

EASTERN OREGON DISTRICT FORMS FRUIT ASSOCIATION TO BECOME PART OF CENTRAL BODY

Organization of the fruit districts of Eastern Oregon was realized this afternoon when a large crowd of fruit men, designated as delegates from the many local fruit belts of the Grande Ronde valley, met at the Commercial club rooms to carry out the necessary steps to become a part and parcel of the Central Fruit exchange, embracing all the union of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and northern California.

VERY UNPLEASANT.

Today there has been righteous indignation among merchants and people generally in the business district, due to the failure to wet down the pavement last night. A heavy wind from the south has blown the dust in clouds about the city and into the different department stores.

J. C. Conley, County School Superintendent of Wallowa County, says:

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Publisher La Grande Observer, L Grande, Oregon.

I wish to commend you for the enterprising spirit you are manifesting by offering free trips to San Francisco for the National Educational association, to be held in that city July 8-14.

I believe that my united effort all along the line, the next meeting can be brought to Portland.

Such a meeting held in our metropolis, will mean a great deal to the people of Oregon.

Respectfully, J. C. CONLEY.

COUNTY TOWNS' NEW YORKER IS CENSUS OUT PLEASED

UNION SECOND TO LA GRANDE IN MATTER OF PEOPLE. LEAVES FOR HOME WISHING HE COULD REMAIN IN VALLEY.

Bureau Announces Its Complete List For This County.

Table listing population of towns in Union, Wallowa, Umatilla, and Baker counties. Includes entries like Cove, Elgin, Island City, La Grande, etc.

R. O. Lozier Came to Stay Two Days and Spent Two Weeks Here.

Coming here to spend two days and remaining two weeks with a desire to remain longer is the story of R. O. Lozier's visit to La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley.

STATE REDUCTIONS COUNTERED.

Supreme Court Overrules Orders of Minnesota State Courts. St. Paul, April 8.—A decision which enjoins the enforcement of passenger and freight rates ordered by the state court, was handed down today by United States Judge Sanborn.

PLUMBING ORDINANCE PRINTED.

Details of New Department Added to the City Made Known Today. The public today can gain a definite notion of what the plumbing inspection department of the city will mean.

Mob Hangs Murderers.

Elkville, Georgia, April 8.—One hundred masked men early today lynched three negroes and shot another for the murder of Newton Eason, a white man, recently. The rioters overpowered the jailer. One of the prisoners fled but was shot down. The others were strung to a tree.

THROOP'S MINE DISASTER CLAIMS SEVENTY-SIX VICTIMS--MEN DIE IN EACH OTHERS ARMS

Scranton, Pa., April 8.—Seventy-one are known to be dead by the Throop mine disaster occurring yesterday. At 9 o'clock this morning, 66 had been brought to the surface and there are five others huddled in a heap in one tunnel not yet reached by the rescuers.

ed the lower tunnels to warn his companions. His body was brought to the surface at dawn.

Many rescuers collapsed this morning, having toiled steadily since 7 o'clock yesterday. Volunteers have relieved them this forenoon.

Total New Seventy-Six. At noon 70 were brought to the surface, and six other located. Rescuers said the bodies were found in groups of three to seven with arms and hands interlocked.

Government Rushes South. Though inner workings of the mine have been explored no more bodies were found, and it is believed the total is 76. Orders were received for the government rescue car to leave immediately for Birmingham.

JUNIUS FERRIN IN CRITICAL STATE

BRAIN NOT BELIEVED SERIOUSLY INJURED BY FALL.

Injuries Sustained Yesterday Noon May Not Prove Fatal.

At the elapse of 24 hours, Junius Ferrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ferrin, is still in an unconscious condition this afternoon, as the result of a terrific series of injuries sustained yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock when he collided with a team at the corner of Depot and Adams.

MARRIED IN OGDEN.

Popular Young People Will Reside in Joseph—In City This Morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Leslie arrived in La Grande from Ogden last evening where they were married Wednesday of this week. Mr. Leslie is a member of one of the old Wallowa families and is very popular with the people in that county.

Ruef a Bible Teacher.

San Quentin, April 8.—Abe Ruef will tomorrow preach his first sermon in a series to be delivered by him in the prison chapel. He is also instructor to a class of 90 fellow prisoners in bible study, the class growing from two to 90 in a few days.

NEGRO CONVICTS KILLED IN MINE

EXPLOSION WORKS HAVOC WITH BIRMINGHAM PRISONERS.

Isolation of Mines Makes News of Disaster Hard to Obtain.

