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CALHOUN JURY DISAGREED

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS FILED

ANNUAL MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD TODAY

Reading of Clerk's Report is Chief Feature of Today's Annual Meeting Before Election Commenced—David Bay Calls Meeting to order And Will Soon End His Term—Kernels of Value in Summary Report.

School Clerk A. C. Williams today read a splendid report of the La Grande schools to the annual meeting of the school board held at the high school building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Bay, whose successor was selected this afternoon, and when he calls the board to canvass the returns tonight, he will have committed his last official act as director of the La Grande schools. Little business was transacted except for the reading of the report. In the document the financial statement is a pleasant feature, but there are many other important matters of interest to the public which is told in the appended report:

Number of pupils between 4 & 20 years of age residing district, 1369; teachers employed, 26; number of school houses in district, 4; number of months school taught, 9; number of legal voters for school purposes, about 740; number of library books 1460; number of library books purchased during last year, 234; estimated value of school houses and grounds, \$75,000; average monthly salary male teachers, \$90; average monthly salary of female teachers, \$57; number of teachers employed in private schools, 5; number months private school, 9.

Financial Statement.
Cash on hand last report June 15, 1908 \$1210.54
Received from district tax, 11419.55
Received from County School Fund, 525.09
Received from State School Fund, 2401.60
Received from Tuition 270.10
Received from other sources 65.93

Disbursements.
Paid out for teachers wages, \$14553.75
Paid out for fuel and school supplies, 2012.50
Paid out for repairs, improvements, janitors, 5354.43

GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE

MISS ELMA BENNET DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID WITH FATAL RESULTS

Daughter of Respected Pioneers of Elgin Country Dies by Her Own Hand Yesterday

ELGIN, June 21.—(Special)—Miss Emma Bennet, aged about 24 years, suicided at the home of her parents four miles southwest of Elgin sometime Sunday morning by drinking carbolic acid. The body was found by her parents yesterday morning. Near the bed was an empty bottle of

Paid out for interest, 1866.05
Paid out for insurance, 211.25
Paid out for clerk, 400.00
Paid out for other purposes, 188.15

Total paid out \$24688.18
Balance on hand June 21, 1909, \$10100.17

Buffalo Exposition.
BUFFALO, N. Y., June 21.—One of the greatest fairs of its kind ever held in the country opens here today under the name of the Buffalo Midsummer Exposition and will continue to July 4. Three big new buildings have been erected on the grounds and are filled to overflowing with interesting exhibits illustrating the commercial, industrial and artistic greatness of Buffalo.

Uphold Prohibition.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 21.—A state convention of the Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League will begin in Vinita tomorrow, when plans will be made to fight the proposed attempt to repeal the present prohibition laws of the state.

WIFE THIEF SHOT BY IRATE HUSBAND

INSTANT KILLING NEAR PORTLAND EARLY TODAY

Charging That Victim Stole His Wife, Murderer Surrenders to Authorities.

PORTLAND, June 21.—R. T. Dickerson, a grading contractor, this morning shot and instantly killed H. A. Garrett, whom he accused of taking his wife away from him. Dickerson immediately boarded a car, and rode to the city, where he surrendered himself to the sheriff.

The shooting occurred near a camp on the Patton road, where Dickerson was in charge of men engaged in grading. He refused to discuss the case, but said he fired in self defense.

Old Pioneer Here.

E. Fisher is here today, one of the pioneers of the county having first settled near Summerville 47 years ago and for 46 years has lived on his farm which he took up under the homestead laws. Mr. Fisher for many years has called regularly at the Observer office to renew his subscription.

RACER CRIPPLED AT SUMMERVILLE

TWO FORDS NOW LEADING IN RACE OVER CONTINENT

Since Yesterday Afternoon Three Automobiles Have Passed Through The Valley—One Now Far Ahead—Shawmut Car Two Hours Ahead at Boise But Lost Time Here—Leaves Summerville One Hour Behind Ford No. 1 This Afternoon.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Shawmut car had repaired a broken clutch sustained at James McKenzie ranch near the Conley warehouses and left Summerville for Walla Walla. The Ford car No. 1 overtook the Shawmut west of North Powder and passed through Summerville an hour ahead of the car which until today has been leading car No. 1. The break delayed the Shawmut 45 minutes. Both cars were going at a terrific speed. They are just 21 days out of New York.

