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125 ENTRIES ON SHELVES

PROMOTERS SURPRISED AT THE NUMBER OF BIRDS WHICH GO ON EXHIBIT ON OPENING DAY

SHOW OPEN FROM EARLY IN THE DAY UNTIL A LATE HOUR

Rhode Island Reds prevail but entries represent every bird that is grown in Union County—Other exhibits withheld by storm—Neatness and cleanliness is noticeable at every turn—Fine show.

Undaunted in the least by a bit of the worst storm of the year, chicken breeders from all parts of the county to the number of 125 carried their exhibits in fancy poultry to the shelves of the first annual poultry show, in the Harris Building at the opening today, surpassing by at least 25 the expected list of entries for the opening day. With exhibits coming in on the late trains tonight and more from the county at large, indications point to a remarkably well patronized exhibit.

In neatly arranged coops, the many breeds are set off to excellent view by the spectators, who, by the way, are charged the small admission of 15 cents. The doors will be open until 9 or 10 each evening and the citizens of La Grande can do no better than to attend. The array of birds is surprisingly pretty. Few realize the superiority of the birds raised here, basing this statement on the show made in this exhibit. The Rhode Island Reds prevail in numbers. Along side of the splendid exhibits of this breed are Buff and Red Warringtons, Pit Games, Silver Spangled Hamburgs, White, Brown, Rose and Single-combed Leghorns, White and Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes Partridge Wyandottes and several other breeds.

Geese are also on the shelves, and the special birds will be augmented with ducks and turkeys tonight. The medley of noises made by the brood and strutting rooster, the cackling of the hens and the squaking of the geese carries the attendant at once to the poultry pen, but a view of the shelves, with their neatness of make-up, offsets any impressions of the barnyard. The place is unusually clean and attractive.

Start judging tomorrow. Frank W. Breeds, of Walla Walla, will arrive tonight and commence awarding the prizes at once. The judging will be done on cards, setting off all the faults and virtues of the birds. The show lasts three days and will be open to the public for small admission price at all hours of the day.

SHIPS SUFFER ON PACIFIC

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Every vessel reaching this port within the last few days has encountered terrific storms off the Pacific coast and bring news of suffering and distress. The first to arrive was the American steamer Kalulani, from Honolulu, which came into the harbor today with a greater portion of her rigging and with several injured men on the crew.

Fire Meeting Tonight. There will be a regular meeting of Hose No. 1 tonight.

James J. Hill to Speak. Fargo, N. D., Jan. 18.—James J. Hill, the railroad magnate of the Northwest, will deliver an address during the twelfth annual session of the Tri-State Grain and Stock Growers, commenced here today. Prominent agricultural experts of North and South Dakota and Minnesota, and from the Department of Agriculture will also speak. The convention will occupy four days. Today's conference was devoted largely to grains and pastures. Tomorrow will be devoted to dairying and live stock, the third day to the Equity society and horticulture and the last will be "Hill" day. Mr. Hill spoke at the first convention held here and at several subsequent ones and has promised to close the program this year.

The State Veterinarians, the State Horticulture Society, the North Dakota Poultry Association, the North Dakota Kennel Association and other state affairs will be in progress during the week.

EXPLORER'S MIND FAILS

GERMAN PAPER ASSERTS COOK IN CRITICAL STATE

Is hiding secretly in sanatorium, suffering many ills.

Frankfort, Germany, Jan. 18.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited arctic explorer, lies critically ill in a sanatorium near Heidelberg, according to a statement published in the Zeitung today. Cook's nerves are said to be shattered and his mind in danger of derangement from melancholia. He suffered a serious physical collapse, the Zeitung's correspondent declared.

It is reported Dr. Cook's wife is with him, but this is unverified. The Zeitung stated it was pledged to not make public Cook's retreat.

WIDOW TURNS TO BANKING

New York, Jan. 18.—It was learned today that Mrs. E. H. Harriman, widow of the late railroad wizard, has acquired a controlling interest in a night and day bank here, and will interest herself in the conduct of its affairs.

NON-UNIONS WORKS MINE

Deadwood, S. D., Jan. 18.—After weeks of idleness following a shut-down in which 3000 union miners refused to work, the Homestead mine opened today with non-union miners in the workings. It is estimated two days will be taken up in filling the ore bins, and that the stamp mill will start crushing rock next Tuesday.

Authorize Big Bond Issue.

St. Louis, Jan. 18.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, a Gould property, held in this city today, a \$175,000,000 bond issue was ratified. The issue will consist of convertible five per cent first and refunding mortgage fifty-year gold bonds. Present subscribers will be permitted to subscribe for the bonds at the rate of \$950 per \$1,000 bond, up to 36 per cent of the par value of their present holdings.

