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O'HARA'S ESCAPE GIVEN PUBLICITY--CHARGES FALSE

Fashionable Chicago Lady Tells of Her Night Dinners With the Lieutenant-Governor

Chicago, May 10.—Complete exoneration of Lieutenant Governor O'Hara against whom an affidavit charging immoral conduct was filed with the state senate, was made before the investigating committee of that body today by Mrs. Maude Robinson who signed the affidavit that O'Hara had been her companion during a stay in the Sherman house here. Mrs. Robinson, pretty and beautifully gowned, freely admitted signing the affidavit against O'Hara which, she said, she was told would not be published but would be used to silence O'Hara while he and his vice committee were probing conditions, to prevent him summoning before the starvation wage committee employers of girls who were opposed to testifying. She stated she knew O'Hara, having met him on a train en route to Chicago, January 17, and had spent the evening in company with Thomas Vredenburg, a millionaire, O'Hara and Tom Gibbons and Mrs. Ames Imbush of Madison, Wis., she said:

"At no time were my relations with O'Hara improper. We didn't occupy the same room, were not alone together in any room or at any time. I signed the affidavit at the urgent request of Mr. Davis and was told it would not be published."

Mrs. Robinson in her testimony said that Vredenburg was with her on the trip to Chicago when they met O'Hara and that they met Tom Gibbons and Mrs. Imbush at the La Salle hotel.

"The party broke up at 1 o'clock in the morning," Mrs. Robinson said, "and we bade the men good bye and Mrs. Imbush and I went to the Sherman house. O'Hara and Vredenburg joined us immediately after and we all went to the College Inn. Afterwards, I think, Vredenburg registered. I think we were registered as two married couples, but I am not positive. We were assigned to three rooms. Mrs. Imbush and I remained at the Sherman three days."

Mrs. Robinson was then asked if Davis, who opposed O'Hara's vice crusade, ever asked her if her relations with O'Hara were improper. She said: "He didn't mention that subject."

Mrs. Robinson was then excused. She denied she had been paid for signing the affidavit. The committee

didn't probe into the identity of Mrs. Imbush.

Senator Ettelson, chairman of the investigation committee, announced O'Hara would testify this afternoon. The committee didn't publish the text of the Robinson woman's affidavit.

Mrs. Imbush Denies It.

Madison, Wis., May 10.—Mrs. Mabel Imbush, daughter of former Governor Davidson, denied all that Mrs. Robinson told the senate committee regarding her reputed connection in an escapade in which Lieutenant Governor O'Hara is alleged to have figured.

She said: "Mrs. Robinson's charge is absurd. I know nothing of O'Hara except that I met him once in Chicago six months ago."

Foley Wins Replevin Suit.

This morning the case of J. F. Foley vs. Sam Hiatt was tried in justice court. It was an action of replevin for a horse, which each claimed as his. The court, after listening to a large number of witnesses on each side, found that Mr. Foley was the owner of it, and entitled the possession of same. Judgment was rendered for plaintiff. R. J. Green was attorney for Mr. Foley.

Explosion Menaces Ambassador.

Paris, May 10.—One killed and five injured in an explosion of an engine next door to the home of American ambassador, Herrick, in Rue Francois. The Herrick house was not badly damaged.

Bankers in Baker Today.

Fred J. Holmes president of the La Grande National, F. L. Myers, cashier of the same institution are among the local bankers attending the Eastern Oregon convention at Baker today. There are 36 banks in the territory and they will all be represented it is believed, including those from Union county.

Chamberlain Astor's Guest.

New York, May 10.—Vincent Astor was host to Vice President Marshall and several senators today. The party sailed up the Hudson as far as West Point for the annual inspection

CARDINAL LORENZELLI.

Archbishop of Lucos, Italy, Aged Fifty-nine Years.



PARCELS POST LAWS COSTLY

MORE MONEY NEEDED AT ONCE TO KEEP SERVICE

House Comes to Rescue of Postoffice Department in a Hurry.

Washington, May 10.—To prevent crippling the parcels post the house passed an emergency resolution appropriating \$600,000 for hire of additional clerks. Postmaster General Burleson reported the money was required by May 15 or the parcel post operations would have to be curtailed.

SWIMMING POOL FROLICS A Y. M. C. FEATURE ALWAYS.



Here is represented a swimming pool such as will be built in the La Grande Y. M. C. A., funds for which are now being subscribed. This particular natatorium is located in the Portland Y. M. C. A.

PARADE PLANS SHOWING CLASS

FORM AT L. D. S. CHURCH NOW THE ORDERS.

All Automobile Owners are Urged to Form in the Line.

HIGH DIVE AT FAIR GROUNDS.

As an added attraction for the opening day festivities, W. B. Sargent has promised to have his 18 months old son, Howard, who fell from a second story window recently without a scratch, enact a high dive from the top of the grand stand for the edification of the fans.

A. T. Hill and C. C. Penington are bosses of the opening day parade Tuesday afternoon. These men are out this afternoon adding ginger and pep to the parade features and something exceptionally good is promised. The parade will form at 2:30 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle and every person who has an automobile is urgently requested to fall in line there. The parade will come down Fourth to Adams and go out to the ball park with city and county officials, ball players, managers, the band, and rooters in attendance. Rooters who have cowbells will be allowed to ride in 14 wagons hauled by the big Warren Construction company steam roller. Float schemes are afoot and the day is going to be a hummer.

The school children will be lined in march order and admission for fanettes and fanettes under 12 will be 10 cents anywhere on the ground, and all school children over 12, 25 cents anywhere on the grounds.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Penington are showing speed in details and will have a parade really worth while.

of the military post. Astor's guests were made up mainly of members of the senate committee on military affairs. One of his guests was Chamberlain of Oregon.