Automobiles, dismantled to make the least possible weight have been tearing madly across Union county since Sunday noon, in the New-York to Seattle Guggenheim auto race. The Ford car No. 2 is far in the lead. It touched the valley yesterday afternoon, going directly from Union to Summerville, under pilotage of L. C. Smith. At Summerville a brief stop was made to repair a spring and then the race continued through the Toll Gate road. It should reach Seattle tomorrow.

The Shawmut car left Boise two hours in the lead of the Ford car No. 1. Mr. Smith was also pilot for the Ford car which went through this afternoon.

EXCURSION A SPLENDID ONE

JOSEPH'S HOSPITALITY SUNG BY VISITORS

Town at The Wallowa Lake Makes Extremely Pleasant Day For Excursionists Who Attend—Crowd Not Large, But Great in Praise of The Treatment Accorded Them—Return at Midnight, All Tired But Happy.

Singing the praises of all Wallowa county and more especially the hospitality of Joseph, the 300 who yesterday enjoyed the railroadmen's excursion are today confiding to their friends what was missed by not attending. The weather was ideal, the crowd was not large, and the hospitality of Joseph beyond description. Three hundred left La Grande, the same number boarded the train at Elgin, and from then on every station helped augment the crowds. It was a jolly good crowd and they had a jolly good time.

Accommodations were ample. When the train reached Joseph, it was to find teams in great abundance to convey the pilgrims to the head of the lake, or to the falls if the timid ones were shy at the launches. But many took to the launches and rode the full length and more too gratis. There was precision and organization at every turn and the crowd was moved like so many soldiers. It was just noon when they reached their destination and all afternoon was devoted to listening to the La Grande band's popular airs, to drink the free coffee which for "just rightness" was unexcelled. The beauties of Wallowa lake were enjoyed simultaneously with the open-hearted hospitality. When it came to go home, the same

systematic accommodations were on hand and when the Joseph train arrived here at midnight, a happy, tired and well entertained lot alighted. To a man, they affirm it was the finest excursion ever indulged in.

The thorough system and the many things supplied free of cost by the Joseph people, will always remain as a pleasant thought to those who went. Many from here had no occasion to spend a cent for everything was free of charge.

The Minam train was less popularly attended, but those who went, found fishing good, and a quiet picnic by themselves, remote from the masses where they communed with nature to the fullest extent of their wishes.

The entire affair was one solid thing of pleasure.

Union is Defeated.
Union, at the top of the percentage column in the league, met defeat at the hands of the Huntington ball tossers yesterday on the Huntington diamond.

HARRIMAN SAID TO HAVE DIED

LITTLE CREDENCE IS GIVEN REPORT BY FRIENDS

Wall Street Suffers by Reports From Austria Saying Railroad Chief is Dead.

NEW YORK, June 21.—An unconfirmed rumor says E. H. Harriman died at Austria today, has created confusion in Wall street. A sharp break in the market followed the circulation of the report. Directors of the Union Pacific and personal friends have not received any word. Harriman is supposed to be in Vienna today.

The fact that friends have not heard anything to make them fear for his state of health, had an effect of generally discrediting the rumor; growing into the belief that the report was circulated to affect the market.

Elgin Team Loses.

Cove defeated Elgin and Wallowa defeated Joseph yesterday at Joseph. The score of the Elgin-Cove game was 9 to 3.

Pasture in Good Shape.

J. W. White states that feed in the mountain at this season of the year has not been as good before in many years.

JURY STOOD 10 FOR ACQUITTAL

MORNING CALL RAILS AT THE JURY MEN

Yesterday Noon The Disagreement in The Famous Calhoun Trial Was Announced—No Opportunity For Rich Man to Get Into Jail Asserts The Editorial—Can And Will No Doubt be Tried Again on Same Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Henry today presented a motion in court asking that a second trial of P. Calhoun, be called tomorrow. The motion was bitterly contested by the defense.

