

OFFICIALS GO TO NEW RANGE

DAM AT MINAM TO BE INSPECTED TODAY.

State Game Officials May Be Here Tomorrow Evening for Conference.

W. E. Laffel, deputy game warden for this district, comprising Union, Wallowa and Baker counties, in company with Clifford Evans, formerly of Lostine and now state game warden, and Chairman Bilyeu, of the State Game and Fish commission, left La Grande this morning for Minam where they will inspect the dam on the Wallowa river, with a view to determining whether it is proper to destroy the dam or best to leave it stand.

The exact date of the meeting here will not be known until tomorrow probably but it is believed the commission expects to arrive here Thursday evening.

They will then go on to the proposed Wallowa lake pasture where they will investigate the problem of transferring the elk from the Meadows to the head of the lake. Both of these problems are up for solution and according to the state authorities, the disposition is going to rest largely with the citizens of the counties comprising this district.

Mr. Laffel points out that if the dam remains, the back water may be used as a storage for logs, which would in no wise interfere with the propagation of fish, and would produce some revenue for the state. He argues that a suitable fish ladder can be constructed that will do away with the criticism of some parties that fish are unable to pass beyond the dam, thus leaving the upper part of the stream to be stocked solely by planted fish.

The meeting in La Grande will be held sometime during the hours of 4:30 p. m. on the day when the state officials return and 11 p. m. when they are scheduled to leave. All sportsmen of the community are requested to be present at this meeting at the Commercial club rooms for the proper determination of the problem. Deputy Game Warden E. F. Averill of Pendleton, Mr. Hazeltine of Grant county, H. Clifford, of Baker and sportsmen from Wallowa, will be here for the meeting and will aid in the proper solution of this vexing problem.

CRAW FISH AT FOLEY GRILL.

Trip Around the World Friday.

A trip around the world social will be given at the I. O. O. F. hall at Island City Friday night, March 20. The trip commences at 6 o'clock. Five countries will be represented and leading dishes from each will be served. Round trip tickets can be purchased at the entrance. Proceeds go to buy new windows for the church. 3-18-3t

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IRISH ENJOY DELIGHTFUL EVENING

The St. Patrick's day celebration is past history in La Grande for a year and the Sons of Erin will rest on their laurels for another twelve months. The program was carried out last night as published and persons who took some of the speakers seriously will spend some time fingering through great tomes of history to discover whether "Shorty" Logue can be taken as an authority, or whether Jim Corbett has "the edge on him" for scientific lore relative to the birthplace of Daniel O'Connell. Dr. Hall quoted "Shorty" to the effect that the famous Irish statesman first saw the light of day in Brooklyn, New York, and Jim Corbett's history makes it Kamela or Meacham.

The entertainment was singular for the fact that but two real Irishmen,

born on the sod, participated in the program, namely Jack Peare and Father Bernard O'Callahan of Hermiston. Jack Peare acted as introducer and sometimes got into deep water in trying to fake an emerald ancestry for some of his speakers and for the musicians from "Cork" who evidently had seen the city from a porthole of the Mauritania, but who could claim kinship to St. Patrick only as thirty second cousins, or thereabouts.

Most of the speeches were of a humorous nature and were well taken. Judge Knowles' recitation of Seumas O'Brien surprised most of the audience and frequent expressions of "I didn't think he could do it," were heard after the program. Following is the program given.

Overture.....SHERRY ORCHESTRA
Talk.....DR. M. K. HALL
"Kathleen Mavourneen".....MOVING PICTURES
"For Killarney and You".....MRS. J. F. CORBETT
Reading—"Shamus O'Brien".....JUDGE KNOWLES
Song—"The Kerry Dance".....C. P. FERRIN
Talk.....E. E. BRAGG
Song—"Killarney".....ETTA FOLEY
Talk—"Irish in America".....GEO. COCHRAN
Song—"I Love the Name of Mary".....L. D. HOWLAND
Talk.....REV. B. O'CALLAGHAN
Song—"When I am Dreaming of Erin I am Dreaming of You".....WILLIAM PEARE
Musical.....SHEA & O'BRIEN
Talk—"Irish in La Grande".....BRUCE DENNIS
Duet—"Believe Me in all Those Endearing Young Charms".....MRS. CORBETT AND C. P. FERRIN

ONE THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED

STATE PRESIDENT PUS FIGURE HIGH.

Baker Association Formed—State Convention Promising.

