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TENTATIVE CONTRACT ON

FIRST DEFINITE STEP TOWARD BRINGING CHATAUQUA TO A HEAD NEXT SUMMER

DATE SET IS JULY 3 TO THIRTEENTH NEXT YEAR

Chicago House will Furnish Four Big Numbers and Others from Other Sources in Addition.

Tentatively, a contract has been signed between the La Grande Commercial Club and the Chatauqua Managers Association of Chicago and between now and January 10 the city and county will have to decide definitely if this portion of the Chatauqua is to be clinched. The contract was signed last evening following a unanimous support of the other members of the club at the meeting last evening. The members included in this will not form all of the program, but Ashland, Oregon City and all of the other Pacific coast Chatauqua towns have already closed final contracts with the same company for the same people.

Date a Splendid One

The date for La Grande's first Chatauqua—it being conceded that all "it" have been eliminated—in July 3 to 13 inclusive, a time that is especially attractive. The date could not be better.

Four Big Numbers

This particular company carries four big attractions. They will be augmented by other numbers from other companies later.

The terms carried in this contract are:

- Governor Folk of Missouri, Lecturer.
- The Doctor Sadler Company, carrying four people, a lecturer, an impersonator, a reader and a trained nurse who explains features of domestic science, care of the home and other instructive features.
- Castle Square Entertainers, consisting of high grade musical attractions, funmakers, soloist, musical monologue and other features.
- Brush, the great Hermann of today.

FEVER DELAY TO TWO BOYS

AID SOCIETY BOYS HELD PENDING RECOVERY.

Two Boys from Elgin Headed for Aid School but Met with Delay.

The two little boys who were to be brought up from Elgin and committed to the Boys and Girls Aid Society at Portland have been unable to be moved on account of one of them having the scarlet fever. These children were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Elgin from the Society. Mr. Hall died and shortly after his death Mrs. Hall gave birth to a child of their own and being left a widow did not feel as if she was able to bring up the three children and is contemplating returning the two adopted ones to the society in Portland.

Sailors Hungry.

Port Burwell, Ont. Dec. 15.—Marooned on a car ferry which went ashore on the shoals near this city 30 sailors are suffering from hunger.

Special Meeting.

La Grande lodge No. 41 A. F. & A. M. will hold a special meeting Friday evening at which time there will be work in the Master Mason Degree.

CUNNINGHAM COMES HOME.

Injured Conductor Brought Home from Baker Last Evening.

Conductor Cunningham the man hurt at Pleasant Valley a couple of days ago and taken to the hospital at Baker City, was brought to La Grande last evening and is now at home. He had rallied enough to stand the trip home.

Mrs. Cunningham was called to Baker at the time of the accident and she returned last evening with her husband.

DISCOVERED RABIES CASES

DISEASE IN VIRULENT FORM IS FOUND AT BERKLEY.

Disease has Spread from Pasadena to Many Other of the Towns

Berkley, Cal. Dec. 15.—From the University of California comes the announcement that Rabies, in the most virulent form exists in California.

Fourteen suspects cases have been detected by the Laboratory tests completed today. The disease has spread from Pasadena to Stockton and it is feared that it has fastened itself on all of the other cities in both the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys.

HASKELL ILL AT GUTHRIE

GOVERNOR STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Physicians Administer Opium to Induce Sleep.

Guthrie, Oklahoma, Dec. 15.—Although Governor Charles N. Haskell who is suffering from acute indigestion is reported to be improving today his condition still said to be serious. Throughout the night it is said that it was found necessary for the attending physicians to administer opiates for the purpose of inducing sleep. Toward morning the governor secured a few hours rest.

ADMITTED AS STATES SOON

PRESIDENT'S OBJECTIONS MUST BE ERADICATED

Arizona and New Mexico must abide By Taft's Objections

Washington, D. C. Dec. 15.—Chairman Hamilton, of the house committee on territories said today that Arizona and New Mexico will be granted separate statehood at this session of Congress if they do not insist on including in their governing laws the feature that President Taft found objectionable in the constitution of Oklahoma.

