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CARNIVAL PLAN IS ADOPTED BY MERCHANTS

WILL ASK COUNCIL TO GIVE USE OF STREETS FREE.
One of the Best Street Carnivals on the Road to Be Here Under Auspices of Local Merchants, It is Believed—Receipts to Be Equally Divided Among the Two Needing Funds: Park and Fourth of July Celebration—Will Know Tonight.

Parker's stupendous street carnival will be in La Grande and the profits will be equally divided between the park fund and the Fourth of July fund. If the city council tonight agrees to prayers that will be presented by the merchants of this city. The up-to-date company has its man in La Grande today conferring with local merchants and it has been agreed to ask the council tonight to permit the merchants to engineer the prospect by allowing free use of the streets.

All-Around Benefit.
Clean, up-to-date and full of interest, the carnival company will be in La Grande early in May. If the prayers tonight are answered. The benefits to be derived will be both large and well distributed. By commencing to fatten the Fourth of July celebration fund now, there will be but little burden on the business men next summer, when the event really takes place. In addition to the increased celebration fund the park fund will be

NO ALASKA FAIR COINS.

Seattle Fair Will Not Be Advertised by Treasury Department.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—Special coins commemorating the Alaska exposition will not be coined by the United States mints, according to a letter received today by George E. Book, secretary of the Commercial club in this city, from Senator Piles. The club requested the treasury department to strike off a half million souvenir half dollars.

WASHINGTON TO KILL OPTION BILL

ENEMIES HAVE SCORED ENOUGH POINTS TO POINT TO VICTORY

Olympia, Feb. 17.—Great crowds packed the senate today expecting a lively debate in connection with the local option bill. Without debate 13 roll calls were had on the motion to amend the Falconer bill, each resulting the same, 21 to 21, amendments being defeated. President Ruth called Senator Graves of Spokane, to the chair, and took a place on the floor. Falconer's senate bill, identical with McMaster's, which passed the house, was the first bill taken up. A long reading of the Falconer bill began. Occasionally Falconer offered an amendment to the measure, but each was defeated by a tie vote. The bill was not read when adjournment was taken at 2 o'clock. The present plan will let the bill go to a vote and defeat it with a tie vote. The house met, but adjourned until 1:30. Rep.

BLOWS AVERTED IN TREMBLOR RAZES WRANGLE AT SALEM SIXTY TOWNS IN PERSIA

GOVERNOR VETOES TWO MORE SENATE BILLS.

Verbal Struggle That Almost Led to Blows Enlivens Matters in Legislature Today—Accusations of Bribery Freely Passed Between Bingham and Manly—Separated, But Meet at Door and Reconcile Squabble—McArthur Settles It.

Chamberlain Prods. Senate. Governor Chamberlain this afternoon sent a special message to the legislature calling upon it to put through the amendment to the constitutions providing for state-aided railroads. The amendment has already passed the house, but was hung up in the senate. The message is generally looked upon as a hard blow for Harriman, emphasizing the state's determination to build its own railroads.

Salem, Feb. 17.—Governor Chamberlain sent two vetoes to the senate this morning, one against the bill extending the per diem mileage to sheriffs for conveying persons committed

SPEND MILLIONS IN EAGLE VALLEY

GREAT DEVELOPER WILL TOUCH SNAKE AT ROBINETTE.

Baker City Democrat Announces Gigantic Development Scheme That Will Mean Expenditure of Over a Million Dollars—Will Irrigate Land—Tap Timber Belt.

Baker City, Feb. 17.—The Democrat published the following this morning: The extension of the Eagle Valley railroad through to Snake river, where it will probably connect with the Northwestern at or near the new town of Robinette; the tapping of the vast bodies of timber which lie back of Goose creek; and the developing of a vast irrigation project watering thousands of acres of rich land in eastern Oregon, these are presaged by a call for a meeting of the stockholders of the Eagle Valley railroad which was issued in this city yesterday.

SHORE OF PERSIAN GULF STREWN WITH THE DEAD.

Conflicting Reports of Earthquake That Happened Last Month Reach Teheran Today—Death List Estimated Between Five and Six Thousand—Sixty Villages Destroyed—One Province Practically Devastated by Terrible Catastrophe.

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 17.—Sixty villages are reported destroyed by an earthquake and the loss of life is between 5000 and 6000 in the province of Luristan and western Persia, according to advices received today. Thousands are reported wandering on the mountains, homeless.

The tremor occurred on January 23, but owing to delays the news was not received here until today. The government has issued orders to various departments requesting further information regarding the necessity of food and clothing.

OVERT ACT WILL START TROUBLE

UNCLE SAM SHAKES FIST AT WARRING REPUBLICS.

