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CONGRESS NOT ENAMORED OF PEACE SCHEME

HUNDRED MILLION ARMY APPROPRIATION ARGUES DISTRUST OF PLANS.

HUERTA CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN HIS FOLLY

Withdrawal of Troops from Vera Cruz Would Be Condition on Which Huerta Would Fire Salute—Carranza Has Not Consented to Armistice.

Washington, May 1.—That the administration has small hopes of permanent peace is indicated by the request made in the house that army appropriations exceeding a hundred million be immediately available. A request for a joint resolution was introduced by Chairman Hay of the house military affairs committee, with the President's approval.

It is expected that a similar rider will be added to the naval appropriations bill. It is learned that Huerta has expressed a willingness to salute the flag unconditionally, if the United States forces be withdrawn from Vera Cruz. It is also learned that he is of the opinion that matters have gone too far and that he must eliminate himself.

The mediators are awaiting Carranza's final reply to the request that he join the armistice. Carranza has thus far refused to talk armistice. The mediators had the assurance that the United States and Mexico had agreed to the armistice.

JUDGE CANNON HERE.

Man Who Wants to Be National Committeeman Visits in City.

Judge W. H. Cannon, of Medford, is here today talking to the old line Democrats in the interest of his candidacy for national committeeman candidacy for Oregon. Judge Cannon will not admit he bears any relation to Uncle Joe Cannon, although he looks considerable like a warrior himself. He was mayor of Medford when that community jumped from a village to a city, and he is well known throughout Southern Oregon.

George Putnam of the Medford Tribune, does not hesitate to endorse and recommend the judge to all Democrats which is an indication that there is no question as to the brand of Democracy carried by the ex-mayor, and that he knows how to play the political game. If this were not true he never would carry the endorsement of George Putnam.

REAL ESTATE MOVING.

J. D. McKennon Disposes of Considerable Real Estate Holdings.

J. D. McKennon has been boiling the real estate pot again the past few days. He sold the McKennon Mt. Glenn ranch to Arthur Berry of Enterprise, also the Mrs. Lou Snyder ranch adjoining it to the same party. He has purchased the old Harris homestead in South La Grande and the Snydam acre tract just east of the city. "Now is the time to deal," said J. D. to an Observer reporter today. "Many people want to make changes at this time and it is the proper period to acquire ownership to good property at very reasonable prices."

RUFUS MALLORY DEAD.

Relative of County Clerk Wright Passes Away in Portland.

County Clerk Ed Wright received word early this morning telling of the death of Rufus Mallory, one of the pioneer residents of this state. He died at his home in Portland last evening.

Mr. Mallory was a member of the law firm of Dolph, Bellinger, Simon, Gearin & Mallory, one of the largest law firms on the coast. His life has been spent in this state and not only members of the bar in each county, but almost all prominent men of the state, knew him personally.

The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. Della Wright, mother of Ed. Wright of this city. He was also an uncle of Mrs. Tom Wright of Union.

Mrs. J. H. Aikine Called By Death

LONG ILLNESS ENDS IN DEMISE LAST NIGHT.

FUNERAL SUNDAY PROBABLY

Esteemed Woman Leaves Two Daughters Here, Brothers East.

Mrs. J. H. Aikine, many years an esteemed citizen of La Grande, died last evening at her home on Fourth street at 7:45 o'clock. Death came as the sequel of a long illness, having its inception about one year ago but being severe since January. Heart troubles were the immediate cause of death. The funeral arrangements have not been definitely fixed, but will probably be set for Sunday afternoon, the exact date being known only when word is received from the Eastern relatives.

Two daughters, Mrs. W. B. Sargent and Miss Irma Aikine of this city survive. The deceased was preceded to the Great Beyond by her husband a few years ago. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

ROAD LECTURE TOMORROW.

Demonstration at Elgin Handicapped by Sod Turned up for Work.

That with the best laid plans, things will go wrong, in spite of every thing, was demonstrated yesterday at Elgin, when those who had the picking of the road and the sprinkling to do picked out the worst piece of sod that could be found. D. Ward King was not in the best frame of mind and is reported to have almost balked at making the demonstration on the soddy and lumpy ground.

That the road drag is not intended for this kind of road was soon made clear and another kind of road has been selected for La Grande for the demonstration tomorrow. This strip is Fifth street between Spring and Pennsylvania. It has been soaked and sprinkling will continue until just before the demonstration is to take place.

In speaking of the Elgin affair yesterday Dave Clark, secretary of the commercial club said: "No kind of machinery could make a road out of the strip that was plowed and laid out for King. The demonstration does not show its good points at all and for this reason people should not form opinions until they see it tried out on the right kind of road."

"I anticipate a very large crowd for the demonstration tomorrow, first because it is farmers trading day and then because everybody in this section is interested in it."

START PICTURES AT 7:30.

Sport Films Tomorrow Night Promise to Attract Big Audience.

The moving pictures to be shown by ex-State Game Warden Finley tomorrow night, will be started at 7:30. The show is to be put on in the high school auditorium, and the Wing Fin & Fleetfoot club has every reason to boost the show. Everywhere Mr. Finley has been with the films, they have been of great education. There is no admission fee, and the films will show game and game scenes, all taken from Oregon.