INDICT TWO IN TRUE BILLS

ADOLPH NEWLIN INDICTED BY GRAND JURY FOR VIOLATION OF THE LOCAL OPTION LAWS

UNION EDITORS INDICTED FOR LIBEL BY SAME JURY.

Few cases, not made public may be related to bootlegging—Grand jury brings in two true bills that interest locally—No information as to when the local defendant will be arraigned on charges.

Two true bills that are announced and some that are not announced were returned by the grand jury today and the two that are announced include one locally and one at Union. Messrs Lowell & Sheets, editors of the Union Scout, are jointly indicted one locally and one at Union by O. P. Pratt. Pratt sets out in his complaint that the newspaper attacked his character, and after a hearing in the justice court, the case was sent to the grand jury with the above results.

Newlin Indicted. Adolph Newlin, proprietor of the Newlin Drug Store in this city, was indicted by a true bill for violating the local option law. No announcement is made as to the time that Newlin will be arraigned. The nature of the other true bills are not made public at this time. Whether or not they are liquor cases is, of course, not known.

BLACK HAND EXTEND CRIME

KILL FATHER FIRST AND THEN KIDNAP DAUGHTER.

Police unable to find gang who stole pretty young girl.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Marjica Morocco, a pretty 17 year old girl, was thrown into a closed cab today while one of the men leaped to the box and whipped up the horses. Before the police could be summoned, they had disappeared around the corner and have not been seen since, despite efforts of a score of officers who were detailed upon the case.

The kidnaping occurred near the home of a widow of Benedetto Cieni who was murdered a week ago as he lay upon his own bed, presumably by black hand agents. The police are inclined to believe the kidnaping of the Morocco girl may be laid at the doors of the same gang.

Lectures on Farming.

New York, Jan. 18.—Students at the greatest university of the nation's metropolis will be given an opportunity to absorb information on the subject of growing pumpkin trees, the care of watermelon bushes and similar mucelle topics. A course of practical lectures on agriculture was commenced today at Columbia University, and will continue during the college year.

The course marks the entrance of Columbia University into a new field of instruction. Given under the faculty of Applied Sciences, this course on economic agriculture is not a set of free lectures, but is designed for regularly enrolled students who register for the work. The fee for the course is \$10.

TARPLEY ON AS WITNESS

TELL HERMANN JURY HOW HE AND MCKINLEY WERE ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF NEW RESERVE

TWO SECURED 17,600 IN EASTERN OREGON EARLY.

Spends all day in telling his story which is intended to link Herman to frauds in Eastern Oregon—Is first of string of witnesses to tell about the same story—Needed money to pay others.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Dan Tarpley, the first of a string of witnesses that are expected to link Binger Herman with the alleged conspiracy to create the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve for private gain and conspiracy, was put on the stand by prosecutor F. J. Heney today. Tarpley made a start of his story this morning over objection by Colonel A. S. Worthington, and this afternoon conclude his testimony.

He is telling the story of how he and Horace McKinley, secured advance information regarding the creation of the Blue Mountain Reserve; how they purchased 17,600 acres of school land ahead as a representative of E. P. Mays and W. N. Jones; how Mays demanded one half of the land bought, telling Tarpley the proceeds from the land were needed to "pay the people in Washington."

New Shows Announced. New shows announced for the Steward in the near future are "Wild Fire" on the 28th and "As the World Went Down" on Monday the 31. "Top of the World" is coming February 5.

GOVERNORS AT THE CAPITOL

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED.

Series of conventions started by Roosevelt resumed.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Governors of a majority of the states of the Union met in the national capitol today and were given a chance to bank in the sunny smile of President Taft, who expressed his hearty approval of the purpose of their conference, which is to discuss national resources and plans for their conservation. The first meeting was called by President Roosevelt, and the results achieved by the gathering of the state executives were so great that it has been determined to make the conference an annual event. Governor Hughes, of New York, Wilson, of Kentucky, Fort of New Jersey and Weeks, of Connecticut are among the leaders in the movement to bring about a closer intimacy between governors, to the end that they may exchange experiences, not alone in conservation or resources, but on other phases of state government.

The National Civic Federation's conference on uniform state legislation, now in progress, is naturally of much interest to the assembled governors, and their presence in the capitol will be of great assistance in spreading the movement for greater uniformity in state statutes. The establishment of a "House of Governors," which has met with favor in some quarters, does not receive the approval of a majority of the state executives.

Langford Gets Chance. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 18.—Sam Langford, the negro middleweight boxer of Boston, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the heavyweight title, will get a chance to show his prowess tonight. Montana Jack Sullivan will take him on for six rounds at the Empire Athletic Club. The colored man is looked upon as a favorite. Although Langford has shown himself a good man, he has had great difficulty in getting matches.

Sell "Silent Smith's" Mansion.

New York, Jan. 18.—James Henry ("Silent") Smith's mansion and its rare costly furnishings will be held at auction this week, the sale commencing this afternoon. The eccentric millionaire collected art works worth a million or more, and these, together with the great house at 871 Fifth Avenue, will go to the highest bidder. The American Art Association is in charge of the sale of paintings, sculpture and works of art.

LABORITES CHEERED UP

SUDDEN TURN OF BATTLE IN LONDON SHOWS LEAD.

Conservatives losing as voting progresses in London precincts.

London, Jan. 18.—Unless Conservatives take a decided brace during the remaining days of the factional parliamentary election, it is predicted that the Liberal and Laborites will be able to control the next parliament without the aid of the Irish Nationalists.

Estimates based upon the solid Liberal representation usually returned from Scotland and Wales, place the total Conservative's gain at but 50 seats.

As the laborites are making slight gains, the Liberals may be able to lose 90 seats without losing control of parliament.

LONDON HAS SENSATION

London, Jan. 18.—Clad in little else than a title, Lady Constance Richardson is appearing nightly in a local music hall as the "Barefoot Dancer". As the Lady Richardson is clad in a filmy gauze only, the police are doubtful as to the correct application of the term "Barefoot," but are refraining from acting in the matter because the danseuse is a titler woman. If it were simply a professional dancer, the costume or lack of it, would not be tolerated.

REVENGE FOR AMERICANS

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 18.—The supreme court of Nicaragua today received a message from President Madrid demanding a trial of the officers and officials involved in the execution of Groce and Cannon, two Americans. Madrid declares the shooting appears unwarranted and the court should satisfy itself as to who was responsible for the miscarriage of justice.

Jack Twin to Fight.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Jack Twin Sullivan will again be seen in the ring tonight, with Frank Klaus as his opponent. The Armory Athletic Association will stage the fight.

BLOCKADE ON THE MAINLINE

ELGIN TRAIN STUCK IN SNOW NOT WILL BE CLEARED EARLY—SEVERAL TRAINS AT TELOCASSET

EXTRA FREIGHT CABOOSE OFF AND STALL OTHERS IN SNOW

Storm situation in and about La Grande serious—Night passed one of the worst of the year—Trains moving at a late hour in the day and effort made to keep tracks clear until night time.

Weather conditions east of La Grande—still blowing, snowing and drifting hard between La Grande and Baker City. Extra 356, which was stuck in the snow one mile east of Telocasset at 11:45 a. m. This train had caboose off track in cut one mile east of Telocasset. It took four hours to get this car on, on account of snow and ice ground around rail and wind blowing so hard that men could not work to advantage. The following trains were delayed on account of Extra 356 being stuck in snow with caboose off the track.

No. 5; 8 hours, 50 minutes.
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No. 10; 2 hours, 25 minutes.
No. 7; 2 hours, 30 minutes.

The rotary snow plow is now working between Telocasset and Baker City, and cuts between North Powder and Haines are filling up badly, also cuts between Union and Telocasset. It is snowing and blowing some between La Grande and Gibbon and is melting very fast between Gibbon and Umatilla. Indications are high water. No. 32 has engine stuck in snow two miles east of Elgin. Expect to have this train moving without much trouble or delay.

Such at 2 o'clock this afternoon, according to a bulletin issued by Dispatcher Corbett, was the storm situation in and about La Grande. At 3:30 it has changed to such an extent that the trains have gotten through, the fast mail passing La Grande at 2:45. But for the strenuous efforts of the officials, the road would not have been cleared at this early hour. At press time the Elgin train had not reached here.

Though not seriously detrimental to traffic, the main line below Perry is badly filled in.

The passenger trains on Telocasset Hill were filled with passengers, some of whom were exhausted with the tiresome wait, but none experienced any serious suffering as fuel was sufficient to keep the cars warm. Because the mercury was far above zero, but little actual suffering resulted from the terrific blizzard which raged in all of Union county last night, abating this morning to a point where the storm was merely disagreeable. Had low temperature accompanied the unusual gale, real Chicago blizzards with resultant suffering would have been the story up for publication today.

From one end of the country to another, varying in severity as natural locations permitted, the storm raged from early evening until morning.

Christie's Daughter to Decide

Zanesville, O., Jan. 18.—Reversing the decision in the Solomon case of the rival mothers, Judge Smith today decided to allow Natalie Christie, the 12 year old daughter of Howard Chandler Christie, to decide if she will live with her father, the artist, or the mother who recently applied for part custody of the little girl. Both husband and wife seemed pleased with the Judge's decision.