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HUERTA DRUNK DEAD OR GONE FROM CAPITOL

DEATH REPORTED BUT IS NOT GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE TRUE.

CRISIS DRAWING NEARER

Some Believe That Absence is Accounted for By Prolonged Drinking Carousal, While Others Think He Has Left the Capitol for Vera Cruz Recently—Reports Are Conflicting.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—It is persistently reported this afternoon that Huerta is dead. No evidence could be discovered to support the story that he had taken a train for Vera Cruz. Those familiar with the dictator's habits say they feel sure he is merely drunk. They discredited the reports of his death and of his departure. Reliable private information was to the effect that he is drinking heavier than usual and has been drunk for two days and business is suspended.

World Prints Alarm.
New York, Dec. 1.—The Evening World today published a dispatch from Mexico declaring that Huerta had secretly left the capitol Sunday morning. No confirmation could be obtained at 1:15 this afternoon.

Crisis Is Near.
Washington, Dec. 1.—That Huerta's government faces its crisis this week is predicted by men close to the situation. The rebels are making terrible efforts to upset the government, and it seems they will succeed within a few days.

Cannery Man Here.
C. E. Logsdon, of Portland, one time resident of this valley, came down to visit his father and mother. This noon he went to Union where he expects to meet many of his old time friends and acquaintances. Mr. Logsdon is in the cannery business and is looking over the situation with a view of putting in a plant in this section.

Pendleton Poet Here.
Neill Johnston, of Pendleton, a prominent and wealthy sheep owner of the Pendleton country, arrived in La Grande this morning and will inspect his ranch west of town. Mr. Johnston also has the distinction of being a poet of note. He brought with him his fine Australian shepherd dogs.

Door Shunned By Sick Greek

FIRE-ESCAPE ENTRANCE TO HOSPITAL STRANGE.

GUN PLAY THRILLING

Sick Man Tries to Break Into Hospital as a Burglar.

With a fierce looking pistol the janitor at Grande Ronde hospital yesterday captured a Greek who had climbed the fire escape and was endeavoring to enter the building by way of a second story window. A little nervous but proud of his feat the janitor marched the foreign born brother into the presence of Miss Walker, the manager of the hospital, and demanded an explanation of such conduct. Not a word of English could the Greek speak—he could not even smile in English, and after Miss Walker had heard the janitor's story she was in the act of reaching for a telephone to notify the police when the Greek pulled a hospital permit from one of his pockets. He was working in the Palmer Lumber company's camp and requested hospital service. The permit was given him, but when he reached the building he preferred climbing the fire escape rather than entering through the front door.

Suffragettes Meet Today.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Leaders in the fight to enfranchise women from practically every state in the Union gathered here today to attend the forty-fifth annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Fully 500 delegates are expected in Washington by late this afternoon.

The opening session today was devoted to inspection of credentials and to an all day board meeting. Tonight the executive committee will hold an important session at the Bellevue Hotel, and tomorrow the delegates will attend a suffrage mass meeting at which Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the organization, Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, and State Senator Helen Ring Robinson of Colorado will speak. Sunday night there will be a reunion.

Delightful Visit Concluded.

Mrs. J. M. Quest and daughters, Monta and Fern, left this morning after a delightful visit at the home of their son and brother, C. E. Rogers, and their daughter and sister, Mrs. Layton, of this city.

Kansas City Lady Arrives.

Mrs. A. Warmholtz arrived on 17 this morning from Kansas City where she had gone to see her father who was ill.

PROLOGUE TO BIG STATE CONVENTION HELD TODAY

Officers Of State Farmers' Union Form Vanguard For The Main Army

Officials, captains of the forces and some of the 500 delegates, have gathered in La Grande today for the annual state convention of the National Educational and Co-operative association, which comes to order tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. As a prologue to the convention, the executive board, comprised of men from various sections of the state, held a meeting today in preparation for the main event tomorrow morning. The main bulk of delegates comes tonight.

Arthur V. Swift, president of the Oregon locals and vice-president of the national organization, arrived this morning and State Secretary F. A. Sykes is here from Milton today. These two men, with the executive committee, spent many hours at hard work today outlining the plans for the convention. No particularly set program will be followed out. Tomorrow morning the program will be opened with a speech of welcome and a response, but during the day time, executive sessions will be the order, with open meetings at night, and at these executive sessions the speakers will be largely impromptu.

The executive committee which is holding its meetings today is comprised of President Swift, Secretary Sykes, and Committee Members J. D. Brown of Arlington, Clyde Williams of Buhl, Idaho, W. O. Parks of Elgin, J. T. Atkisson of The Dalles, and W. W. Harra of Pendleton. With the exception of Mr. Harra, all the members were on hand this morning and the Pendletonian came in on the noon train.

Delegates Come Early.
Some of the delegates are already here. E. R. Booe, of Soldier, Idaho, is here, representing Lake County, and Delegate Hastings is here from The Dalles. Vice President A. R. Shumway, of Milton, arrives tonight, to complete the set of officials who will participate in the engineering of details of the convention.

Popular Woman Coming.
Tonight will bring Myra Ballau from Milton, as a delegate from that local. "The smartest woman in the state union," is what she is termed by her friends and she will be heard during the convention. Another speaker of much prominence is Dr. McPherson, of O. A. C., who has been to Europe to study co-operation, and with lantern slides, he will demonstrate his theme at various occasions during the convention. He is in North Powder today.

Barrett Not Coming.
The convention membership is regretting an eleventh-hour message from National President C. A. Barrett to the effect that he cannot be here but the national association is sending a man almost equally as well known, in the form of L. M. Rhodes, president of the Tennessee unions and a member of the National executive committee. As a writer of farm topics he is known from coast to coast.

