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OFFICIALS SAY DIVISION PLAN IS CONSIDERED

O-W. MAY MAKE VERY HEART OF
EASTERN OREGON CEN-
TERED HERE.

STACK ADMITS SCHEME

If Plan Now Seriously Considered Is
Pat Through, Huntington-Umatilla
District to Be Under One Head and
If So, Head Is to Be Here—Added
Stockyards Promised.

Serious consideration of an elaborate system whereby La Grande is to be the very heart and center of railroad operation in Eastern Oregon—between Huntington and Umatilla—is being given by heads of the Harriman lines in Oregon. The plan calls for a sub-division of divisions whereby such division officers are now maintained in Portland to govern operations between Portland and Huntington, will have duplicate offices in La Grande, the La Grande territory to terminate at Umatilla and the Portland offices to have jurisdiction from Umatilla to Portland. Disjointed rumors to this effect have been current for weeks, but the first authentic information on the subject is given out today by Assistant General Manager J. D. Stack, here on an inspection tour. He affirms that such a movement is on foot and is being given deep-rooted consideration but has not reached the final action point. Simultaneously, announcement is made by Mr. Stack that increased stockyard facilities are under consideration and will probably be a near-by project.

Will Double Facility.
"Our stock train business is growing in Eastern Oregon," said Mr. Stack in an interview today, "and we have found it expedient to add another stocktrain weekly, of which announcement has already been made. Our yards here now will accommodate about 30 carloads of stock for feeding purposes but as the business grows added facilities will be needed and added. We contemplate building the stockyards to a size that will care for, say 75 carloads of stock at a time. We have abundant land adjoining the present yards on which to build them, or we could move the entire plant elsewhere in this city."

Such a venture, along with the growing stock business and stock shipments, would give the La Grande feed grounds prestige over all points along the O-W. While Mr. Stack did not set the time for this project, it is intimated that it will come shortly.

Division Question Talked

Drifting back to the matter of division offices here, Mr. Stack affirmed that La Grande will without question be the division headquarters should the general management decide upon the change. On that score the city is in the certain class, and the oft-rumored bringing of division forces is not a mere boom rumor. It does not necessarily follow that Superintendent William Bollons will come here but a man of his caliber will be assigned, and the division master mechanic, superintendent of motive power, and so on down, "being a complete set of division forces" as Mr. Stack puts it, will be assigned to this city.

Rumors have it that the Foley building is to be utilized, a floor or so to be devoted to these offices and further rumors have it that a total office force of 35 or 40 clerks would be brought here by the change. Of these features of the case Mr. Stack had nothing to say, further than that office rooms will be needed.

During the era of rumors prevalent here it has been variously reported

New Nickles Reach City

ONE-HUNDRED DOLLAR SHIP-
MENT MAKES APPEARANCE

COIN IS VERY ODD

Nineteen Thirteen Issue Arrives for
Local "Trade Circles."

Uncle Sam's new nickel, which a Portland newsie spotted for a "phony gum machine slug," have made their appearance in La Grande. The United States National received a shipment of \$100 in nickels of the new type this morning and they will soon be in circulation here.

The new coin is entirely different from the old. The rim is thicker than the center and on one side is the depressed imprint of an Indian, and the inscription, "U. S. of America, Five Cents." On the reverse side, also depressed, is the embossed likeness of a buffalo and the inscription, "Liberty." They are patterned after the recent issue of \$5.00 gold pieces as to shape, but are said to lack the objectional features of that issue which was soon suspended. The nickels are fresh from the mint and uncontaminated by money hungry fingers.

FRANK CONNERS HURT.
Falls From Bicycle and Is Suffering
With Injured Shoulder.

Frank Connors, window trimmer at West's, was seriously hurt today noon when he fell from a bicycle. His shoulder was dislocated and one elbow badly bruised.

MEMBERSHIPS SELL QUICKLY

ADVANCED SALE INSURES HEAR-
TY ASSEMBLY SUPPORT

Seventy-Seven Memberships Disposed
of in Past Few Days.

Seventy-seven Chautauqua memberships at \$10.00 each have been sold through the efforts of Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp and Mrs. E. Polack, the former of the park board and the latter of the chautauqua board, to date. This splendid beginning has brought in a substantial financial support of the chautauqua expense this summer, and there are still scores of families who are anxious to buy memberships outright or purchase them on the block plan where one or two families unite in buying one membership.

The sale of memberships was not started until just prior to the assembly in former years and this early start insures the directors that the city is wholehearted behind the movement and they can guide their actions accordingly in the purchase of talent. The building of a pavilion at the park this year has added greatly to the interest taken in the chautauqua and the ten-day camping treat that so many are coming to look forward to annually.

that the company contemplates building added storage tracks northeast of the city but if such is contemplated Mr. Stack is not in position to verify the rumors. The company purchased land in that vicinity some time ago, before Mr. Stack came to this state, and just what use it will be put to, is not yet announced.

