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RECHRISTEN OLD THOROUGHFARE

EFFORTS ON FOOT TO GIVE NEW NAME TO NORTH SPRUCE AND IMPROVE THE PARKING

PROVIDE A PARK APPROACH

Plans Being Formulated for Parking and Making Beautiful the Thoroughfare Leading from City to Riverside Park—Would Give Third Popular Driveway and Boost City as Land-seekers Pass Over It Always.

Efforts to rechristen North Spruce street to make the name of the thoroughfare connected with Riverside park, and to make it a fashionable driveway with attractive parkings and well aligned treelines from the business district to the bridge at Riverside park, have been set in motion and are meeting with popular favor. Long and handsome driveways have become the popular demand of auto owners, horse owners and pedestrians alike, and though Adams avenue is providing much in this respect, and Fourth street will before long be fitted up nicely, there is need of a substantial street from the city to the park, and if the movement now on foot materializes as soon as is believed, the city will have a fashionable highway to the river. The movement is certainly a commendable one, not only for the reason that this street is the park approach, but the fruit centers lie beyond and real estate men and boosters in general agree that more strangers are taken over North Spruce to reach the valley than over any other thoroughfare leading from the city.

As to the new name, Riverside Boulevard, Riverside Way, and various other names have been suggested, all connecting the street with the park in some manner.

W. F. Chase, the landscape architect who made the plans for the improvement of Riverside park, returned to his home in Portland, Sunday morning. All plans are now in the hands of the association.

The buildings throughout are to be of a rustic nature and the same is true of the bridges to be built over the waterways. The driveway is now staked out through the entire park. This is to be sixteen feet wide and completely encircles the park, showing glimpses of the water here and there. One walk follows the waterway and winds in between the trees in a charming manner. A vast amount of work will need to be done to put even a small portion of the park in shape but all work will be of a permanent character and will be done as rapidly as funds permit.

The Chautauqua will start their fence about the grounds tomorrow.

B. GRANDY HURT IN TIPOVER

HIS SON CHARLES ALSO BADLY CUT IN RUNAWAY.

While On Way to Cemetery Team Becomes Frightened and Runs Away.

An accident somewhat similar to that which proved fatal to Mrs. Rice, and injured Mrs. W. D. Grandy three weeks ago, yesterday came near having fatal results to W. B. Grandy and his son Charles. The two were driving to the Odd Fellows' cemetery when the team shied and ran away. Charles Grandy was thrown complete-

ly over a nearby fence and sustained quite serious injuries, but the most painful hurt fell to the lot of the senior Grandy. He struck on a pile of rocks bruising his face terribly with skin and surface wounds and though his looks have been materially marred his attending physician, Dr. C. T. Bacon, asserts no critical situation is likely to ensue. The escape was a narrow one, and will, even as it is, will require considerable time for full recovery.

DIFFICULTIES ACCOMPANY PLEASURE.

Fishermen Catch Fish But meet With Experiences.

The old story of fishermen and their experiences was revived last evening when T. J. Scroggin, cashier of the United States National bank, returned with Frank Sullivan from a "day in the woods" and had plenty of fish but admitted a soreness supposedly from a long walk. It developed that Cashier Scroggin did not walk but rode and rode horseback at that. He was not used to it.

Frank Connors and Forest Ivanhoe were also among the anglers yesterday. According to a well founded statement, after catching fourteen fish it became necessary to part with the price of their day's sport in order to obtain information from a High school boy where the road could be found leading to La Grande.

SERVICE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

REV. FORD ELLIS DISCOURSES HEROES' MEMORY.

Draws Picture of Laying Foundation And Building Upon It Now.

A fair sized audience was in attendance at the Central Christian church yesterday afternoon to make the Memorial services of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. a success. Rev. Ford Ellis delivered the sermon.

