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## A PLEASING DAY FOR PIONEERS

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PRESENT WHEN ANNUAL REUNION IS CONVENED

## BUSINESS HOUR TONIGHT

History Makers Gather and in Informal Way Pass the Day in Renewing Acquaintances and Tell Stories of Frontier Days—Set Speech This Morning and Everything is very Informal and Homelike.

James Russell Lowell once sang of the "days in June," remarking, "Then the earth is in tune." Nothing could be in more perfect tune than the concourse of some 300 trekkers to the land of the setting sun in days gone, who rubbed shoulders, shook hands and "swapped" reminiscences at the Aldome theatre today when the annual Union County Pioneers' association convened.

Rain gods were not particularly congenial; it tried to rain, the wind blew some and it was a little chilly, but the sturdy men and women who faced the hardships of pioneer days were not daunted by such trivial matters. Fully three hundred history makers were on hand when the meeting was called to order by President "Jim" Rinehart of Portland, and following the oration of the day by T. A. Rinehart, and prayer by Rev. J. D. Gillilan, the meeting assumed a very informal aspect.

"The real pleasures to the pioneers came at the noon hour, when clustered around the improvised tables: the theatre, men and women who have not met since the last annual reunion visited, chatted and visited some more. All afternoon the program was of this impromptu nature, speeches of informal character, recitations and music pleasing the guests intermittently. Even if the sun did not shine, hoary headed "trekkers" were happy; their faces beamed with the light that comes from pure joy and happiness, and today at least, none had personal duties or sorrows too heavy to be laid aside for the moment, except it was to pay silent and fitting tribute to pioneers who have passed away since the last meeting; notably "Grandma" Palmer and Uncle and Aunt Ben Brown.

To dwell on the life history of every man and woman of the association in the commodious building would be pleasing reading, but such is not for the Observer to do today in its limited time. Such men as S. O. Swackhammer of Union, "Jim" Rinehart of Portland, Henry Rinehart of Walla Walla, A. E. Eaton of Union, Jim Masterson and Charles Hallgarth of Elgin, Tom Wade of Imbler, Wm. Curry of Imbler and a score of others are men who have more local history at their fingers end than the younger generation will ever acquire through study of books. These men were in attendance and the many others of county-wide and even state-wide renown help to make the reunion pleasant.

Very thoughtfully, the committee in charge left the matter of business until the very last and it will be late this afternoon before the matter of election of officers is taken up.

## MEXICO IN UPROAR

Bloodshed Predicted When Elections Start Next Sunday Morning.

Monterey, Mex., June 22.—Madero, the Liberal presidential candidate, was lodged in the penitentiary here today on orders of the Diaz administration. The charge, "insulting the government," on which he was first placed in jail, was changed to "inciting the riots," and the third move, Liberals declare, indicate next Sunday's elections will be a farce and it has roused a revolt throughout the country. Mexico is boiling with excitement. It is believed that the election will be the bloodiest in history. Meetings are being called to denounce the government.

Galveston, June 22.—Ten thousand rifles and plenty of ammunition has been smuggled into Mexico for the revolutionists, according to information today.

## FINE ROYAL ANNS

Imbler Orchard Produce Fine Specimens of Luscious Cherry.

George L. Cleaver today brought to La Grande a sample of Royal Anns as produced by his Imbler cherry trees. The limb is loaded with the cherries such as only the Grande Ronde cherry trees are, and the fruit is especially luscious.

## South Dakota Elks

Watertown, S. D. June 22.—With the Grand Exalted Ruler as the guest of honor, the South Dakota Elks state convention, beginning today, will surpass all previous meetings of the order in the Northwest in interest and enthusiasm.

## Illinois Odd Fellows

Champaign, Ill., June 22.—Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Patriarchs Militant are in full possession of Champaign today and will remain three days, giving a grand street pageant tomorrow.