Special Music Feature.

There will be special music at both the morning and evening services of Zion Lutheran church. The Sunday school meeting at 9:45 in the morning will be in the form of a rally service.

GAME LAWS AND POLICY HEARD

CHAIRMAN CRANSTON BRINGS NEWS TO SPORTSMEN

Reeves Pheasants to be Imported to Grande Ronde Valley.

Union county is to be the breeding ground for Reeves pheasants, a game bird slightly larger, and to many critics more beautiful, than the China-ring neck pheasant. Such was the announcement of C. K. Cranston, chairman of the state Game and Fish commission, and Edgar F. Averill, deputy game warden, both of Pendleton, who were present at a meeting of the sportsmen in the commercial club last evening. The Grande Ronde valley will be the only district in Eastern Oregon to draw the Reeves pheasants this year and it will be necessary for a half dozen farmers to co-operate in the scheme. The birds will be sent here in coops, with each brood protected by the mother hen, and will be sent to farmers who will be asked to help protect the young chicks until they are able to shift for themselves, and the hen will be returned to the state propagation farm. In that way the young birds will have a chance to become acclimated earlier in the summer.

A large number of sportsmen heard Mr. Cranston in an informal but interesting discussion. He was on his way to Joseph to carry out powers delegated to him by the legislature to arrange for fish laws governing yanks and Dolly Vardens there. The Joseph sportsmen want the Dolly Vardens exterminated and some such efforts will be put forth.

La Grande is going to have a liberal supply of fish this year but only such requisitions for fish as are sanctioned by the local gun clubs will receive any consideration insofar as La Grande shipments are concerned. This will prevent individuals planting fish and then keeping fishermen off their streams. Some eastern brook are to be included, these to be planted in the more quiet streams.

Instructions on how best to handle the fry from the time of receipt from cars until planted were given the fishermen. It was an interesting session and profitable to the sportsmen. That no more preserves will be established was reiterated by the chairman.

Frolic Set for Monday.

The May Pole Frolic, which had to be postponed yesterday, because of the rain, will be given Monday, or as soon as the weather will permit.

PAVILION SITE FINALLY FIXED

NEW PARK STRUCTURE TO STAND AT WOOD EDGE.

Old Site Abandoned—Splendid Improvements Show Good Results.

Definite location of the splendid bungalow-pavilion that is to be built at Riverside park, was made at a meeting of the Park commission last evening. It will stand on the edge of the woods at a point where it can readily be seen from any of the four highways interesting near the park. The old ten pavilion location was for a time discussed as feasible but finally the new location was chosen. This gives ample playground facilities near the pavilion and bids for the construction of the building will be opened next Tuesday evening at the office of Chauncey Bunting the architect.

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, reported to the board that the 75 trees, 51 shrubs and vast amount of climbing vines that were set out early in the spring are growing beautifully. Lawns are being reseeded and the place is already greatly enhanced in appearance.

Owing to the rush of work including the High School annual which is now on, the Observer will not be able to publish the weekly count on the Contest until the fore part of next week. The count should have appeared today, but it will be impossible because of the heavy work in this office at present.

UNION FAMILY SUFFERS WITH ILL EFFECTS OF PTOMAIN

Union, May 10.—(Special)—A bad case of ptomaine poisoning happened in this city last evening. The sufferers were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Eaton. They both ate some mutton for their noon day lunch and went on about their usual labors when in the afternoon Mrs. Eaton's sister-in-law came in to see her and found her very sick. A physician was called and he gave her remedies to relieve her. Mr.

Eaton was sent for and when the messenger got to where he was working he was so sick that he could scarcely get home. Mrs. Eaton had eaten more of the mutton than had her husband and was very much worse off as she has not been strong for some years. On examination of the meat part of it had turned a greenish color. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton had a very narrow escape but a very lucky escape.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST GROWING DESPITE RAIN

SATURDAY'S EXTRA BUSINESS RUSH DOESN'T STIFLE INTEREST IN WORK.

WALLOWANS CONTRIBUTE

Twenty Thousand Dollar Mark Is Passed by Subscription Seekers Who Through Rain and Business Rush, Don't Give Up—Strenuous Finish Being Planned by the Various Leaders.

Saturday's extra rush of business, rain and what not, could not stifle enthusiasm or stop the momentum that gives the Y. M. C. A. clock hands forward motion, this morning. Twenty thousand six hundred dollars is the total, with money coming in from farming communities still. The sum raised between yesterday noon and today noon was the smallest yet amounting to a little more than \$2500. Added to what was already in, leaves a trifle less than \$15,000 yet to be raised. Monday and Tuesday are to be strenuous days, in which all who can give as much time as possible to the work, but on Wednesday and Wednesday evening is when the big, hard final struggle that spells defeat or success for the campaign. On Wednesday it is to be an all day struggle and most of the night, too.

Today money came in from Wallowa county where H. C. Grady has jarred loose several subscriptions. Telegrams telling of a group of Wallowa men coming in to La Grande tonight on the train were read at the noon-day luncheon and they are perfectly willing to give when they get here. One lady of Wallowa sent in a check.

Four foreigners who have been out in the valley for several weeks and left for Portland last night, gave 25 cents each—unable to verbally express what the dollar was for they mutely pointed to the Y. M. C. A. clock and their intentions were understood.

Tomorrow night a mass meeting will be held in the Steward to witness Y. M. C. A. views. Mr. Rhodes will describe the views.

T. J. Scroggin's team again walked off with the honors and the bouquet but Will Landrum's team gave him a hard run.

The Episcopal Guild served the luncheon today. From the first it has been the aim to give a \$1.00 meal for 20 cents.