Rev. Ford A. Ellis took for his subject for the Memorial address, "Loyalty." He said in part: The soldiers of the past wars laid a foundation and we are the builders of that structure. The laying of the foundation called for the shedding of blood, physical resistance, but the building of the structure demands the exertion of the mind and the soul of men. We would not be true to the memory of the heroes of the Civil War if we did not demand that our differences be settled by reason and love.

PLAN PEST WAR IN ORCHARDS

EXPERT FROM O. A. C. HERE TO STUDY CONDITIONS.

Observer Will Publish Authentic Report on Destruction of Blight.

That fire blight of pear and apple is making inroads into Union county and that in a more or less satisfactory degree the orchardists are fighting it, is the statement of H. S. Jackson, professor of botany and plant pathology at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Mr. Jackson and P. H. Spillman, horticulturalist of the Union experiment station, completed a tour of the valley today. While the valley is now less pestered with pear blight than other valleys of the Northwest, still the pest must be fought unrelentingly to avoid general destruction of orchards; the blight works in apple and pear trees alike.

The Observer has made arrangements to publish daily this week a portion of a circular, number 8, which has been compiled by Mr. Jackson.

BITULITHIC FOR SIXTH STREET

MACADAM TO BE ABANDONED FOR MORE SERVICEABLE PAVING SAY PROPERTY OWNERS.

EASY FACILITIES FOR MANY

Street Holding Situation for Easy Reach of Court House, and for Easy Entrance to City by Large Farming District, will Be Paved With Bitulithic Movement Now on Foot Takes Shape—Only Few Object.

That bitulithic is to replace Macadam in the paving of Sixth street from its intersection with Washington avenue, to South La Grande where it will connect with the county road leading out to the valley, is the practically certain outcome of a movement commenced today by property owners along that street. Macadam had been originally adopted by every property owner on the street, but the bitulithic fever has seized them and with the exception of one or two, all are in favor of the more costly but far more durable sort of paving.

This street will, when completed and the hill near the court house is leveled, give the entire business district of the city a more direct route to the court house. To those residing or doing business east of Fourth, the route to the court house is circuitous in the extreme and poor sidewalk facilities are also a detriment. With Sixth street paved all this will be removed and a straight and excellent thoroughfare to the court house will be possible and a large farming district will have easy street grades and good surface to reach the business sections of La Grande.

The movement is but another indication of the advancement fever in the city of La Grande in a very virile form.

PINCHOT HOME AGAIN.

Intimates That Lemons Will Be Passed Freely When Colonel Returns.

New York, May 30.—Frankly discussing several features of his visit with Roosevelt, while in Europe, Gifford Pinchot arrived home today. He said in speaking of the visit with Teddy that they saw no lemon trees in Italy. "Some people think there will be lots of lemons here when Roosevelt returns," he said.

PAY TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS DEAD

DEAD HEROES HONORED IN SONG WORD AND ACT BY LOCAL GRAND ARMY POST.

ALL PUBLIC OFFICES IDLE

Business Cares Laid Aside to pay Tribute to Those Who Fought for Their Country's Sake—Old Soldiers Drive to Cemetery Rather than Enact Tiresome March March as usual—Cochran Addresses Audience.

La Grande today laid aside business cares on a large scale to pay tribute to the soldiers dead and to honor the memory of loved ones. Public offices, county and city offices and several places of business were closed all day in honor of Memorial day. The reason that the business houses as a rule were not closed is that all places of business will be shut up tight next Friday when the businessmen are going to Union to attend the stock show; therefore, the less strict observance of the day here.

The local post of Grand Army members drove to the cemetery this morning at 10 o'clock to decorate the graves of the dead soldiers who have found their resting place in La Grande. The old vets have abandoned the practice of marching on account of the old age of many.

Memorial Services Today.

This afternoon at the Central Church of Christ, songs were sung, recitations delivered and an address spoken in memory of the dead. The pretty W. R. C. drills were carried out with good effect. C. E. Cochran was the speaker of the day.

Taft Appears in Parade.

