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Miss Fern Hobbs In Cove On Investigation Mission

NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CLOSE COVE SALOONS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME SAYS AGENT

Mission Now Purely One Of Investigation--La Grande Not To Be Inspected

Unescorted, and bent purely on an investigation expedition, Miss Fern Hobbs is in Cove this afternoon as an agent of Governor West. She passed through La Grande at noon and was given various records and data on telegraphic request, by County Judge Henry and County Clerk Wright. With these, and with what records she will herself obtain from the city books at Cove she will build up her report to Governor Oswald West who sent her to Cove to learn first handed the conditions there. Unless she meets with unforeseen engagements she will leave Cove this evening after a three-hour visit, or may cut cross lots in a machine and catch the mid-night train out of La Grande. She is anxious to get home a few of the fact that Governor West leaves the last of the week for Washington and New York, and she will make her report to him first. She doesn't expect to remain in La Grande but will go on to Salem tonight, provided she can complete her work at Cove.

She will interview saloonmen, city officials, Mrs. Amy Valentine who wrote the letter that brought the investigation to a focus, consult businessmen and merchants and mothers, and learn all she possibly can about conditions there.

"There is no militia this time," said Miss Hobbs today noon while her train waited in La Grande. "At Copperfield we were equipped with data and facts before we went there and knew about what to do--in Cove we have been hearing mutterings of discontent for two years yet we do not know both sides of the stories; to get these I am going to Cove. My trip is purely one of investigation."

She would not venture a guess as to how the governor will proceed in his clean-up.

"I do not anticipate the whole town will be out to greet me either," said the Copperfield heroine.

Miss Hobbs is a warm friend of Postmaster and Mrs. Bragg and if she misses connections with her train here tonight, she will be their guest until the next train.

At Union, Miss Hobbs was the guest at luncheon of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright.

Rev. A. J. Adams, of this city, and a woman signing herself "A Drunkard's Wife," have written letters to Governor West asking for a cleanup of La Grande, but Miss Hobbs said today she is not on a La Grande mission at this time.

COVE GREATLY EXCITED

Looks Upon Miss Hobbs As a Treat, Something Like a Circus.

Cove, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Miss Fern Hobbs was given a welcome to Cove this afternoon by a tremendous crowd. No circus ever drew a bigger crowd, or a more excited one. Cove citizens had no inkling of what she would do or what she would bring, and interest died down slightly when she went directly to the city hall and remained there nearly an hour. The officials attempted to show her every courtesy. The crowd made up a major portion of the town's popula-

tion. The door to the city hall was crammed, and the street blocked. It is evident that the excitement is regarding the investigation.

TWO VICTORIES FOR LA GRANDE

Local Quintet Plays Rings Around Reputedly Stronger Teams.

The La Grande-Pendleton score in the Observer last Saturday was not complete. The score as given was for the first half of the game only. The final score was, La Grande 18, Pendleton 10. The score at Milton on Saturday night likewise resulted in a victory for the home quintet, being, La Grande 27, Milton 18. At both places the score was held down by rough tactics on the part of the spectators. Pendleton showed poor team work, attempting basket throws from the center of the room, poor passes and slowness. Milton put up a stiff fight for the first half of the game, but slowed down and lost.

La Grande's success is due to short and quick passing and accurate basket throwing. The team distinguished itself through its team work, showing proper coaching and endurance. Pendleton will be here Friday night and a close, hard fought game is expected.

SOCIETY HELPS SHOW.

Union Society Leaders Wear Gingham Gowns at Benefit Ball.

Union, Feb. 23.—Last Friday night a gingham benefit ball was given to the Horse Show association of Union. The affair netted \$100 and was a tremendous society success. The ladies in attendance were dressed in gingham inclusively, but for all that many attractive costumes were introduced.

Miss Winters Still Missing.

Springdale, Ark., Feb. 23.—Catherine Winters has not been found. Dr. Winters, father of the girl, arrived from New Castle, Indiana, and said that the girl Sheriff Shister had found bore but slight resemblance to his daughter. The woman was in the company of George Stuart. A representative of the Newspaper enterprise associated accompanied Dr. Winters.

