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MASS MEETING TO DISPOSE OF FAIR QUESTION

CHANCE TO CHANGE THE COUNTY FAIR QUESTION.

Mass Meeting Tonight to Ascertain Sentiment of Local Business Men in Promoting Street Fair Proposition—Board of Managers Will Permit the Change if Small Sum of Money is Forthcoming from Business Men—Fair Management Wants Immediate Reply—Necessity of Prompt Action in the Matter.

Do we want it? It is ours for the asking, providing we take a hold of it with a spirit that means success. Tonight there will be a meeting of the business men of this city in the parlors of the Commercial club in the La Grande National Bank building, for the purpose of deciding whether or not they desire to hold the coming county fair in this city or not. The board of managers say that if La Grande will take hold of the proposition they will consent to its removal from the fair grounds to this city. The state appropriates annually \$1,000 for premiums, not for races, but for premiums. The premium books are now open and have been for some time in the hands of the state printer and will be issued within a few days. The date of the fair is set for Monday, September 28, to continue four days. The fair managers want an immediate answer. If the La Grande people want the fair and will make it the success it should be, they can have it. This meeting is called for the busi-

ness men to decide. We understand that both Pendleton and Baker City have made similar projects quite successful. Come out tonight and let us talk it over.

Another Successful Flight.
Lemas, France, Aug. 31.—After a wonderful flight of 56 minutes over the military course at Avours today, Wilbur Wright of Dayton, Ohio, was forced to bring his aeroplane down on account of a slight accident.

FIRES RAGING IN VALUABLE FOREST

FARMERS FIGHTING TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY.

Already Hundreds of Acres of Valuable Forest Have Been Burned and Much Property is Destroyed—Barn Fire Causes it All—Blaze Still Going and Only Effective Remedy is Back Fires—Several Ranches Burned Over Now.

Santa Cruz, Cal., Aug. 31.—Over a hundred acres of valuable reduced timber land has been burned over already today by forest fires raging in Blackburn gulch, four miles away. Scores of farmers are fighting to keep the fire from their homes. A burning barn started the fire. The fires started last night, are raging today in the mountains west of here and threaten to destroy the fish hatchery of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad company. The flames spread in the trees and dry grass. It burned over the John Walsh ranch, Part Crandall's summer resort, the Morgan ranch and Dr. Holmquist's ranch. The fire fighters (Continued on page 8.)

ASSESSOR'S RUSE BRINGS WEALTH

PITTSBURG RICHER TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE.

Pittsburg's Assessor Deserves Credit for Clever Ruse Worked Effectually—Brings Wealthy Women to Office With Correct Statement of Riches by Sending "Phoney" Letters—Ask About Stock Gifts, Women Become Frightened and "Fess Up."

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—Assessors to report an increase of several million dollars in taxable personal property of the city as a result of a clever ruse worked by the assessor on wealthy women. Letters sent by the assessor to various rich society women were unanswered until they received others asking about "that stock father gave you as a wedding present" and similar other questions. These brought the women to the office with a correct list of their property.

FATAL PLEASURE.

Boy Shot and Instantly Killed by His Comrade in a Spirit of Fun.

Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—Leslie Vertrees, the boy who was shot and killed yesterday by Earl Orr, aged 17, who taunted him about being a poor marksman. The boys were returning from a rabbit hunt when Orr raised his rifle and shot Vertrees dead. He said he didn't mean to pull the trigger.

Stewart Ready for Ride.

Wilcox, Ariz., Aug. 31.—Colonel Stewart of the United States army, in exile at Fort Grant, is ready today to make the 90-mile ride as prescribed by the government, but the date of his test is unknown.

ACHING VOID IN CAMPAIGN SACK

DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS BUT A TRIFLING SUM.

Serious Aspect Assumed by Financial Status in Present Political Campaign—Both Parties Need Money, But Democrats Practically "Broke"—Charles Taft Accredited With Being Chief Contributor for Republicans—To Deny Recent Charges.

