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THE GRANDE RONDE CHAUTAUQUA.

The Union Republican passes this judgment on the 1913 chautauqua: The closing of the meeting of the Grande Ronde chautauqua at La Grande Sunday last, ended one of the most enjoyable sessions yet held in that city, and demonstrated that the backers of the chautauqua propose to establish that event beyond a doubt. The splendid big pavilion erected this year at a cost of \$4000, is a step in the right direction and assures comfort to those who attend the chautauqua during inclement weather. About fifty camping outfits were in the ground this season and the program presented was of unusual merit. Notwithstanding much unfavorable weather, the 1913 chautauqua was a success in point of entertainment and instruction for those who attended.

Unless the signs are misleading Union will send a delegation to the county fair at La Grande in October that will make the county seat whizz for a day at least. Preparations are now under way to that end and it is the purpose of stockmen and citizens generally to be represented at the county fair in a manner that will eclipse any former efforts in that line. Every owner of a good horse or cow who can possibly do so should arrange to take such animal to the county fair this fall, and every citizen in this section should join the Union bunch when the time comes and go to La Grande. It is early yet but Union figures ahead on these things so get ready. Union will be there.—Union Republican.

WHY NOT PREVENT THE FLOODS

For 24 years the people of the flood stricken Mississippi valley have waited patiently for relief from congress and up to this time it has not been forthcoming. Will the lesson that has been taught the country in the disastrous floods of last spring bring a dilatory government to action? As early as 1879 the Mississippi river commission was created by congress to deal with this problem. After an exhaustive survey and careful consideration of all of the methods suggested, it recommended the construction of earthen walls known as levees to be built to a height and section sufficient to conduct flood waters safely to the gulf. These plans have never been carried out. After congress had ascertained the remedy it failed to pro-

vide sufficient means to apply it.

Up to this year the government has spent about \$27,000,000 on levees for the purpose of maintaining and improving navigation, but not for protecting lands from overflow. Consequently the burden of carrying out the plans of the national commission for flood prevention has fallen almost entirely upon the inhabitants of the stricken territory. Year after year congress has been asked to give the matter its attention but the extent of its action has been to seek and secure additional reports that have only confirmed the earlier reports.

A bill has just been introduced into congress to complete the levee system as originally projected by the Mississippi river commission. It is known as the Randell-Humphreys bill. Under it the affected territory must contribute to this work and, if this bill is passed, the cost of the levee system when completed will have been borne equally by the national government and the states affected, and the enormous losses of life and property from overflow of the now inhabited portion, nearly as large as the state of Maryland, will be prevented and a new trade territory as large as the states of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut combined, will be opened up to the commerce of the whole country.

The Mississippi river commission estimates that 200,000 cubic yards of earth are yet to be put in place on the entire 1538 miles of levees paralleling the river before the system will be completed and fixes its cost at \$58,000,000. The states are willing and even anxious to bear a share of this expense and there appears to be no excusable reason why congress should hold up the work longer. Either directly or indirectly, everybody in the United States is affected and no one cares to see the disasters of this year repeated, since it is certain that they are preventable.

The levees along the Rhine, the Danube, the Po and the Arno—all alluvial streams like the Mississippi—have prevented overflows for hundreds of years. So have the levees of the upper Mississippi district, 100 miles long been built higher and stronger than any other along the river and while even these are not up to the standard proposed by the Mississippi river commission they held the unprecedented waters of 1912 and 1913. Yet each year with its disastrous flood losses has been allowed to pass and congress has waited. Isn't it about time to act?

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Mr. Freeman, of Willston, N. D. who was here a few months ago and purchased the H. W. Nibley home on Cove avenue, arrived this morning to make his future home in this city. Mr. Freeman's family will soon join him.
Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Stang, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Larrison, Mrs. M. K. and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin have gone to Wallowa lake to spend Sunday and Monday.

FOR RENT—Five room house, furnished 1919 Second st. Adv. 7-12 1t

HURRY CALL OUT.

All Subscriptions to Y. M. C. A. Fund Needed Bady by July 15.

Many are rallying to the special call for funds to the Y. M. C. A. building fund. At the regular meeting of the board of directors, held at the Y. M. C. A. office last Wednesday evening, the treasurer's report showed that \$2,600 more than was on deposit would be needed to meet the payment on the building site due July 15th. A special letter was sent out by the general secretary on Thursday. This letter gave to delinquent subscribers a brief statement of the situation.

This morning Secretary Rudd summed up the situation in the following words: "While many have responded to our special call for funds, I can easily see that unless practically everyone who now has a payment due responds during the next two or three days, it will be necessary for the association to negotiate a loan. I am hoping that this loan will be small as I do not like the idea of using our good money for paying interest."

CONDUCTOR BUYS HOME.

Mrs. Ralston Sells Her Beautiful Home On Fifth Street.

Conductor H. M. Topliff yesterday closed a deal whereby he becomes the owner of Mrs. Ralston's large eight-room, modern house on Fifth street. Mrs. Ralston will doubtless soon commence the construction of a smaller residence. This sale was negotiated through the Geo. H. Currey real estate agency.

