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ROUSING PICNIC AT COVE SATURDAY

MOST PROGRESSIVE MEN IN FARM LINES SECURED

Cove Will be Mecca For Farmers and Educators Next Saturday to Attend Picnic—Withycombe Prominent Outsider Secured—Young University Timber Will Participate—Every Corner of County Represented.

COVE, June 22.—(Special)—On Saturday, June 26, Cove will be the mecca for the grangers of Union county. Extensive preparations are being made by the local grange of Cove to give the visitors a royal reception. The grove at Geo. Miller's home is being decked in picnic attire and the committee's who have the work in charge are sparing no pains to make the occasion a grand success.

All parts of the valley will be represented on the program. Mr. Edward E. Jasper, of La Grande, will speak on "Organizing the Farmers," and Mr. Robert Withycombe of the Union Experiment Station, "The New Agriculturists." Other addresses will be given by John Wells, of Imbler, C. D. Huffman, Ben Grout, of La Grande, C. C. Clark, of Union, and J. K. Lantz, of Cove. Orations will be delivered by members of the La Grande and Cove high schools, and the Weston Normal school. Special music is being arranged, and a good time is assured.

All farmers interested are invited to bring their lunch basket and attend.

EFFORT TO BEAT HENEY FOR OFFICE

PROSECUTOR PREPARING TO OFFER SET AFFIDAVIT.

Starting on Tour That Will Take Him Through the State in an Auto.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Anticipating a long battle of affidavits before the second trial of Calhoun actually begins, Heney has departed today on an auto tour of the state. He announced he would return as soon as a definite date for the trial was set.

Heney said: "Calhoun does not want to go to trial to be vindicated. He is preparing a battle of affidavits containing charges which are not openly made in the newspapers for fear of libel. Their fight is to beat me for district attorney."

Heney was accompanied by his wife and Dr. Beasley.

NO ELEPHANT SLAIN YET

NAVIASHA, June 22.—Roosevelt has not yet satisfied his ambition to kill an elephant, according to a runner who arrived here today.

NEGRO WOMEN ATTACK GIRL

TACOMA, June 22.—Attacked by two colored women Sunday night, and stripped of all outer clothing, Miss Nellie Wood, of this city, is still suffering from the nervous shock. She was returning from her home when two colored women sprang upon her, and ripped her clothing, leaving the girl attired only in a thin undershirt and corset cover.

LA GRANDE HAS A DUTY TO PERFORM AT THE POLLING PLACES THAT IS VITAL TO THE CITY

A DUTY CONFRONTS YOU.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the polls will close and we will then soon know whether this joke water system is to continue in La Grande. Have you done your duty to your city and your family today? If not, go now and do that duty. When you are asked if you voted to get pure, sparkling water from snow-capped mountains and crystal springs, thereby making the sanitary conditions in La Grande more cleanly and healthful, what will your answer be? It is not too late yet. Go to the polls now and show that you stand for a cleaner, greater and better water supply. The government has done its part, now you do yours. This is the last chance that we will have to get water from this desirable source. Do not let it slip by as it has on a former occasion. The department has long since issued its edict that this will be the last opportunity we will have to get unadulterated waters from Beaver Creek. For three years Uncle Sam has held the water sheds and we must now again show our appreciation for the boon.

Notwithstanding that friends of pure water have labored long and hard to get out a strong vote at the polls today there is evidence of apathy in most of the precincts. Those who have followed the trend of voting closely, affirm that there is only one precinct which is likely to go into the opposing column and that is No. 4, the north side. It is said by some that there is a little opposition there, but if there is it is kept quiet and little is being said openly. There is no open antagonism to the new charter anywhere, a phase of the question which has led

all to believe that every precinct in the city will favor the charter. In No. 2 and No. 3 especially, it is believed that the new charter will carry with large majorities. The trifling opposition of the Fourth ward is not likely to change the total vote.

With less than 250 votes cast, exerted effort could defeat the measure at the last moment and it behooves the city to be up and doing.

The Votes Cast.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the total votes cast stood as follows:

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ANNUAL BANQUET CONTINUOUS ROUND OF PLEASURE TO EVERY PROGRESSIONIST THERE

WORKING IN PERFECT HARMONY.

La Grande is working in perfect harmony. We have outgrown the day of petty jealousies, cliques and factions. Not only are we working for the up-building of this city but for every portion of the county. This was exemplified at the Commercial club banquet last night when Attorney W. B. Sargent in his address called attention to the efforts of the Central railway people to procure a road from Union to Walla Walla whereby the Hill road might tap this valley and the applause that followed his remarks certainly was a revelation to those who paused long enough to recall the effect such remarks would have provoked in this city a few years ago.

La Grande has outgrown the past and fully realizes that her future growth not only depends upon her own efforts but upon the general advancement and development of the entire county, and stands ready to assist in the development of every section—truly a new era has made its appearance, and adopted permanent habitation in La Grande.

In the annals of commercial history of this city or in the history of commercial progression can be found no entry half so pleasing socially, commercial or any other way, as the annual banquet of the Commercial club last evening at the K. of P. hall when more than a hundred men, representing every business venture in the city, every profession and every calling, assembled at 7:30 to partake of the viands prepared for the inner man by Mrs. Grace Barrie, and to listen to wit, humor and the audible expressions of the brainiest men in La

Grande. Truly it was an evening of pleasure and of business profit. From the seating of the guests to the benediction by President Collier of the Commercial club, there was not a hitch, not a feature to mar the enlargement of goodfellowship, but rather, a firmer and more solid cementing of the business interests in this city. La Grande talent in after-dinner speeches was heard at its best. Mayor M. K. Hall was the first post-prandial talker to respond to Toast Master F. B. Currey, and in his usual expressive manner, dwelt at some length on the virtues of the Beaver

EYE WITNESS TO MURDER TALKS

SAW ELSIE SIGEL KILLED

BY HER CHINESE LOVER

Witness at Inquest in Elsie Sigel Murder Trial Breaks Down and Confesses That he Saw Crime Committed—Death Was Caused by Strangulation With a Handkerchief—Two were on Intimate Terms Says Witness.

