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DAY'S WORK STANDS OUT AS SATISFACTORY

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM SURPRISES MEN BY BRINGING IN ANOTHER BIG SUM TODAY.

MANY THINKING IT OVER

Total Subscriptions to Date Nearly \$15,000 and Tomorrow Promises to be Banner Report Day of the Week—School Girls Give Liberally—Campaign has Pleasant Noon-day Luncheons.

Four thousand five hundred and seventeen dollars were added to the Y. M. C. A. campaign between yesterday noon and today noon, and two committees tourin the farming district, and another committee working the Palmer mill crews at the noon hour, are not included in the reports read at the noon-day luncheon, regular daily features of the whirlwind campaign. The clock at Depot and Adams was moved up to the \$14,670 forthwith.

T. J. Scroggin's committee, the banner one yesterday, again hauled down the honors with a total subscription of \$1375 but were closely crowded by C. J. Black's committee, turning in \$1125. Other committees ran from \$5 to \$40, \$84 and to several hundred apiece. Committees that yesterday were weak were stronger today and thus the game goes on. Among the committees that have not carried off the banner, but nevertheless doing splendid work is the high team which turned in over \$700 to date and is out after the \$1000 mark. Over \$200 came in from that team today, much of it being from girls who are attending school, and many of them will have to work to earn their donations.

Other committees report that many men who have steady employment are stuttering at giving \$25 or \$50, and want time to think it over. Working on these promises all committees have hopes of making Friday a banner report day.

Ribbons Popular.

That the Y. M. C. A. campaign is becoming popular is easily attested by the growing number of "Everybody gives; I did" badges that is to be seen. Every contributor should wear his ribbon making the "unribboned" man feel so conspicuous that he will be glad to get in with the crowd.

Lunches Well Attended.

Owing largely to the excellent quality and generous quantity of the noon day lunches which are prepared by the ladies of the churches of the city these important meetings are being very well attended. This noon the banquet was prepared by the ladies of the Methodist church which has only been equaled by the previous dinners.

Break Down Causes Halt.

London, May 8.—A breakdown in the court room by "General" Flora Drummond due to weakness caused by the hunger strike, halted the trial of militant suffragettes today. It is estimated damages exceeding \$5,000,000 were done by suffragettes since the government recalled the franchise reform bill during the last parliament.

JAS. MOSS HURT

James Moss, a rancher of Imbler, was seriously injured yesterday when a horse stepped on him breaking both bones in the lower left leg. Dr. Richardson set the breaks last evening.

ROBERT S. LOVETT.

Chairman of Union Pacific Railroad Board of Directors.



PRETTY BELLE RECITES TALE

WHITE GIRL REVIEWS RELATIONS WITH NEGRO

Washington Ball Players Among Those Attending Johnson Trial.

Chicago, May 8.—Small, pretty, neatly clad, Belle Schrieber took the stand in the trial against Jack Johnson, the colored pugilist, on white slavery charges today and told her story of relations with the fighter. Through folds of a heavy veil she detailed how she met Johnson, her subsequent relations, and trips from state to state with him.

Before she was called, several government witnesses testified. Estelle Palmer, alias Henderson, said Miss Schrieber was an inmate of a Pittsburgh resort where she was known as Allen. Others described the character of a row of lats she managed while she lived in Chicago as the charge of the negro.

Charles Sampson testified that Johnson and the girl came to his store in October, 1910, and the negro bought over \$1000 worth of furniture which the girl selected. Several Washington ball players were admitted to the court room although spectators in general were excluded. They heard a part of her testimony. In the corridors, Johnson shook hands with several of the ball players. Before the court convened, Johnson drove in his automobile to the union station to meet some eastern witnesses and though a large crowd congregated there was no attempt at a demonstration.

CRANSTON COMING

Chairman of the State Fish and Game Commission to Come Friday.

Members of Rod, Fin & Reel club, and the public in general are to enjoy a visit from C. K. Cranston, chairman of the State Fish and Game commission here tomorrow night when the Pendletonian comes to La Grande to address sportsmen. Chas. B. Orai, deputy game warden, is out in the country spreading the news of Cranston's coming so that it is likely a good audience will greet him. At such time it will be timely to present any question or suggested movement wholesome to the fish and game world in this section of the state. He will meet the sportsmen in the commercial club.