Later in the day Judge Lawlor set next Monday for the opening of the second trial of Calhoun. The defense announced it would present an affidavit supporting the allegations that Judge Lawlor is biased, and that Henry was never legally appointed as Assistant District Attorney.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—"The Call" owned by John D. Spreckels, and the only morning paper here, has printed an editorial on the action of the Calhoun jury in disagreeing. The poll of the jury shows ten for acquittal. The disagreement was announced at noon yesterday.

The Call editorial says, partly: "The simple moral of the Calhoun trial, and its outcome, is wicked. The rich man has a better chance of getting into heaven than the outraged public has of getting him into jail. The fabric of law gives way under the weight of millions. The penal code is not built to hold against the pressure of the plutocrat, especially when his crime is committed upon the public. He can be tried again on the same charge, and ought to be, and it is probable he will be tried again on some of the many charges pending against him."

Finest Program Yet.

"Probably one of the strongest combinations that has ever come to the scenic will be ready for the patrons tonight" said Manager Gardiner today. "The Wayne & Co." is a fine one, and produces some splendid wizard stuff. Billy Baxter the famous comedian is also on the program. The line of features is too numerous to mention and the best way to learn, is to go and see.

WOODPELL CLAN REUNION

TWO HUNDRED DESCENDANTS OF J. E. AND MARY WOODPELL

Woodells in Great Numbers Form a Rinehart-Like Organization

A notable family reunion of one of the honored sturdy and successful families of this valley became a matter of history yesterday. The day was ideal, and everything conspired to make the occasion one of great pleasure and unusual profit. The Woodell tribe and their descendants with many friends added laurels to their crown and fragrance to their names on this splendid occasion.

The place of convocation was the Oliver Shafer grove on the Sandridge. The family came together on Saturday, 82 in number, and richly enjoyed the family occasion. Organization was effected by electing Jas. L. Woodell, pres. Mrs. Janius Woodell, vice pres. Mrs. E. W. Oliver, sec. Mrs. Eleza Wall, singer, historian and Miss Isis Moss, historical secretary.

The family encampment in the grove was a delightful feature, as song and story by camp fire were indulged in by young and old.

During Sunday forenoon a spirited ball game was the feature, when the

married men contested the single men for family honors. The latter won. At the noon tide about 200 people set down to a sumptuous feast, afterward the audience gathered and enjoyed an elaborate musical program—a feat in itself, where Woodell talent was charmingly manifested.

Pastor W. H. Gibson, of the First Baptist church of La Grande, preached an earnest sermon from Josh 24:15, on "Personal and Family Religion." The attention was tense and felt. The audience sang the "Glad Reunion" and closed the hour with "Sweet By and By."

The Woodell family and its present enlarging life sprang from J. E. and Mary Woodell, who came from Virginia in the early years. They sojourned in Iowa and Missouri, and reached Oregon, settling in Grande Ronde valley in 1863. The generation consisted of Mrs. Margaret German, deceased, W. E. Woodell, deceased, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallsinger, Joseph Woodell, Jas. L. Woodell and J. A. Woodell, the latter of whom was absent from the annual convocation.

FIRE LOSS AT JOSEPH

FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN RUINS BUILDING AND ALL ITS CONTENTS

Joseph Mercantile Company Loses Property to the Extent of \$10,000.00

JOSEPH, June 21.—(Special)—A \$10,000 fire Saturday night destroyed the Joseph Mercantile building with all its contents. The origin of the fire is not known.

Starting at the dead of night, the flames had gained considerable headway before being discovered, and the

department devoted its energies to stopping a spread. The owners have recently conducted an auction sale, a fact which saved much of the stock. But even with considerable quantities of the stock disposed of lately, there was still enough on hand to raise the loss to \$10,000.