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SEN. CULLOM DEAD; OLDEST OF OLD GUARD

ILLINOIS LAWMAKER OF REMARKABLE CAREER PASSES AWAY OF OLD AGE.

HELPED NOMINATE LATE GEN. GRANT TO OFFICE

Man Whose Political Career Outshone That of Uncle Joe Cannon, Dies of Old Age This Afternoon—Stood For Years As Leader of the Republican Party in Home State.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Shelly Moore Cullom, ex-senator of Illinois, is dead. He died this afternoon at his Washington home after a critical illness lasting some weeks. His death came as a result of old age.

This active and energetic man was in the public eye longer than any living politician, not even excepting his fellow citizen Joe Cannon, of Danville. He saw the light of this world in Kentucky, where there were only two occupations at the time of his birth, namely, politics and hunting. From there he moved with his father to the state of Illinois, where he received both his academic and university education. In 1853 he was admitted to the bar and practiced law in his adopted state for several years. From the position of city attorney he successively rose to the offices of Representative, presidential elector, member of Illinois legislature, governor of his state, chairman of the Illinois delegation which put General Grant in nomination, and United States senator from Illinois, succeeding David Davis of that state in the year 1883.

He was a staunch republican and championed most of the measures for which this party stood during the making of the Dingley tariff law, the Philippine policy and other measures of note that have been added to the statutes in the last 20 years. Towards the end he got from the electorate of the state what he wanted without the asking.

Musicians Have Union.

Union musicians of La Grande now have a union here and take exception to the statement by barbers that they have the first local union. The barbers are therefore, second in the field, the musicians having been overlooked. Communications to the Observer from the union musicians request that the fact be made known that they have a local here.

Going to Auto Show.

Ex-councilman F. D. Haisten leaves tonight for Portland to visit the auto show and incidentally lay in his spring stock of furniture. He expects to be gone several days.

Sick Man Better

E. Polack, the grocer is out again after being confined to his home a few days on account of illness.

Heppner Lady in City.

Miss O'Rourke of Heppner, is in the city visiting with her friend Miss Eileen Peare.

Wallowa Family Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McDonald of Wallowa, are in the city visiting with friends.

Union Comes To Waterloo

M. I. A. PLAYERS BLOW OUT LAUREL ASPIRATIONS.

Enthusiasm Is Displayed

Gymnasium Crowd Hears Band, Sees Game—Union Fans Loyal.

All the people that could crowd into the high school gymnasium last night saw the La Grande M. I. A. decisively defeat the Union high school team in what was easily the topnotch event in a basketball way ever seen in La Grande.

The La Grande club won handily, 38-18, and sent the Union squad home with its championship aigrettes trailing in the snowdrifts. La Grande has never seen similar enthusiasm or witnessed similar loyalty—that which was displayed by the Union fans. The special train brought, in addition to the Union band, which cost a nice sum of money, 140 rooters. The rooters and team came gamely, played gamely, went home gamely, and the Unionites have set a mark in loyalty that La Grande has never commenced to emulate and probably never will. Though defeated, Union went away proud of her team, which she has a perfect right to be.

The excursion train returned immediately as practically all of the guests in the city were anxious to attend a dancing party in progress at Union. Each fan brought a megaphone, and ruled the city until after the game, when the La Grande fans assumed the aggressiveness in jollification. Prior to the game and between halves the game took on all the colors of intercollegiate football, for the band played, the Union play-

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WILL NOT RECOGNIZE OWN WIVES

MASQUERADE TO BE PRECEDED BY SECRET COSTUMING.

Chicago Costume House to Be Here With All Kinds of Paraphernalia.

When an Elk cannot recognize his own wife the costume she wears is bound to be of original design. Such will be the state of affairs on the night of February 4, when the Elks give their elaborate masquerade dance, according to the social committee which today officially announced the event.

There will be a large assortment of costumes to select from, these costumes arriving on the morning of the fourth and being accessible to all Elks at the hall during the day. Costumes come ready to wear and for a nominal rental the whole lodge membership and their ladies can bedeck themselves in the garbs of prince and princess, or Uncle Si Perkins and his good wife, just as they see fit.

This is an Elks' frolic and one of the big times of the year. A specially augmented orchestra has been engaged for the evening.

Comes to See Ball Game.

J. W. Eshelman, principal of the Imbler schools, came to the city last night to attend the basketball game between the M. I. A. and Union high school. He also transacted business before returning.

COUNTY FAIR STOCKHOLDERS VOICE FAITH IN LOCAL FAIR

Annual Meeting To Discuss Rehabilitation Under Way This Afternoon

Union county's fair association are in session this afternoon. The attendance, when President Russell called to order, was two dozen of the most influential stockholders, all of whom have the welfare and future of the association at heart. At a late hour this afternoon the reports of the past year were being read and no expression had been heard of the rehabilitation plans, two of which were discussed informally in fair circles and have been for some little time. The opinion prevailed throughout all discussion that the future of the fair is bright, once its financial affairs are put on this feet.

Election of officers will probably be reached late this afternoon.

