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SOCIETY CLIMAX TO CELEBRATION

DAY OF AMUSEMENT TO DIE IN SOCIETY BALL
One of The Latest Bits of News From Fourth of July Headquarters is Announcement of Grand Society Ball on The Evening of The Fourth—Local Society Leaders Will Foster The Plan—Will be Mid-Summer's Social Acme of Success.

A ball—the social event of the mid-summer season—to be given under the auspices of the Fourth of July Celebration committee, fostered and supported by the elite, bound to be the height of the committee's attainments; such is the latest information from the Fourth of July committee today. It will be the closing serenade to a day of amusement and celebration.

Today the ball is an assured fact, but is yet confined to the brains of the men who gave the idea birth. Soon, in the immediate future, in fact, the arrangements will be turned over to those who excel in the engineering of such affairs, and the sturdy boosters who are more proficient in the principles of how to separate money from its owner for publicity purposes will stand back and drink hearty of the success which will surely follow their plans, matured by them, but carried on to "finals" by social leaders of the city.

Good Roads Session.
 BALTIMORE, May 21.—What has been by all odds the most successful session in the history of the National Good Roads Congress is nearing its end today. The delegates will proceed to Washington for a concluding session tomorrow, when several government experts on highways improvement and conservation will deliver addresses and read papers.

Gas Men Adjourn.
 COLUMBUS, O., May 21.—With the transaction of final business today, the annual convention of the National Gas Association of North America will come to a close and the delegates will leave for their homes tonight. The session has been very successful, more than 500 men interested in the natural gas industry having been represented.

"Drummers" in Session.
 JACKSON, Miss., May 21.—Enthusiastic in their declarations that prosperity is now abounding in the Gulf states, the United Commercial Travelers of Mississippi and Louisiana assembled in force here today to hold their annual grand council. Nearly a thousand delegates are already in the city and more are arriving on every train this afternoon. Several thousand dollars will be expended in their entertainment. Trade conditions are reported to be more favorable at the present time than in several years.

SNAP JOB FOR ORCHARD ENDED

FORMER TRUSTY TRANSFERRED TO ORDOROUS DUTIES.

New Warden at Boise Puts No Favors in Orchard's Way.

BOISE, May 21.—Harry Orchard, the star witness for the prosecution of Haywood and Pettibone, and serving a life sentence for the murder of former Governor Steunberg, is now doing the hardest kind of work in the shoe department.

Under Warden Whitney he was a "trustee" in the commissary department, but Snook the new Warden has transferred him to hard labor, saying he must be treated like all life prisoners are.

A MAID, A BAT AND HUGE BUMPS

SEATTLE SERVANT GIRL THRASHES THIEF WITH BAT
Discovering a Thief in Her Mistress' Room She Finds Baseball Bat And Hits Him, Fells Burglar With Single Blow—Jewels Dropped in Scuffle—Thief Knocks Girl Down With His Fist, But Falls to Quiet "Scrapping" Maid.

SEATTLE, May 21.—There is a battered, disgusted burglar in the city who has probably made a vow never again to engage in a nefarious pursuit until he first has ascertained that no athletic servant girl is about the premises armed with base ball paraphernalia. Calara Anderson employed in the home of Leo S. Schwabacher, President of the Schwabacher Hardware Co., awakened late last night by the odor of gas turned on her room, with evident intention of asphyxiating her. She discovered a prowler in the bedroom of her mistress, who was absent. She secured a baseball bat and advanced upon the burglar. With a heavy swing she caught the burglar in the back of the neck and sent him sprawling. The robber regained his feet and knocked the girl down with his fist. The plucky servant fought, and being equal match for the invader. In the scuffle the burglar dropped the jewelry valued at \$2,000, but escaped with \$30.

A Weston High School.
 WESTON, May 20.—The taxpayers of Weston will have a meeting Monday, May 31, to decide whether a high school will be established or not. The indications are that a large majority are in favor of establishing a school to teach scholars attending grades higher than the eighth. During the existence of the normal school Weston had no high school.

