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WALLOWA LINE TO MAKE NEW DEPOT

SUPT. BUCKLEY EXPRESSES HIS OPINION ON MATTER.

New Depot for La Grande as Soon as Railroad is Completed to Joseph is the Order of the Day—Buckley Here This Morning and Admits That Present Quarters Are Entirely Too Inadequate for the Growing Business in La Grande.

That the new and growing business expected from the Wallowa extension—both passenger and freight—will force the O. R. & N. to build a commodious modern stone depot in La Grande, is the admission made by M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the Harriman lines in Oregon and Washington today. Mr. Buckley was in the city this morning on a brief tour of inspection and when approached on the matter of a new depot and had the promise of a new structure for Baker City recited to him, he answered without hesitation that a new depot for La Grande was the next in order of improvements. He went over the plans and principles of the O. R. & N. briefly, leading up to the reason why a new depot is now assured and promised ere long. He argued that since the O. R. & N. has constructed its line through eastern Oregon it has been forced to rebuild the track and re-equip the power. In order to secure safe and rapid transit of freight and human freight, the tracks had to be replaced by heavier ones, found houses had to be renewed and the power redoubled and improved. All this had to be done, and the predominant theory with the management has been to do these things first and then build depots. The Short Line has had no mountain roads to improve and rebuild, hence could build depots. Now the reconstruction has taken place here and the depots are next in order.

Wallowa Business Heavy.
The O. R. & N. expects great things from the Wallowa county extension, and it can see already where the present depot facilities here are entirely too inadequate. This department is not in Mr. Buckley's realm of authority, but he assured his listeners that Mr. O'Brien was working along such lines right now and that the citizens of La Grande need not be surprised to see a new depot building in the near future. It is taken to mean that when the road is completed to Wallowa, the depot problem here will assert itself so vividly that the company will simply have to abandon its present cramped and antiquated quarters for something new, roomy and adequate.

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT TO GO WEST

SUCH IS RUMOR AFLOAT IN POLITICAL CIRCLES TODAY

Washington, Sept. 30.—The rumor here that President Roosevelt and W. H. Taft will visit the Pacific coast late in October is creating an interest. The story is they will visit San Francisco and speak from the same platform going and returning.

Leading republicans think it will be a fine thing for Roosevelt to introduce Taft to the people.

Hot Tea on Officials.
Valdez, Sept. 30.—Deputy Marshal Butterworth, was severely injured last night in a fight with 60 Japanese seal poachers. They threw boiling tea on the officers. Butterworth was scalded from the waist up.

Murder and Suicide.
Seattle, Sept. 30.—Lying in a pool of blood, the bodies supposed to be those of J. Foster and his wife, of Ellensburg, Wash., were found today in a room at the Frisco hotel, where they registered yesterday. The man evidently placed a revolver to the temple of the woman, and then suicided. They left a call for the morning, but failed to respond. The mystery is deep. Each had a bullet in the brain. There is a strong odor of carbolic acid, indicating they drank poison first.

THE COMMISSION CAN FIX RATES

SWEEPING VICTORY FOR OREGON LUMBERMEN SCORED

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—Judges Gilbert, Morrow and Ross of the United States circuit court, today virtually upheld the constitutionality of the federal law giving the interstate railroad commission power to fix railroad rates, when they sustained the demurrer of the commission to the injunction in the suit of the Southern Pacific, throwing the railroad case out of court. The railroad is suing to enjoin the enforcement of lower rates on lumber shipments from the Willamette valley to San Francisco. The railroad was given until tomorrow morning to make answer. The decision is the first of its kind handed down since the passage of the interstate rate law by congress. Today's victory was won by Luther M. Walter, special attorney for the commission, and means that the railroads cannot attack the new rate on Oregon lumber shipments on any legal grounds, and must contend it is confiscatory if they desired to have the court review it. The commissioners demurred, and testimony was given by railroad attorneys at a hearing of the demurrer.

Japanese Shot in the Back.
Tacoma, Sept. 30.—Shot in the back of his head while dozing before a fire just built, Kumra, a Japanese cook, was murdered at the Grand restaurant this morning by a burglar, who stole \$27.40 from the cash drawer. The burglar unlocked the rear door. There is no clew.

