

SIGN TARIFF PRESENT WEEK IS PLAN NOW

TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE SAID
TO BE EIGHTEEN MILLION
FROM BILL.

COMPROMISE PRESENTED

Currency Bill Will Be Voted on Finally Before Present Session Adjourns If President Wilson Has the Correct Lineup of the Situation—Tariff Bill Practically Ready, Ascertains Underwood in Message.

Washington, Sept. 29.—A compromise report from the democratic house conference on the tariff bill was presented to the republican conferees this morning. It is scheduled for submission to the house this afternoon and will come up for adoption tomorrow. It will probably be adopted by the house Thursday. The democratic leaders say that the president will sign the bill Thursday night. It is only possible that the delay is for the republicans to make the final speeches in favor of protection.

Report Arrives.
The conference report which was reported in the house at noon consisted of 12,000 words and was accompanied by a 3,000 word statement from Underwood.

Wilson Pushes Bill.
It has been announced at the White House that president is certain that the currency bill will pass this session of congress. He told callers that neither house will take a vacation until the bill is passed.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Clay Allen as attorney in the western district of Washington, today.

"The tariff bill," said Underwood, "is as satisfactory as when drafted and will yield a surplus revenue of \$18,000,000 next year."

CAST LEARNS LINES.

Excellent Progress Being Made for Big Home Talent Production.

Remarkable progress is being made at the rehearsals of "The Elk's Tooth". At this early date the cast has practically learned all the lines and the principals are now perfecting the general business of their respective parts.

The chorus is composed of the most popular young people of the city who are chaperoned by Mrs. A. J. Stange and Mrs. M. K. Hall. Several members of the lodge who own automobiles call at the Elks' club each evening at 7:30 for addresses of the young ladies in the company, so they may take them to and from the rehearsals. The coming production has received the stamp of approval by the society leaders of La Grande, and owing to the fact that no traveling attractions can play here this season, "The Elk's Tooth" will receive the full benefit.

Society is making this their principal theatrical event of the year.

Mr. Gardiner, manager of the Arcade theatre is planning special features to make his play house as attractive as possible for this production which will be greatly appreciated by the Elks and their friends.

Mr. Ritter will take pictures of the entire cast tonight at 7:30 at the Elks' club, which will be shown at the play houses during the coming week.

ACCIDENT SCARES GUESTS.

Three Hundred Night-Clad People on Steamer In Frigate.

Roughkeepsie, N. Y. Sept. 29.—Three hundred terrified, night clad passengers were taken off the steamship Mohawk by the Iroquois early today after the Mohawk had run onto a rock channel in the Hudson, opposite here.

Most of the passengers were in bed when the boat struck and many were hurled from their berths. Several were more or less injured. From the decks and after hard work the crew succeeded in restoring order. When the Iroquois hove along side. The Mohawk dragged on the rocks four hours after she struck.

PEOPLE CAN'T FIX RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES

INITIATIVE OREGON LAW PASSED LAST FALL IS HELD TO BE VOID.

MEDFORD STOOD SPONSOR

Judge Wolverton Argues That Law Was Arbitrarily Set Relative to Carload Rates and Is Void—Measure Was Passed by People of Oregon In November Election.

Portland, Sept. 29.—In a decision in the federal district court by Judge Wolverton, the initiative freight rate bill emanating from Medford, and which was passed by the people at the November election in 1912, is declared unconstitutional and void.

The bill fixed arbitrary classification of railroad freight rates in the relation that carload rates bear to less than carload rates.

The bill was drawn by merchants at Medford, and is said to have been primarily aimed to assist Medford, though other towns were benefited as well. The railroads opposed the measure and took it to the courts where the decision noted resulted today.

WHAT 24 HONORABLE MEN HAVE DONE

Twenty-four fair minded, honorable men in La Grande drafted the commission charter. Not one of these men had anyone to fear; not one of them had any friends to reward with offices or city contracts. It was a combination of minds who were anxious to do something to straighten out the financial tangle that this city is up against. Every sentence in the new charter was written with a desire to improve conditions, and there is not a "joker" in the whole document. These men have and hold the confidence of every citizen in public and private life. When you go to vote Wednesday bear these facts in mind: Twenty-four men have studied the present conditions; twenty-four responsible and honorable citizens have devised a plan for improving the business of the city; twenty-four men have studied other charters from other cities and have written the proposed charter in a way that takes the best from other charters and leaves out objectionable features. This jury of twenty-four citizens has gone to the bottom of the municipal question. You would take the word of any of these men on a business transaction. Then why not accept their judgment on the charter? Things could be no worse and they are sure to be improved under the new plan.