## PENN AVENUE IS IMPROVED

RESIDENTS WANT HARD SURFACE PAVEMENT TOO.

Cement Walks, Approaches and Pretty Parkings in Order.

Pennsylvania Avenue East of 4th street is rapidly assuming a metropolitan city air. The block between Seventh and Eighth is already supplied with cement walks, approaches and cement curbing is now under way. Lawns, already attractive, are to be similar for the entire distance, and the block happens to be a regular Salt Lake block too. The block between Sixth and Seventh is already cemented and walked part of the way and workmen are filling up the gap rapidly. With pretty lawns all the way to Fourth street, it is doubtful if there will be a prettier residence street in the city from the standpoint of good walks, attractive parkings and good lawns.

After Bittuteleth Pavement.

Macadam pavement is not the right sort for residents on the street if a petition now being circulated can be taken as a criterion. Bittuteleth pavement is wanted on the street by a great many of the property owners as an added asset to enhance value of property on that street.

## Minnesota Bankers Meet

St. Paul, Minn., June 22.—Minnesota bankers in large numbers were present when the annual state convention was called to order here today. Many financial topics of national importance will be discussed at the sessions, which will be continued tomorrow.

## G. A. R. Neglected

New York, June 22.—Following the statement of General G. B. Lord, the commander of the G. A. R. post here, that the Grand Army was denied recognition in the New York reception to Roosevelt, the committee is being severely criticized today. Assertions that his representatives asked to be given some consideration but were denied places in the parade or on the reviewing stand.

## Crops May Yet be Saved

Bismark, N. D., June 22.—A journey through this state proves that rain within the next week will save two thirds of the crop. First reports are exaggerated.

## HARMON NAMED BY DEMOCRATS

LITTLE FRICTION IN SELECTING GOVERNOR FOR THE NEXT STANDARD-BEARER

## HE PROMISES FIDELITY

With Shouts of Satisfaction Convention Screams for Speech and Harmon Gives Them What They Seek—Seething Attack on Republicanism Follows—Lays Blame of High Living to Bad Government.

Dayton, Ohio, June 22.—Governor Harmon was re-nominated today by acclamation at the democratic convention. Responding to the cries for a speech he said he would endeavor to continue making the phrase "serving the people" a true description and not false pretenses. He said: "No reforms in federal government are greater than can be met in the election of a congressman. Waste of public funds to the extent of \$300,000,000 is openly confessed. This is worth investigating, especially as the people are struggling to meet the high cost of living."

Continuing, Harmon said: "Neither economy or watchfulness in regard for public welfare is possible at Washington while the reign of the favored few continues. Voters have been imposed upon by tariff and taxes levied to obtain public revenue but really for private profit. But never before have they been fooled by the promise of substantial reductions which were broken before their faces when votes were secured. Power so insolent in control of lawmaking, is a power that must be overthrown without delay."

"There can be no relief from taxes when special interests frame the tariffs," he concluded.

## ESCHEAT CASE TO JURY TONIGHT

ADJOURNMENT WILL PROBABLY BE ORDERED TONIGHT

Farmer Jurors Will be Permitted to Return to Work Tonight

Plans announced yesterday as to the probable schedule of events in circuit court this morning were upset today. The Morrison escheat case will go to the jury this evening instead of this morning as was contemplated. Arguments assumed such shape that it required more time to dispose of them than had been planned.

## Adjournment Tonight

Unless something unforeseen occurs adjournment will be taken tonight until some time in August, probably the first Monday. This is to accommodate farmers who are much put out on having to be used as jurymen during haying time. Several important cases have been carried over to the adjourned term.

## Soldiers Eat Bad Food

San Francisco, June 21.—Soldiers at the hospital at the Presidio have been forced to eat spoiled meats and vegetables according to disclosures following an investigation. Kitchen help is blamed.

## Eagles in Savannah

Savannah, Ga., June 22.—Several notable Eagles from other sections are assisting Georgia members of the order today to make today's state convention a historic one.

