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## ARRANGE UNION COUNTY EXHIBIT

WILLIAM HALL LEAVES TONIGHT FOR PORTLAND

GET VERY BEST

EXHIBIT TO BE EXHAUSTIVE IS THE SCHEME.

Part of Exhibit is Already on the Ground at Seattle.

William Hall, the well known fruit raiser, and a booster of the first class, will leave for Portland tonight to meet the Oregon Commission of the A-Y-P. exposition preparatory to taking up his work of installing the Union county exhibit in the Oregon building at the fair. Mr. Hall has had experience and will look after the exhibit to the very best advantage. His work will begin in the near future, for grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables and practically everything raised in the valley will be shipped to him as fast as it matures. The fruit exhibit is partially ready, for 160 boxes of our finest apples are in cold storage at Seattle, and will be used as needed.

**Another Escape at Salem.**  
SALEM, May 18.—H. W. Harvey, a one eyed convict, escaped this morning from the gang employed at the institution for feeble minded. He is the eighth convict to escape since the force was put to work.

**Papke-Ketchel Fight Negotiations.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Falling to match Billy Papke with Sam Langford, Promoter Coffroth is conducting negotiations with Willus Britt for another Papke-Ketchel fight.

## READY FOR INSTITUTE.

Thursday's Institute Will be Full of Excellent Things.

Things look bright for the W. C. T. U. Institute in this city next Thursday, when Mrs. Shepard the noted lecturer will be here. Locally all arrangements have been made for the affair and the institute should prove of special worth to all concerned. The day will be replete with good things.

John Brown of Wallowa is here transacting business today.

## CLUB CHOOSES NEW OFFICIALS

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB MEETS FOR LAST TIME UNTILL FALL

At one of the most pleasant, harmonious and in every way enjoyable meetings in the memory of La Grande club women the Neighborhood club gathered this afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. Anthony and elected new officers for the coming club year. They are:

Mrs. J. D. Smith, president; Mrs. Ed Kiddle, vice-president; Mrs. D. E. Cox, recording secretary; Mrs. W. A. Worstell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. T. Williamson, treasurer, and Mrs. Williams, librarian.

Of the new officials Mrs. Worstell, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Williams succeed themselves. Mrs. Ivanhoe was elected director.

The retiring officers named in order of their positions were, Mrs. Ivanhoe, Miss Margaret Anson, Mrs. E. Polack, and the three ladies who remain in their former offices.

One of the pleasantest features of the afternoon was the speech of Mrs. T. Hill, in which, elegantly and

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## GET FACTS ABOUT DAM

Engineer Humphreys Will go Directly to Meadowbrook IS INITIAL CONSTRUCTION STEP

Final and complete reports as to the precise location of the Meadowbrook dam, the contour of the reservoir, volumes of data dealing with the strata of rock underlying the dam site and reservoir site, and a mass of other details in a way supplementary to the report made by Young and Kelsey on the Meadowbrook proposition three years ago, will be laid before the directors of the Meadowbrook Association within something like 10 days or two weeks. Engineer Humphreys of Ogden, who will be the engineer in charge of the irrigation project, will arrive tomorrow morning, and, after consultation with the directors will leave with a small corps of assistants for Meadowbrook, where he will remain until the notes mentioned above are located. This is the initial step of actual construction of the Meadowbrook irrigation proposition.

It will be Mr. Humphreys' purpose

to locate the dam site minutely. His task will be an arduous one and the team that takes him to it will return and leave the engineer and his crew there until the work is finished. Directors and promoters in general, are elated that the initial steps of construction are about to be taken.

The directors held a meeting last evening and aside from appointing J. D. McKennon and F. S. Bramwell a committee of two to receive and wait on the engineer when he arrives tomorrow morning, little else was done. Mr. Humphreys will come out of the mountains with the figures in hand whereon can be started condemnation suits where necessary, whereon can be let the contract for construction of the dam site, and the purchase of land required to permit construction of the reservoir. It will be extremely valuable information which he will seek there and come out with.

## SPOKANE POLICE LAZY

SPOKANE, May 18.—It is apparent today that the county authorities are making no effort to capture the two bandits who held up the Great Northern train Saturday night, near here.

Detectives seem to have little faith in the railroad's offer of a big reward, because of the treatment received by the captors of McDonald and Frankhauser, train robbers. Not a single captor received a cent of reward of-

## HARRIMAN UNEASY. Railroad King Fears Competition When Canal Opens.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Anticipating competition in the colonist trade when the Panama canal opens, Harriman is negotiating for the purchase of half a million acres of land on the west side of the San Joaquin valley including the entire water rights of the valley. This is to be part of a vast colonization scheme on the Pacific coast. The land lies in five different counties.

## REFUGEES CAUSE FEARS OF RIOT

MESSINA DISASTER VICTIMS RETURN TO STRICKEN CITY

ROME, May 18.—It is feared that the return to Messina of refugees, who are supported at various Sicilian and Italian towns by relief funds will be marked by rioting. The present population of the stricken city is twenty thousand and returning refugees number fifteen thousand. Yesterday the Roman earthquake relief committee paid the final gratuities to Messina and Reggio refugees and closed the temporary shelters.