Children Enjoy Day Off.

The pupils attending the Central building were allowed a vacation this morning on account of the heating plant not being in working order. The heating plant is being connected with the plant which heats the high school building and the work is not yet completed. To judge from the smiles that are evident on the streets today one would think the children wouldn't mind if the heating fixtures never worked.

First Horses Arrive.

Among the first horsemen to arrive with racing stock for the coming fair was J. B. Rogers, who arrived today from Baker and brought with him "Royal Meath." He expects to be here until after the fair is over.

PIONEER IS CALLED OVER GREAT DIVIDE

ONE OF VERY FIRST WOMEN OF LA GRANDE PASSES AWAY.

HUSBAND FIRST BLACKSMITH

Mrs. Russell Aged 79, Passes Away at Home of Her Son Yesterday Morning—Come to La Grande When Two or Three Houses Made Up the Village—Leaves Large Circle of Intimate Friends.

Savannah Catherine Russell, who came to La Grande when this city was constituted of two or three small hacks, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, J. A. Russell, corner of Third and Main. She was 79 years of age and represents the very earliest type of pioneer women. There are pioneers and pioneers, and Mrs. Russell was one of the very first of these to settle in this valley.

Born in Virginia in 1834, she was married in Indiana early in the 50's to Thomas J. Russell and emigrated to Oregon in 1862. This early pioneer family settled immediately in that same year in Grande Ronde valley. The nucleus of the little town of La Grande, being represented at that time by only two or three homes.

Mr. Russell was the first blacksmith in Grande Ronde valley and did his first work at an open forge without any building. His death occurred in 1890 at Cove, Oregon. Out of the eleven children of this union, five are still surviving: Wm. Russell, of Elgin; J. A. Russell, of La Grande; Andrew Russell, of Imbler; Walter Russell of Umatilla county, and Mrs. Sarah Chaffin, of Summerville.

Mrs. Russell was a life-long and faithful member of the Methodist church.

The funeral services, which were held at the family home at La Grande, were conducted by Rev. Fyke, assisted by Rev. Gibbs. Many were present to sorrowfully pay their last tribute of respect to their old friend and neighbor. The burial took place today, at Summerville, conducted by Rev. Dressler.

This ends the earthly life of a noble woman, an honored pioneer, a christian mother. One more is gone from that fast disappearing band of heroic men and women who at the expense of untold danger and hardship, first hewed out from the wilderness the homes which the west now enjoys in peace and comfort.

Said a life-long friend of Mrs. Russell, today:

"Revered by her family, beloved by friends, honored by all, she has gone to her rest but her memory will live long in the hearts of all who knew her. 'Sleep soft beloved! we sometimes say, But have no time to charm away Sad dreams that through the eyelids creep; But never doleful dream again Shall break the happy slumber when, He giveth this beloved sleep. And friends, dear friends—when it shall be, That this low breath has gone from me, And round my bier ye come to weep, Let one most loving of you all, Say 'not a tear must o'er her fall'—He giveth his beloved sleep."

