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STRIKING MEN BARRICADED; RESIST ARREST

SUCCESSFULLY HOLD OFF COMMITTEES OF CITIZENS, WHO TRY TO DISLODGE THEM.

SEVERAL DEPUTIES KILLED

Armed Deputies and Committee of Citizens From Neighboring Towns Assist in Trying to Force Sturdy Miners into Open, Without Result.

Calumet, Dec. 11.—Defenders of the Miners Federal hall, south range, surrendered to the citizens' alliance this noon after 10 hours of fighting. When arrested, the miners had in their possession, 30 rifles and a quantity of ammunition which they seized by way of Portage Lake.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 11.—Barricaded in a Federation hall on the south range of the town, a strong party of striking miners have succeeded in resisting all of the attempts of deputies and committee of citizens to dislodge them. The battle began this morning at 2 A. M., and was still raging at noon. The number of the miners in the building is said to be 40. They are heavily armed and have made their work so effective that they have been enabled to resist all attacks. The attacking party of the citizens' alliance committee had to call re-enforcements which arrived at 5 A. M. on a special train. This delegation came from the nearby city of Houghton, and was followed by another special train at 9 o'clock. Federation hall has been surrounded, but the rain of bullets from the rifles of the miners has been so constant that no one dared to go near the building. Deputy Tom Driscoll is fatally shot and others have been severely wounded. At noon another hurry-up call was made for re-enforcements and another train load of citizens from Houghton was rushed to the scene. An outbreak occurred at Quincy this forenoon in which three deputies were shot, two of whom may die. Feeling never was more intense and it is feared many more people will suffer the loss of their lives before the irate miners are dislodged from their building.

ORGAN RECITAL ANNULLED.

Prof. McClellan Cannot Come to La Grande, December 17.

The recital which was to be given by the noted pipe organist, Professor McClellan of Salt Lake on the night of the 17th of this month, has been called off for the present, owing to the illness of Mr. McClellan. Dr. Fyke of the Methodist church was notified to that effect this morning and informs all ticket holders that they may secure the money which they paid for tickets from the persons to whom they paid it.

No arrangements have been made for any definite date in the future and hence the money will be returned to the ticket holders.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS 1900 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CITY

La Grande's school census has just about been completed. According to the figures given out by School Clerk Arthur Williams there is an increase of about 150 over the figures for last year. The census of last year was 1,750. This year it will be in the vicinity of 1,900. If the ordinary method of calculating a city's population by the school census holds good

Santa Claus Is Generous

EVERY NEEDY HOME TO HAVE SOME ATTENTION.

TREE PROGRAM SET

Santa Claus Will Be Busy Man; the Public Can Aid Him Much.

Plans to make the Elks' public Christmas tree, the best that has ever been put up by the Elks, are under way. Furthermore, the committee in charge of the Christmas program is out after names of deserving families where a Christmas dinner basket would be a real treat. Every home in La Grande that needs comforting and cheer on Christmas day, can obtain such cheer if the names and street addresses are made known early. Of course, every home in town where there is need of assistance, cannot be reached by the Elks unless friends and neighbors of such families notify the committee by telephone at the Elks' home. On the other hand, there must be merit to the case or the Elk Santa will not call.

The Christmas tree program to be carried out Christmas day is to be excellent in every way. All children, regardless of creed or cast, are urgently invited to attend the Christmas tree program. A bag of candy, a small gift, and plenty of music and fun will be in store for the children. The two divisions of the Elks' lodge along Christmas activity, are therefore the tree program and the home visiting. The assistance of the public is sought especially in the latter department and early notification of needy homes would be appreciated.

NO CLUES TO THIEVES.

Theft of Silverware From Methodist Church Ladies Not Returned.

Up to the time of going to press no clue had developed whereby the burglars who had taken the silverware belonging to the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church, could be tracked down, or the shoplifters who appropriated toilet articles from the Newlin book and stationery store could be identified.

The tableware had just been bought and was to be used at the dinner given by this society at the cafeteria. It was bought with money from the treasury of the society and represents loss of some \$25.

One would judge that the shoplifter in the Newlin store had been a male for he failed to lift the things the ordinary woman shoplifter would have taken. Owing to the necessity of displaying things openly during the holiday season guards are to be placed at advantageous places in most of the stores to detect any one who might feel inclined to get things without paying for them.

Warehouse Enlarged.

The freight business of the O.W. in this city has necessitated the building of an addition to the freight warehouse north of the passenger station. Men were busy this morning mixing concrete for the pillars, for the 24-foot addition when completed, will give the company ample room for a time at least for the individual lots of freight that are unloaded at the store house.

FEDERALS AND REBELS IN FIERCE BATTLE SINCE DAWN

Federals Are Outnumbered But Their Position Is Stronger

Vera Cruz, Dec. 11.—Federal soldiers at Tampico are up against one of the fiercest battles of the revolution. According to a wireless this morning they were still resisting the murderous onslaught of the attacking rebels. It is understood that the attack began at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and continued until nightfall and was begun again at dawn this morning. The rebels are much stronger than the federal contingency but the position of the latter is so strong that it will offset the superior numbers of the attackers.

