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GRANDE RONDE CATTLE WIN ALL-NORTHWEST SWEEPSTAKES

3 OTHER PRIZES WON BY LOCAL EXHIBITS

CROWNING VICTORY IN PORTLAND STOCK SHOW SCORED BY LOCAL GROWN STOCK.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS VICTORS

Aside From Winning Sweepstakes, Two-Year-Olds Take First Money and Other Exhibits Come in for Prizes—Boosts Grande Ronde Cattle in Markets of the Entire Country.

Portland, March 21.—(Special.—Grande Ronde cattle carried off the sweepstakes at the annual Pacific Northwest Stock show now in progress at the Portland stock yards. This signal victory for Grande Ronde-grown cattle has boosted that district's stadning in the stock circles of the entire country for not only did the sweepstakes victory zease a crowning laurel but places the Grande Ronde valley in stock circles as no other victory in exhibition lines could have done. The stock making the sweepstake victory belonged to McKennnon & Chandler, the La Grande stock dealers, and numbered 41. The stock was pitted against the best from a half dozen states.

Other Victories, Too.

But the sweeping prize winning under sweepstake classes was not the only honor coming to the Grande Ronde valley. The string of beeves walked off at 12 o'clock today, with the following:

First money for two-year-olds.

Second money for second best two-year-olds.

Fourth money for best three-year-olds.

At 2 o'clock there are two more prizes yet to hear from and Mr. McKennon and Mr. Chandler are hopeful of placing in them as well.

Local stockmen, when told of the victories at the Portland Stock show, expressed their highest pleasure. When the glow of the news had worked itself through commercial circles, the stock growers' friends dreamed through the sunny afternoon of what they are missing by not being near the jubilant stockmen in Portland; they pictured a vision of two Grande Ronde stockmen in Portland wearing the smile that grows always broader and never wears off.

However, all agree that the distinction is a meritorious one, and places Grande Ronde valley in a high plane in cattle raising as well as in horse breeding.

Object to Paying $575,000 Fine.

Atlanta, Ga., March 21.—United States Commissioner Colquitt today resumed the hearing on the application of Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor for leave to take the pauper's oath and swear off the $575,000 fine, which a part of the penalty imposed upon them for their part in the Savannah harbor frauds. The two men have completed their prison sentences but freedom has been denied them pending the settlement of the fine. Both Greene and Gaynor contend that they are now penniless, and have no money with which to pay the enormous fine. The department of justice on the other hand, declares its belief that the two men have large fortunes secreted and consequently should not be permitted to escape payment of their fines by taking the pauper's oath.

300 MINERS AT GILLISPIE IN WAR PAINTS

MEMBERS THREATEN TO KILL FELLOW UNIONISTS WHO REFUSED TO JOIN STRIKE.

POLICEMEN WHISKED AWAY

With Strikers in Full Control of Situation, State Troops Are Called for to Protect Lives of Those Who Are Not in the Strike—TwoUnions Refuse to Join Strikers and Are Threatened.

Gillispie, Ill., March 21.—Three hundred troops arrived here today prepared to prevent rioting by 2,000 idle miners who threatened assault on any miner attempting to return to work in the coal mines. The strikers have policed the towns and have driven patrolmen from the streets. Nine deputies came first to protect the men as a death penalty had been affixed to strike breakers who refused to leave town.

Fight Expected Tonight.

Nine detachments of state troops left this afternoon for the scene of the trouble and intend to forcibly disperse the 300 strikers who have threatened bloodshed.

Fatalities Are Expected.

Three shafts of the Northwestern Coal company are affected. Officials refused to recognize the strike and ordered work to be resumed. After two local unions discussed the situation they decided to return to work and other union threatened to kill those who did.

Armed foreigners paraded the street all morning threatening Americans who wished to return to work in the mines. Colonel Lang, commanding the troops, announced his intention of disarming them.

WAYS AND MEANS PLAN WORK

SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE COMMENCED.

Uncertainty Still Exists but Matters Are Freely Discussed.

Washington, March 21.—With the democratic house way and means meeting daily for the discussion of plans to be followed at the special session of congress the democrats are divided here today over the question of whether to "open up" a series of investigations during the special session or to concentrate their energies upon the next regular session. As the committee holds the newly acquired power formerly wielded by Speaker Cannon, whatever it may determine in all probability will be the working program of the house.

In addition to consideration of the reciprocity agreement and revision of certain tariff schedules the following investigations may be taken up:

After drastic revision of the federal payroll, congress will ask to learn the real reason for the military "maneuvers."

To discover why the steel trust was not prosecuted under the Sherman anti-trust law.

To fix responsibility for the sale of Friar lands in the Philippines to the sugar trust.

To attempt the unseating of Senator Lorimer.