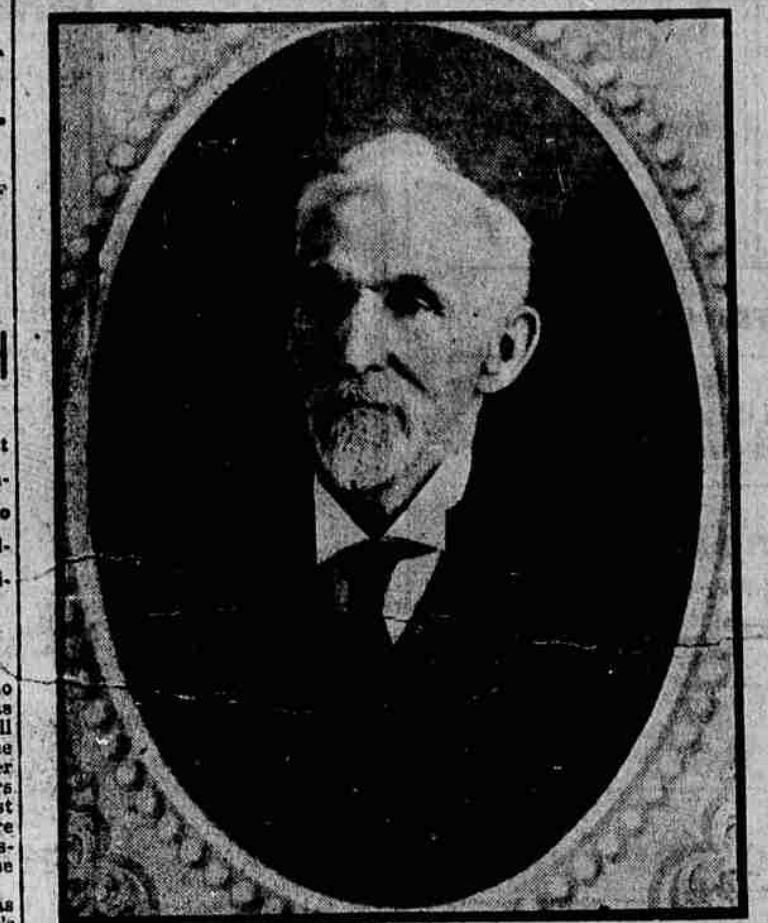
APPLE CROP WORTH \$3,000,000

Wenatchee, Wash., Sept. 29.—Heavy purchases of apples by cash buyers during the last three weeks has materially changed the market situation. Only a small percentage of the crop remains which has not been contracted for.

Fully one-fourth of the crop has been bought on a cash basis at prices ranging from \$1.35 per box for Jonathans, to \$1.50 for Winesaps. Selling agencies expect to receive \$1.75 for Winesaps and \$1.50 for Jonathans, with good prospects of better prices being realized.

The total crop of the Wenatchee valley district is estimated at 3000 carloads. Figuring a f. o. b. value of \$1000 per car the crop value is estimated at \$3,000,000.

Panama Canal Zone Is Not New to Local Man



LATE LIKENESS OF A. C. HUNTINGTON, LOCAL BUSINESS MAN WHO IS IN HIS 83RD YEAR, AND WHO CROSSED PANAMA ISTHMUS IN 1852.

In a few months it will not be necessary to portage across the Isthmus of Panama to get from Maine to the Oregon coast, as did A. C. Huntington in 1854. That is a long time ago, and a long time before Teddy Roosevelt got his shoulders to the Panama canal wheels, but not so long ago that Mr. Huntington cannot recall with vividness the trip he took over land while sailing from his old home in Maine to San Francisco. Mr. Huntington celebrated his 82nd birthday anniversary a few days ago, and few people realize that he is that old, but his biography would thrill the admirer of romance, trekking, mining, merchandise handling, and a long and varied life.

Few people in this city, know as much about the nation from the east to the west, from the north to the south, and especially about La Grande as does Mr. Huntington. On September 21 he was 82 years old and of these 82 years, 51 have been spent in La Grande, no, in Union county, La Grande was yet an infant. Mr. Huntington and a party of prospectors, travelers and soldiers of fortune drifted into the Walla Walla country along in the late fifties, and from there a portion of which Mr. Huntington was a part, went over to the Salmon river district and finally hit across to the Grande Ronde striking their first camp for the night at what is now the Iowa school house site, or near there. The growth of business, population, industry and social life from that day to this needs no embellishments here—it is too obvious.

He landed first at California and experienced all the vicissitudes of a gold miner, but soon got out of that state but not without soaking up the experience of paying ten prices for foodstuffs. While there he bought some land by the acre in a certain district—today the same land is being parceled out by the front foot for choice building space in the heart of Los Angeles. He regrets not the loss of millions he could have made by "holding."

In these many years many mighty good things and true have been said about A. C.—and mighty few to the contrary. His keen business judgment netted him a good livelihood and today he has ample raiment and wherewith to live, and has near him his daughter, his grand daughters and grandsons.

There is one rare gift which Mr. Huntington has—not to overlook many which his warm friends and acquaintances are cognizant of—and that is his political guessing ability. Though he is 82 he has never lost touch with political affairs; city, state and national. He has been actively engaged in municipal affairs always, and he can call the turn in state and national affairs with great precision—precision born of close study and long practice. When A. C. guesses politics he seldom misses. Anything but ostentatious, and anything but ambitious

in politics, his keen political wisdom thing is possible.