Jno. Dordan Improving.

Jno. Dordan, who has been confined to his bed for several months with rheumatism, is improving. This morning his father, F. H. Dordan, and his sister, Miss Gertrude Dordan, arrived from Minneapolis to visit with the Dordan family for an indeterminate period. Jno. Dordan's many friends will be pleased to learn of the improvement shown in his condition.

Mrs. Nutter Convalescent.

Mrs. B. B. Nutter who has been in hospital for a week or ten days recovering from a minor operation, is back home again, on the convalescent list. In a week or more she will be able to do her work again. Her friends will be pleased to hear of her rapid recovery.

EARL OF KINTORE.

English Nobleman In America to Boom London Exposition.



PETITION OUT FOR DISTRICT

FARMERS AGREE TO PUSH RECLAMATION.

Meeting Two Weeks Hence Will Decide Course to Be Pursued.

Circulation of petitions necessary to create drainage districts in the territory proposed to be embraced in the Catherine creek and Grande Ronde drainage and dredging districts, was ordered at the mass meeting of farmers held Saturday afternoon. The farmers will meet two weeks hence to decide which system of procedure shall be used, but in the meantime the petitions asking for the creation of the districts will be circulated, and judging from interest displayed Saturday, the required number will be easily obtained.

SEVERE STORMS RAGE

Two Blizzards Sweep Over Central Western States Today.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Traffic in this city and in contiguous territory is badly crippled as a result of a storm. The streets are slippery with ice and many accidents have occurred. The cold is bitter and the suffering among the poor is great. The temperature is generally low west of this city and two storms centered, one over Montana and the other over Arkansas. Zero weather prevails in both of these states. Further damage is unlikely. Hundreds of acres along the Arcoyo and Seco rivers have been washed away.

GOVERNMENT MEDIATOR AND TELEGRAPHERS CONFERRING

Portland, Feb. 23.—Conferences are being held between the government mediators and representatives of the O.-W. telegraphers to learn the cause

NATION READY TO INTERVENE IF NECESSARY

WAR MAPS HAVE BEEN PREPARED SECRETLY AND SILENTLY.

TWO EXIGENCIES MAY BRING SERIOUS RESULTS

Government Has Its Army and Navy Ready to Intervene If Such Proves Necessity, Says State Department Danger of Massacres From Two Sources Are Admitted.

Washington, Feb. 23.—If the United States troops and ships must intervene in Mexico, it is stated on high authority, the army and navy are ready for the task. While the administration has done everything in its power to avoid intervention, it has not failed to prepare for war. War maps are ready and mobilization merely awaits the signature of the president. Two things are regarded as threatening serious consequences; namely, public opinion in England might force the government to demand reparation for Benton's death, and the additional danger is that foreigners might become Villa's victims, or there might be a general massacre of them by the rebels or by both. The situation is considered most alarming.

Public Opinion Drives Uncle Sam.

London, Feb. 23.—"Though conditions in Mexico are causing a great deal of injury to British subjects and interests, we don't propose intervention, which would be futile and impolitic." This, Foreign Secretary Hood told the House of Commons, but that despite the government's attitude of patience he believed popular opinion would be so great as to compel it to insist that American action begin at once, or that it allow intervention by the British.

American "Spy" Caught.

Washington, Feb. 23.—News that Gustav Bauch, an American, has been found in a military prison of Chihuahua City. He will be tried on the charge of being a spy and will be shot. This news was received from that city recently. Bauch disappeared from Juarez, and it is thought he has been executed.

Sox-Giants In London Town.

London, Feb. 23.—The Chicago Sox and the New York Giants arrived here on their world tour. The first exhibition game is scheduled to be played on Thursday. War has little effect on the enthusiasm shown on the arrival of the teams.

SIR OLIVER LODGE.

Famous British Scientist Says World Riddles Will Be Solved.