## WEBB ADMITS HE DID DEED

PORTLAND POLICE GIVE BUT LITTLE CREDENCE TO STORY OF THE MURDER

## LARGE SUM IS MISSING

Police Now Searching for Fifteen Thousand Which is Supposed Was Taken From Johnson After Murder Webb Confesses he Killed Johnson in a Fight Over the Woman Who Figures in the Case.

Portland, June 22.—Following the confession of J. P. Webb last night that he killed Johnson in a Portland hotel in a fight over Mrs. Kersh, as the woman in the trunk murder case is really known, the police today are searching for and attempting to ascertain what became of the \$15,000 the woman said Johnson got for the sale of a ranch near Renton, Wash. Nineteen hundred were found on her person when she was arrested two days ago in company with Webb after an all night's joy ride.

## Story of Self Defense

The police place no faith in the self defense story as told by Webb. Webb says the men fought over the woman and the bullet was fired in self defense. Attempts later to hide the body he says were instinctive. "The more common theory is that the story of self defense is hatched up to conform with the confession. General belief is that Webb and the woman conspired to lure Johnson from Spokane for the purpose of robbery and that Johnson showed fight."

Bert Kersh, an electrician of Seattle whom Mrs. Kersh deserted a year ago, is on his way to Portland to claim the seven year old boy the woman stole in November. Webb is a printer.

## JEFFRIES NOW AT RENO

PRACTICALLY ALL ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED

Cots at a Premium at This Early Date—Arena Rising Rapidly.

Reno, June 22.—J. J. Jeffries was given a warm welcome when he arrived here today. He begins training this afternoon at St. Moana Springs and things are going forward lively. Teams are already hauling lumber to the state park for the arena. The arena is about a mile from the center of the town, near the railroad tracks. All rooms are practically reserved now. Cots are at a premium and many are setting up tents but before nightfall these will all be taken.

Tex Rickard has had enough of the fighting game. "As a miner I will return to the mines after July 4th. I am disgusted with the many setbacks I have met with."

## STORM SEWERS IN PLACE SOON

Contractor Day Has Plenty of Pipe to Work With Now.

Construction of storm sewers, the forerunners of hard surface paving, will progress much more rapidly hereafter, as a carload of pipe arrived yesterday and Contractor "Happy" Day, the Baker City man who has charge of the work, hopes to have all the catch basins and related parts installed and in working order by July 15th. The work was retarded some-

what last week by shortage of pipe. The contractor is now working on Hemlock street, building catch basins and laying pipes to the main sewer, which will carry away all refuse and storm sewage.

## THIRTY-ONE DIE FROM HEAT

Humidity is Intense and Danger of More Deaths Imminent.

Chicago, June 22.—A total of 31 deaths were recorded today since the beginning of the heat wave. The temperature is rising and more deaths are anticipated. Humidity is intense, the maximum heat, however, being only 90 degrees.

New York, June 22.—Five deaths and forty prostrations are recorded from the heat wave here the last 24 hours.

Philadelphia, June 22.—Sixteen are dead in two days and scores are prostrated in the total for the recent heat wave. No relief is in sight.

## Good Roads Convention

Fargo, N. D. June 22.—To make the highways of North Dakota second to none in the country is the object of a good roads convention opened here today. Various commercial and municipal bodies, the American Society of Equity and other agricultural and development societies are giving their influence to the movement.

## AERIAL CRAFT IS SUCCESSFUL

TEN PASSENGERS CARRIED OVER LARGE DISTRICT

Famous Trip Which Aroused World, Successful in Every Respect.

Friedrichshaven, Ger., June 22.—The first aerial passenger cruise as a part of a regular trip was completed successfully today. Zeppelin's dirigible ship "The Deuchland," sailed from here to Busseldorf, 280 miles, with ten passengers. The tickets cost \$50 but the ship will probably make regular trips hereafter. It is fitted up with saloons and other fashionable features so common on a water ship.