Wireless Announces Collision.
Seattle, Sept. 30.—Wireless from a Sound steamer says the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Victoria collided with a launch loaded with excursionists off Point-No-Point, 20 miles north of Seattle this morning. The Princess was en route to Victoria, and left Seattle at 8 this morning. There are no particulars.

TO TEST PRIMARY ELECTION LAWS

WASHINGTON JUDGE STARTS COM-MOTION ON LEGALITY

Seattle, Sept. 30.—Judge Zent, of the superior court of Adams, Benton and Franklin counties, has instituted proceedings to test the validity of the primary law. He will apply to the supreme court today for a writ of mandate directing the state canvassing board and secretary of state to declare there is no nomination of the judiciary in the district where he is a candidate. The judge alleges in his application that the ballots submitted to the voters are void because of uncertainty for the reason that his opponent failed to specify in the filing of his declaration of candidacy whether he desired the nomination for the long or short term.

BANKERS OPPOSE NEW BANK LAWS

CANADIAN FINANCIER A-R-RAIGNS YANKEE SYSTEM.

National Convention of Bankers Quickly Reflects Opposition to Both Systems of Currency Guarantee Advocated by Leading Parties—Leading Financiers of the Nation Appear on Platform—Distrust Among the Banks Themselves a Menace.

Denver, Sept. 24.—Opposition to the postal savings banks proposed by the republicans, and the guaranteeing of bank deposits similar to the Oklahoma plan, as advocated by the democrats, were strongly emphasized at today's opening of the regular session of the American Bankers' association convention. President B. D. Powers, in his opening address, declared that the guarantee plan was dangerous.

Governor Buchtel and Mayor Speer delivered addresses of welcome, after which the regular program was taken up. Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton university, spoke to the conference on the subject, "The Banker and the Nation." He said:

"If a system of branch banks is simply and inexpensively managed, it is not necessary to be opened daily and can be organized by putting the resources of the rich banks at the disposal of the whole country, to whose merchants and farmers are only restricted to local credit. There is now an open attitude of the plain man everywhere towards the banks and banking will be changed utterly within a generation. We must open new thoughts to the country at large which will serve as general intelligence as well as for the general welfare."

B. E. Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, followed and arraigned the system in this country on numerous grounds. He charged that the panics here increased mainly by the distrust of the individual banks for each other and that it is not the fear of failure of the banks, but the fear of disappearance of currency that aggravates panics, bringing about disaster.

Postpone Fleet's Reception.

Washington, Sept. 30.—"The visit of the fleet to Manila is for business and not pleasure. There will be no plans considered for the entertainment until business is finished," is the statement made by Secretary Metcalf, and means that the receptions planned for the first and second visits of the fleet October 1 and 31, will be postponed.

MAY SIDETRACK "RED SPECIAL"

DEBS AND LEADERS COMPLETELY OUT OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

New York, Sept. 30.—In an effort to keep the "red special" with E. V. Debs on the track, members of the socialist party here are making an effort to replenish the campaign fund.

An appeal from Debs was received today saying that unless funds are forthcoming at once the special could not be brought east. He says: "It would be a humiliation to the party to confess it started the train and were unable to carry it to its destination."

Yesterday's Baseball Scores.
Oakland, 0; Portland, 4.
Los Angeles, 5; San Francisco, 4.

ENORMOUS CRIST OF INDICTMENTS

NEARLY 300 SALOON CASE INDICTMENTS FOUND.

Wholesale Prosecution of Violators of Prohibition Laws in Umatilla County—Many Indictments Expected, But Total Found is Surprise—Heavy Ball to Blind Each Victim—Grand Jury Still Grinding, Though No New Cases Are Reported.

Pendleton, Sept. 30.—(Special.)—This city is not as alarmed over the enormity of the grist of indictments returned last evening by the grand jury against violators of the local option laws as might be expected. The principal matter of interest now is if still more than those reported last night will be ground out this evening. At a late hour this afternoon no new reports had been made.