Birmingham, Ala., April 8.—Seventy-five convicts are reported killed in an explosion at the Vanner mine, Littleton, Alabama.

Telephone messages this afternoon from Littleton states that 190 negroes were working in the Pratt mine at the time of the explosion. Some escaped, but the remaining 75 are believed to be dead.

Practically all the men working in the Littleton mine were negroes, except the bosses. The Pratt Consolidated Coal company of Birmingham owns it.

Owing to the isolation of the mine, it is not learned whether any of the bodies of the 75 said to have perished, are recovered.

NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.

Nomination Blank—1000 Votes.

THE OBSERVER CIRCULATION CONTEST

I nominate ..... Address ..... District No. .... Phone No. ....

Only the first Nomination Blank counts 1,000 votes; each subsequent blank 1 vote. Names of people making nomination will not be divulged.

Cut Out Around Border.

VOTE COUPON.

The Great Circulation Contest.

LA GRANDE OBSERVER--DAILY AND WEEKLY

This Coupon Will Count One Vote. For (Name) ..... Address .....

Not Good After April 15.

Cut Out Around Border.

TAFT SILENT ON RECALL ISSUE

Washington, April 8.—President Taft told the Arizona delegation he would neither approve or disapprove the Arizona constitution until congress acted upon it.

WILL NEITHER CONDEMN OR UPHOLD IT AT THIS TIME.

Situation in Arizona Not to Be Enlightened by the President.

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Lorimer Finds Warm Friend.

Chicago, April 8.—Declaration that charges made by Funk to the Illinois legislature that \$100,000 slush fund was used to elect Lorimer were denied today by Judge Haney.

Tom Johnson Sinking.

Cleveland, April 8.—Tom Johnson is sinking rapidly and it is but a question of hours until death comes. He is not expected to live out the day.

FEE SYSTEM TO GO.

Mayor Elect Harrison Announces Policy Regarding Municipal Help.

Chicago, April 8.—Mayor-Elect Harrison announced today that he will abolish every fee office in the city government, putting all municipal officials on a flat salary basis.

GOLD NOTES ISSUED.

Erie Issues Gold Notes to Take Up Bond Issue Due Today.

New York, April 8.—The Erie railroad today issued collateral gold notes amounting to \$12,500,000 to take up the maturing notes of the issue of \$115,000,000 with six per cent in gold notes issued in 1908, due today.

HAMER IS SENTENCED.

Five Years Is Term Named to Man Who Stole From Local Store.

Five years in the penitentiary is what it cost John Hamer to steal a pair of trousers from the Toney & Soranton store some time ago.

Patterson, the negro who was implicated in the robbery of the North Powder store, was sentenced to six years, having been found guilty of the charge as stated.

Hamer, Patterson and Leemaster will all be taken to the Salem institution of detention tonight.

CRIPPLE IS A GENIUS.

With Hand Lacerated He is Able to Make Violin With Jackknife.

Spokey, Wash., April 7.—(Special)—P. M. Arvin, of Walla Walla, Wash., a telephone lineman who was struck by 25,000 volts of electricity several years ago, losing his fingers, has completed a violin. He began the work on the violin last December and has put in which he considers two solid months of whitening and scraping, polishing and staining. Arvin has only three fingers on each hand and the work was done with no other tools than his pocket knife and a flat piece of steel used for scraping. This is the second violin he has made and although he has never taken a lesson on the instrument he handles the bow dexterously. The violin is made with a top of Washington spruce, a back of birds eye maple and sides and neck of straight grained maple, all parts having been prepared by Arvin. The tall-board rest is a piece of rosewood from a "billy" which Patrolman Buck broke in an encounter with a captive. The tail piece and finger board are of ebony. Arvin took the instrument to the police station for its dedication in recognition of the donation of the broken stick of rosewood.

STRENUOUS DAY FOR COLONEL

ADDRESSES INLAND EMPIRE TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

Thousands Greet Roosevelt at Spokane Last Night—Busy Today.

Spokane, April 8.—Colonel Roosevelt started the day by reviewing the Fort Wright troops. At 11 he addressed the convention of the Inland Empire Teachers' association and at the conclusion laid the corner stone of the Lewis and Clarke high school.

He was then banqueted with prominent business men and politicians, and professional men at 12:30. Senator Fordexter was present. A monster parade is scheduled for 2:30. The principal address is at the armory tonight. Thousands greeted his arrival last night.

Prof. J. D. Stout of the La Grande city schools is an attendant at the convention of the Inland Empire Teachers' association and is present at the Roosevelt address.