NEW YORK, June 22.—Breaking down under the terrible examination by the police, Chung Sin, a Chinese, today confessed he saw his room mate Leon Ling, strange Elsie Sigel, the mission worker, to death with a handkerchief in his room at midnight of June 8. Chung says he witnessed the murder through a keyhole.

Stating he received many love letters from Elsie Sigel, whose body was found jammed in a trunk over his restaurant, Chu Gain, the Chinaman, testified at the inquest. He declared he never made love to her, but she made love through letters. He said he was on close terms of friendship with her and her mother. They called at his restaurant, and he visited the Sigel home.

PRINCESS BORN IN SPAIN

MADRID, June 22.—A daughter was born to the King and Queen of Spain today at La Granja palace. Both are doing well.

FIVE KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK

TWO OF BODIES RECOVERED FROM WRECKAGE.

One Train Crew Missing and Tramps Are Already Dead.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 22.—Five men were killed in a wreck on the Canadian Pacific at Notch Hill, near Kamloops, today when a wheel of a freight broke ditching several cars. Two bodies have been recovered, evidently tramps. One train crew missing, and two other bodies are missing, they are probably tramps too.

Creek proposition. He was followed by Fred J. Holmes of the M. & M. company, who paid special compliments to O. A. C., affirming that the call of agriculture is far more important than any other vocation and should be headed by education of the young along agricultural lines.

Short but eloquent, and full of good thoughts, primarily that the church is the greatest institution in the living world, was the address of Rev. W. S. Seemann of the Presbyterian church.

That perfect flow of eloquent words framed into sentences that strike home at every punctuation, the fame of which has gone before Hon. Walter Pierce throughout Eastern Oregon, and still is remembered by those who were with him in the halls of the legislature, was never quite so pleasing as last night. He pleaded for conservation of the natural resources of this valley and dreamed over the Minam project, throwing considerable light on that proposition.

A Chicago fruit man, C. M. Wilmeroth, was a guest of E. Z. Carbine and answered Mr. Currey's call with promises that the apple market will

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SHAWMUT GAINING

WALLA WALLA, June 22.—Entries in the ocean-to-ocean race saw Ford for victory and jockeyed for positions here last night. Ford car No. 1 which was ahead in Union county, arrived last evening 55 minutes in advance of the Shawmut car, but had to make repairs and incidentally both cars got in the same garage. At 9:10 last evening the Shawmut pulled

out of the garage, but it was only to find that Ford No. 1 had slipped out of a backdoor 10 minutes before. Fifteen miles out the Ford met with an accident and had to send to Walla Walla for repairs. The Shawmut forged far ahead in the interim.

ELLENBURG, Wash., June 22.—The Ford car No. 2 arrived here at 7:40 this morning.

PROSSER, June 22.—Ford No. 2 met with a serious accident here last night that almost cost the leader its identity. While filling the tanks with gasoline, a bystander lighted a match, igniting the gasoline. By strenuous effort the fire was extinguished.

No. 2 Leads at Yakima. NORTH YAKIMA, Wn., June 22.—When the Ford car No. 2, still main-

taining its lead in the ocean-to-ocean race, arrived here at 2:30 this morning, the mechanic, Charles Smith, was asleep in the car. After remaining two hours for minor repairs the men resumed their journey to Seattle via Ellensburg. The car is a fairly good condition, but Bert Scott and Driver Smith are nearly exhausted by the long run.

EXTRA SESSION OPENS TOMORROW

REPORT ON SCHIVELY'S ACTION IS NOW READY.

Washington Legislature Will Have to Act Without Recommendations.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 22.—The report of the legislature investigating committee was completed today and will be ready for submission to members of the legislature when the special session is called tomorrow. Members of the committee refuse to discuss the details of the report. Chairman Allen said today: "The committee will neither recommend impeachment of Insurance Commissioner Schively, nor abolition of his office. The report is only facts discovered, and it will be up to the Governor and the legislature to do the rest. Schively has been charged with misappropriating funds of the state.

M'MAHON SCORES ONCE

CRATER LAKE ROAD APPROPRIATION KNOCKED OUT

Judge Holloway Holds Appropriation To Be Unconstitutional and Wrongful

SALEM, June 22.—L. H. McMahon special, because it was limited to a special section for special purpose. Attorneys for the state officials will carry the case to the supreme court. Notice to that effect was served on the court. The Judge takes the ground that the tendency of the courts and this and other states where similar prohibition exists, in the constitution to place such a construction on the provision as would make Crater Lake appropriation unconstitutional.

N. P. TRAIN HELD UP IN DAYLIGHT

ROBBERS MISTOOK EXPRESS FOR ONE SOUGHT.

Wrong Train Saves Great Bulk of Silver Coming West on Another Train.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 22.—A Canadian Pacific express, No. 97, to the coast was held up by five masked men at Ducks, near Kamloops, this morning. The men had evidently mistaken the train for No. 5, carrying a large quantity of silver to the coast. When the error was discovered, the bandits escaped in a boat in Shuswap lake, a large posse is pursuing. As far as known, they secured no booty.

Al Stevens, formerly an engineer at this place, but now of Portland, is in the city visiting friends.