Germans May Lose Out.

"Dutchtown" so called, or that section of the city on Fir street bounded by Adams Ave. and Jefferson is in danger of losing its name. It is stated that Lu Tong Fong, a Celestial, is going to open a new "restaurant" in the old Porter bakery and that the new district will henceforth be called Chinatown. Whether the old timers on that street will stand for the change is to be seen. There will be two Chinese restaurants on that street the owners of which will endeavor to lay claim to the new naming of the district.

Howard Creek is Busy.

Pete Beatty of Palmer camp is in the city for medical attention. He informed a reporter for the Observer this morning that the Palmer Lumber company now has its track built on Smith Mountain and that in the course of another week logging will be going on as before. Over two miles of the track have been ballasted and No. 2 camp has already been moved to camp 6. There is no scarcity of men to work; many of them are waiting for the first opening. They are sleeping in barns and are shifting the best way they can.

PACIFIC LINER WITH MANY PASSENGERS IN DISTRESS

Indistinct Wireless Messages Tell Of Sea Catastrophe

EXTENT OF DANGER NOT KNOWN TO SHIP OWNERS

Chinese Pirates May Be Responsible For Serious Accident to Liner Siberia

Tokio, May 1.—One of the latest messages concerning the Siberia is that the ship is in a very dangerous position. Many prominent people are aboard. The Formosa dispatch stated that Chinese pirates might be responsible for the wreck but it was not stated whether the Siberia was breaking up or not.

Tokio, May 1.—A government wireless station at Tansui has picked up indistinct messages indicating that the Pacific liner Siberia, outward bound from San Francisco, is in distress off South Cape, Formosa, in the Bashi channel. For 12 hours an unsuccessful effort has been made to get any real news from her. The Great Northern steamship Minnesota has gone to the liner's assistance.

The admiralty has ordered the steamship Kanto from Formosa to aid the Siberia. She has 85 first-class passengers on board.

Great Damage Reported.
San Francisco, May 1.—The Pacific Mail company at 10 o'clock this morning gave out the following statement: "The company has a dispatch from Hong Kong agency advising receipt of a message from Formosa that the Japanese steamer Bingo Maru reports having picked up by wireless the Siberia in distress. Great damage is reported but thereupon the signal ceased."

The Siberia lies 20 miles from Formosa. Wireless failed to pick up details. The news was flashed by the ship early Friday morning, China time.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CONVENE APRIL PERMIT TOTAL LARGE

CONFERENCE TOMORROW AND SUNDAY DRAW WELL.

Boys and Girls of Eastern Oregon to Be Here for Two Days.

To listen to programs, lectures and speeches by men qualified to handle them—chief of whom is John L. Alexander of Chicago—about 150 boys and girls of Eastern Oregon will attend the conference to be held in La Grande tomorrow. Mrs. C. H. Upton, chairman of the girls' conference and J. H. Rudd, chairman of the boys' conference, each report everything in readiness for the gathering which will close with a joint session Sunday evening. Splendid programs have been prepared.

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Saturday Morning Session.

Song and Devotional Service. Led by Mrs. C. H. Upton, La Grande. "Who Are You?" Delegates. Words of Welcome. Miss Neia Hunter, La Grande.

Greeting from Western Girls' Conference.

Miss Olive Clark, Portland. Discussion: "Why Have a Girls' Conference?" Led by Mrs. Ormsby. Organization of Conference. "My Ideals and How They Affect My Life." Miss Stella Bodmer, La Grande.

Music.

"The Book." Mrs. E. C. Knapp, Spokane, Wash.

Afternoon Session.

Song and Devotional Service. Led by Miss Elizabeth Bunnell, La Grande. "Needs of Girls in Small Towns and the Country." Miss Nellie Bradley, Summerville.

"The Girl and the Girl's Mother—1. From the Girl's Viewpoint.

Wallowa Delegate. 2. The Mother's Viewpoint. Mrs. Estelle Ingle, La Grande. Address. John L. Alexander, Chicago. Conference for Women who Teach

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Troop Assured If Call Comes

PRESIDENT WOOD WOULD PREFER UNIT BODY.

WEST'S LETTER ANSWERED

La Grande Could Recruit a Company Without Aid of Portland.

Assurance that La Grande can raise either a troop or company in case a call for volunteers to fight Mexicans is issued, is given Governor West by Mac Wood, president of the City of La Grande. With the assurance, however, goes the assertion that such a company would be a unit, and not a part of any Portland company, or troop. In his letter to Governor West, President Wood says:

"Referring to your recent communication, enclosing blank list for signatures of those who desire to signify their willingness to enlist in a volunteer regiment in this State for service in Mexico, should a call for volunteers be issued by the President, will say that it is my opinion that the matter submitted in this way will not meet with an enthusiastic response and therefore do not think it advisable to present the matter to the citizens of La Grande in this way; however, I wish to assure you that La Grande stands ready to furnish a troop of cavalry, Rough Riders, or company of infantry, in the event of a call for volunteers, and I do not hesitate to guarantee that such an organization could be recruited to its full strength within a few days."

