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ELGIN'S FUTURE IS MADE CLEAR

LOSS OF SHIPPING CENTER TO BE NO DETRIMENT.

Show At Elgin Reveals the Pleasant Fact that Elgin is not to Suffer because its Railroad Terminal Revenues Were Removed—Stumped-off Land is Becoming Popular as Fruit Center and that City's Destiny is Well Cut Out.

La Grande's representative businessmen turned out by train, automobile and rig to take in the great big show at Elgin yesterday. The hall was kept open and music was furnished by the Elgin band. One of the important results of the day was the formulation of a scheme to get up a county apple show in Spokane next month. Elgin, Cove, Union and La Grande are to join in this effort. Each community will have its own exhibit separate but all will be in a Union county booth.

One of the big ideas being worked out by the Elgin promoters is to make Elgin a fruit center; a vast acreage of stump land is being now cleared off and set to orchards. This land is said to be the cheapest land for its intrinsic value in the country and people are rushing in to grab it as quick as possible. Practical demonstrations prove that the stumped off land raises the best of fruit. This increase in the acreage of the orchards is one of the big factors in the making of the city of Elgin.

When Elgin's income was curtailed

COUNTY FILES BANK CLAIMS

HEARING HELD BEFORE REFEREE HODGIN THIS MORNING.

All Persons On Bonds Must Be Held Liable According to Action.

Union county has filed her claim against the bankrupt estate of J. W. Scriber on the treasurer's bond upon which Scriber was security. The case was heard this morning before Hon. John S. Hodgin, referee in bankruptcy. This is simply another step in the endeavor of the county to exhaust every possible source of return for the county funds dissipated in the failure of the Farmer's and Trader's bank.

The county has taken the view that all persons on the bonds should be held liable and no preference shown anyone. The four solvent sureties have acknowledged their liability and have agreed to pay at stated intervals and Scriber alone has denied his liability and this hearing is to establish that liability.

The matter has been taken under advisement by Referee John S. Hodgin. The county was represented by Cochran & Cochran and Judge Crawford represented the trustees.

as being the gate city to all of Wallowa county by the extension of the railroad, considerable justifiable alarm was experienced for the welfare of the city's future. Necessity has always been the mother of invention, but this time it was the mother of discovery, and where previously shipping was the prime source of Elgin's revenue, fruit is now destined to step in. Elgin's future as a fruit growing center has been clearly defined.

FACULTY IGNORES HOWE'S HERESY

NO ACTION WILL LIKELY FOLLOW EUGENE EXCITEMENT

Unless Board of Regents Decide to Act, Alleged Denial Divinity of Christ at Eugene Institution by a Member of the Faculty, Will go by Unnoticed—President Campbell is Not Going to Push Investigation—Lecture Given After Hours.

Eugene, Oregon, Oct. 25.—Referring to the possibility of Prof. Herbert Crombie Howe, instructor of English literature at the University of Oregon, because of his alleged expressed doubts of the divinity of Christ and other unorthodox views, President Campbell this morning said that unless the matter is taken up officially before the board of regents and actually acted upon by that body and their action should be fully sanctioned by the entire member of the faculty, there would be no attention paid to the matter. The lecture was given outside of the regular university hours and really was a matter that did not concern the university.

"You can say that no official action is contemplated and that Professor Howe's private opinion on religious subjects are his own affair, as well as every other professor in the University."

Rev. S. N. Mount, pastor of the Presbyterian church, devoted almost the whole evening in his sermon last evening to criticizing Professor Howe.

TAFT GUEST OF ST. LOUIS TODAY

LATE IN THE DAY PROCEEDS TOWARDS NEW ORLEANS.

Enthusiastic Greeting Given President Taft at St. Louis Early This Morning—Delivers Several Speeches—One Important One—Largest Course Since the President Came Down the River to Call on St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—Governors and other high officials of a score of states, thousands of lesser lights of officialdom and hundreds of thousands of the common people of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and other states were guests of St. Louis and joined with the citizens of the city in giving a hearty welcome to the great guest, William Howard Taft.