IMPORTANT CASES COME TO TRIAL WHEN NEXT TERM OPENS

Circuit court opens in La Grande next Monday and several important cases have been set down for trial. It is probable that Circuit Judge J. T. Cleeton, of Multnomah county, will preside at some of the opening cases. The Newlin case leads off in the morning, to be followed by the Powder Valley State bank case against Huddelson & Son, over the collection of a note. Both parties are from North Powder. Becker vs. McKenzie follows it, and it is a foreclosure case. State vs. John A. Murchison of Summerville follows the Becker case, being set down for the 9th of February. This is a trespass case, but really the issue at stake is the ownership of some land near Summerville.

Mays vs. Beams and Beams vs. Mays are two cases to follow the Murchison case, both being set down for the same day. It involves an accounting and various matters over the David Troy estate.



SHELBY M. CULLOM, FATHER OF THE U. S. SENATE.

Veteran politician and statesman who died today after a career in district, state and national politics that rivals any political career in history. As presidential timber he has been frequently held out as a plausible candidate. His death leaves but few of the old guard politicians, and none who can approach his brilliant career.

Underworlds Out In Cold

WASHINGTON ENFORCES KENYON MEASURE.

Suicides May Be Result

Women and Girls Thrown Out On the Streets In Cold, Homeless.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Today is moving day for denizens of Washington's underworld. The Kenyon law, closing all such resorts here, went into effect last night, and the police saw to it that it was strictly enforced.

Three hundred women, many of them without clothing, were forced into the streets at an early hour. Authorities fear an epidemic of suicide.

Threats to invade the residence district have been made by the girls and women. "We must live," they said today as they were huddled about in the cold, "and we don't intend to leave Washington. Many of us couldn't if we would. If we leave here, where shall we go?"

Parent Visits Children.

J. B. Olmstead of Enterprise, arrived this morning from Seattle, Tacoma and Corvallis. In Seattle he visited with his daughter, Amy, who is attending the University of Washington, and at Corvallis with his two sons, who are attending Oregon Agricultural college. One of the boys will be graduated this year and the other in 1915. Mr. Olmstead is justly proud of the record his children are making.

CANADA PAYS FOR PUBLICITY

THOUSANDS SPENT WITH AMERICAN FIRMS.

Senate Investigation Brings Out Very Startling Confessions.

Washington, Jan. 28.—An advertising man named Washington, of the Western Newspapers' union, admitted before the senate lobby investigating committee that his concern received annually from the Canadian government the sum of \$42,000 for the past 16 years, for "boom write-ups" in the "patent inside" of small papers, extolling the virtues of Canada. By way of offsetting, Washington pleaded that Chicago newspapers, mentioning the Chicago Tribune, and the Record-Herald had published similar articles. "You are hired to do a thing disloyal to your country," said Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, "and you are ashamed of yourself." The writeup which was called to the committee's attention, and which was published in western newspapers, was a supposed interview coming from a former of Iowa, who had left the United States in a poverty stricken condition and found prosperity in Canada. Washington admitted that it had appeared in 4800 newspapers.

AUTO MONEY RETURNS

County's Share of Collections Cost \$167.20 Say Records.

Union county auto owners have paid out \$710.00 for auto taxes to the state. It cost only \$167.20 to collect this amount and the balance has been returned to the road fund in this county. The sum is \$542.80.

COLLECTOR IS GOING TO USE PENALTY PLAN

WILL DISREGARD OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL IN TAX QUESTION.

MANY COLLECTORS SEE BUT ONE COURSE OPEN

Reading of the Tax Law Leaves the Treasurers But One Course to Pursue, They Think, and Will Continue On It Unless Enjoined By Courts—First Tax Money In.

Unless enjoined and restricted by competent courts, County Tax Collector John Frawley is going to follow the plain wording of the new tax law and will collect the 1 percent penalty on all taxes not paid by April 1 up to September 1, when the usual and heavier penalty becomes effective. The attorney general has handed down an opinion to the effect that the law does not say what it means and that there can be no collection of penalties on the unpaid half of taxes between April 1 and September 1. John M. Lewis, tax collector of Multnomah county, has informed Treasurer Frawley that he will follow the plain wording of the law and collect penalties, even though, he admits, as does Mr. Frawley, that the penalty will be a burden on some taxpayers. Others have taken the same stand, and, like Mr. Frawley, can see no way out of, under the wording of the law as it reads.

Tax moneys are coming in slowly. Ida Dunphey, through C. T. Bacon, was the first to pay her taxes in the county, and notices are being mailed out regularly to some of the larger taxpayers. A notice of taxes due from the O-W was mailed today calling for \$76,710.38 from the railroad company for taxes in this county alone.

Harry Frawley is home from Arizona and is acting as deputy in the tax collecting office and the sheriff's office with its better facilities, is assisting in the work as well.

Architect Given Honors.

Chauncey Bunting of this city, who with his wife returned from Portland yesterday has been elected a member of the American Institute of Architects and enjoys the distinction of being the only one east of the Cascades in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Bunting has made an enviable record for himself in the profession, having drawn plans for a number of the best buildings that were erected recently in La Grande.

More Cecil Children Ill.

Mrs. Cecil, mother of Benny Cecil who has been in the local hospital for some 50 days suffering from an abscess of the lungs and measles, left this morning for Palmer Junction where she has been called on account of the sickness of two other children. Mrs. Cecil has been in constant attendance upon her little son here and declares that his temperature has been above 100 for over 50 days. Hopes are entertained for his recovery however, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil will rejoice at the news. Mrs. Cecil is deeply grateful to the citizens of this city for their kind sympathy and aid during this trying period.