CATHOLIC MEN JOIN KNIGHTS

TWENTY-FIVE ARE RECEIVED IN KNIGHTHOOD SUNDAY.

Big Banquet, Splendid Music, Speeches and "America" End Festivities.

Yesterday was a big day in Knights of Columbus circles. Twenty new members were received into the order thus swelling the number belonging to the order here to almost 150. In the morning the local and visiting knights set an example of church going to the citizens of the city by going to church in a body, over a hundred strong. After the sacred ceremonies they betook themselves to the K. P. hall where the first degree in knight-hood was fittingly and beautifully exemplified by the Pendleton Council. A luncheon recess followed after which the second and third degrees were exemplified by members of the Pendleton, Baker and Portland councils. State deputy, W. P. O'Brien, of Astoria, assisted in the third and aided to make the conferring of the degrees in all respects beautiful and successful.

A large delegation from the cities already mentioned, augmented by visitors from Walla Walla, Hermiston, Ontario, Perry, Meacham, Kamela, Umatilla in fact from cities of Oregon, Idaho and Washington, helped to make the occasion one that will make a lasting impression upon the visiting and local knights.

After the initiation a savory banquet was served by the ladies of the parish. The tables were decorated in the national colors and with cherry twigs in honor of the birthday of Washington. Delicacies from the hidden larders of many homes made their appearance on the tables and helped add to the reputation of this sacrificing band of willing workers. The musical numbers by Professor Haines orchestra were well taken and the vocal solos by Mrs. James Corbett and Miss Henrietta Foley were the occasion for prolonged applause. Both these gifted singers seemed never to have sang more beautifully before. Mrs. Adolph Newlin played the accompaniment for Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Norman Desilet for Miss Foley and

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GRANDE RONDE VALLEY'S 1ST SETTLER DIES

ONE LONE HUT HAD BEEN ERECTED WHEN JOHN PEEBLER CAME.

HE AND LATE UNCLE BEN BROWN LED ALL

Death Removes Aged Settler at Age of Almost 80 Years—Funeral to Be Held Tomorrow—Came to Oregon in 1853 and Fought In Rogue River Indian War Two Years.

Death yesterday evening closed the commendable career of a man who located in Union county when one lone log hut made up the homes of the Grande Ronde valley. This man was John J. Peebler, who at the time of his death was almost 80 years of age. He died at his home in this city last evening, and funeral services will be held tomorrow from the Methodist church.

In 1862 Mr. Peebler came to the Grande Ronde valley and at that time one log hut had been erected in this valley—then a wilderness—and Mr. Peebler was the second white man—viewing with the late Uncle Ben Brown for first honors—to become a permanent resident of the Grande Ronde. Mr. Peebler was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, on July 25, 1836. In 1853, shortly after his parents had died, he crossed the plains by ox team with his uncle David Peebler and the family located in Salem.

Fought Against Indians.

Two years after coming to Oregon, Mr. Peebler fought in the famous Rogue River Indian wars. After that war he went to mining in Roseburg. In 1859 he married Amelia A. Grubbe and to them have been born the following children: An infant, deceased before it was named; Olive Syren, now the wife of John F. Green of Payette, Idaho; Evan T., of this county; Mary A. deceased; Clara Henrietta, wife of William Allen of this county; Henry Walter and Adolph Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Peebler located at Ladd Canyon, where they lived until a few years ago when they retired.

Mrs. Peebler survives her hardy husband. He was a prominent Mason.

Bohnenkamp undertakers are in charge of the body.

Oriental Gunmen "Strike."

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The very latest thing in strikes is on here today. Recently Yim Tong, a Suesy Tong gunman, was "fired" from the organization. Nineteen expert trigger pullers immediately handed in their resignations.

"Take Yim back," they insisted, "and reinstate him or you have no gunmen." Yim was not reinstated and the gunmen struck.

Religious Campaign In St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—With a religious awakening as a goal, 250 protestant churches yesterday morning began a six weeks' campaign consisting of a personal service and evangelism in the various churches. The scope of the campaign is the largest ever attempted here.