Mr. Huntington's friends congratulated him on his 82nd birthday anniversary as they have done in the past and will do in the future for there is no apparent reason why Mr. Huntington should not live these many years yet to come.

Proud and loyal Oregonians want the Battleship Oregon to lead the procession and political insight, but he has them generally known, but he has them just the same, and if the student of politics as it was played before the war and after, wants to link from the spring of experience, A. C. Huntington can guide the way if such a session of commerce through the Panama canal—if one were to be really loyal to Oregonians as well as Oregonian things, one could do worse than to see to it that A. C. Huntington was a passenger on that same ship, for was not he one of those who saw the Panama zone long before any of the present builders or workmen did?

MOTION DAY IS ON.

Trial Being Set Down Today for October Term of Court.

Attorneys are today appearing before Circuit Judge Knowles in the interest of cases pending in the October term of circuit court which opens next Monday. By tomorrow the principal cases will be set for trial.

BIG EXCURSION NEAR.

Big Delegations Going From La Grande to Enterprise Fair.

Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the La Grande delegation to the Enterprise fair leaves by special train, expecting to reach there at 11:45 and returning as soon as the fair's performance is over. Several ladies are going and it promises to be a jolly good crowd that will go from this city.

Mistake In Notice.

In last Saturday's issue of the Observer there appeared a notice that Mrs. Charles Gove was ill and the name should have been Mrs. Charles Gore.

Marine Band Off for New England.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The United States Marine band, the best known organization of its kind in America, left here today for a tour of the New England states, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia and Maryland. Lieut. Santlemann is the band's director. The organization is always used at White House functions and innumerable diplomatic and semi-official social affairs in Washington. This is the fourth concert tour the band has ever made. The renowned John Philip Sousa was one time director of the Marine band.

REGISTRATION DATA HOLDS NO TANGIBLE CLUE

TOTAL SOCIALIST REGISTRATION LESS THAN FIFTY IN THE CITY.

CLEVER COUP SCENTED

Effort to Throw Support of Charter Off Scent Is Suspected—Some Socialists Believed to Be Registered Other Than Formerly—Less Than Half of Last Vote Registered.

FOURTH WARD REGISTRATIONS.

Classification as to men, total 129
Democrats 40
Republicans 49
Socialists 15
Independents 25
Classification as to women, total 56
Democrats 6
Republicans 12
Socialists 5

Total registration 185

Less than 50 socialists are registered for the charter election; common gossip has it that the chief opposition to the commission form of government centers in socialist ranks, and ulterior guideposts would support the proposal. Total registrations, just computed, show 796, all told, are registered and will represent the number of men and women who will decide the fate of the commission charter next Wednesday, unless mandamus proceedings are brought to allow swearing in. One of two things is an established fact on the face of the registrations: either the socialists have not registered with diligence as was supposed, or they have registered under other party designations. In some instances this is known to be a fact but if sufficiently so to really amount to weight, is not known.

Strange things develop in the registrations. In the first place, the number who will vote Wednesday is 796, and the total vote cast for the present set of officers was 1604. The socialist vote for the city, if Mrs. Hillman's vote as candidate for treasurer on the socialist ticket last winter, is taken as a guide, amounts to 492, yet less than 50 are registered as socialists in the entire city.

That the fourth ward could put up the greatest opposition to the charter has generally been conceded and as the greatest socialist vote is known to be located in the north side ward, it follows that the "dope" is all wrong, on the basis of the registration. The fourth ward classification given above throws this dope sheet into discard. The outcome of the charter, based on the premises that socialists are the chief opponents—perhaps chief but not alone it must be admitted parenthetically—and that the chief bulk of socialists registered as such, is brighter today than at any time heretofore. If the socialists are as a party opposed, then clever couples to throw friends of the charter off the trail have been taken. The registration by wards and comparative data follow:

	Charter Reg.	Last Vote Strength.
First ward	90	156
Second ward	227	466
Third ward	294	527
Fourth ward	185	381

Charge Sulzer With Perjury.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 29.—If the impeachment court removes Sulzer he will be prosecuted criminally on perjury charges, it is stated by persons who are pushing the case against him. The governor's friends are reported to be expecting to prove that several prominent business men among the accusers are grafters.

Aviation Record Broken.

Rheims, France, Sept. 29.—Aviator Maurice Provost won the race and the James Bennett trophy today at an average of 25 miles an hour, breaking all previous records.