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## HUGE RECEIPTS IN TICKET SALES

NEW MARK IN PASSENGER BUSINESS ESTABLISHED HERE

INCREASE ALONE OVER 21000

PASSENGER BUSINESS IN  
ONE YEAR IS \$118,784.89.

According to Figures Compiled by the Passenger Department in This City, La Grande is Climbing to the Front in Commercial Circles—Large Increase Over the Previous Year—Promising Evidence of Prosperity in La Grande and Union County.

Not only has freight business over the O. R. & N. been heavy during the past year, but the passenger traffic has enjoyed an unprecedented run according to figures compiled by the local O. R. & N. agent, J. H. Keeney. Through this report the astonishing fact becomes known that the receipts in passenger business out of this city for the year ended June 30, 1908 set a new mark.

The increase in business alone over the year previous, is \$21,134.41. This demonstrates the importance of La Grande as a commercial center. The figures deal only with that class of business that is outgoing, and does not include the business coming in.

Enormous Receipts.  
The entire receipt from ticket sales between June 30, 1907 and June 30, 1908, is \$118,784.41.

While passenger traffic has no bearing with the amount of freight business, still it is promising evidence of prosperity when a city of La Grande's size can claim a commercial

activity that reaches way up in the hundred thousand mark.

### \$35,000 For Apples.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 18.—Thirty-five thousand dollars in prizes and trophies will be distributed among the exhibitors at the National Apple show the first of its kind ever held in the country, which will open in Spokane, December 7.

## VICE PRESIDENTS MUST BE ABLE

FIVE TIMES HAVE THEY  
BEEN CALLED TO FRONT.

Dire Need of Capable Men in Vice Presidency Brought to Mind Today by Burrows—Vice Presidents Have Become Presidents in Five Instances—Would Be Fully Able—Burrows Answers Bryan Query, "Will People Rule?"

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The dire necessity of a man in the vice president's chair who is capable and fit to carry on the government of the United States, was brought vividly to mind today when, in presenting the nomination of the republican party to James Schoolcraft Sherman, United States Senator Julius C. Burrows said:

"Five times in history have vacancies occurred in the office of the president by death of the incumbent; five times have vice presidents been called upon to discharge the president's duties; if in the mysterious dispensation of providence, the rush of responsibility should fall upon you, your long experience in public life would insure continuance of a wise administration.

"Bryan, in his recent acceptance address asked: 'Shall the people rule?' This will be answered in November next as evidence by a triumphant election of the nominees of the republican party for president and vice president.

## HOLVORSON CASE DEFERRED UNTILL NEXT TUESDAY MORNING

CASE CALLED IN JUSTICE COURT THIS MORNING BUT COMES TO AN ABRUPT CLOSE

ARGUMENTS TO DEMURRER TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

Setting up that the complaint is neither explicit nor sufficient, Attorney C. H. Finn this morning secured a stay in proceedings in the Nels Holvorson alleged bootlegging case. Promptly at 10 o'clock P. S. Ivanhoe for the state and C. H. Finn for the defendant, appeared in Justice Angus Stewart's court and opened the case wherein Nels Holvorson is charged with selling liquor here against the stipulations of the local option law. Attorney Finn presented his demurrer to the complaint at some length, and was replied to by the state's attorney. After hearing all the arguments, the court announced that he would take the matter under advisement and render a decision next Tuesday morning, at which time further dispensation will be made with the case. In the meantime, Holvorson will be out on his two bonds.

## PRISON AWAITS 100 RIOT LEADERS

Springfield, Aug. 18.—At a joint meeting at the Chamber of Commerce and 800 members of the Business Men's Association strong resolutions were adopted today denouncing the rioting of recent date, assuring the officials of support in the prosecution of the guilty.

Governor Deneen was commended in the highest terms for his manner in handling the situation. The resolutions strongly approve the demand of

## BOYS ATTEMPT TO WRECK FAST TRAIN

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 18.—For attempting to wreck a train on the Northwestern Pacific railroad, two small boys, Henry Wehler, aged 11, and Austin Davis, aged 10, were brought before the magistrate here today.

Just before a camp vacation a special train from San Francisco was due here the boys placed a rail

## EUREKA SHAKEN BY AN EARTH QUAKE

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 18.—California experienced two earthquake shocks this morning. At 11:30 there was no report of other damage than broken dishes on shelves in the homes, but as daylight broke additional damage was visible.

The quake was felt at 3 o'clock this date to chimneys thrown down. People rushed out in night clothing. The

## THROAT SLASHED FROM EAR TO EAR

Los Angeles, Aug. 18.—Mystery surrounds the tragedy. Varied aged 45 is dead and her son John is shot at the Mexican who chased Varilla, is suffering from five knife wounds and John Maucha, a half breed Mexican is a prisoner in the county hospital with a fractured skull as the result of a cutting and shooting affray near Wilmington City, here.