Diplomatic Relations Broken Off Between Four South American Republics—Overt Act Will Bring Down Armed Prevention From United States, is Decree.

New Orleans, Feb. 17.—Following the withdrawal of ministers of Guatemala and Salvador from Honduras and Nicaragua, it was learned today from an authoritative source that the United States government has warned the Central American republic that any overt act would immediately call down armed intervention from this country.

IRENE WYNN DEAD.

Victim of Scarlet Fever Laid to Rest This Afternoon.

BIG BRIDGE AT SHOSHONE FALLS

BLUE LAW WAVE SWEEPING OVER IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 17.—The highest suspension bridge in the world will be built over the Snake river, just below Shoshone falls. The structure will be 700 feet above the river, and is to be 2000 feet long. It will cost \$500,000.

Blue Law Wave.
Following the passage of the county local option law, a wave of "blue law" legislation is sweeping the house of representatives. The latest is a bill which, if put through the house, will double the state license for saloons. The state-wide prohibition bill is not pending.

Probe Capitol Extravagance.
At the direction of the state senate, a special committee is making open investigation of the charge of misrepresentation and extravagance in connection with the erection of capitol buildings. It was announced the structure will cost \$2,000,000, which is three times larger than the original estimate. There is also an investigation of the charges against the state land board.

Defendants Given Jolt.
Nashville, Feb. 17.—That the late Senator E. W. Carmack "ought to have been in hell long ago" was the statement attributed to John Sharpe, who with Col. Duncan Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, are being tried for murdering Carmack, by W. J. Smith, on the stand today. Smith said Sharpe regarded Carmack as a disturbing figure in politics.

SPECIAL SESSION DATE.

Congress Will Meet in Special Session on March 15.
Washington, Feb. 17.—At a conference between President-elect Taft and Speaker Cannon, Senators Knox and Hale, it was decided that the special session of congress will be held on March 15.

SPECIAL MESSAGE IS SENT TO CONGRESS

ENGINEERS' REPORT FAVORING LOCK TYPE APPENDED.

In a Special Message to Congress Today, President Roosevelt Pays High Tribute to Those Who Decided on the Lock Type—Makes it Plain That to Criticize Plans Now is Attack on Policy of Building Any Canal—He Also Praises Workmen.

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt today submitted to congress in a special message, a report of the board of engineers endorsing the present plan of construction of the Panama canal. Roosevelt says it would be inexcusable folly to change the plan to sea level. The message says: "I am happy to report the accompanying document shows in the clearest fashion that congress was wise in the position it took. In fact the report not only determines definitely the type of canal, but makes it evident that hereafter attacks on this type of canal—the lock type—is in reality merely an attack upon the policy of building any canal at all."

Referring to the engineers' report Roosevelt says: "I recommend the most careful consideration of their report. It shows only that it can be made on work that at times has been almost an excess of caution, providing against possible trouble. As to the Gatun dam itself, the engineers show that the dam is not only safe, but on the whole the plan already adopted would make it needlessly high and strong. Accordingly they recommended the height be reduced by 20 feet, which change I accordingly directed. Every American citizen should feel in it not only satisfaction, but keen pride in the statement by the engineers on the way the work has been done, and is now proceeding. The American people are to be heartily congratulated upon everything of importance done in connection with the canal."

Norwegian in Marathon.
Seattle, Feb. 17.—Norway will have a representative in the big Marathon race to be pulled off Monday afternoon over the mile and a half track of the Western Washington Fair association. He will be Fred Walby, now a member of the Y. M. C. A. at Oregon City.



EVENING GOWNS
Just received by express
GOTHAM LATEST DESIGNS
You are wanting these gowns for the season's social functions
WE HAVE THEM
In the daintiest Laces, Embroideries in sheet material.

Dainty Waist
What lady is there that does not want a new waist. Call and see them.



THE Fair Store
La Grande, Oregon

EDITORS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Washington, Feb. 17.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia, this afternoon returned indictments against the owners and responsible editors of the New York World and the Indianapolis News, charging them with criminal libel, on account of articles alleging improper dealing in the purchase of the canal.

Find Bodies in Ruins

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 17.—Eight bodies were removed today from the ruins of the Stanley coal mine, wrecked yesterday by an explosion. Thirty-two were frightfully burned when

HANDY HEAT WHEN NEEDED

A hot water bottle is indispensable in every home. Heat is nature's cure for pain and when applied promptly will often prevent serious ills.

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Our fall stock of hot water bottles is the most complete we have ever carried. All kinds and sizes and at prices that can't be beaten anywhere:

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