The detailed program is: Tuesday, Open session until noon. Address of welcome—Ex-Mayor M. K. Hall. Short Talk—L. M. Rhodes. Appointment of Committees. Song, "America." Noon. Closed sessions from 1:30 to 5:30. Reception by the La Grande Commercial club at 8 p. m. at Rex hall. This will be followed by an address by Prof. J. P. McPherson, of Oregon Agricultural College, on Rural Credit System.

Wednesday.—Closed session all day.
Open session in evening at 8 o'clock at which time L. M. Rhodes, president of the Tennessee State Union and chairman of the National Executive Board, will deliver an address.

Thursday.—Closed session all day.
All through the closed sessions, besides the regular order of business there will be lectures by prominent Farmers' Union members from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Off On Long Trip.
Ed. Bean, who has been the superintendent for the Grande Ronde lumber company for the past twelve years, left today for Watertown, Florida, where he will pay a visit to his father and mother. From there he will go to the Canal and inspect the big ditch. This is the first vacation of any length that he has taken in all the time of his connection with the company. On his return in two months he will again take up his work with the same company.

SPECIAL SESSION ENDS.
Washington, Dec. 1.—Congress today went into regular session. There was no ceremony when the special session was merged with the regular new session at noon today.

Millmen Talk Plummer Gate

CAMPAIGN OF DEFENSE TO BE STARTED HERE.

COMPARISONS MADE

Material Losses in Freight Rates Are Fought Against.

Tomorrow timbermen of Eastern Oregon meet in this city to further take up a discussion of the Plummer gateway controversy with the Interstate Commerce commission. While it has not been so announced, the supposition is that when the meeting is called to order tomorrow the men will take up some consideration of ways and means to combat the closing of the Plummer gateway and to frame a campaign of argument against such closing, to be presented to the interstate commission early next year. Practically all the big mills of Eastern Oregon will be represented in this meeting, a call for which has been sent to every member of the Eastern Oregon division of the Western White Pine Manufacturers' association, no other section of the territory than this being affected by the proposed action of the commission.

By a supplement to the transcontinental lumber tariff, effective October 31, 1913, an effort was made to close the Plummer, Idaho, gateway to lumber traffic from Eastern Oregon mills when destined to points on or east of the line of the C. M. & St. P. railway from Duluth, Minn., to Des Moines, Iowa, via Minneapolis and Austin, Minn., as shown on the accompanying map. The matter was taken up with the interstate commerce commission, through the Oregon Railroad commission and the Eastern Oregon lumbermen, with the result that an order was issued suspending the cancellation of through rates and routing, to the affected territory, via the Plummer gateway, until February 28, 1914, pending a hearing and investigation by the commission.

Since the opening of the Milwaukee line to the coast, with the exception of the period from August 1 to December 31, 1912, Eastern Oregon lumber mills on the O-W. R. & N., have been permitted to route shipments via Plummer to stations on the Milwaukee line and eastern connections.

The mills located in eastern Oregon have built up a large business to points on the Milwaukee line since the opening of the Plummer gateway, and it is manifestly unfair to attempt to bottle up any lumber section by closing a gateway, which permits an outlet urgently required in order to

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PERMITS BRUSH THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND MARK

TOTAL INCLUSIVE OF NOVEMBER REACHES TO \$293, 081 FOR THE YEAR.

LAST YEAR MARK PASSED

Nineteen Hundred and Thirteen Has Already Passed Last Year's Remarkable Record and Last Month Will Likely Bring Total Up to \$300,000 Say Local Contractors.

Every indication points to \$300,000 worth of building activity in La Grande during 1913. There is one month left in which to bring an added \$7000 needed to round out the \$300,000 in building permits. November, 1913 ran far ahead of November, 1912, and already the total permits for 1913 are far in excess of the record year of 1912. Last year the building permits for the year fell short of \$290,000 by a few hundred. Contractors promise enough building permits to establish a record of \$300,000. The remarkable records of last year were deemed pace makers for years, but by the middle of this season it became evident that 1913 would better last year, and inclusive of November there have been put into new homes business houses and repairs to dwellings and store rooms a total of \$294,081.00. The permits for November are:

W. A. Daniels, dwell. Maple...	\$ 250.00
S. M. Slough, res. North Fir...	1200.00
S. M. Slough, res. Oak	2900.00
John Shaw, auto shed, First	100.00
John Bennett dwell. Y ave.	200.00
W. L. Clifford, dwell Oak	1800.00
Julius Roesch, brick shop	1500.00
R. J. Green, res. M ave.	2500.00
J. A. Dunning, woodshed, N Birch	25.00
T. E. Harlan, dwell, E. Penn.	175.00
W. H. Bohnenkamp, undertaking parlors, Fifth St.	430.00
W. W. Glass, dwell, B St.	50.00
Palmer & Roesch, store room addition to K. of P. Hall	5000.00
J. E. Clara, res., Ninth St.	400.00
A. W. Wall, res., N. Second	400.00

Total for November.....\$16550.00

Total for November, 1912 11200.00

Total, 1913, to date..... 293081.00

MAP SHOWING TERRITORY SOUGHT TO BE CLOSED TO EASTERN OREGON MILLS LOCATED EAST OF PENDLETON ON THE O-W. R. & N., NOW ROUTING VIA PLUMMER, IDAHO, AND C., M. & ST. P. RY.



(Compiled by Edward Ostrander, Examiner Railroad Commission of Oregon—Courtesy the Timberman.) Note—Territory East of Heavy Black Line Sought to be Closed.