### TO AWE CASTRO.

Netherlands Conceive Scheme to Make President Castro Apologize.

Hague, Aug. 18.—As a part of the plan to awe President Castro of Venezuela into submission and apology without actual demonstration, and bombardment of ports, the Dutch cruisers Holland and Utrecht were ordered today to prepare for a speedy trip to Caracas August 29. They are expected to arrive October 25 when the Netherlands will have five formidable ships in Caribbean sea.

### FIRE IN FRISCO.

Fashionable Shopping District Burned From Gasoline Explosion.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Fire last night in the fashionable shopping district on Van Ness avenue, destroyed property worth \$200,000. Three women living over one store, were carried down just before the building collapsed. Twenty buildings were partly or wholly destroyed. An explosion of a can of gasoline caused the fire.

### Pennsylvania A. O. H.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—Loyal sons of Ireland are swarming into the City of Brotherly Love today for the biennial state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The sessions will continue through the week and the visitors are expected to total 50,000. The order has a membership of nearly 70,000 in Pennsylvania, of whom nearly one-fourth are residents of Philadelphia.

## OFFICERS SHIVER AT ANNIS CRIME

WHOLESALE REMOVALS  
TO FOLLOW EXPOSURE

When Captain Peter Haines Killed Journalist Annis Saturday Night, He Precipitated an Exposure in Fort Hamilton—Officers Dread Inquest—Preacher Has Evidence Which Will Involve Haines in Post Scandal of Darkest Shade.

New York, Aug. 18.—There are new sensations every hour in the case of Captain Peter Haines, who killed William Annis, the newspaper man, Saturday. Military officers at Fort Hamilton are shivering fearing an impending exposure in the Annis killing. A prominent officer said: "Every officer in the fort dreads the inquest. He dreads the revelations which will certainly cause wholesale transfers from the post." The officers tell of recent attempt made by Haines to kill his wife.

After the attack on his wife Haines said: "That man Annis, whom I thought was my friend, wrecked my home. She has confessed. Wait till I get that cur Annis."

Rev. Dr. Henry Houghton said today: "Annis knew he was playing with his life for the wrong he has committed. He told me things which I have not yet told to anybody. I will tell them to the coroner's jury. I can say nothing against Annis."

### Big Depreciation.

New York, Aug. 18.—The annual statements showing a total decrease of \$10,000,000 in profits of the Southern and Union Pacific roads has created a flurry in financial circles here today. Such big depreciation was unexpected.

### TROUBLES IN BASEBALL.

Pacific Coast League Field to be Entered by Minor League.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—It was learned today that state baseball league is considering the advisability of breaking into the local baseball field, which would mean a war between the Pacific Coast and the state leagues and plenty of good baseball.

## SHERMAN STICKS TO TAFT POLICY

UTICA ENTHUSIASTIC OVER NOTIFICATION CEREMONIES

STRONG TAFT ENDORSEMENT

CHAFFIN, PROHIBITIONIST,  
IS ALSO NOTIFIED TODAY.

Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Formally Notified of His Nomination Today—Speech of Acceptance Ringing Declaration for Policies of Taft Set Forth in Latter's Speech—Sherman Will Follow Principles.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 18.—J. Schoolcraft Sherman was formally notified by Senator J. C. Burrows of Michigan at 12:30 today of his nomination as the republican candidate for the vice presidency. In a ringing speech of acceptance he declared he will support every statement made by W. H. Taft.

The celebration began at 7 o'clock this morning with the firing of 19 guns in salute. The city is crowded with thousands. Fifteen thousand dollars was used in the celebration. A long parade was a big feature.

When Sherman's residence was reached, the applause was deafening. Secretary of State Root made a brief speech.

In his speech, Sherman said in part: Senator Burrows and Gentlemen of the Notification Committee:

Your chairman, speaking for the committee, has notified me of my nomination by the republican national convention, held in Chicago in June, as the party's candidate for vice-president. As I chanced to be in Chicago in June, I had an inkling of the convention's action, which was confirmed by a warm-hearted reception tendered me by my neighbors on the occasion of my home-coming on July 2. This official notification, however, is welcome and the nomination you tender me is accepted with a gratitude commensurate with the great honor conferred; accepted with a full appreciation of the obligations which accompany that honor, an honor greater because my name is linked with that of William H. Taft, whom I respect and esteem highly and who approaches the high office of president exceptionally well equipped to discharge the duties and bear the varied and weighty responsibilities of that exalted position. My acceptance could not be

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This Sort of Weather

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