Lawn Social Wednesday Evening. The Ladies A. Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a lawn social on the Frank Baker lawn, 1519 Adams avenue, Wednesday evening. Ice cream, coffee and sand wiches will be served. All welcome. Adv 7-12 4t

MORE ARRAIGNMENTS MADE.

Several of Those Recently Indicted Given Chances to Plead. Additional arraignments and pleadings were made and heard before Judge Knowles today. Glenn Vickers was arraigned in connection with the Kamela sheep case where he and others are alleged to have stolen two sheep from an O-W stock car. Howard Vickers pleaded not guilty to a similar charge. Monday was set as the time for pleading in the Newlin case. D. J. Austin, who pleaded guilty yesterday morning to relations with the Kamela case, was not sentenced today.

Will Exhume Girl's Body.

Wilkesbarre, July 12.—The application of District Attorney Bigelow to exhume the body of Alice Criswell was granted by Judge Fuller today. Herbert Johns, the girl's sweetheart, is being held on suspicion. The body was found floating on Harvey's lake July 5th. An expert will be brought from New York for the autopsy.

Disaster Marks Anniversary.

Belfast, July 12.—Serious rioting between the Orangemen and Nationalists marked the celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the battle of Boyne here today. The fighting lasted two hours and was quelled after the police had charged the mobs repeatedly. Many were injured. Rioting was started when a crowd of Nationalists attempted to break up the Orangemen's parade. A general fight was soon in progress, both sides using clubs and rocks. Many heads were broken before the police gained the upper hand.

Big Amateur Meet On.

Cleveland, O., July 12.—The annual municipal amateur field and track games, second only in importance to the big annual interscholastic meet in Chicago, is being held here today with many prominent athletes entered. The games are being held at the Ohio city, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Detroit and other municipalities.

Wont Leave Jail.

London, July 12.—Kitty Marion, who had a package of suffragette literature through the window of the home office yesterday, was arraigned in court today. She refused to pay the fine and was sent to Holloway jail. As she was led away she shouted: "Not only will I start a hunger strike, but I will refuse to let them put me out of jail when I am released."

Becker Must Die.

New York, July 12.—State Supreme Court today denied a writ of habeas corpus for Becker who is sentenced to die, a new trial. Becker is the man responsible for the Rosenthal murder in New York.

BUYS ANOTHER HOUSE.

"La Grande Looks Better and Better All the Time," Say Investors. This afternoon Lewis W. Morgan purchased the Edward O. Pavton residence in West La Grande. Mr. Morgan simply made the purchase as an investment believing that La Grande has a great future and he is willing to take a chance. Geo. H. Currey the land man, made the deal. Mr. Pavton will build a larger home in the near future.

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"SCHOOL DAYS" IN CHAPTERS SHOWS GRANGERS' TALENTS

Installments of a "book" written by different members of Union county granges, will be published from time to time until the book is completed. Each contributor wrote a chapter, and all were read in their logical sequence.

CHAPTER IV.

Georgiana Miller. Lucy, from her perch in the tree, was glad to see that the panther—as she concluded it was—and the bear were interested in a little quarrel of their own and paid no attention to her, growling and threatening each other they disappeared in the bushes. It was now getting dusk and the idea of having to spend a night in the woods by herself seemed terrible to Lucy. That tree didn't seem to be made especially for girls to stay in, for Lucy could find no place or position in which she could feel comfortable. Every weird noise of the woods brought a fresh terror to the truant and she longed with all her heart for "Home, Sweet Home," as mortals are prone to do in times of dire distress, she tried to pray, but her education in this line had been sadly neglected, she knew that there was a noted sample prayer that had been handed down from generation to generation but she ransacked the recesses of her brain in vain for fitting words with which to address that great unseen power to which we instinctively turn in time of trouble.

Lucy was a stout, hearty girl, used to eating three square meals a day and an occasional piece between her meals and the only words of supplication that she could think of as suiting her situation were: "Give me three grains of corn mother, only three

Luther Leaguers Organize.

At a meeting held last night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Drahm, the young people of Zion Lutheran church completed the organization of a Luther League that was begun some time ago. A large and enthusiastic gathering discussed plans for the future and the appointment of permanent officers. Mr. Mansager presided at the meeting. The league will take charge of the evening service one week from tomorrow night. The league has somewhat over 30 charter members.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

Notice is hereby given that after July 20th, 1913, all property owners or agents for same, who have not complied with Ordinance No. 461, Series 1910, an Ordinance relating to the cutting of weeds on lots, blocks, parkings, or parcels of land, improved or unimproved within the City Limits of the City of La Grande, will be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Dated at La Grande, this 10th day of July, 1913.

C. G. STACEY, Street Superintendent. Adv. 7-10 6t

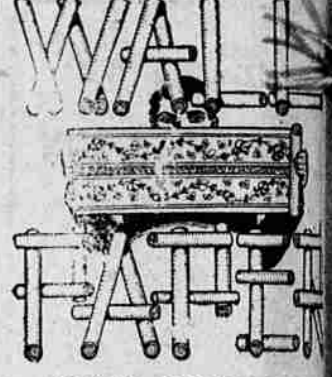
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