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HITCH IN FIST FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—There is a strong possibility of a hitch over bandages, when Dick Hyland and Battling Nelson meet at 3 this afternoon in a 45 round contest for the light weight championship of the world. Tyland has announced that he will refuse to go on if Nelson makes a cement ball out of his hands with bandages as he did when he fought Gans last year. He insists on only sufficient bandages to protect his knuckles.

Early indications pointed to the biggest crowd ever attending a fight in the Mission Street Arena, Colma. Before noon fans began to journey to the big tent to get the best seats.

Nelson spent the night in a turkish bath, while Hyland spent the night at the training quarters across the bay. He came to San Francisco shortly before noon.

If Hyland wins he will get the championship and a guarantee of \$1500, while Nelson, if he wins retains the title and gets \$5,000.

The United Press will send bulletins of the final result of the fight to the Van Buren News Stand and the Foley Hotel barber shop this evening.

New Auto Arrives.

The Chalmers-Detroit, 30 horse power, auto purchased by L. H. Russell arrived last evening and was set up today. It was purchased through W. H. Bohnenkamp, the local agent.

Mrs. Shepard Comes Again.

Mrs. E. E. Shepard, the noted temperance worker, will be in La Grande again on Wednesday, June 2, and will lecture in the L. D. S. tabernacle beginning at 7:30 sharp.

GAME AT ELGIN.

No More Every Sunday Ball Games in La Grande as a Result.

The Cove-Elgin game will be played at Elgin next Sunday, instead of La Grande. This ends every Sunday ball for La Grande as all teams in the league now have their own grounds.

Builds Big Barn.

O. P. Harrison who lives near La Grande, has constructed a large barn on his ranch that will hold aside from the stock, 40 tons of hay.

KEROSENE CAN FATAL TO MANY

MOTHER DEAD AND CHILDREN
ARE DYING.

Dangerous Practice Results Fatally to
Large Family.

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., May 29.—Mrs. Jacob Anderson is dead and her two daughters, Igna and Mera are not expected to recover, while Mr. Jacob, the husband and two young sons are suffering burns today as the result of an explosion of kerosene with which Mrs. Anderson was attempting to build a fire in the kitchen stove. The can exploded, setting fire to clothing, curtains and other furnishings. The fire spread rapidly. In attempting to save the woman's life, other members of the family were burned.

PROSPERITY ORDERS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—One hundred and five modern locomotives for use on Harriman's lines in the west, will be rushed to completion by the Baldwin works. This order is the largest since the panic of 1907.

Mrs. J. G. Wagner and daughter Miss Elsie, leaves soon for Portland and Seattle to visit with friends.

SUCCESS BRANDS SHOW AT ELGIN

ELGIN, May 29.—(Special)—Old Sol came out this afternoon and shone brightly on the event that has been the chief topic of conversation in this city and vicinity for some days, The Second Annual Horse Show. One of the largest crowds that ever congregated in the city viewed the parade for the prizes, and one of the finest features of the parade was the exhibition of the fine animals of the ladies' saddle horse class. The heavy roads were responsible for the absence of a number of heavy draft horses.

The ball game planned for the afternoon between the Union team, re-

turning from a trip to Enterprise, where they were beaten in a double-header yesterday, and the locals, who played their first game in the Eastern Oregon league last Sunday, was called off because the Union boys were unwilling to take the long drive through the valley when the roads are so muddy as they are after the hard rain.

The day was successful in every detail, and the interest aroused has assured the permanency of an annual horse show.

One of the finest features of the parade was the showing of the ladies saddle horses to the number of 18.

LEBANON PAPER MILLS SUFFER LOSS OF 15,000 CORDS OF WOOD

SALEM, May 29.—Reports from Lebanon say the fire departments of Albany and Salem have so far failed to put out fire attacking 15,000 cords of pulp wood at the Lebanon paper mills at Lebanon, late yesterday. It was thought that 10,000 cords could be

saved, but later a message says the entire lot will probably be destroyed. The fire was caused by a spark from the engine room. The loss of the engine house is \$10,000 which is insured, but the wood is not insured.

