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'THE COLUMBUS DAY CONSPIRACY'.....Thanhouseer

A daring plot to throw a bomb into the big national parade. A magnificent and costly production.

'TOURING ITALY—VENICE'.....Powers

Beautiful scenic visit through Venice in a gondola.

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A remarkable picture and story. Another illustration of a kind act being rewarded. We say it's a remarkable picture and you'll say so after seeing it.

'WHEN HUBBY WENT TO COLLEGE'.....Powers

A laugh in every foot of film.

Violin solo by Miss Mabel Blair

Musical Director, Chas. E. King

Frenchmen Fight Duel.

Paris, Feb. 16.—As the result of criticisms of a play, Emil Maas, a dramatic critic and Gaston DeCaillvet, co-author of "Comedia De Primrose", fought a duel today. Maas pricked his adversary on the forearm, and they considered their honor satisfied.

LA GRANDE IS VICTOR AGAIN

WINS FROM COLUMBIA BY SCORE OF 21 TO 20.

Contest at Milton Last Night Is Closely Fought Again.

IMBLER HERE TONIGHT.

Imbler high school will play a return game with the M. I. A. team in La Grande tonight commencing at 8 o'clock. The two teams are evenly matched and put up a mighty fine exhibition when the first game was played at Imbler some weeks ago. The M. I. A. promises a fast game tonight. Geddes, Schofield, Stoddard, Bean and Rosenbaum will probably be the lineup for the M. I. A.

La Grande was victor over Columbia college last night at Milton when she nosed out a second victory over that team by a 21 to 20 score. This is the second game won from Milton and though the championship of Eastern Oregon—all classes—is slightly muddled by the defeat at Pendleton by the high school there, there is no ground for the assumption taken by the Pendleton East Oregonian last evening that the championship belongs to Pendleton. Local fans do not see how Pendleton can rightly claim the title to play a championship game until she has consented to accept Milton's challenge and play the third and deciding game between those teams. Pendleton is due to come to La Grande shortly and play on a floor more suited for actual basketball than

is afforded by the Pendleton floor. The team returned this noon.

MALLET JUMPS HURON SWITCH

PONY TRUCKS GO OFF FIRST CAUSING DERAILMENT.

Many Trains Held by Minor Accident at Huron Last Night.

Because a big Mallet engine was derailed near Huron more than a half dozen trains were stalled for a time this morning on the mountain division. At noon the stalled trains had reached La Grande.

Engine 702, a Mallet, Engineer Beatty, west bound, struck a small rock lodged between the rails at a point 7,000 feet east of Huron at 9:15 yesterday evening. The impact derailed the pony trucks but as they did not hit the rail or spikes, therefore causing no fire, the engineer did not notice it instantly and when the engine which was running light, struck the east end of the Huron switch it was badly derailed. One switchpoint, one frog and three rails were broken, but none were hurt in the accident. The monstrous locomotive presented extreme difficulties for the wrecker when it reached there from La Grande this forenoon, but the engine was re-railed, however, and traffic again under way.

Many Trains Held.

The blocking of traffic was extensive. Trains Nos. 5, 9, 6, 10, 56 (a freight) and one extra west and one extra east freight were included in the tieup. The trains reached La Grande about noon and this afternoon "all is well."

TAXPAYERS' MEETING.

A number of Farmers Attend Meeting of Taxpayers League.

This afternoon the farmers and members of the Union County Taxpayers' league are holding a session in this city. It was called to order this morning and adjourned until 2 o'clock at which time the meetings were resumed. Matters pertaining to taxes were taken up and discussed.

FRATERNAL ORDERS OF LA GRANDE.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. N. MOLITOR, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.

H. J. RITTER, Ex. Rul.
H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome.

D. FITZGERALD, C. C.
J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.

M. W. OF A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in K. of P. hall, over Lilly's hardware store. All visiting neighbors are welcome.

W. A. DUNN, V. C.
W. F. LANDRUM, Clerk.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Grow Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall.) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights.

A. C. HAYNES, C. C.
R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 54 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.

LEAH R. COOLIDGE, N. G.
MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.

MRS. MARIE JACKSON, W. M.
MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

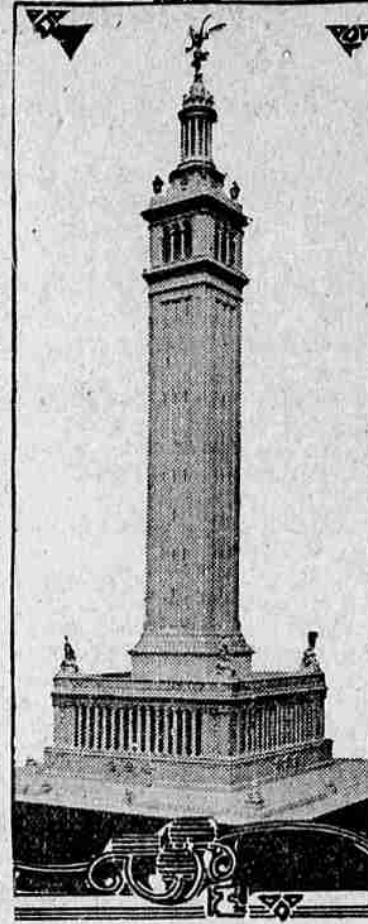
PANAMA-PACIFIC TO BE THE GREATEST OF ALL EXPOSITIONS

