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MORSE SCHEME TO GRAB LINE GIVEN EXPOSE

Roosevelt's connections in plan of trust shown by witness today.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF ALL LINES PREDICTED

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Hears Story of Morse's Attempt to Gain Control of all Atlantic Coastwise Traffic—Roosevelt Blocked the Game Aiding Mellen.

Washington, May 21.—Why Chas. W. Morse failed to obtain complete control of the Atlantic coastwise shipping, was made public when Mellen resumed his testimony this morning before the interstate commerce commission. Only the personal intervention of Roosevelt, then president, blocked such conditions.

Morse offered Mellen \$20,000,000 for the New Haven steamship lines. Mellen said he wanted to sell, but he consulted Roosevelt, fearing the government was about to prohibit railroads from owning competing water lines. Mellen asserted he told Mr. Roosevelt that, if the Morse offer was not accepted, the New Haven might later be forced to sell for less money. Roosevelt promised, according to Mellen, if the New Haven rejected the offer, the corporation's steamship holdings would not be interfered with as long as he was president.

Mellen then testified that he, banking on the statement of the president rejected the offer made by Morse. Another feature of Mellen's testimony was his declaration that government ownership of railroads was sure to come. He defended the late J. P. Morgan, asserting that his death came largely as the result of the New Haven trouble.

MEDIATORS MEET AGAIN.

Will Confer With Both Factions at Niagara Falls Peace Temple. Niagara Falls, Canada, May 21.—After preliminary formalities had been disposed of, the mediators were ready to settle down to actual business. The mediators had the first talk with the Mexican envoys this noon, which lasted an hour. They expected to have another interview with the American envoys tonight and a second one with the Mexicans tomorrow. By these alternate interchanges of views, they hope ultimately to reach an agreement, satisfactory to both sides.

Lindsey Pleads With Wilson.

Washington, May 21.—Being received by the President, Judge Ben Lindsey begged the chief of the nation to use the regular troops to force the Colorado mine owners to arbitrate their differences with the miners.

Lindsey was accompanied to the White House by Mrs. Pearl Jolly, Mrs. Mary Petrucci, Mrs. M. Thomas, survivors of the Ludlow horror. Conditions in the strike zone were painted to the President in gasty colors.

Becker Trial Near End.

New York, May 21.—Both sides rested in the Becker trial this morning at eleven o'clock. Adjournment was taken until two this afternoon.

Motor Club Is Shaping Races

FAST AND FUNNY EVENTS AT THE GROUNDS JUNE 21.

FORDS TO TEST SPEED

Handsome Prizes Hung Up for Winners in Each Race Event.

Final draft of the racing program for the second annual Eastern Oregon motorcycle race meeting, was made last night at an enthusiastic meeting of the La Grande Motorcycle club. Officers were also elected and committees appointed to handle the big meet which centers about the annual road event to Baker and Return, but while the riders are out on their 130 mile jaunt, motors and autos are to entertain the public at the grand stand.

The matter of financing this event, much greater in its scope and size than last year, has been outlined as follows: Young men, who are members of, or, are supporting the club, are being asked to contribute \$10, or even \$5.00 to a guarantee fund which is to put the credit of the association on a sound footing. If the gate receipts pay all expenses and prizes, the guarantee fund will be reimbursed to the givers pro rata. The solicitation for funds is done that the association may not have to guess at any item of expense, and contributions are given with the understanding that reimbursements will be made if the gate money is sufficient. Following is the arrangement of the races, entrance fees and prizes:

First race—Five miles, free for all, 7 h. p. machines, on track. To be run by heats with four machines entered in each. Two to qualify in each heat. Entrance fee \$3.00. Prizes, \$50, \$25 and \$10. Event called at 1 p. m.

Second race—Two miles, on track for local riders. Seven h. p. machines run in two heats with four machines in each heat. Two to qualify in each. Entrance fee \$2.00. Prizes, \$25, \$15 and \$10.