L. R. Merrick, state president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, has written to A. M. Gregg, state organizer for the association, that he is confident there will be 1000 people at the state meeting to be held in La Grande in June. They are coming from Portland by the trainload. Mr. Gregg arrived this morning from Baker where he organized a branch association. The Baker merchants were having trouble with credits, and by Mr. Gregg's suggestions, organized an association that is affiliated with the La Grande and other branches of the state association, to protect themselves against bad credits. As a consequence of the organization there, a great many Baker merchants are coming to the La Grande meeting.

The letter to Mr. Gregg from President Merrick is extremely optimistic over the prospects of a banner attendance at the meeting here.

Parish Society to Meet.

The ladies' parish of the Lutheran church, will meet at the home of Mrs. Earl Sheppard, 804 Spring, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Members and their friends are invited.

THE COLONISTS COMING WEST

RAILROAD BUSINESS SHOWS MANY EASTERNERS COMING.

Communities in East are Using Special Cars During Colonist Season.

Those who supposed that colonists would be few and far between this year are destined to be mistaken. According to information received by La Grande railroad officials the stream of colonist traffic is going to be heavy. Inquiries from along the middle and eastern states are coming in thick and fast regarding different sections of the state and already many reservations have been on the Union Pacific for bands of colonists who expect to take advantage of the cheap fares from March 15th to April 15.

Rich Hill, Mo., will send a full carload of people over the Union Pacific and O.-W. R. & N., reaching La Grande about March 20. Knoxville, Tenn., will also have a carload of people through here about the 25th. While the destination of these people is Portland it is understood they are planning side trips and many of them will likely visit eastern Oregon.

Pets Move Up.

In the City League games on the Club alleys last night, the Pets jumped into second place by defeating Williams' Webfoots two out of three games. That the games were hard fought, can easily be seen, as there was never more than 30 pins in the margin of scores, and although losing two of the three games the Webfoots had high total pins for the series by a 20 pin margin. Crowe, Stoddard, Claycomb and Childers rolled well for the winners, while Williams' Love, DeKalb and Walden rolled in good form for the losers. This week will see the commencement of an elimination match to determine which bowlers will represent La Grande at the big Northwest Tournament at Portland.

Likes It.

Miss Goodrich I hear your husband is a great lover of the aesthetic. Mrs. Nurbel—Oh, yes. He takes one every time he gets a tooth pulled—Stanford Chaparral.

Dear Old Soul!

"There are some people who believe that the whole human race will be saved," said an old lady "but for my part I hope for better things."

Real Happiness.

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LA GRANDE TO SEND A TEAM

HOME BOYS WANT TO GO TO PORTLAND TOURNAMENT.

Benefit Ball Will Be Given to Assist in Paying Expense.

The bowling team, which has been showing considerable speed on the Club alleys, is in the notion to go to Portland and contest in the great Northwest Bowling Tournament. Members of the team hold to the belief they can go down to the lower country and show some extra good scores, and their opinion is backed vigorously by all who have seen the boys handle the big wooden spheres.

In order to assist in defraying the expense of the team to the big tournament a benefit ball will be given Saturday night, March 28th, in Danceland rink to which all ladies and gentlemen will be welcome.

This will also be the opening of Danceland rink which has been closed for some time for repairs. Its owner, Mrs. Zuber, announced today that the hall had been thoroughly remodeled, new floors laid and the interior made very attractive. A full orchestra will be engaged for the dance on the 28th.

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BALL FEVER RAGES.

First Workout Preparatory to Good Semi-Pro Teams Next Sunday.

Preparatory to formation of a substantial amateur baseball team, or partly amateur at least, all local adepts at the national game will meet Sunday morning at the ball grounds and a workout game will be played. In this the first workout game of the year, all youngsters who aspire to places on the team that is to be formed, eventually, are urged to be present. Pertinent to this coming incident is the following from a Baker paper relative to the formation of a semi-pro team there:

The Baker "Federal" is the name of a newly organized amateur baseball team, with Henry Burke as manager. The latter has already signed up many of the fastest local players who have represented Baker on the diamond the past few years, and is gathering a strong bunch. The men will work out next Sunday morning on the Valley avenue grounds and all players desiring to try out for positions will be given an opportunity. In times past the amateur brand of baseball has furnished more sport than the professional game in Baker, and many prefer the homegrown article. Manager Burke is negotiating for games with out of town teams and

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Baker fans will probably be provided with Sunday baseball all season, for the amateurs will probably book games on the dates when the league team is on the road, if we have a league team. The high school squad is also busy and Coach Williams has some likely looking material in sight. The students will probably take a trip through southern Idaho next month, and a number of contests have been booked for this city.

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