FOLLOWING the battleship parade into San Francisco harbor at the opening of the Panama-Pacific International exposition there will be a program of events of world interest and importance in a succession of two months apart interspersed with lesser events—yacht races and motorboat races of an international character for great trophies and cash prizes, aviation meets with the famous bird men of the world, Olympic games in which the athletes of the world will take part, intercollegiate contests, automobile races in which the holders of the world's records will participate in the automobiles of every nation, military maneuvers in which the crack infantry and cavalry of this and other nations will participate upon an extended scale. The location of the exposition gives widest scope for the greatest international sports program in history. The auto races will pass into Golden Gate park before the concrete coliseum, which will have a seating capacity of 75,000 people. The military maneuvers and Olympic games will also be held in the stadium. On San Francisco bay motorboats will vie for the world's records before the Harbor View site of the exposition. The yachtsmen of the world will sail from Europe across the Atlantic to New York and then through the Panama canal to San Francisco.

The Panama-Pacific International exposition was first proposed by Mr. R. B. Hale, a merchant of San Francisco, in 1904. Mr. Hale wrote a letter to the Merchants' association, and the idea took like wildfire. At that time it was anticipated that the canal would be opened in 1913, and 1913 was the date set for the exposition. An organization of the commercial bodies began the preliminary work, but in 1906 came the fire. No one was dismayed. In a shack built over embers hardly cool a

dry goods merchant placed a great sign, "Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1913," and this became the battlecry in the fight to build a new city.

Of more than \$20,000,000 now appropriated by California \$7,000,000 has been raised by popular subscriptions. \$4,000,000 is assured through a special act of the legislature permitting the counties to tax themselves for exposition purposes. \$5,000,000 was appropriated by the state of California, and San Francisco has voted a bond issue of \$5,000,000. This is the largest sum that has ever been raised for a world's exposition at an initial stage. But it is only a starter.



ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL TOWER.

The contributions of China and Japan toward the exposition in magnificence and variety will surpass anything ever seen outside of the orient and even in the far east itself. A conservative estimate of their combined expenditure toward the exposition is \$10,000,000. Hawaii and the Philippines will contribute more than \$1,000,000 each.

The Pacific coast of the United States and the whole west will be featured up more extensively than they have been within their history. Side excursions from the main line or stopovers upon any of the eight transcontinental systems terminating upon the Pacific coast will afford the visitor an opportunity to see those attractions of America that appeal to him. To most people the names of these places will carry a picture—the Yosemite, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the

Yellowstone National park, Great Salt lake, Puget sound, the inland trip to Alaska, the government's huge reclamation projects in sixteen western states, the Columbia river region, the redwood forests of California, the first of Oregon, the big trees on the approach to the Yosemite, Arizona and New Mexico, youngest of the states; Nevada and some of the greatest mining camps in the world. Perhaps most interesting of all will be the opportunity for a trip through the Panama canal either coming or going.

The reconstruction of San Francisco is one of the greatest miracles within the history of American municipalities. Five hundred and eight city blocks, embracing the principal business and residential portions of the city, were wiped from the earth in 1906. The streets were covered in some places with debris forty feet deep, yet today a stranger to the city would never know from its appearance that a fire had occurred.

The loss through the fire is estimated by insurance underwriters at \$400,000,000. To reconstruct San Francisco called for greater wealth than was destroyed by the fire and far exceeded the cost of building the Panama canal. Since the fire \$242,000,000 has been expended upon new buildings alone.

Today San Francisco is the newest city in the world. Its buildings represent the latest type of modern reinforced concrete structures. It has more than 1,300 hotels and apartment houses, with accommodations to suit all persons.

In preparing for the Panama-Pacific International exposition hundreds of its emissaries are visiting all the regions of the world. Fourteen governors of western states on a 4,000 mile trip through the east on a special train recently called attention to the exposition and became better acquainted with their brothers of the eastern states.

One of the directors of the exposition is now in Japan. It is said that his majesty the Emperor Mutsuhito will donate the use of the imperial art collection to the exposition. The board of lady managers, of which Mrs. Phoebe Hearst is honorary president, is independently taking up those phases of the exposition that belong particularly to woman's domain.

The setting is being prepared. With impressive exposition structures rising from San Francisco bay, with city and wooded slopes as a background and in the foreground a vast fleet of battle ships of the world, the sight will be one of the magnificent spectacles of his story.

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