BRYAN HOME WITH REPORT FOR PRESIDENT

ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE WILL BE MADE CLEAR TO JOHNSON AGAIN.

JAPS STAY PROCEEDINGS

Situation in California Laid Bare to the President by Bryan Today—Secretary Will Go on to New York However—Moore has Prepared Draft of Constitutional Phase of New Bill.

Washington, May 8.—California's land bill will not menace America's peace. Japan has accepted President Wilson's action in sending Bryan to Sacramento, in the spirit wherein the move was made. Japan resented the California action but doesn't believe American people will endorse the Webb bill. It also doesn't expect the measure to be enforced. This was the opinion today of those closest in touch to the situation when it was learned a movement is on foot in California to delay the enforcement of the Webb bill until the new treaty with Japan covering the main features in the measure is negotiated.

Bryan reported personally to Wilson on the California trip today. The president, it was reported, was told that the administration's friends on the coast were ready to prevent any embarrassment by forcing the referendum vote on the measure. Bryan also told the president, it was reported that a situation exists in California which must be met and that aggression in certain communities must be checked. But the problem confronting the administration, it was said, is how to work it. It is understood Japan is willing to concede nearly everything demanded through the treaty which would preserve their national honor. It is admitted it will require time to negotiate such a treaty and that the enforcement of the Webb law will complicate the situation. Japan unofficially is reported to be willing to act slowly on the Webb bill.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary of State Bryan returned today. Japan's protest to the California land bill is not completed and it is not believed it will reach the government until the California law is enforced. It is believed Ambassador Chinda is deferring action until Governor Johnson signs the bill.

Bryan conferred with the president over the situation and will make a complete report on his mission to California. He plans to go to Baltimore this evening to spend the night there, proceeding to New York where he is scheduled to speak Friday night.

John Bassett Moore has prepared an analysis of the constitutionality of the California anti-alien law. It is announced the president has not considered the law enacted by Arizona, Japan not having signified its intention to enter a protest against that measure. Before the California bill is signed the president will probably wire the California executive again, detailing at length the national administration's attitude. It is considered certain however the bill will be signed and that the national administration will then act.

No Arrests at Union.

No arrests have been made in the Lee Thompson case at Union this forenoon.

BRAGG NAMED POSTMASTER

Successor to His Present Position to Be Picked From Big List

County School Superintendent E. E. Bragg has one foot in the private office of the new La Grande postoffice. After weeks of anxiety to Democrats and Republicans and non-parisans who chafed at the continued suspense in the falling of what is considered one of the choise plums of Eastern Oregon, all but the last word has been said in favor of the local pedagogue. His name was sent to the senate late last evening according to United Press advices received by the Observer early this morning. That the Oregon delegation is agreed on Bragg and that his nomination will be confirmed, follows, and within proper time, G. M. Richie's successor will go into office under the name of E. E. Bragg, true-blue, dyed-in-the-wool Democrat.

From the start the school superintendent was deemed to have the inside pole in the race and a toehold on the powers behind the throne. As time went on and his nomination was withheld, friends of R. L. Lincoln took added hope and for a time public rumor had it that Lincoln was leading shoulder to shoulder with the pedagogue in the school superintendent's office. The outcome however, was that Mr. Bragg won. Several weeks will probably elapse before the new postmaster goes into office. "I am in no particular hurry," said Mr. Bragg today in this connection.

Mr. Bragg is a member of the state text book commission which meets in June and he is anxious to serve in that capacity, and that he will do so is likely as it is his individuality and not the insignia of his superintendency of schools that places him on the commission and he could therefore likely attend that meeting and still be assuming the postmastership.

Woman for Superintendent(?) With some hal frozen men already avowed candidates for the new school job to be made vacant when Mr. Bragg leaves go his strangle-hold on the office he now holds, it is freely reported that two or three women educators of the county are being urged to run for the office. Elgin, Summerville, Union and one or two other districts of the valley have candidates for the new position in the court house. Just who the ladies said to be considering the candidacy are, is not publicly announced.