Not since Col. Roosevelt arrived here on his trip down the Father of Waters has such a concourse assembled to pay honor to any man or set of men. The name of Taft was today on the tip of every tongue, and graven in the hearts of his countrymen of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys. From early morn excursion train after excursion train has crawled into the Union Station and deposited their human freight. The river is filled with craft of every variety and presents the most animated appearance ever witnessed in years. The torpedo boat flotilla which will escort the president down the river is the center of interest.

East St. Louis, the Illinois city, across the river, will have a share in the program of the day. The new \$35,000 federal building will be dedicated in the presence of Taft, Vice President Sherman, Speaker Cannon and the entire Illinois delegation in Congress.

President Taft arrived early this morning and was given an enthusiastic greeting. After breakfast he proceeded to the Coliseum, where he delivered one of the principal speeches of his tour, touching on the subject of waterways and other topics of interest to the people of the Mississippi Valley. Later at the Hotel Jefferson he was the guest of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Water Association at a banquet. His engagements at East St. Louis follows.

Late this afternoon in the midst of a shrieking of whistles and general jubilation, the Presidential party will board the steamboats which are to convey them to New Orleans. The fleet will be joined at Memphis and Helena by others steamers.

The schedule provides for an uninterrupted trip for the expedition during the night of October 27 and the greater part of October 28, on the stretch of 265 miles between Helena, Ark., and Vicksburg, Miss. The fleet will leave Helena at 7 p. m., October 27, and will reach Vicksburg at 3 p. m., October 28.

During this stage of the trip it is planned that the governors shall give a dinner on board the steamer St. Paul to President Taft, and that the members of Congress shall entertain the President's party on board the steamer Quincy at luncheon.

The speed of the fleet will be as follows:

St. Louis to Cape Girardeau, 10 miles an hour; Cape Girardeau to Cairo 11 miles an hour; Cairo to Hickman, 11 2-3 miles an hour; Hickman to Memphis, 13 miles an hour; Memphis to Helena, 12 1-2 miles an hour; Helena to Vicksburg, 12 4-5 miles an hour; Vicksburg to Natchez, 12 1-2 miles an hour; Natchez to New Orleans, 12 miles an hour.

C. W. Todd, the well known horse buyer of Portland is expected in La Grande in a few days.

DEATH CALLS OLD PIONEER

ELI BAIRD, ISLAND CITY HOTEL MAN DEAD.

Was a Member of the County's First Band—Died in Portland.

Eli Baird, pioneer hotel man and a respected erstwhile citizen of Union county, died in Portland yesterday and his remains will be brought here tomorrow for interment in the Peach cemetery. Mr. Baird will be remembered as the proprietor of the Island City hotel where for years he was one of the active and honored citizens. He was also a member of the first band ever organized in this county.

Mr. Baird moved to Portland a few months ago. He is survived by a brother.

Sisters Celebrate.

Baltimore, Oct. 25.—A celebration to last three days in honor of their founder, Blessed John Eudes, was commenced today by the Sisters of Good Shepherd.

Utah Postmasters.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 25.—Postmasters of Utah have been granted leave of absence by the department to attend the convention of their State League at Parowan today.

Chaloner Case.

Charlottesville, Va. Oct. 25.—A hearing is scheduled for today in the case of John Armstrong Chaloner, who is seeking to recover the large estate of which he declares he was unlawfully deprived. Chaloner is prominent in New York and Virginia society and is a brother of Stuyvesant Chaloner. His wife, from whom he is divorced, was Amelle Rives, now Princess Troubetzkoy.

OFFICER STEALS IN PRISON CELL

ON THE EVE OF PARDON JAMES OFFICER FALLS AGAIN.

Startling Announcement Received Here in Letter This Morning.