To Repudiate Charges.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Raymond Hitchcock, chairman of the national republican committee, arrived here from the east today, and it is expected that a denial of the democratic charges of corruption management will soon be issued from Hitchcock's office.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—There is an aching void in the campaign coffers of both the democratic and republican parties, according to political gossip, and leaders are beginning to knit their brows over the outlook. The campaign thus far has been conducted on conservative financial basis, the managers being hopeful that conditions would improve.

Something has seemed to dampen the ardor of rich men who formerly opened their wallets for liberal amounts.

So far, the democratic national committee has taken in \$25,000, which, added to the balance of \$85,000 left from the Denver convention bonus, amounts to a total of \$110,000 with which to pay the expenses of a \$500,000 campaign.

Republicans have a small but comfortable sum. It is reported that Judge Taft's brother, Charley, has contributed the most.

Taft Lands Fish.
Middle Bass Island, Aug. 31.—Wm. H. Taft and son caught six fine bass on the first fishing excursion. Taft has accepted an invitation to spend Labor day at the Soldiers' Home, at Sandusky, O.

Fitzgerald Hearing Delayed.
Chicago, Aug. 31.—The hearing of George Fitzgerald, accused of the theft of \$175,000 from the sub-treasury, a week ago, was postponed today until September 9.

REPUBLICANS EXTRAVAGANT

BRYAN FLAYS THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.

The Great Commoner Greeted by His Former Rival, Johnson, of Minnesota—Speaks Before Thousands at Fair Grounds—Accuses Republicans of Great Extravagance in Naval and Military Affairs—Imperialistic Policy to Blame, He Says.

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—Governor J. A. Johnson met W. J. Bryan at the depot when the Nebraskan arrived today, to speak before the State Fair association. The greeting was cordial and pleasing to the democrats. They were driven to the Minnesota club, where both breakfasted.

After breakfast Bryan held a conference with leaders from various parts of the state, and made a short speech at noon at headquarters of the central committee. Johnson also spoke briefly.

This afternoon thousands of citizens greeted Bryan at a reception. Bryan speaks at Grand Forks, N. D., tomorrow.

Bryan was greeted by a tremendous crowd at the state fair grounds. His speech was devoted to republican extravagance in the administration of the government, particularly in the army and navy. He said:

"The imperialistic policy for which the republicans are responsible, is only an excuse for the enormous drain upon taxpayers and the reason they are more extravagant than the democrats is because the latter are more intimately associated with the taxpayers. The republican leaders taught the doctrine of taxation of unalloyed goods, and they tried to cultivate public opinion to support their idea. Tariff taxes, even when not needed for revenue, are a direct advantage to protected interests."

FOR RENT—Rooms in modern house. Call after 7 p. m., opposite the hospital. 8-31-9-2.

STATE RESTS CASE AGAINST HOLVERSON

STAR WITNESS FOR DEFENSE DENIES ALLEGATION.

After Considerable Delay the Nels Holverson Case is Brought to Trial—Accused of Selling Liquor at Hilgard—Temporary Rest Granted to Search for a Witness Badly Wanted—Munn Principal Witness for State—Trial to Decide if Liquor Was Sold by the Accused in Violation of Local Option Law.

The case of the State vs. Nels Holverson of Hilgard, charged by J. R. Munn, with violating the local option law, has been occupying Justice Stewart's court since 11 o'clock this forenoon. At 2:30 o'clock District Attorney Ivanhoe rested his case, and Attorney Finn asked for a continuance until he could, if possible, procure a certain witness, whom Munn swore was present when Holverson sold the liquor. What might be termed two minor witnesses for the defense, were then put on the stand, and after they were through the court took a recess until after 3 o'clock, for a few minutes, to give the defendant's attorney time to see if he could get in telephone communication with his witness.

Nels Holverson was the principal witness in his own behalf and denied that he sold Munn any liquor whatsoever.