They have thrown up effective breast work and it is thought the rebels will not make the progress they expected to make on leaving the city of Chihuahua. Many are reported slain as

the result of the two days' fighting. Rebels Giving Ground.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 11.—According to a wireless from Admiral Fletcher, it is said the rebels are gaining ground. Their sharpshooters are picking off the gunners on the federal gunboats that are lying at the mouth of the river. American, French, German and English warships are ready to land marines to protect foreigners or to take them on board the ships, if necessary. According to the wireless, the fighting split into two sections yesterday.

The struggle is one of the bloodiest of the three years and seems to indicate that both sides are fighting with a desperation born of long feeling. The number of dead is said to be growing at a rapid rate.

WILSON'S GOLD WORSE AGAIN

EXPOSURES YESTERDAY CAUSE RELAPSE.

All Engagements Cancelled as Con-Is Not So Good.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The president was not as well today as he hoped he would be, and he has been forced to cancel all engagements. Private Secretary Tumulty said today that a recurrence of the malady had come as a result of his attending the meeting of the Red Cross society yesterday.

NEW DIRECTOR CHOSEN.

Y. M. C. A. Directors Hold Important Meeting Last Evening.

The resignation of August Stange from the directorship of the Y. M. C. A. and the treasurer of the building committee was tendered the board of directors last night and accepted.

Owing to his knowledge about this matter which Arthur A. Wenzel had occasion to acquire during the incumbency in office of Mr. Stange, the former was elected to fill the vacancy.

Other matters that came before the board last night concerned themselves with routine business. Excavation for the new Y. M. C. A. building will be done in the rough this fall so as to give the builders a running start in the spring. The board is opposed to the plan of selling any portion of the lot which the organization now owns, owing to the fact that in later years they might decide to

GAMBLING IS CHIEF'S RUIN

MAYOR ALBEE CLEANS PORT- LAND'S POLICE FORCE.

Protection to Underworld Charged to Him and Assistants.

Portland, Dec. 11.—As a result of the civil service examination of the police department of the city of Portland, with reference to gambling in the department and alleged protection by high police officials, of the underworld, Mayor Albee dismissed Captain Slover, former chief of police. With his dismissal came that of Captain Riley, Sergeants Casey, Pressy, and Rupert and seven patrolmen. The order of dismissal read: "For conduct unbecoming an officer and for the good of the service."

This is the sequel to a squeal that not all things in the police department of the city were in good order and the consequent investigation by the civil service board resulting in the above finding.

build an addition to the building for store room or other purposes.

CONVENTION DATES SET.

Retail Merchants Coming Here June 22-24, Inclusive.

R. L. Merrick, secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, writes that they have selected the dates of June 22, 23 and 24, as the dates for holding the convention of the Oregon Merchants' Association.

Daring Sky Pilot Of 43 Years Ago Now Patriarch Of Church Dedicators

Forty-three years ago when the Oregon trail wended its way through the plains of the Grande Ronde valley, blazing the path for the locomotive that was to come later, T. C. Iliff and his bride crossed the Grande Ronde valley by stage bound for Walla Walla where Mr. Iliff would do missionary. It was a wedding journey for Mr. and Mrs. Iliff; today Dr. Iliff is in La Grande from Denver to dedicate the Methodist church next Sunday. His hoary locks bespeak the age of the sky pilot; a life time given over to missionary work. When as an ambitious groom and with a loving wife in his care, he started west 43 years ago, Dr. Iliff came to a wild and woolly country and the west has been his habitat almost continually since then. He went first to Missoula, with a 2,400-mile railroad ride, then came west a

thousand miles by stage, reaching Walla Walla the furthestmost western point of the missionary field. Boise, on the south, Missoula on the east, and the North pole on the north was the boundary line of the missionary field in which this and other intrepid sky pilots labored. Later, Mr. Iliff moved to Salt Lake and lived there some time, and is now at Denver.

Mr. Iliff and the late Robert Forbes, who died shortly after his visit to La Grande during the Methodist conference last summer, stood for years as the two men who had dedicated the largest number of churches in the United States. Mr. Iliff now stands, unquestionably, as the sole beneficiary of that honor.

Tomorrow evening, in the basement of the M. E. church, Dr. Iliff is very anxious to meet the membership of the Methodist church.

Society Out To See Fair

BIG CAST HAS PARTS WELL IN HAND.

SHOW IS A SCREAM

Two-Night Production to Be Banner Card of Winter.