Third race—Free for all exhibition on track for track records, one machine running at a time. Prize, \$25. Flying start.

Fourth race—Road event from La Grande to Baker and return. Called at 2:30. Free for all 7 h. p. machines. Entrance fee \$5. Prizes, \$150.00, \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00.

Fifth race—Ten miles on track for Fords. Two machines entered. Prizes, \$25 for first, donated by Auto club.

Sixth race—Five miles on track for local 4 h. p. motorcycles. Called at 4 p. m. Race to be run in heats with four entered in each. Two to qualify in each. Entrance fee \$1.00. Prizes, \$10 and \$5.00.

Seventh race—Five mile novelty relay race on track. Free for all machines. No entrance fee. Six machines entered in each heat, two qualifying. Prize, merchandise donated by local merchants.

Young People Organize.

Young people of the churches of the city recently met in the Christian church to complete an organization for the purpose of taking an active part in the temperance campaign for the November election.

The next meeting is set for June first. Officers elected were: President, O. D. Purcell; vice-president, Alfred N. Christenson; secretary, Anna Morgan; treasurer, C. W. Breckenridge.

Woodmen to Meet Tonight.

Modern Woodmen of America meet this evening. The report of the recent state camp will be given to the local camp.

MRS. FRANCESCO VILLA, WHO MAY BECOME "FIRST LADY" OF MEXICO AND SOME OF HER FRIENDS ON A VISIT TO EL PASO, TEXAS, HOSPITAL.



Left to Right—Miss Conce Fricori Sanchez, Mrs. Villa, Miss Teresa Sanchez, Dr. H. E. Stevenson, Head of the Red Cross Corps at El Paso; Miss Maria Sanchez, and Mrs. Y. del Campo, Head of the Red Cross Corps for Villa's Army.

BENSON LEADS BY 118 VOTES

FINAL UNOFFICIAL TABLE IS DETERMINED.

Sensational Race Now Awaits Final Official Counting.

Portland, May 21.—With all counties complete, but not officially compiled, Judge Benson of Southern Oregon leads over Justice McNary of Salem in the sensational race for fourth place on the supreme bench. After being in the lead and in the rear alternately for nearly a week, Benson now has 118 votes to the good and all counties unofficially accounted for. The vote stands at noon today with Benson 34,531 and McNary 118 less.

REMAINS DUE TONIGHT.

Body of Late C. E. Golden Will Arrive in La Grande at 8:30 P. M.

Word has been received here that the remains of C. E. Golden, who died at McMinnville yesterday morning while in attendance at the I. O. O. F. grand lodge, will arrive in La Grande tonight. Local fraternal brothers will meet the escort with the body.

The remains will be taken to the Golden ranch near Island City and the funeral will be held Saturday or Sunday.

Y. M. C. A. CORNER STONE TO BE PLACED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Y. M. C. A. corner-stone laying ceremony will be held at the building site, corner of Elm and Washington, next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The many subscribers to the building fund in Union and Walla counties will rejoice together at the progress of their building.

The La Grande band will start off the program with some of its splendid music. A late announcement is that it will not be possible for Supreme Judge Eakin of Salem to be here. It is not yet known who will fill his place on the program. Hon. W. W. Cotton is to deliver the principal address of the afternoon. Dr. J. D. Gillilan, for many years a resident of this city and now of Boise, Idaho will be here to assist in the

Summer Holiday Starts Friday

TEACHERS TO SCATTER IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

HYMEN CLAIMS TOLL

Canada and Oklahoma Bound Summer Playgrounds for Teachers.