This ended the taking of the testimony and Prosecuting Attorney Ivanhoe in a few moments summed up the position of the state, and as we go to press Attorney Finn is addressing the court. After the closing argument by the district attorney, the case will be in the hands of Justice Angus Stewart.

Hains Trial in October.
New York, Aug. 31.—District Attorney Darrin of Queens county, today notified counsel for Hains brothers, charged with the murder of William Annis, that he will make a motion to begin trial October 5. The case of the prosecution is nearly ready.

Ready for Encampment.
Toledo, O., Aug. 31.—Hundreds of members of the Grand Army of the Republic are arriving here today to attend the national encampment, which opens tomorrow. Commander in Chief Charles Burton of Missouri, has established quarters in the Bood house.

STRIKE CRISIS NEAR AT HAND

EITHER END IT OR TIE UP ENTIRE SYSTEM.

Trains to the West Delayed—Railroads May Have to Face New Charge—Strikers Contend Railroads Violated Immigration Laws by Importing American Strike-Breakers—Meeting This Week to Decide Whether or Not the Strike is to Go on.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 31.—Winnipeg dispatches say the crisis is approaching in the mechanics' strike on the Canadian Pacific. A committee meeting at Winnipeg, representing all of the unions interested, will be held this week to decide whether it will meet the mechanics' committee in conference with the object of settling the strike or have the whole combined up.

The trains are delayed through to the west on the Canadian Pacific lines. The railway commission meets September 10, when, it is understood, many affidavits will be made by railroad men in the United States, supporting the contention that the railroad is violating the alien labor law by a general importation of Americans as strikebreakers.

Tacoma Grows.
Tacoma, Aug. 31.—Advance sheets of the 1908 directory show the city has a population of 107,500, an increase of 9750 in the past year. The suburbs of Ruston and Fern Hill are included in the new directory.

Last and Final Offering of our GREAT BARGAINS, REPRESENTING AN ENORMOUS SAVING IN SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE.

Ladies Covert Jackets \$2.50 **\$3.00 Ladies Waist \$1.78**
Just the thing for cool evenings in plain and new Herring bone stripe effect in tan, blue, grey and black at the special saving price \$2.50 up
Entire line of this season's best Lawn Waists, Lace and Embroidered fronts—short and three-quarter length sleeves worth up to \$3.00 now \$1.78

NEW SILK WAISTS In black white and colors. A fortunate buy enables us to offer these splendid waist at a great saving in price—See window display. \$3.00, \$3.50 \$4.00 up to \$8.50

5 dozen men's Dress Shirts, 75c to \$1.00 values; choice 38c
In dark, light and medium colors, madras and percale shirts in plain and pleated fronts; special 28c
60c to 75c Work Shirts 45c
60c to 85c boys' Dress shirts 37c
40c boys' Underwear, medium weight 26c
65c men's new silk and lisle Underwear 95c
75c French balbrigan Underwear 50c
65c men's Caps 30c
\$2.00 to \$3.50 men's Hats \$1.78

SATISFYING VALUES IN SHOES—SAVING IN PRICE OF FROM 20 TO 35 PER CENT.
Shoes for the entire family, in all the wanted styles and colors. All "Peeters" all-leather shoes at a saving of 50c to \$2.00 the pair.
\$5.00 men's Dress Shoes now \$3.19
\$4.50 to \$4.00 men's Oxfords \$2.39
\$2.50 to \$4.00 men's Dress Shoes \$2.89
\$2.25 boys' Dress and School Shoes \$1.59
\$2.50 to \$3.00 boys' Dress and School Shoes \$1.96
\$3.00 to \$2.25 ladies' Shoes \$1.38
\$2.50 to \$3.50 ladies' Oxfords \$1.98
\$2.00 to \$2.25 children's fancy Dress Shoes \$1.59

\$7.50 Black Voile Skirts Special this Week \$4.78

New Autumn Suits and Beverly Skirts arriving daily. Shipment of New York's smartest styles arrived this morning—Step in and look them over



Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON