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## TREK RESTING AT ELGIN

TOMORROW TO BE GALA DAY IN THIS CITY WHEN THE UNION TOURISTS COME HERE.

## ONE MACHINE COMES TO GRIEF

Day of Shoulder Rubbing and Friendship Making Approaches—Union Party Started this Morning and is Resting at Elgin this Evening, Coming to La Grande to be Entertained Tomorrow Afternoon.

George Well's ranch 16 miles from Elgin is the stranding place today of the C. J. Fosstrom Maxwell car, for at 10 o'clock this morning, the car broke an axle and at 3:30 this afternoon the party occupying the car is still chafing under the collar of misfortune. An automobile has been sent out from Elgin to tow the shipwreck to Elgin where they hope to participate in the festivities tonight. The other cars, so far as known, reached Elgin in safety. Those occupying the stranded car are J. P. Meyers, E. Kuster, W. B. Gassett, C. J. Fosstrom and George A. Schbird.

Trekking the Grande Ronde valley with a caravan of eight autos carrying 40 business men of Union—representing the various walks of life in that city—this afternoon called a halt at Elgin and until tomorrow morning the Union boosters who are out on a carnival of friendship establishment, will be the guests of the Elgin commercial club. It was a jolly good crowd that left Union this morning with many a honk! honk! headed for Cove, where the Cove business men held out the pipe of peace and for an hour the 40 visitors puffed lustily. On the way again after a brief rest, the train steamed to Elgin and there this evening Elgin's keys will be turned over to Union.

**La Grandeward Tomorrow.**  
Tomorrow morning the crowd heads for La Grande, visiting at the fruit centers and calling on all towns en route. Ever and anon, without stinting of voice, the Unionites are shouting the announcements and exploiting with lusty speeches the coming horse show at Union. That is one of the purposes of the trip. The other is rubbing shoulders.

**Local Autoists to Partake.**  
Just before noon tomorrow, a caravan of La Grande people will meet the coming visitors and pilot them to La Grande. As soon after noon as possible, local businessmen and the visitors will assemble at the Foley cafe and there eat, drink and be merry. After dinner speeches are arranged for and C. E. Cochran will officiate as toastmaster. Several La Grande businessmen will welcome the visitors and Union orators will respond with that fervor well known to Union businessmen. A trip to the Palmersmill, a journey to the sugar factory, a drive over the two miles of city streets that within a year will be paved or macadamized, are only some of the features attending the coming of the guests.

Tomorrow at noon the caravan will pull into La Grande and the local commercial club and business men will be hoats to the visiting boosters. They are coming to stay several hours and the best time that can be shown them, is being planned for today.

All details in connection with the entertainment of the guests, will be worked out at a meeting this evening of the commercial club.

A complete list of the businessmen of Union who are with the caravan, follows:

F A Bidwell, flour manufacturer; J L Overton, lumberman; E G Kaster, banker; Thos Brasel, capitalist; M F Davis, postmaster; W B Butterfield, oil magnate; George Baird, manager

P S T & T Co; W E Porter, H J Lucas, merchant; C J Forstrom, merchant; R M Wright hardware dealer; Walter Cock, furniture dealer; J L Jacobs, lumberman; R H Robrig butcher; Will Sherman; B F Wilson, attorney; George A Schbird, editor of Oregon Republican; George Parker, business man; Ed Parker, business man; Gust Levy, druggist; George Benson, cattleman; Will Vogel, manager, Townley store; W J Townley, capitalist; Robert Withycombe, manager Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; S L Hunter, contractor; Harry Zeek, lumberman; E O Zeek, lumberman; J F Hutchinson, rancher; W B Gasset, liveryman; Irwin B Wright, banker; N F Ficklin, capitalist; E E Lewis, rancher; J R Jones, hardware man; Charles Conley, horseman; Merton Kiddle, flourman of Island City; Ralph Hutchinson, farmer; S O Swack hammer, capitalist and rancher and Dexter McIlroy, farmer.

Public Should Help.

All businessmen should lay aside personal engagements tomorrow and attend this series of events. The entire catalogue of business houses should be represented in the committee that receives the guests, and as many as possible should attend the dinner at the Foley where the real and only chance to meet the guests will be afforded.

## WILL PERFECT PIPE LINE

AT ONCE SAYS LETTER.

American Light & Power Co. Offers to Complete Pipe Line Job.

Letters received today by ex-Mayor M. K. Hall from the American Light & Power company of Kansas City, informs the ex-avecutive that Superintendent Dutch—who supervised the construction of the pipe line last winter—will be in La Grande in a few days to complete the imperfections of the pipe line on the mountain side leading to La Grande.

Insufficient covering on the pipe line has been the cause of the council and mayorality probing of the construction work. Several who inspected the job early in the winter thought the work had been insufficient and incomplete, and the matter was taken up with the council later. In response to information sent the company that the pipe line was not properly covered for a distance of about three miles back from the city when spring arrived, the superintendent was ordered to La Grande and the line will be re-covered under the direction of Mr. Dutch and when council satisfaction is reached the remaining balance of the bond will be cancelled by the city.

## MISS SILVERTHORE WEAK.

Fever Continues and Invalid Thought to be Worse Today.

Word was received from Portland today by O. E. Silvertorne that Miss Marjorie is not improved in health, in fact has been ordered confined to her bed. She is suffering from a glandular fever and instead of improving since being removed to Portland, has remained about the same. She will either be taken back to La Grande or to Southern California unless a change for the better is very soon noticed.

Miss Silvertorne is a popular member of the '10 class of the local high school.

## Episcopal Convention.

Newark, N. J. May 24.—With many prominent churchmen in attendance, the 36th annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Newark was convened this morning in the Grace church, Orange. The question of promoting an open pulpit will be discussed during the convention, which continues through tomorrow.

## DRY DOCK SUD-DENLY SINKS NEW WARCRY UNearthED

LARGEST DRY DOCK IN WORLD, THE DEWEY, SINKS IN ORIENTAL WATERS.

## MAY YET BE POSSIBLE TO SAVE IT

Uncle Sam's Navy Loses Famous Dry Dock Which was Towed Through Suez Canal After Its Launching at Hampton Roads—Theory is Scouted that Japanese May Have Done the Work of Sinking the Dock

Manila, May 24.—The dry dock Dewey, the largest floating dry dock of the American Navy, sank in 70 feet of water at Olongapo in Subig bay today. In some unknown way the water disspelling valves were left open. The costly machinery of the Dewey is ruined, according to experts. The Dewey was installed in July, 1906, after being towed from Hampton Roads via the Suez canal. It cost a million dollars.

Vallejo, Calif., May 24.—The dry dock Dewey which was sunk today was installed under Chief Carpenter W. W. Cayles who is now at Mare Island navy yard. Cowles said that the dock was probably sunk by a tornado as that was the most feared at the time the dock was built. He laughed at the suggestion that the Japanese might have been interested in its destruction.

The Dewey was built at Starrows Point, Maine, by the Maryland Steel company, was 500 feet long and 106 feet wide. It could accommodate the largest warships. Cowles thinks the dock can be raised.

## To Sell Subway Land.

New York, May 24.—Real estate worth more than a million dollars, by the city for the construction of stations and turns in the Centre street subway loop connecting the bridges to Brooklyn, will be sold at auction today. The city sells only the surface providing that the subway and station are not to be disturbed or injured.

## Canadian Championships.

Woodstock, Ont., May 24.—The annual spring championships of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union will be held here today, with many athletes of international fame participating. Jack Taft, the crack distance runner of Toronto, is entered in the mile.

STRANGE STORY IN UNPUBLISHED REPORT TELLS HOW TEDDY LIKES INSURGENTS

## INSURGENCY - ROOSEVELT NOTE

Report Given Publicity Which Describes Last Official Act of Roosevelt in Turning Over Presidency to Taft—Said to Have Given Unqualified Support to Insurgents and to Have Scared Cannon Severely.

Washington, May 21.—That Colonel Roosevelt is with the insurgents in hearty and soul is the gist of a hitherto unpublished report made by the committee of insurgents to the caucus of the house of representatives in March, 1910. Roosevelt gave the endorsement during the closing days of his campaign. With this support behind them the insurgents are planning a terrific campaign next fall that will sweep the former president into the whirlpool of politics. "Roosevelt and Insurgency" is to be the battle cry. The endorsement was given to Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, Gardner of Massachusetts and Madison of Kansas, who were sent as a committee by the insurgents March 3, 1909, and the reports declares that Roosevelt proposed to give Nelson as chairman of the committee a letter endorsing the insurgents' fight on Cannon. Roosevelt expressed sympathy with the progressives when he said: "Cannon has been the greatest obstacle to my efforts to secure good legislation throughout my administration." On March 4, after spending the evening with President Taft, Col. Roosevelt asked the insurgents to excuse him from writing the letter as it would embarrass the new administration. Standing in the president's room, Roosevelt took Nelson by the hands and asked Taft to take up the insurgents cause. That was one of Roosevelt's last acts of his administration.

In a private conference with the insurgent committee, after a long discussion, it was suggested Roosevelt write a letter endorsing the insurgent forces. This was not to be for publication but to be circulated among the members of the house and even shown to Cannon.

When Roosevelt talked to Taft and asked him to support the insurgents or at least keep his hands off, Taft laughed and turned the answer off in a joke. Afterwards Mr. Roosevelt said he couldn't write the letter as

he didn't want to interfere with Taft. After Taft's refusal to answer, Mr. Roosevelt turned to Gardner and said, "I am sorry boys." He explained he was in sympathy with the insurgent's cause.

This was the last official act of Mr. Roosevelt, the report concludes, for within a half hour Roosevelt turned the presidency over to Taft. Since then he has not discussed politics. It has also been learned that Roosevelt received a number of letters from insurgents while in Africa and for this reason he has been in close touch with politics, and his success in digging pitfalls by press correspondents.

## BRIBE TRIAL STARTED.

Case against O'Neil in Illinois Legislature Started in Civil Court.

Chicago, May 24.—The trial of Lee O'Neil, the democratic house leader, or the Illinois legislature, who was

charged with bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer was begun here today. Attorneys for the defense moved to quash the indictment and a long argument was begun. The motion is based on technical grounds.

## MRS. PALMER AT REST

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS NEXT THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Pioneer and Oldest Lady in Union Co. Pioneer and Oldest Lady in Union Co.

Funeral arrangements for the interment of the remains of Mrs. Hannah Palmer, better known as "Grandma" Palmer, who died at one o'clock this morning, after a short illness of three days, are announced today. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. church, District Superintendent J. D. Gillilan officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

## Life in State Tomorrow.

The remains will lie in state at the residence of Joseph Palmer, 901 Adams avenue all day tomorrow, where friends of the deceased can view the remains.

## Death Comes Quietly.

Death came as quietly as was indicated and Grandma slept quietly into death at 1 o'clock this morning. All hope for her recovery had been given up a day before death came and a ray of satisfaction shines through the general and wide spread bereavement, that her long and strenuous age culminated in a peaceful death.

## Grandsons for Pall Bearers.

According to present plans, grandsons of Mrs. Palmer, all of whom are full grown and well known men, will act as the pall bearers during the funeral.

## EIGHTEEN DROWNED.

Steamers Collide and Eighteen Drown As the Result.

Cleveland, May 24.—Eighteen of a crew of 23 on the steamer Frank H. Goodyear were drowned today after colliding with the steamer James B. Wood. The Wood rammed, tearing a big hole in the Goodyear's hull. The boat sank in a few minutes.

## Carriers Want Better Roads.

Gary, Ind., May 24.—A movement for better roads throughout Indiana was launched today at the convention of the Indiana Association of Presidential postmasters. It is said that the rural carriers are greatly hindered in their work by the poor condition of Hoosier highways.

## Knights in Canada

Hamilton, Ont., May 24.—Hundreds of Knights of Columbus from all over Canada and the United States are here today for the big entertainment and initiation to be conducted by Hamilton Council.

## LAND OFFICE IS NOT HURT

CREATION OF NEW LAND OFFICE DISTRICT WILL LEAVE THE LOCAL OFFICE UNHURT

## MEANS PERMANENTLY LOCATED

Total Receipts for Month of April Show Only \$26 From the District to be Embraced Within the Vale Land Office District—Work of Transcribing Records has Commenced—Local District has Been Profitable One.

On account of the opening of a new United States land office at Vale on July 1, next, to embrace all of Malheur county and 10 1-2 townships in the La Grande district lying within Baker county, the work of transcribing the records of the local office, relating to the new district began yesterday, under special direction from Washington. Mrs. Muriel Bull will perform the transcription under the supervision of the local officers.

An effort was made this morning to learn the exact effect the loss from this district will have on the business of the La Grande office and assurances were given that it would have absolutely no appreciable effect. The officers were adverse to giving the figures but finally consented to support the above statement. It was stated by one in a position to know and authorized to make the announcement that the total collections for the month of April, 1910, were \$18,884.77, and that of this sum \$26.00—one homestead and one desert filing—came from the part to be annexed to the new district. It was further pointed out that some of the land is within the forest preserve and therefore not subject to settlement or entry of any kind; that outside of two or three townships, the land is incapable of affording support to anyone, and much of the land of this character could not be entered as desert claims because no water is available for reclamation. As illustrating in another way the small effect of the loss upon the salaries of the officers, the computations for last month would have given each officer of the La Grande office between \$495 and \$500 had it not been for the provision of the law limiting the fees and commissions to \$250 per month, each. Of this sum, the \$26 received from the part to be annexed yielded but \$3 to each officer. It is stated that there are several other reasons why the loss will not be felt, but the above ought to make out a case, according to the view taken at the land office.

Many citizens who have given the matter attention think that the satisfaction of the demand for a government land office in the eastern part of the state forever settles and change or readjustment of the boundaries of this district, thereby giving assurance that La Grande will remain the approximate center of the district, and consequently will hold the land office. The erection of the Federal building here, in the near future, will operate to create conditions tending to assure the absolute permanency of the office here.

## Elks Hold Conclave.

Quincy, Ill., May 24.—Three days of fun and frolic will mark the State Convention of Elks convened today. Streets and buildings throughout the city have been decorated with emblems significant of Quincy's welcome to the "Best People on Earth."

## Cheyenne Canon Bonds

Colorado Springs, May 24.—A special election is in progress today to vote on the question of issuing \$220,000 in bonds for the purchase of the South Cheyenne canon.



IT IS HINTED THAT AMERICANS ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE WAR IN NICARAGUA. —Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.