New Depot in Doubt

"We find that the present depot seems to accommodate the crowds, give them protection from cold, and shelter them from rain in the winter time and in warm weather affords ample platform room, and in general does the business required of it," said the assistant general manager in response to query about new depot plans.

People Are Appreciative.

"The O-W. deeply appreciates the

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HORRIBLE FATE OF CHICAGO GIRLS TOLD BY WOMAN

Investigators of Low Wages Hear
Gruesome Stories Told.

Chicago, March 8.—Driven to enter a white slave resort by the impossibility of obtaining a living on \$4.00 a week, a woman, known as "E. G.," told the senate committee investigating white slavery here, today, a story that made the committee pale with horror.

"E. G." is in a Chicago hospital, a total wreck. She was carried into the committee room almost helpless and there testified. When her husband died, leaving her a child to support, hunger forced her to a life of shame.

Girl's Fate Terrible.
"While I was there," she swore, "procurers brought in a little girl 17 years old to the resort. They carried her upstairs, she fighting like a mad woman and then she was locked in a room. They took her clothes away."

Cries Last a Month.
Within a few hours "Cadets" brought in men to see her. She was assaulted at least a hundred times before she submitted. I could hear her terrible screams, and her cries continued every night for a month. She is now in the hospital a total wreck, too."

The senate probe into low wages of women workers was resumed today. Edward Hillman, a millionaire owner of a department store testified he began life as a cash boy at \$2.00

per week and when asked as to his relations between low wages and prostitution, said: "I don't know the exact relation, but I believe girls will sell themselves rather than starve."

Hillman said he employs 1800 women and girls at an average weekly wage of \$8.75. Of these, 23 get \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00. Others are holding positions below that of saleswomen and get \$6.00. Most of the \$3.50 girls he said, are employed at the request of parents.

"As employer of these girls, I feel a moral responsibility," Hillman said. "We have a social worker and a woman doctor who visit the girls to see to their health."

Hillman said he discharged immoral floorwalkers and had their names listed so they couldn't obtain employment in any other Chicago department store. He declared no worthy girl could be held down because one of her superiors disliked her, and denied positively that the girls were blacklisted in local stores if they offend employers. Hillman accepted a suggestion of Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, and promised to employ investigators Monday to learn the truth of statements made by girls seeking positions.

He thought from \$8.00 to \$9.00 a week was sufficient to support a girl but refused to answer any questions as to the profits of his store.

GOVERNMENT GIVEN SERUM

New York, March 8.—Traducers of Dr. Friedman were handed a jolt today when Surgeon General Blue announced the German has given his culture to the government without hope or promise of financial reward. This permanently sets at rest the published reports that Friedman came to America to make millions out of his treatments. The announcement is made that the government will give the culture thorough tests working on monkeys first. From the first day of his arrival from Germany Friedman has maintained his cure would be placed within the reach of every sufferer of tuberculosis but this statement was belittled by certain eastern newspapers and prominent physicians. Not only is Friedman to give the culture away but has offered his disposal to demonstrate the cure to the satisfaction of the government.

Landesman Upholds Doctor.

New York, March 8.—Dr. Max Landesman, director of the Peoples' hospital, today rushed to the defense of Friedman. "I conferred for several hours with Friedman last night," he said, "and was convinced that whatever merits his remedy may have he is sincere. He certainly is no faker."

WALKED DOWNTOWN ASLEEP

Little Baker Lad's Experience Is an
Unusual One.

Baker, March 8.—(Special)—An unusual case of somnambulism came to the notice of Patrolman Jack Henniger Thursday night, when he discovered walking down North Main street a little negro boy, who had left his home on the east side while sound asleep and had walked all the way without waking up. The officer stopped the lad, who, when he awakened, said that he dreamed the house was on fire and that he ran away through fear of being burned up. He had put on a coat over his night clothes and wore nothing else, being barefooted and without a hat.

The lad, who was about 12 years old, was taken back home by Mr. Henniger and other members of the family were much surprised, as his disappearance had not been noted.

Late Record File Puzzles

TWO AND HALF YEAR OLD REC-
ORD TO BLAME.

"BABE" NOT A BABY

Spokane Family Finds Itself Peculiar-
ly Showered With Gifts.

Spokane, Wash., March 8.—(Special)—When he announced of her birth appeared in the Spokane papers this week, little Embazine Philo was quite able to appreciate the small gifts that began to flood the household in her honor. Owing to an oversight of the family physician the birth certificate had not been filed with the city health office until two and a half years after little Embazine had seen the light of day. Friends of the family and enterprising merchants who saw the notice in the papers thought a new heiress to the Philo name had been born. From several department stores came various baby articles and numerous pamphlets with advertisements of infant foods, beds and perambulators. Housewives in the neighborhood bustled into the Philo home bearing duffy creations for the little one, and the girl's father, Gilbert Philo an Italian grocer, was kept busy answering congratulatory telephone calls and explaining that the announcement in the paper was not that of a new baby girl, but the same little romper whom all the neighbors knew.