## CARPENTERS ON JOB

Work Commences on Chautauqua Buildings Early Next Week.

Carpenters were last evening given final instructions as to building the administration building, the auditorium, kitchen and other buildings on the Chautauqua grounds. Lumber is being hauled this week and construction of all buildings is to be commenced next Monday morning and be hurried on to completion.

The camp grounds committee headed by "Dick" Jones has made arrangements to have tents on hand to rent and anyone who is desirous of camping in the delightful grove near the Chautauqua grounds and has no tent can lease one from the committee if the advices are left with Mr. Jones at once. A thousand and one details are being looked after with proper care and when the opening day for the Chautauqua arrives, all will be in readiness.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE FORMED

Allice Chapter of 34 Members Organized Last Evening.

Allice, June 22.—(Special)—There was organized last evening at Allice an Epworth League chapter of thirty-four members. The officers are—Thomas Walsinger, President; Miss Etta Woodell 1st Vice; Mrs. Bertha McKennon 2d Vice; Mrs. Etta Moore 3d Vice; Mrs. A. C. Playle 4th Vice; Frank McKennon Sec.; Rattie Hudson Treas.; Miss Lema Moss organist and Miss Hazel Van Houten choir-leader.

## TAFT SEEMS TO BE VICTOR

INSURGENTS AND DEMOCRATS STANDING OUT AGAINST TAFT'S MEASURE

## ROOSEVELT IN ANGRY MOOD

Teddy Denies that Miss Ethel is Engaged and Supplements that Some One is Crowding Admission to the Annanias Club—Taft Seems to Have Won a Victory in His Fight For the Savings Bank Measure.

Washington, June 22.—Although insurgents and Democrats in the senate have protested against acceptance of the postal savings bank bill a test vote today indicates that President Taft's big stick has forced enough regulars into line to insure passage of the measure. Insurgents and Democrats will make a hard fight against the measure but expect it will pass without much delay.

## Roosevelt Really Angry

Mr. Roosevelt angrily denied this afternoon the rumour that Miss Ethel was engaged, as reported. It was stated she was engaged to James T. Williamson, a newspaper man.

The Colonel also denied the report that he was opposed to Hughes' direct primary schemes, saying "It looks like someone was crowding membership into the Annanias club." He begged the newspaper men to stay away from Oyster Bay as there was no news there.

## Budget A Record Breaker

Washington, June 21.—Appropriations made by congress this session are the largest in the history of the country. They reach one billion, eighty million in round numbers, or approximately thirty-six million more than was ever voted before.

The house adjourned this afternoon after passing the public buildings bill. Increased appropriations are a result of opening buildings and rivers and harbors "pork barrels." The rivers and harbors bill alone carried fifty million.

## AUTOISTS REACH NEVADA

D. H. Stewart Will Attend Fight at Reno on July Fourth.

D. H. Stewart, who with his family left this city several days ago for interior Nevada, intending to make the trip by automobile, has reached Deeth Nevada, and thus far has not had use for repair tools. In letters to friends here he tells of splendid fishing, enjoyable rides, good health being enjoyed by all of the party, and general success of all kinds. He is now in the fight state, and writes that he is going to see the big mill even though he catches not another fish. He will plan his itinerary so as to be in Reno July fourth.

## PAINTER HURT IN FALL

Injuries First Thought to be Trivial But Proved Otherwise.

Frank Leavitt, a painter of this city has sustained serious injuries from a fall a few days ago while painting a water tank on the Wade ranch near Imbler. The precipitation was over a distance of twenty feet, but injuries were so trivial, it was thought, that beyond a severe jar, no inconvenience was experienced. This morning word was received that the fall had more serious results than was first believed. The man is suffering considerably and it appears he has been injured internally. He will be brought to La Grande this afternoon if his condition will permit.