A letter from Governor Benson to Charles Cochran, attorney for James Officer, contained a mild sensation this morning. Just on the eve of being pardoned from the penitentiary the crooked fool, Officer, stole a brooch from the warden's wife and is now fated to serve out his entire time of two years.

It will be remembered that while here, working for Cherry's laundry, that he stole a watch from one of the women in the restricted district for which he was convicted. He also worked a number of the business houses for something like \$250 worth of goods. He then ran away but was followed to Arkansas by Sheriff Childers and brought back and convicted, and sent up for stealing the watch.

A short time ago the business men of this city wrote Officer that if he would pay up his bills here they would do all they could to get him pardoned. All the money desired was sent by Officer's wife's people and the bills were squared. The petition was forwarded to Salem, and the details for the man's pardon were about complete when he seized the opportunity to grab a brooch out of the warden's wife's laundry in the business where he was working and secreted it in the yard. When confronted with the charge and a threat of taking away his liberties he dug the jewelry up and returned it.

BLINDNESS FALLS ON EPISCOPALEAN

STRICKEN BLIND WHEN PRONOUNCING BENEDICTION

Pastor at Petaluma Episcopal church for past Eighteen Year.—Had pronounced closing Services When disaster Overtook Him—Tottered and stood Dazed and then Calmly Announced His Affliction to His Congregation.

Los Angeles, Oct. 25.—There has been no change reported in the condition of Rev. John Partridge who was suddenly stricken blind yesterday while he was pronouncing the benediction at his services in the St. John's Episcopal church.

The old gentleman had just completed the services and stepped forward to the altar to pronounce the benediction, when he was seen to suddenly totter and almost fall. He stood as one paralyzed for a moment, and then turned to his congregation and announced: "By sight is gone."

His blindness, according to his physicians has been caused by a hemorrhage of the brain. He has been the pastor of the St. John's church for the past eighteen years.

Look Into Lewiston Fraud.

Lewiston, Ida. Oct. 25.—The Federal grand jury convened in Moscow this morning to consider the prosecution of C. W. Robinson, Burt Chapman and others, held on the charge of embezzling funds to the amount of \$135,000 from the Lewiston National Bank of which they were the officers.

MRS. CHILBERG LOSES DIAMONDS

JEWELRY VALUED AT \$18,000 LOST FROM CAR.

Wife of Exposition President Meets With Heavy Loss.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Mrs. J. E. Childberg of Seattle, the wife of the president of the Seattle Exposition, while enroute from Seattle to this city last night, had the misfortune to lose diamonds valued at \$18,000 from her drawing room window. The gems were placed in a glass and set on the ledge of the window. During the evening it became necessary to close the window and in doing so the glass containing the gems was knocked from the ledge, rolling to the outside.

Upon arriving at the next station Mrs. Childberg chartered an engine and returned to the scene of her loss but a thorough search failed to reveal the lost gems.

Insurance Men Meet.

Denver, Oct. 25.—Members of the joint supervisory committee of fire insurance in the Rocky Mountain West met here today in annual session.

Signor Caruso Coming.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—Havva fulfilled his engagements in Germany. Signor Caruso leaves today from Hamburg for New York. During his European engagements his golden voice has shown no impairment of its marvelous qualities, and the stories circulated in America that the alleged operation on his throat will affect his engagements is denounced as a canard.

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NEW ARRIVALS



We want to call your attention to the fact that we have as large and complete stock of ladies suits, coats, skirts, petticoats, millinery, etc., as is to be found in the city. Also that our prices are lower, quality considered, everything that is new and popular as well as the more staple styles will be found here in great variety. We invite your inspection.

We have just received another shipment of felt Jullets and slippers which now make our line complete. Prices range from 75c to \$2.00.

Our Shoe Department contains all the new and popular lasts in footwear at prices to suit every purse.



OUR MEN'S SECTION.

We can supply your needs from head to foot. Everything you happen to want will be found here in immense variety and at saving prices. Our shoe section shows a large line of men's footwear ranging from the heavy working shoe to the vne dress shoe.

Let us fit Your feet