KNIGHTS WILL OPEN COUNCIL

PENDLETON TO BE MECCA THIS
EVENING.

La Grande Team to Assist in the In-
stallation of New Council.

Knights of Columbus from Eastern Oregon and as far west as Portland will hie to Pendleton tomorrow to install a new council there. The teams from La Grande, Walla Walla and Portland will do the work of installation with the assistance of the teams from Pasco and The Dalles. The Eastern Oregon delegation will go west tonight on No. 5, with La Grande sending a large number of men. Standards, two of them, are now here awaiting the departure of the night train and the men will return on No. 16 Monday morning. Pendleton will be well filled with Knights Among those who will attend from this section are the following:

From La Grande: M. B. Donohue, W. H. Casey, Ed Donohue, Will M. Pearce, N. Desilet, J. H. Pearce, F. L. Meyers, J. F. Corbette, Fred Dutil, Tom Loftus, Jerome Foley, John Haddler, P. Lynch, F. O'Connor, T. Butler, M. King, Patrick Morrow, F. Charboneau, C. Kelley, Joe Desilet, Dan Callahan, J. F. Logue, Luke Ferguson, P. A. Foley, John Clifford, Ellis Kirtley, Mr. Cherrier, C. W. Cook, Henry Turner, C. B. Galbright.

From Union: Will Vogel, Nelson La Duke, Mr. Keef.

About one dozen will be here tonight from Palmer camp and the evening train from Baker will bring in about 20 men who take standards here.

NECK BROKEN, LIVES

Minnesota Youth Said to Be Dying
From Wrestling Accident.

Minneapolis, March 8.—Despite the fact his neck was broken in a wrestling match, John Inle, a Minnesota university student, is alive and conscious. The body is completely paralyzed, and physicians state that his death is only a matter of time.

DARROW JURY CAN'T AGREE; RETRIAL SET

LABOR COUNSEL RECEIVES NEWS
WITH REGRET, EXPECTING
ACQUITTAL.

WIFE STANDS SHOCK WELL

After Nearly Forty Hours of Deliber-
ation, Darrow Jury Returns and Is
Discharged Without Reaching Ver-
dict—Retrial Is Set for the Last of
the Present Month.

Los Angeles, March 8.—After deliberating for 38 hours and 40 minutes the jury that tried Clarence Darrow for bribing Juror Robert F. Bain, a salesman in the McNamara trial, reported to Judge Conley today that it was hopelessly disagreed. The jury was discharged after the court's formal poll of the members. Private polls showed it stood eight to four for acquittal.

After the jury had been discharged Attorney Powers demanded the date for the next trial be set. District Attorney Ford replied: "Probably there will be no reason in so doing." Acting on the request, however, the court fixed March 31 as the time for the trial. The attorney's office later said the retrial will be forced to an issue.

Darrow was apparently greatly disappointed at the result of the trial. He was surrounded by friends and refused to comment on the outcome other than to say: "I should have been acquitted on the evidence but I wasn't. I shall stay here and fight as long as they want me to."

The report of Foreman Pettengill of the jury was received in silence by the crowd that packed the courtroom. Not a sound was heard save the shuffling of feet. Mrs. Darrow received the shock bravely and when the court formalities were over she was taken from the room by deputies, but not before scores of the defendant's friends had gathered about to assure friendship and loyalty.

ASSASSIN KILLS WOMAN

Belgian Woman, Wife of Diplomat,
Slain While in Carriage.

Teheran, March 8.—An unidentified assassin killed Mme. Constant, wife of the Belgian directors of customs here, early today, and seriously wounded Constant. The couple was returning home from a midnight dinner when the assassin fired into the carriage and escaped. It is believed he is a Persian.

CLOWN IS CONVICTED

Murder of Eastern Heiress Is Avenged
in Chicago Today.

Chicago, March 8.—Charles Conway, a former circus clown, and his wife, Beatrice Conway, were convicted today of murdering Sophia Slinger, the Baltimore heiress, in a lodging house last October. The jury has recommended life for Conway and fourteen years for his wife.

DEER VISITS PERRY.

Millmen Watch Wild Animal Come
Down to Mill.

Perry, March 8.—(Special)—Perry had a silent visitor this morning, when a wild deer came down within a few yards of the mill and the millmen had the pleasure of watching it quietly climb the hill and disappear.

Foley Taken Ill, Better.

J. E. Foley, veteran resident of La Grande, was taken seriously ill at noon today, but commenced to recover at about 2 o'clock and is now over the most pain and gives evidence of very speedy recovery.

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