The matter is still in litigation. The local police seem to make no effort to locate the robbers.

## VOTING NOW IN ORDER.

Interest in Friendly Contest Grows Rapidly as Time Progresses.

Voting for the Rose Show Queen began today, but votes will not be counted before some time tomorrow. Interest continues to grow, and by the end of the week it is expected that several thousands of votes will be cast for the various candidates.

## MANUFACTURERS BELLIGERENT

PRESIDENT VAN CLEAVE COMMENDS EFFORTS TO BEST LABOR

SCORES LEADER

CHARGES EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SPECIAL FAVORS.

Refers to Menace of Influencing Immigrants.

NEW YORK, May 18.—In a strenuous attack upon unions, President James Van Cleave today opened the door to frighten the National Republican of Manufacturers. In his report he defended the aggressive policy pursued by officers in the contest with labor leaders. Referring to the sentences imposed on the labor leaders, Mitchell, Gompers and Morrison, he said: "We defeated them in Washington and then the conspirators massed their forces in Chicago and attempted to frighten the National Republican convention into sanctioning an un-American propaganda.

"With a cunning engendered by a quarter-century of duplicitly the labor leader, then transferred the fight to state legislatures. Let me warn this association, that under the cloak of legislation for defense, pretended defense of working women and children, insidious attempts are being made by politicians of the trade unions to get special favors for their organizations.

"Van Cleave favors an amendment providing a tariff board, as suggested by the finance committee of the senate. He referred to the "Menace of permitting immigrants to become influenced by the federation, which decries its leaders to be above laws."

## Mrs. Taft Improving.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Mrs. Taft and son, Charlie, are reported to be resting well today. Mrs. Taft has completely recovered from her nervous breakdown yesterday, and Charlie, who was operated on for tonsillitis, is improving.

## Eddie Graney Married.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—It was learned today that Eddie Graney, the referee and fight promoter, was married on May 6 to Agnes E. Milhoan, aged 25, a former stenographer of Abe Ruef's office. Graney's first wife died a year ago.

## Fashion's Choicest Selections

New Lines for Spring and Summer wear have been arriving daily and we are certain that never before have we had such an elegant showing of new and up-to-date merchandise.

## New Wash Suits and Dresses

in all the newest colors and every one from the cheapest to the most expensive is elegantly tailored.

Wash Suits from \$4.00 to \$17.50



Wash Dresses from \$2.50 to \$27.50

Come in and see them. You are always welcome at

# THE FAIR

## CRATER LAKE MONEY ENJOINED ATTORNEY MCMAHON OF SALEM

SALEM, May 18.—L. M. Mahan, the Salem attorney, is preparing to bring action in the circuit court of Marion county, enjoining the state treasurer from paying over \$100,000 appropriated by the last legislature for construction of the Crater Lake road. The reasons are those which prompted

ed the same attorney to bring suit against Former Secretary of State Dunbar and Former Senator C. W. Fulton, and both cases failed.

McMahon's contention is that the act appropriating the money is local and a special law and thereby in violation of the constitution.

## BANNER PRICE PAID

## FORESTERS MET AT HOOD RIVER

GRAND LODGE MEETS WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE

HOOD RIVER, Oregon, May 18.—The opening session of the Grand Lodge of Foresters of Oregon was held here this morning. Delegates to the number of 75 are attending from Portland, Salem, La Grande, Oregon City, College Grove, Grants Pass, Albany and other points in the state.

The session was devoted to the consideration of the reports of committees and other business relating to the order's history for the past year.

So far as can be learned at this time the highest price ever paid for Grande Ronde valley fruit land was paid to William Hall this afternoon, when the Logan-Sherwood Realty company completed a sale of Mr. Hall's ten acre tract to Locke B. Moe, of Nebraska, for \$5,000 or \$800 per acre. Mr. Moe has been investigating all this interior country for the past month, and has been in this valley for the past two weeks. He found nothing to compare with the values offered here, and consequently paid his money where it would bring him the greatest returns. The Meadowbrook irrigation project had a good deal to do with his final choice of location.

Incidentally it may be said that Mr. Hall bought the place in 1900 for \$500.

## Captain Hains Jailed.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Captain Hains was taken to prison today. He will serve time while the case is being carried to appellate division of the supreme court.

## RUSSIAN OFFICERS TO BE RELEASED

CZAR FINALLY SHOWS MERCY TO MEN WRONGFULLY ACCUSED

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—The Czar today ordered the release of Admiral Nebogatoff and General Stoessel, who were confined in Fortress Peter Paul under a sentence of life imprisonment. Nebogatoff surrendered the Russian fleet to Admiral Togo. Stoessel surrendered Port Arthur during the Japanese war. Both were tried for cowardice at the close of the war. Stoessel is believed to be dying and Nebogatoff is sick.