Chairman Hamilton stated that it was his belief that the President would withhold his approval if otherwise.

TRAIN RUNS INTO CREEK

TWELVE KILLED AND 40 INJURED IN A SERIOUS WRECK IN NORTH CAROLINA

CONDUCTOR HERO OF THE DISASTROUS ACCIDENT.

Dead and Injured Busted Under Three Feet of Water When Train Goes Into Stream.

Charlotte, N. C. Dec. 15.—Twenty persons are reported to have been killed and probably as many as 40 injured when the passenger train No. 11 of the Southern Railway, speeding southward at the rate of 35 miles an hour plunged over a trestle and fell bodily into Lady Creek, 25 feet below. The accident happened four miles north of Greensboro.

The train in its plunge turned over and the dead and injured are buried under three feet of water.

The news was flashed from Greensboro only after Conductor George Cable had dragged himself for nearly two miles to the station and given the warning. Conductor had his leg badly crushed and broken in the smash and could not walk a step and in order to reach the station hopped and crawled along the track for a distance of over two miles.

As soon as his news was received a special train was instantly made up and with nurses, physicians and rescue were hurried to the scene of the disaster. The scene of the wreck was a frightful one. The water covered the coaches for almost three feet and the dead had to be extracted from the wreck by divers smashing the windows of the coaches and diving to the interior. Some of the coaches were broken apart and their living cargo thrown into the stream and on this account the list of fatalities were greatly decreased. The engineer and fireman were pinned beneath their engine at the bottom of the creek and it will be some days before they can be gotten out. George Gould, a son of Jay Gould, was on the train but escaped unhurt. Following is a list of the dead as far as can be ascertained at this time:

- JOHN A. BROADAX, Greensboro.
- A. HOLCOMB, Mountain Air, N. C.
- ED. SEXTON, Denton, N. C.
- A. P. CONE, Supt. Richmond division Southern Railway.
- D. C. NOLAN, Pullman Condr.
- C. H. WHITE, traveling auditor.
- FLAGMAN, name unknown.
- TWELVE OTHERS, unidentified.

SUGAR MEN PAID FINES

New York, Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Bros. the biggest competitors to the American Sugar Refining Company, today paid into the government treasury the sum of \$695,573 in back duties, following the recent disclosures of irregularities in the weighing of sugar on the docks.

ORDERED TO BUILD WALK

The city this afternoon gave Turner Oliver official notice to place the sidewalk fronting on his property on O Avenue on the street line. This is the walk which the city tore up the other day.

TARS READY TO ADVANCE

MEAGER MESSAGES SAY YANKEES WILL INVADE CITY OF CORINTO TONIGHT

UNCONFIRMED REPORT SAYS CRUCIAL BATTLE RAGES

estrada Moves up Munitions of War During Night—Weather Prevents Clear Messages.

Panama, Dec. 15.—Wireless messages in fragments that have been picked up by the local station here indicate that the marines from the U. S. warships have either been landed or will be landed today at Corinto. Adverse weather conditions prevented a full text of the messages from being learned. Another dispatch indicates that Managua is still in the hands of the mob and that the people are clamoring for Zelaya's overthrow. Believes Battle is On.

New York, Dec. 15.—Unconfirmed Colon advices indicate the long expected battle between the insurgents and Zelaya's troops in the vicinity of Rama is taking place today. The revolutionists are reported to have taken the initiative for the first time in more than a week, has precipitated the engagement. Four machine guns with 1,000 rifles and one million rounds of cartridges were conveyed to Estrada's headquarters before day break under guard of several companies of General Chamorro's division.

Evidence of Resigning.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Dr. Caldera, the United States consular agent at Managua, cabled today that Zelaya has published a statement promising to resign in favor of Senor Madriz, who is reported to be with him in the palace at Managua. The dispatch also goes on to state that that Madriz is very unpopular with the people and apparently is not the choice of the Nicaraguans. Zelaya's fulfillment of this promise would do little if anything toward smoothing over the present difficulties.

WOOD GIVEN PROMOTION

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of War Dickinson today announced the selection of Major General Leonard Wood, now the commander of the department of the East to succeed Major General J. Franklin J. Bell of the chief of the staff of the United States army. General Bell will retire next April.