New Faces are in Committee

Owing to the enforced absence of Mrs. Fred Schilke during the summer,

the parade committee for the celebration, of which W. R. Jones is chairman, has found it necessary to appoint some one else to take charge of the floats in the "Carnival of Nations." Accordingly, they this morning called upon Mrs. W. L. Brenholts and Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn who very graciously consented to take up the work that Mrs. Schilke had to drop because of the severe illness of her little daughter, Fredericka, and the necessity of taking the little girl to a different climate as soon as she is able to travel.

They have already taken up their increased duties, and will not allow the celebration to suffer for lack of number or beauty of the floats representing the nations.

Committee is Coming.

Mr. Jones desires the Observer to say to those merchants and business men who have not been called upon by his committee, that they have not been and will not be slighted, but that lack of time has prevented their being visited. The committee desires every one who is willing to prepare a float for the parade to report.

JURY IS EXCUSED

The grand jury finished its work this afternoon and was excused shortly before 4 o'clock. In addition to the six true bills returned yesterday, there were four others today. Wilson, the short change artist, and Christiansen, the Summerville young man who is charged with raising a check, are already in custody. Other indictments are yet public property.

DIRECTORS MEET.

Engineer Darley Reports to Directors of Reservoir Company.

Several hours last evening were consumed in talking over the informal report of Engineer Darley, who is here to examine the Meadowbrook dam site and to report to his principal, Engineer Humphrey, when he has finished his investigations. Mr. Darley regards very favorably the site selected for the dam, and will soon be ready to speak more definitely in regard to the best methods of forwarding the work on the system.

PAST YEAR IS RECORD BREAKER

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT
SCHOOLS IMPROVED.

Increase in High School Attendance
For Past Year.

Reckoning from the standards of work done, moral, mental and physical training, enthusiasm of pupils, general efficiency of the teaching force and the class work done, the year just closed is the best in the history of the La Grande schools. In point of numbers, there was practically no difference from the year before; the total registration for last year being 1486, one less than for the previous year, but the average attendance was much better, and at the end of the school year there were 25 more pupils than at the end of 1907-'08. Last year there were 8249 days of absence, as against 9161 for the year before. The average number of pupils belonging was 887 as against 864, and the average daily attendance for the two years, was, for this year, 840, for last 837.

In the high school the greatest gain is shown, and a remarkable fact is that the number of boys remaining in the high school, contrary to the usual history of high schools everywhere, exceeds the number of girls.

The total number of boys remaining in the schools at the end of the year was 388; of girls 409. The total number of day attendance was 142,554.

No better testimonial to the worth of the La Grande curriculum and thoroughness of instruction by teachers needed than the fact that La Grande stands among the very first in the credits allowed her graduates at the State University.

Buy Pasture Land.

J. D. McKennon has closed a deal with J. A. Russell whereby the former has purchased 640 acres of pasture land on Five Points adjoining the McKennon stock ranch. This makes a total of a little more than 3000 acres which Mr. McKennon owns in that vicinity.

WILD RIOT IN STREET

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—Rioting and disorders throughout the city greeted the citizens when they arose to find a general strike of motormen and conductors effective at 4 this morning, and that two-thirds of the surface lines are tied up. A mob attacked the Girard avenue car and stove passengers and crew alike. Windows were smashed and the car damaged.

Of the 4800 employees, the union claims to have 3300. The men are receiving 21 cents an hour, but want 25.

The company has opposed the demand in every way, and will fight the strikers to the bitter end. An effort is being made to bring about a meeting between the company officials and Union leaders.

HANLEY TRIAL NEARLY OVER.

Case Will go to The Jury Next Monday Sometime It is Planned.

PORTLAND, May 29.—Monday will see the conclusion of the government's case against William Hanley, accused of illegally fencing 80,000 acres of public land in Harney county. The case will go to the jury after the argument by Attorney Gearin, for the defendant and District Attorney McCourt for the State.

MAY WHEAT AT WILDEST CAREER IN LATE YEARS

CHICAGO, May 29.—A remarkable bull campaign of May wheat engineered by James Patten went into history today, marking the end of the most bitter and successful corner of recent years.

May wheat closed its career at 1.34.

May Buy Milliner Store.

Madames Fred Swaney and Wm. Allison are considering the purchase of the Mrs. L. Smith milliner store. The deal will be consummated Monday, no doubt.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore, of Mt. Glenn, Friday, May 29, a son.

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