At the dress rehearsal last evening "The County Fair" went off like clock work and enthusiasm ran high for the first production tonight at the High school auditorium. It will be shown again tomorrow night. The stage in the auditorium has been enlarged to accommodate the large number of performers. Tickets have sold rapidly and a large audience is assured for the evenings and there is not the least danger of any one not getting his money's worth for fun, music and beautiful spectacular effects are on the boards. While the public is on the qui vive, expecting great things in the way of an entertainment, they will not be disappointed, for the "County Fair" is certainly a great show. The cast of characters is: Uncle Jake Spruceby, Turner Oliver; Aunt Mary, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe; Boss Jones, M. B. Donohue; Professor Spooratti, George Cochran; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. F. M. Jackson; Mr. Brown, Ellis E. Kirtley; lunch ladies, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Walker; Aunt Sue, Mrs. J. W. Loughlin; Jimmie Brown, Norman Desilet; Mrs. Sweitzer, Mrs. Mac Wood; Miss Newcomer, Mrs. George Gilbert; Mlle. Langdon, Mrs. A. T. Hill; The Bride, Mrs. George H. Curry; The Groom, Norman Desilet; The Widower, J. H. Peare; The Parson, John Hadaller; Lemonade Man, Elsworth Ellis; Hit-the-Coon Man, Mr. Williamson; Fortune-wheel man, Dr. McMillan; Giggling Sal, Vera Jeel; Handy Andy, Cato Johns.

Seats on sale at Silverthorn's this evening and at the school house tonight. A few front seats sell for 75 cents and the balance for 50 cents, but there are no reserved seats. The performance starts promptly at 8 o'clock.

CONCERT PROGRAM OUT.

Concert and Dance Tonight at Rex Hall to Be Band's Affair.

Professor Haines, director of the La Grande band has prepared the following program to be given at the Rex hall concert this evening by the La Grande band. It will be followed by a dancing party. The numbers for the concert are:

March, "The Victorious Eagle," Rosey Waltz, "Violets," Waldteufel (Fruehlingkinder). Air in ancient style—"La Cinquante-taine" Gabriel-Marie March, "My Southern Rose" Taylor "Barcarolle From the Tales of Hoffman" Offenbach Waltz, "Under the Spell" Allen Overture, "Idealistic" Brooks

NO RESERVOIR PROVISO PUT INTO BUDGETS

TOTAL EXPENSE NEXT YEAR AMOUNTS TO NEARLY \$104,000, IT SEEMS.

NINE SALOONS LICENSED

City's Budget Prepared Tentatively and Slight Changes May Be Made Before Next Monday Night—Reservoir Must Wait Over—Twelve Thousand for Subway.

Without provisos for a reservoir, a municipal improvement which is needed but which can wait another year, it is agreed—the city budget for 1914 has been introduced. It came up last evening at the regular commissioners' meeting but will not be acted on until next Monday. The expenditures for the coming year will amount to about \$104,000 which includes \$18,000 for interest on bonds and the sinking funds. Of the balance, \$12,000 have to do with the Second street subway, bringing the actual running expense of the city far below \$100,000. In conjunction with the budget ordinance, City Manager Larky filed his first report, setting out the need of prompt action in bringing about a refunding bond issue.

The city takes in from all sources for the next year \$104,800. The expenditure of this money is what is provided for in the budget. The budget as introduced last evening will be finally passed next Monday evening when a charter-provided meeting will be held. In the meantime several changes may be declared necessary although as each department is added to or taken from the difference will be shown in the amount of general warrants retired. The original budget as introduced in an ordinance by Manager Larky provided for retirement of \$8000 in general warrants, but the changes already made have reduced that figure to less than \$6000.

In the water department salaries, labor and material amounts to \$12,000 with a probable income of \$25,000; no reservoir is provided for in 1914.

The street department provisions call for a total of \$10,000 for sprinkling, maintenance and construction and plumbing inspection. This provision allows for improvement of all the macadam streets that are now going to ruin for lack of repair.

The lighting costs, city building, street lights, clusters and all uses amount to exactly \$8100. An approx-

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FIFTY-FOUR HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN FINALLY PROMULGATED

Final rulings of the state welfare commission regarding conditions of labor for girls throughout the state, apparently please the employers and employees in La Grande. As the upshot of opposition directed at the commission by La Grande girls to the number of 150 and more, coupled with opposition from other quarters, the commission has finally fixed the working hours and wages.

Women throughout the state of Oregon employed in mercantile, manufacturing and laundry industries shall not be paid less than \$8.25 a week; they shall not be employed more than 54 hours a week; the apprentice period for women employed in these industries shall not be more than one year; the minimum wage for women apprentices in these industries shall

be \$6 a week, and women shall not be employed in these industries after 8:30 P. M.

Such are the provisions of a ruling made by the Industrial Welfare commission, following a public hearing on the report of the state-wide conference on wages, hours and conditions of labor for women workers.

The ruling, which will have full legal force in 60 days, accepts all the recommendations of the conference, which was composed of three representatives each of the public, the employees and the employers.

The hour of dismissal, fixed by the ruling at 8:30 P. M., does not apply to employees of telephone and telegraph companies, confectionery establishments, restaurants and hotels.