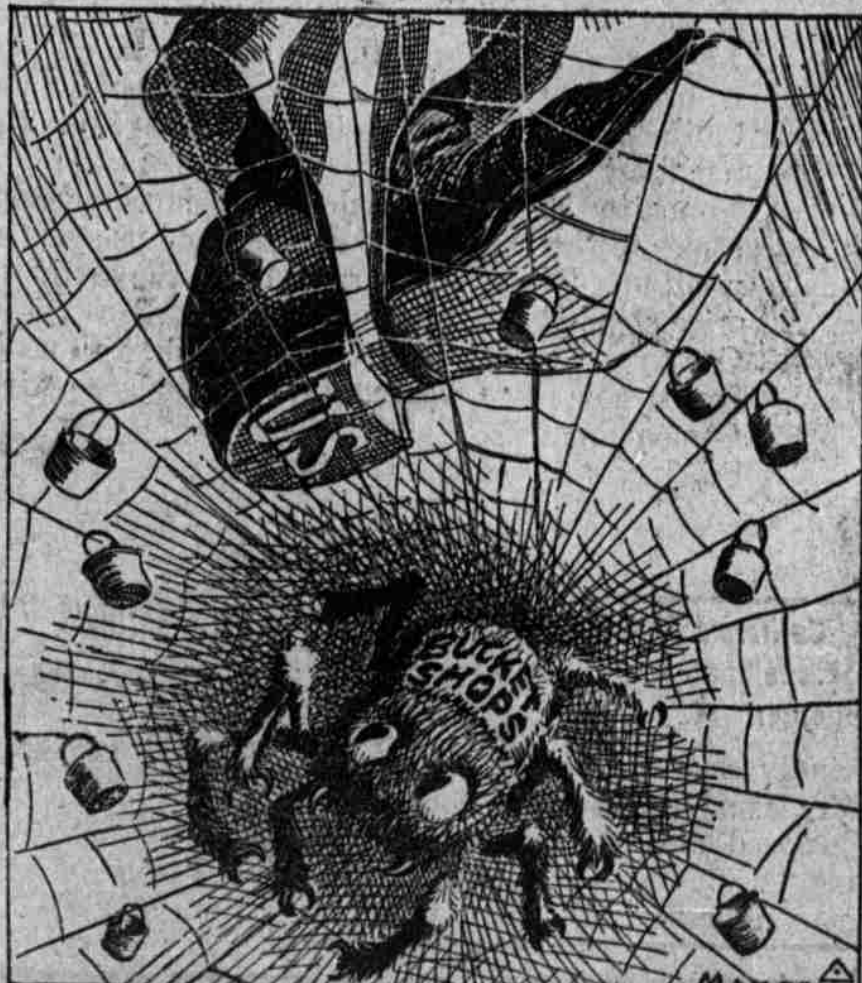
New York, May 30.—Memorial day was a quiet one for President Taft today who with the exception of a public appearance at the Grand Army parade, spent the day in rest. Taft rode in a carriage at the head of the marching veterans.

KILLED BY GASOLINE.

Sandpoint Ballplayers died While Returning From Ball Game.

Sandpoint, Idaho, May 30.—Fred Gaynor and Harold Stackhouse are dead from inhaling gasoline flames while sleeping aboard a launch while returning from Newport. Another man is sick. They were members of a ball team.

AT LAST.



—Minor in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

McCarte in Trouble.

Stealing registered mail to finance the publications of his musical compositions and incidentally to bestow valuable gifts upon his men companions led to the downfall of Bishop B. McCarte, 26 years old, the railway mail clerk who was arrested Friday night on a charge of pilfering the mails. He was located in La Grande when on the Pocatello-Portland La Grande mail clerk run, and has a large circle of friends in this city who are chagrined to learn of his arrest. McCarte has confessed to stealing registered letters for more than a year and his thefts aggregate several hundred dollars, so far known.

McCarte was well liked in the railway mail service. He was extremely accommodating, taking extra runs for other men and spending much of his leisure time preparing the forms and slips clerks are required to have ready when they start on a trip.