FRIEND KILLED BY COMPANION

QUARREL OVER ROAD ENDS IN DEATH AND INJURIES

Two Neighbors at Geer Springs, Not Far From Pendleton, Quarrel Over Road—Met Yesterday And Clash Came—Man Who Acted as Peacemaker Was Killed And Third Party Wounded by Same Bullet—Dead Man Left in The Field.

PENDLETON, May 21.—ACCORDING to a report here this morning, Mike Ryan shot and instantly killed William Dixon and perhaps fatally wounded a man named Schubert, the latter's employer, near Geer Springs, 50 miles from here yesterday. The men were neighbors. Ryan forbade Schubert using a certain road and threatening to kill him if he did. Returning home from Milton, Schubert and Dixon met Ryan as they approached the disputed road. Ryan pulled a revolver and Dixon jumped between Schubert and Ryan fired. The bullet killed Dixon, and hit Schubert. Dixon's body was found this morning in a field. Schubert was taken to a Walla Walla hospital.

WADS OF MONEY

Well, the finance committee of the Fourth that is to be were out again today, and were even more successful than yesterday. The spirit of the businessmen was put in concrete form this morning, when Charlie Dunn, of the A. B. C. laundry, yelled to the committee not to forget him and came up to them on the street with his money in his outstretched hand. Not all the business men did that way, but there were no lemons, and no evidence of any, and the committee said that the amount of money already contributed must not be made public for fear that those who have not given will say that they do not need any more.

No Count Today.
 The contest committee was too busy today to count the votes, and the totals will probably not be announced until tomorrow afternoon and Sunday morning.

PORTLAND GATE OPENED AT LAST

COMMISSION ANNOUNCES DECISION IN CASE.

Famous Gateway Case Set to Rest by Interstate Body.

PORTLAND, May 21.—After months of worry and anxiety on the part of the Portland and Oregon businessmen, the interstate commission has ruled that the Portland gateway shall be opened and that colonistic travel bound bound for Seattle points, can pass through Portland. Early this year the commission started an inquiry to determine whether Portland should be opened as a gateway for people passing to and from the Puget Sound on the Northern Pacific and the hearing was held at Chicago in March. Many officials of both systems gave testimony. The commission took the case under advisement, and the decision was announced today, so there will no further delay in making preparations for a great travel to this part of the country via Portland.

World's Oldest Dentist.
 PORTLAND, Me., May 21.—Dr. R. C. Chapman of Damariscotta, who claims to be the oldest practicing dentist in the world, today celebrated the 87th anniversary of his birth. The aged toothpuller was born in Noblesboro, Me., May 21, 1822, and has been attending to the decayed and diseased molars of the people of Damariscotta since 1846, a period of sixty-three years.

To Save Celestials.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Bishop Fabiano Landi, of the Franciscan order, accompanied by Father Antoninus Murphy, sailed today for China, to take charge of the missionary work of the order in the interior of the dragon empire. Bishop Landi was until recently stationed in Boston. It is feared that his new field of endeavor will be fraught with many difficulties and dangers, as the natives of central China are said to be violently opposed to the teachings of all Christian missionaries.

INSANE MOTHER KILLS CHILDREN

TAKES HER OWN LIFE AFTER GRUESOME CARNIVAL.

Two Children Dead And A Third Dying as Result.

MIDDLETON, Ky., May 21.—Heartlessly cutting the throats of her three children, aged 10 months, seven years and 10 years Mrs. Lewis Carstem attractive, and 35, committed suicide in the same way today. John, aged seven, is expected to die before night and the other two are dead. The mother was temporarily insane, and it is supposed she was enraged by some act of the children. She seized a razor and started her fiendish work.

INSTITUTE TODAY

TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE DISCUSSED BY SPEAKERS.

Mrs. Shepard Will Conduct Union Service.