HERE LOOKING AT COUNTRY

Arkansas Men Are Delighted With Grande Ronde.

A. G. Gladney and son Albert, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, are in the city today and Mr. Gladney is looking over the valley with a view to locating. To an Observer reporter he expressed delight at this part of the country's appearance.

HEAD OF VICE PROBERS PUT ON TRIAL ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—Inquiry of charges that Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, head of the white slave and starvation wage senate investigating committee, and another member of that body, are guilty of grave offenses, was begun at noon today before the senate, sitting as a committee of the whole. O'Hara refused to add anything to his statement yesterday that any affidavits reflecting on the



County School Superintendent E. E. Bragg, who late last night received the nomination for postmaster in this city.

CHAS. STACEY GIVEN OFFICE

BECOME STREET SUPERINTENDENT OR LA GRANDE.

Nomination and Ratification Takes Place—Laborers Paid.

Chas. G. Stacey, a well known resident of La Grande, for many years an O-W railroad conductor, is the new street superintendent. His nomination was sent to the council last evening and promptly ratified, settling the street superintendent-council committee embroglio that has left the streets without the least attention for nearly a week's time. The settlement of the present controversy was quiet and unruffled, and if the council had but known just how many days ex-Superintendent Etoner had worked before he resigned he might have been paid in full last night. The laborers and crews on the street who worked last month under Mr. Stoner and whose labor certificates were held up by the finance committee for final action by the council, were ordered paid in full, as the upshot of a short debate on the matter. The salary bill and the labor certificates were disposed of separately, the finance committee voting to pay the labor certificates for the entire month, first advancing as a reason

COMPETITIVE STREET PAVING BIDS POSSIBLE

WEST SECTION OF CITY TO HAVE GREAT STREET DEVELOPMENTS.

WLLKS PRECEDE HOUSES

N Avenue to be Graded Into Unsettled Territory, Pennsylvania to Be Paved West of First Street and Spring to be Paved for a Distance of 10 Blocks—Many Types Possible

Concrete sidewalks and hard surface paving are to be pushed into the sparsely settled region southwest of La Grande, ten blocks on Spring are to be paved, and paving is to be done on a purely competitive basis. These three items, and more especially the last named, became realities last evening when the council took the first steps to carry out the wishes of property owners on Spring, and on Pennsylvania a distance of two blocks from First to Oak. The council also opened up the city for competitive paving bidding, five distinct types of paving being permitted to be bid on in this series of projects.

In addition to this particular paving, West N avenue is to be opened up to a territory lying between the outskirts of the residence district at First and N and penetrating brush-covered ground toward the foothills. Several residences have sprung up "in the wilderness" as it were, in that section this spring and N avenue will tap a delightful territory that far south, Pennsylvania will be extended and paved from First to Oak a distance of two blocks, and Spring will be paved from Washington to Walnut a distance of 10 blocks. The Pennsylvania project calls for 30-foot streets and the other for 40. The signatures on the petitions are far more than the majority and it now seems that there is to be no halt in the work.

Various Pavings Possible. It will be possible to pave these streets with El Oso, bitulithic, concrete one, two four mixture six inches thick, Dolarway or asphaltic concrete. Various specifications on each have been prepared by City Engineer Neill. It is believed that the cheapest of these will total \$1.20 or even \$1.10 per square yard.

for holding the map that they had no other voucher for their correctness than the signature on the certificate of Mr. Stoner, whose validity of office was questioned. The tone of the council was such that the superintendent should also be paid for the whole month but no action was taken, as it was not known just how long he had worked. The finance committee, however, had O. K. the Stoner salary bill up to the 16th of April on which date the council ousted him and adopted a resolution that no salary should be forthcoming to him after that date even though he was reappointed, which he was. The finance committee wouldn't move to pay Mr. Stoner in full, but Councilman Sarget, a member of it, suggested such action might be feasible and equitable.

Buy Interest in Meat Co. J. I. Lambert of Glasgow, Montana, today purchased Paul Rohr's interest in the La Grande Meat Co., and will assume charge at once. Mr. Boch retains his interest and the firm will be Boch & Lebert.