To investigate the purchase of the Panama canal from the French company in order to learn what promoters o fthe deal received.

To determine whether soft berths are being systematically given to the men defeated at the recent elections.

German Critic Answered.

Washington, March 21.—Answering the criticisms of Colonel Gaedke, the German military expert, who said the United States army was ineffective as a third class police force, Congressman Hull of Iowa, 20 years chairman of the house committee on military affairs, said he could arm a million men today and have plenty of reserve to supply ammunition. Army officers assert they could have an army of 2,000,000 men in the field in three months.

Old Battleship Changed.

Aboard the flagship Connecticut, Chesapeake bay, March 21—One round of firing of guns on the battleship New Hampshire today put the old battleship Texas out of commission. She is now known as the San Maris. The government is trying out a new "detached explosive," to bu used in the navy.

Iowa Kills Equal Suffrage.

Des Moines, March 21.—Voting 27 to 31, the state senate today killed the bill which was framed to grant equal suffrage.

WAR IS REMOTE

AGREE HIGHER OFFICIALS

TAFT FEARS NO COMPLICATIONS FROM JAPANESE ANGLE IT IS SAID AT WASHINGTON.

LIMANTOUR IS PEACE DOVE

Rebels Will Be Asked to Lay Down Arms and Congregate at Mexico City Where a National Convention Will Be Held to Settle Dispute—Diaz Said to Have Given Limantour the Rights.

Washington, March 21.—The administration is apparently marking time this afternoon awaiting the result of Minister Limantour's missions to Mexico City. It is known he carried official messages from Taft's administration to President Diaz. On account of the absence of several members, the cabinet meeting today was postponed until tomorrow.

President Taft does not himself fear any international complications from a Japanese angle.

Publicity will be given to all maneuver orders hereafter, say army officials.

Intervention Fades Rapidly.

San Antonio, Mrach 21.—Chances of American intervention in Mexico is believed to be more remote today than ever. Army officers generally express the opinion that the possibility of seeing active service is small.

Limantour as Peace Angel.

El Paso, March 21.—It is reported here that Limantour has been placed at the head of the Mexican interior affairs by Diaz; that he will send an order to insurrectos to abandon arms and send delegations to Mexico City for a national conention, which, it is said, will take up reforms. Diaz will not resign and will not order a new election until all arms against the government are laid down.

ARMED JAPS IN OREGON.

Burr McIntosh, Noted Writer, Makes Startling Statement.

Portland, March 21.—Burr McIntosh, the famous war correspondent is here today. He said a high naval official recently told him that government knew there were 60,000 armed Japs in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California, ready to take up arms at a moment's notice. He said he believed war between the United States and Japan will come soon, intimating that Japan would start it by insisting that the Panama canal remain unfortified. Armed Japanese, he said, were working as house servants and laborers.

KATSURA STILL IN OFFICE.

Diet Attempts His Dethronement but Efforts Are All in Vain.

Tokio, March 21.—Efforts by anti-American—the nationalist party—to impeach Prime Minister Katsura and his cabinet, today in Diet failed utterly. Foreign Minister Komura took occasion to declare the Japanese government is determined to maintain friendly relations with the United States. Resolution demanded censure of cabinet alleging the recent United States. Resolutions demanded censure cause no further privileges were granted them.

Replying to the charges, Komura declared the Japanese have been placed on an equal footing by the new treaty, as regards immigration, with other nations.

NATE THAYER DEAD.

Well Known Railroad Promoter Dies at Boston This Afternoon.

Boston, March 21.—Nathaniel Thayer, for many years known as one of the foremost railroad promoters in America, died here today. He was director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, of the steel corporation and many other financial institutions.

MISSOURI LINE ELECTS.

Directors of Missouri Pacific Meet to Elect New Slate of Officers.

New York, March 31.—Directors of the Missouri Pacific met this afternoon and elected George Gould chairman of the board. The presidency of the road is left vacant but will be filled soon. Gould, Frederick Gates, E. D. Adams, Edwin Gould, E. T. Jeffery and Cornelius Vanderbilt were elected to the executive committee.

Prisoner Remains Confident.

Viterbo, March 21.—Late contradiction of testimony of the state witnesses were made on the stand today by Nicola Merra, accused of the actual murder of Gennero Cuoccelo in revenge of an offense he committed against the Camorra. A grueling examination failed to cause him to admit that he murdered Cuoccelo or that the Cammora had anything to do with him.

Maiden Trip of New Liner.

Baltimore, Md., March 21.—With a large party of guests representing the commercial organizations of several southern cities, the new steamer Suwannee of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation company sailed from Baltimore today on her maiden voyage to Savannah and Jacksonville.

Roosevelt Enters California.