The second day of the W. C. T. U. convention, held in the Christian church, was just as good as the first. At 9:30 this morning a devotional service was conducted by Mrs. R. W. Leighton, and immediately afterward Mrs. Wolfe, of Union, led the discussion of "State Plans," regarding temperance work. At 11 o'clock a general discussion of "None-Alcoholic Medication" was caused by Mrs. R. L. Mathews' paper on that subject. Nearly every one present took part, and the hour proved very interesting. The spirit of the discussion was very much opposed to the employment of medicines in which one of the principal ingredients is alcohol. Mrs. Sadie Clark read a very interesting paper on "Systematic Giving." Mrs. J. D. Gillilan led the noon tide prayer service.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Shepard, and the remainder of the program included a paper by Mrs. McGee on "The W. C. T. U. and the Public Schools," a discussion by the pastors of the churches on the prospect for a stricter and better enforcement of the prohibition law. A song by Miss Frances Breckenridge followed and the reports of committees. Sunday will be a very busy day for Mrs. Shepard, for at 11 o'clock she will conduct a service at Island City; at 3 o'clock she will hold a meeting in Alice, and under her leadership a Union service will be held in the Presbyterian church in this city at 8 o'clock in the evening. No other services will be held in the evangelical churches of the city on Sunday evening.

SALOON SIGNS TO TELL FACTS

MRS. SHEPARD WOULD LET PEOPLE KNOW INSIDE FACTS

Seething Arraignment on Saloons Made by Speaker at Institute—Speaker Points a Sign Board That Would do Well, She Says, on All Occasions And Some of The Near-beer Joints—Speaker is Entertaining And Delights Her Hearers.

BANKS FOR LOSING.

Open all day and night, back doors on Sundays. Nothing received here, but good money. Nothing paid back, but disease, disgrace degradation and death. A free ticket to destruction to all who pay well at this counter; an extra dividend of delirium tremors to all old depositors. Free tickets furnished to all cemeteries, entitling depositors to a drunkard's grave and a potter's field. Free transportation to all children of depositors, entitling them to entrances in almshouse and orphanages, for others to support.

The above is the sign which Mrs. E. E. Shepard, who is the leading light at W. C. T. U. institute now in progress at the Christian church would have suspended over every saloon in Oregon and some of the near-beer joints of La Grande. In her remarkable address delivered last evening, she dwelt at length on this theme—banks for losing.

Mrs. Shepard is a talented speaker and her oratory was heard at its best when she related the words of the sign with which she would brand every door of every saloon in the country, had she her way. "I want it in big red letters so that any one driving by rapidly, or running at breakneck speed, could discern the words at a glance," said the speaker.

REPORTS TOMORROW NIGHT.

Outcome of Corvallis Meet to be finalized by Observer. As quickly as the Western Union can transmit the message telling of the outcome of the Corvallis meet tomorrow night, the Observer will notify the interested ones with bulletins at the usual Observer bulletin board. It is always tedious tasks to get messages through on an occasion like this and it may be 6 o'clock or after before the tidings are received here. La Grande will be on the nervous seat until it is known what showing was made by the local athletes in the weights and jumps.

VANDERBILTS TO GRASP CHANCES

RUMORED THAT C. ST. P. AND N. ROAD WILL EXTEND LINE.

Northwestern Behind The Mysterious North Bank.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 21.—Before departing over the Canadian Pacific for the east today, A. W. Trouholm, the General Manager for the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis and the Omaha railroad, who has toured the northwest, declared, that while not speaking officially, he believed the purpose of the great Vanderbilt system is to extend lines to Seattle and other Puget Sound cities. It is understood to the intention of the Chicago & Northwestern road to extend to the coast by an extension of the Black Hills line, whose western terminus is Lander, Wyoming. It is reported surveyors are now engaged in location work in Idaho and that the Northwestern system is a real backer of the mysterious North Bank line, now building westward from Spokane.

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