LYNCHERS DETERMINED

WILL AVENGE CRUEL SYSTEM OF TREATMENT OF WHITES.

One Man Dipped in Hot Water and a Woman Burned in Her Bed.

Osceola, Ark. Dec. 15.—The sheriff with a large posse of deputies are on duty today guarding the jail ready to repulse a mob which are marching from Shawnee's with the announced intention of lynching six negroes who are held here upon the charge of barbaric cruelties.

It is alleged that the negroes had organized a gang for the purpose of

Kicked by a Horse.

Don Turner, a resident of South La Grande, is suffering much pain as the result of injuries received last Sunday night when he was kicked by the family horse. The blow struck Mr. Turner on the knee and it is badly swollen and painful. There was no fracture it is thought. Dr. Bigger, the attending physician believes the sufferer will be able to walk in about three weeks.

Mrs. Shearer Hurt.

Mrs. Maggie Shearer a pioneer of North La Grande sustained a simple fracture of one arm this morning in a fall at her home. Doctor Bacon set the break. Owing to her age it will require considerable time for the break to heal.

CITY FEARS LONE THIEF

SAN FRANCISCO BAFLED BY A BOLD MURDERER AND ROBBER

STRIKES TWICE IN THE SAME FRISCO DRUG STORE.

Last Night Adds Another Crime to His List Under Nose of the City's Detectives.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Farther away than ever from a clue the police of this city is in a desperate battle with a single handed bandit-murderer who have baffled every effort that has been made to capture him and laugh sneering in the faces of the officers since December 4. Last night he committed another robbery, the boldest of his record. While two policemen marched up and down in front of the Gleason Conuneen Drug Store which he has twice robbed previously, the bandit outlaw entered the Charlott candy store only three doors away and held up the place. He then made his successful escape after informing his victims that there were two policemen only three doors away and that they could go and console themselves by telling their troubles to the police.

The bandit up to date has the most remarkable record of any outlaw that has ever been hunted in this or any other city. He commits hold ups, murder and robbery under the very nose of the police and in the busy marts of the city with apparently no thought of ever being captured. In fact he gives the impression that he is doing his work under the noses of the police on purpose for the fun of the thing as there is plenty of places in the city where he could operate with a great deal more security than in the busy streets.

MARGARET CUNDIFF DEAD.

Former La Grande Teacher Passes Away at Frisco.

Word has been received here from San Francisco that Margaret Cundiff Wither, two years ago a member of the La Grande High School faculty, died last Sunday of pneumonia. Mrs. Wither was married shortly after resigning her position here. Her aged mother living at Eugene survives her. Mrs. Wither graduated from the University of Oregon in '07 and was 25 years of age at the time of her death.

STRIKERS COME BACK

FORTY THREE OF THEM RETURN TO WORK AT BUTTE.

Big Copper Companies in Butte Resume Operations Again.

Butte, Mon. Dec. 15.—As the result of a conference between the strikers employed in the Butte yards and W. M. Clark, of Indianapolis, vice president of the Railway Conductors organization and Robert McIntyre of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen 50 of the strikers returned to work in the yards today. The Amalgamated Copper Companies local mines also resumed operations this morning.

LEOPOLD SINKS AGAIN

Brussels, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold took a marked change for the worse this morning. The physicians who have been attending him were immediately called into consultation.

King Leopold suffered another stroke or sinking spell late today. It is now feared that the aged monarch is near his end.

attacking white people. Among their alleged victims was Mrs. Cummings whom they wrapped up in a feather bed, poured oil on the bed and ignited it, after robbing the house. One of their victims was a white man whom they captured, dropped into the icy waters of the Mississippi and then

HAND BAGS

New Leather, New Shapes, New Prices

We Have the largest, the best, the most up-to-date line of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses ever shown in La Grande. We have the Alligator, Patent Leather, Real Seal, Walrus and a line of imported leathers that we know are good, and of the latest styles. We are offering these goods at most reasonable prices for this class of goods. Our goods are right and we know the prices are. Let us show you while our line is complete.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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