Los Angeles, March 21.—Roosevelt's arrival in California today was unostentatious. A Los Angeles reception committee met the train at San Bernardino and there were big crowds at the local depot. Tonight he stays at Pasadena, a guest of Arthur Fleming. This afternoon he addresses the students of the Pasadena high school.

COMMERCIAL CLUB REORGANIZED AND PUBLICITY MANAGER TO BE EMPLOYED; FIELD IS ENLARGED

The Nine Permanent Directors.

A. S. Geddes, Chas. [illegible]nn, Fred J. Holmes, J. J. [illegible]V. J. Church, Mac Wood, [illegible]l-ller, George H. Currey a[illegible]ce Dennis.

Permanent officers [illegible]uce Dennis, president; A. [illegible]des, vice president; W. [illegible]rch, secretary; Chas. S. [illegible]easurer.

Direct results of last night's meeting:

Employment of a booster manager.

Subscription of necessary funds to insure commencement of work.

Ramification of purposes and enlargement of territory to be influenced by club's interests.

After weeks of thought and planning, La Grande's Commercial club has been reorganized and innoculated with a virus of permanency and activity which, it is apparent, will continue to percolate through the veins of commercialism in this city and county for years to come. The association has been established on a firm financial basis, the foundation of which was subscribed last night, and its purposes have ramified until not only the direct interests of La Grande are to be fathered, but the entire valley is to come under the influence for development which the club hopes to exercise.

A spirited, enthusiastic and fruitful meeting was held last evening and resulted not only in the election of a new board of directors, but in the expressions of a desire to hire at once an expert in the publicity lines whose main and only purpose will be the furtherance of interests of La Grande and Union county. Purse strings were unloosened by the business men in attendance and promises of more from other sources were made so that there is no longer any doubt as to the policy of the club but it is clear-cut and well defined.

Many Attend Session.

A large number of business men were in attendance, anxious to voice their opinion and anxious, above all, to see the club reorganized along lines that will take in the entire county. Wallowa county, too, is to have desirable influence shown its way under the direction of the local organization.

Directors Represent Wide Range.

In the selections of the directors many trades and professions are represented and things will be moving with a vim. The first thing the directors did after their election was to convene in executive session and elect its permanent officers. Employment of a publicity agent is now under way and even at this early date several desirable men are being negotiated with in the hope of securing the man with the very best qualifications. Within the next day or two it is likely that the booster will have been selected. His duties will be the same as those assigned to F. B. Currey when he was booster manager but many important details are, of course, to be left to the manager. New life and new interest is manifest at every turn today and that the club is resurrected with permanency written all over its countenance and commercial circles are greatly elated.

Dwell on Ramification.

That the club must add to the radius of its territory was expressed on every hand and its field will henceforth lie from the extreme boundaries of the county to the very heart of it, and on into Wallowa county.

SCHOOL JOB AT UNION IS LET

STRUCTURE TO RUB THE $50,000 MARK WHEN COMPLETED.

Building Proper to Cost Nearly $36,000 Nampa Man Gets It.

Union, March 21.—(Special).—Letting of contracts for the construction of the new high school—the main plans of which provide for the expenditure of $35,940 and $10,650 for ventilation, heating and plumbing—has been completed and the builder will be G. H. Rush of Nampa. The school board has closed a contract which provides for completion of the building by August9 and the structure is to be 117x82, two stories and a basement high, making practically three stories.

The heating, ventilating and plumbing has been let to another concern and Offler & Latham of Spokane are the men who will do that work. Their contract calls for $10,650 and with the amount of the general plans the structure will come close to $50,000 when completed.

Every modern idea in school architecture is embodied in the plans. The contractor will tear down the old court house building and the old jail will be used to house the heating plant. In this way every possible advatage is taken in reducing the cost of the building.

DUAL CRIME AT WALLA WALLA

WOMAN SHOOTS SON AND THEN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Husband and Father Somewhere in Montana as a Drummer.

Walla Walla, March 21.—For reasons that probably never will be known but believed to be sudden insanity, Mrs. George Wilcoxson shot and killed her 23-year old son in his bed and then blew out her own brains.

Neighbors heard the shots yesterday and investigated today and found the body of the woman near the bed, a pistol in her hand. There are no notes and no reason for the shooting. The husband is a traveling man now somewhere in Montana.

NEW MINE RUSH STARTS.

New Town Site Laid Out at Sage Mountain.

Reno, March 21.—Following reports of N. R. Fitzgerald and Rees Savis of San Francisco who inspected the gold strike at Sage mountain, a rush for the new diggings is on in earnest today. Town sites have been laid out and an even 100 men had gone into the territory at noon today. It is reported the ledge is 2,000 feet and is rich.