Last Evening's Report.
Pendleton, Sept. 30.—The East Oregonian said last night:

Returning nearly 300 indictments against violators of the prohibition law the grand jury has taken its first pass at the "blind pig" business. The indictments were presented to the court last evening and at 2 o'clock this afternoon Judge Bean fixed bail for the accused men.

Though it was freely predicted that many indictments would be returned by the grand jury, yet the bringing in of so large a number at one fell swoop came as a strenuous blow to those interested.

Seemingly the grand jurors regarded it as their duty to accept Judge Bean's charge to render indictments in every instance where they were convinced the law had been violated.

Of those indicted, Joe Sullivan, who is said to own the Brewery and Moffat saloons, heads the list with 36 cases booked against him. Next to him is M. H. Gillette of Echo, with a total of 28 cases. Several men are charged with 24 indictments each, and of the cases that have been made public, there is not one where a single indictment was returned.

\$1000 Bail Each.

In setting bail this afternoon Judge Bean announced that for the present he will require a bond of \$500 upon each charge with the proviso that where one person is charged with two or more violations he shall be required to give bail for but two. This means that those indicted must furnish \$1000 bail each.

While some of the indicted men were in the court room this afternoon, none of them were called upon to plead. Through their attorneys, all waived arraignment and asked for bail. Judge Fee, Will M. Peterson, B. C. Richards and J. T. Hinkle appeared as legal representatives. Judge Fee represents the Echo men and stated they would be in court tomorrow.

Possible Penalties.

Under the law the maximum fine for violating the prohibition law is \$500 and should all of the defendants be prosecuted and convicted upon all the charges now standing against them Judge Bean could impose fines that would aggregate in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Furthermore, the law provides that imprisonment shall be compulsory after the first offense and should the maximum jail sentence of 30 days each be administered the men charged would have to serve an average of nearly a year in jail.

The Indictments.

The indictments against the "blind pig" operators were returned by the grand jury last evening. But owing to the fact that some of the men accused were not in custody or under bail the names of those charged with violating the law were withheld. This morning the following indictments were given out, the number after each name being the number of counts against that particular party:

Joe Sullivan, 36; Tom Moffat, 24; Van Goodwin, 24; Dee Matlock, 8.

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Flour Goes Up.

Tacoma, Sept. 30.—An advance of 10 cents per barrel is announced today in the price of local milled flour. The increase is no surprise on account of the condition of the wheat market.

Strike is Over.

Vancouver, Sept. 30.—A Winnipeg special says that by the blowing of whistles in the Canadian Pacific yards at midnight, the public was informed that the mechanics' strike had ended. The terms of settlement are not known.

FIRST DAY OF FAIR BIDS WELL

MANY ENTRIES RECORDED DURING THE FIRST DAY

The gates of the nineteenth annual fair of Union county swung open today and Secretary Holmes and his assistants have been busily engaged every moment since, entering and classifying the exhibits as they arrived.

Up to 2 o'clock more than a dozen of the stock pens were filled with high grade milch cows, sheep and hogs. Among those who have stock already entered for exhibition are Sam Brooks of Summerville, McDonald Bros. of the Sandridge, J. E. Reynolds and J. W. McAllister.

The pavilion is already decorated with a number of choice paintings, embroidery work, flowers, cut and potted, fruits and vegetables. By noon tomorrow everything will be in shape, and the fair proper will be on.

This year there will be no admission charge and there should be a large attendance. The hacks will all be out and the perfect weather should add greatly to the pleasure of the event.

The \$1000 in prizes is bringing out the very best and when the very best products of Union county are on exhibition, it is worth going to see.

Saturday will be Children's day, and without doubt there will be hundreds from this city and surrounding country who will attend.

MRS. IRA KIRTLEY DEAD.

Funeral Will Take Place Friday Morning From Home.

Mrs. Ira Kirtley died at the family home on Spring street at 3 o'clock this morning, after an illness extending over a period of several years, caused by consumption. The funeral will be held from the home Friday forenoon at 10 o'clock. Rev. Father Whyte officiating. The interment follows in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The deceased leaves a husband and three children, Viola, aged 15; Eura, aged 11, and "Babe," aged 5. Two brothers, Peter Wright of Summerville, and L. A. Wright of Idaho, are here and her mother arrived this morning from Pendleton.

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