McCarte was fond of music but rarely played the piano in his room. He aspired to be a composer and wrote and published "Holding Hands," "Only a Dog," "Just My Style" and "Dear Old North Pole." The last-named composition was dedicated to Dr. Frederick A. Cook. His roommates say that after his last effort he said little about his music.

DEATH CALLS J. C. YOUNG TODAY

POSTMASTER WELL KNOWN IN THIS CITY AND STATE.

Daughter Married La Grande Boy—Astute and Shrewd Politician.

Portland, May 30.—Postmaster John C. Young died early this morning from cancer of the stomach, after a two-months' illness. He was surrounded by family and friends.

La Grande knows Mr. Young well, and when he was appointed postmaster at Portland in 1909, he was congratulated by a large circle of friends from La Grande and Eastern Oregon. Coming originally from Baker City, he forged his way to the front in political matters, and reached to be private counselor and secretary to U. S. senator Jonathan Bourne. He was holding that post when named postmaster. A more astute politician, shrewd businessman and good fellow has seldom traveled the tempestuous road to political glory.

Mr. Young's daughter was married not long ago to Walter Block, son of Mox Block, of this city.

CATCHY SLOGAN FOR TOURISTS

BUSINESSMEN NOT TO BE ASLEEP WHEN THEY VISIT UNION.

Meet Held This Morning to Perfect All Details Regarding Journey.

"La Grande is with you" is the slogan that will be embellished on ribbons carried by every La Granderite at Union next Friday when the businessmen here will reciprocate the visit of last week by the Union men here. A meeting of several businessmen was held this morning and committees were appointed to look after various details of the trip.

That the Chautauqua will not be asleep is another apparent fact. Committees have nobly advertisements prepared for distribution at Union next Friday.

GREAT MASTERY OF AIR CRAFTS

CURTISS FLIES FROM ALBANY TO NEW YORK WITH TWO STOPS TO REST.

FEAT MOST REMARKABLE

Complete Mastery of the Air With Regular Service Between New York and the City of Chicago in Near Future Is Prediction—Stout as He Flew and Is Breaker of Several World's Records in Airflights.

New York, May 30.—It is predicted here today that aeroplane flights between Chicago and New York, with no more stops than is necessary for an express train to change engines, will be a common occurrence in the near future, following the successful flight of Glenn Curtiss yesterday from Albany to New York—130 miles. Curtiss is the recipient today of many congratulations for his marvelous performance. What was more substantial was a check for \$10,000 given by the New York World for the success of the journey.

Among the records which Curtiss broke was the world's hourly speed record, and for long distance flights. He averaged 54 and 4-5 miles an hour. He made his first stop at Poughkeepsie, where he rested an hour. He next lit at Manhattan Island and then flitted to Governor's Island. A biplane was used.

WALLOWA LANDS RESTORED

BALLINGER TAKES LARGE TRACT FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST.

Will Mean Hundreds of New Settlers For That County.

Washington, May 30.—Secretary Ballinger today restored to entry 23,365 acres of government land in Wallowa county, Oregon, and 23,326 acres near Pocatello, Idaho.

The area restored to entry in Wallowa county consists of land that had been included in the forest reserve. About one-half of it lies north of the city of Wallowa and the remainder lies east and northeast of Enterprise and Joseph. It is mostly grazing lands with an occasional tract of timber, some of which is said to be very good.

This land will not be ready for entry for probably a month. It is necessary for it to go through the regular channels of the land office and before it will be opened the land office at La Grande will be given proper notice and it will in turn advertise the fact that the land will be thrown open to entrymen and give the date it will be subject to entry.

Means Much to Wallowa.
According to local people familiar with the land in question the action of Secretary Ballinger means much to Wallowa county, for the land will afford many homesteads and it has been watched for a long time by people who want homes.

Morning Coast Games.
Portland, May 30.—The morning games played in the Coast league today resulted as follows:
Oakland, 2; Vernon 5. San Francisco, 5; Los Angeles, 4.