

tennis cabinet. Since his arrival here, Ballinger learned that coast delegates would not adhere to the anti-injunction plank, which, it is understood, Ballinger will endeavor to get through in behalf of the president and labor. Therefore Ballinger will be recorded in the discussions of the sub-committee as opposing the anti-injunction plank and there will be nothing in the platform regarding the demands of the coast for increased fortifications and naval strength. There will be no special reference to the Pacific and its demands. Washington requested a change in the interstate commerce laws so as to require a decision before the increased rate can go into effect, when objected to, will be omitted. It is a good guess that labor will be defeated in its demands and that the coast delegates will be with the victors when the fight is over.

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS

Will Send Bryan Delegation to Denver Convention.

Nashville, Tenn., June 17.—The democratic state convention opened here today and developed some strong support for Governor Johnson, but it is not thought to be sufficient to prevent the gathering from pledging for Bryan. Twenty-four delegates will be sent to Denver, all conceded to favor Bryan.

ROYALTY IN DANGER.

Plot Discovered to Assassinate King When He Comes to Lisbon Celebration.

Lisbon, June 17.—It is likely that the king will not publicly participate in the celebration of the great religious festival tomorrow, owing to the recent discovery of a plot to blow up with bombs all the members of the royal family on the occasion of that celebration. Every possible safeguard has been placed about the king to protect him from the wrath of the malecontents. Scores of arrests have been made as a result of the plot and the leaders of the Society of the Black Cross are now in prison and will probably be executed. Correspondence found by the authorities indicates that the society had relations with an international organization of anarchists, with branches in Madrid, Barcelona, Paris, London and other European cities.

REMEMBER BUNKER HILL.

City of Charlestown Celebrating Anniversary of Bunker Hill Battle.

Boston, June 17.—A booming of guns this morning awoke the people of Charlestown to a realization that today is the 133d anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, the great holiday of that suburb. A big celebration has been arranged for the day and has attracted thousands of visitors to the scene of the historic conflict. The program includes a military and civic parade in the afternoon and a magnificent electrical parade this evening. Oratorical exercises and patriotic songs comprised the program at the Bunker Hill monument grounds during the day. Fireworks and explosives have been left out of the program, in an attempt to make this a "safe and sane" festival.

Dedicate Buildings.

Grand Forks, N. D., June 17.—With elaborate exercises the new school of mines, assembly hall and gymnasium and library of the University of North Dakota were dedicated today.

Only the most delicious chocolate is served at Silverthorn & Mack's soda fountain. DS-27-827

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by the Grants Pass people prove satisfactory to the business men, let us have the thing settled at once, and add one more stack to those we now have.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Mertie Aldrich has been appointed by the county court of Union county, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Mary A. Aldrich, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to present them with proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof, to the administratrix at the office of Arthur C. Williams, rooms 1 and 2, southwest corner of Depot street and Adams avenue, La Grande, Union county, Oregon.

Dated June 5, 1908.
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Arrival and Departure of Trains at La Grande.

No. 1, westbound Portland Special, arrives 9:25 a. m.; departs, 9:30 a. m.
No. 6, eastbound passenger, mail and express, arrives at 6:45 a. m.; departs 6:50 a. m.
No. 2, eastbound Chicago Special, arrives 2:05 p. m.; departs, 2:10 p. m.
No. 5, westbound passenger, mail and express, arrives 9:55 p. m.; departs, 10 p. m.

Elgin Branch.

Regular mixed train leaves La Grande at 8 o'clock and returns at 3 o'clock p. m. The logging train leaves La Grande at 12:30 p. m. and returns at 7:45 p. m.

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