PROPERTY LINE DISCUSSED.

Building Committee Will Meet Light People Again Saturday.

The controversy between the Y. M. C. A., and the East Oregon Light & Power company relative to the discovery that the latter's power transmission building stands four and one-half inches on the ground owned by the Y. M. C. A., is going to be settled amicably. This was brought out at a meeting of the building committee last evening.

Some of the citizens somewhat familiar with law thought that inasmuch as the light & power company has occupied the ground without protest, has exercised open and notorious and exclusive ownership of the strip for a period covering more than ten years, they would be entitled according to law to the strip and the Y. M. C. A., could not interfere and wrest from them the title won through this long period of ownership. But this makes no difference, it is said and tomorrow parties representing the two interests will meet to arrive at some kind of amicable settlement before building commences.

ONE STREET PROSPEROUS.

One street that outshone all others this spring in improvements and promises much more, is Cedar street, for from one end to the other, extensive repairs and new buildings have been going on. John Walden, Robert Leighton and J. H. Gore are among those who have put extensive repairs on their dwellings facing that street. J. A. Aikines has just moved into a splendid new home on Cedar and Washington. Contractor Pattison is building a new residence between Main and Spring for Miss Gulling, and will build one adjoining it for himself. F. S. Ivanhoe contemplates walling up the embankment on Cedar and Main and building a residence on the corner. The remaining vacant lot on that block is now being negotiated for a building site. Hence, during the spring at least, Cedar street has ranked all others for residence improvements.

ABOUT THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SPENT.

Cedar Street Has Banner Improvement Total for the Spring.

April has been an active month in building operations. During that month permits for \$37,000 worth of buildings were taken out, and most of the operations commenced in March were completed during April. The total to date for 1914 is a trifle less than for the same period last year, when April broke all records and set one that will probably not be touched for some time to come.

ADJOURNMENT COMES THIS EVENING AFTER FAREWELL ADDRESS AND SPEECHES

LOCAL MAN MADE THE ASSOCIATION VICE CHIEF

Election of Officers Held, and Other Business Transacted—Meetings Today Follow Program of Events Closely—Plenty of Singing Helps Make Convention Pleasant.

Tonight the annual Sunday School convention in session in this city, comes to a close with an informal program of farewell speeches and an address by President-elect F. W. Emerson of Albany. Today's sessions have, like yesterday, followed out the pre-arranged schedule in toto, and numerous instructive addresses were heard. The morning and afternoon sectional work was of a high calibre. Plenty of singing with "Farmer" Jones, a groom of a few days' standing, as leader has been interspersed with the program, making of the whole affair a very enjoyable occasion.

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Last evening John L. Alexander spoke to a packed house in the Methodist church. His theme was "Why the Sunday School is the greatest educational institution in the world". He cited its objective, its aim, the high standard of men and women behind it, and the numbers. He is an exceptionally pleasing orator, throwing his audience into convulsions of laughter and sober thought at will.

Yesterday evening business matters pertaining to the welfare of the convention were gone into. The next convention cities were not chosen, but officers for the ensuing year were elected. Dr. H. S. Brown of La Grande was named first vice-president of the state association which annually meets in two separate cities of the state. The entire list of new officers follows:

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Pres., Rev. F. W. Emerson, Albany; 1st vice, Dr. W. H. S. Brown, La Grande; 2nd vice, Y. E. Werlin, Portland; 3rd vice, B. L. Eddy, Roseburg; state secretary, Fred H. Smith, Portland; treas., Ed L. Ordeman, Portland International committeeman, Dr. Y. Earl Else, Portland; Alternate, W. K. Hall, Portland; Superintendents elementary department, Miss Olive Clark, Lents; Secondary, Mrs. S. W. Ormsby, Portland; Adult, Mr. L. S. Hopfield, McMinnville; teacher training, Rev. J. H. Bennett, Portland; Home and visitation, Mrs. John McDonald, Wallowa; Evangelism, Rev. E. W. Warrington, Freewater; Temperance (West of Cascades) Zerras A. Olson, Forest Grove; (East) Thomas Morgan, La Grande; Missions, (West) Geo. W. Taylor, Portland; (East) Jesse M. Jones, Pilot Rock; New members of executive committee; J. D. Springston, Portland, Mrs. Clara Esson Forest Grove, Dr. Y. V. Milligan, Portland, Rev. Geo. E. Paddock, Portland, Rev. M. B. Paroungagian, Salem, Mrs. W. A. Winters, La Grande, Mrs. S. D. Keltner, Enterprise, and Mrs. L. E. Hamilton, Albany.

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Friday Morning.
(Mag 1, School of Methods, Four Sections.)
"A" Elementary Division, Methodist Church, Mr. Alexander, presiding.
Demonstration Division, Cradle Roll Service, Miss Olive Clark.
Demonstration, Primary Program, Mrs. S. W. Ormsby.
Mothers' Meeting, Mrs. Clara G. Esson.
Problems Solved, Mrs. Knapp.
"B" Secondary Division, in Baptist Church, Mr. Alexander, presiding.
The Class in Study, Mr. Guy E.

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