From far Northern Canada to Oklahoma on the South, from the Pacific to the Atlantic lies the territory luring La Grande school teachers for their summer vacations. Tomorrow night the last class for this year will have recited and the examination papers graded. Every train from then on for a day or two, will carry teachers every which way bound for summer amusement, for homes in numerous states, and a few to married life. Several of the teachers are not coming back for the very good reason that during the month of June, or thereabouts, they will take the little journey down the aisle to the chancel and declare "I will." Just who these may be, the public at large is not supposed to know, but fingers on one hand will probably not count them all. City Superintendent, John Girdler, will attend the N. E. A. at St. Paul in July and later on may accept a position on the faculty of the Albion, Idaho, summer normal. If he does accept this prefer he will teach

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TEDDY PIQUED AT CRITICISM

"RIVER'S THERE" HE TARTLY ANSWERS QUERIES.

Spends Brief Period at His Office in Outlook Office Today.

New York, May 21.—Colonel Roosevelt was at his desk in the Outlook office today for a while. After dictating several letters to his stenographer, he visited the American museum of natural history and unpacked some specimens he had brought from Brazil.

Nearly everyone he saw had questions to ask concerning the new river which Roosevelt says he discovered and which English critics say has long been on the map. It is clear the Colonel is piqued by the doubts cast on the genuineness of the discovery.

"It's there" said he. "At least a third of it is navigatable. If any one wants to see it for himself, I'll tell him how to get to it."

His health doesn't seem to trouble him. He still declines to discuss politics.

Erring Girl Is Returned.

Baker, May 21.—Gossip has run riot the past few days concerning the so-called white slave case in which two Baker girls are said to have been the victims. The effort on the part of the authorities and other interested parties seems to have borne fruit, for one of the girls was returned to Baker yesterday by an officer from a neighboring city. The man in the affair is not yet in custody.

Great credit is given the officers by the family of the girl returned, and nothing has been left undone to bring the guilty ones to justice. When girls of high school age, merely children, are the victims of such affairs, no measures are too severe. It seems likely that the affair may be settled with little publicity, and to make use of the names of the principals would serve no good purpose.

Show Boosters Visit Baker.

Baker, May 21.—Declaring the 1914 stock show will be better than ever and that bigger crowds are expected, three automobile loads of Union boosters arrived in Baker yesterday morning and spent the day in shaking hands and telling Bakerites about the show June 4, 5 and 6. On the way here they stopped in North Powder and Haines.

FRIAR'S CLUB LOCKED UP BY STATE TROOPS

THREE PORTLAND MEN TO BE ARRESTED CHARGED WITH BUYING DRINKS.

FOUR MINOR GIRLS IN HANDS OF DEPARTMENT

West's Threat to Close Friar's Club at Milwaukie is Made Good and Orders Are Issued to Finzer to Proceed—Will Keep Place Closed During the Present Administration.

Salem, May 21.—The alleged finding of two girls under age drinking intoxicants in the Friar's club in Milwaukie, Oregon, has caused the governor to order Adjutant General Finzer, to close the club and keep it under the surveillance of the militia. The governor stated that he would keep it closed until the end of his administration.

Portland Men Arrested.

Portland, May 21.—Warrants for the arrest of Dr. J. O. Nibley, Dr. Kenneth Long and for a third man charging them with delinquency of minors in connection with the Friar's club crusade, were issued for service today.

Four girls in the custody of the department of safety are alleged to have stated that they visited the Friar's club and were served liquor there.

Mining Men Honest.

Baker, May 21.—To the honesty of N. J. Allen and C. H. Ames, well known in this city and district, Miss May Saunders may attribute the fact that she recovered valuables worth over \$500. Night before last she lost a hand bag containing a diamond ring valued at about \$500, a watch and sum of money. The bag was picked up in front of the Lyndalee, where Miss Saunders rooms, and when the finders found out to whom the bag belonged, it was returned. Miss Saunders suspected a traveling man of taking the bag and sought to have him arrested, but friends came to his rescue and when the bag was returned his innocence was proven.

Miss Saunders, who is employed as a waitress at the Geiser Grand, together with some of the other young women employed in the hotel, had been in the salesman's room looking at some samples early in the evening and she was very positive that she had left it there. When search was made it was not found, hence her suspicion.

Separate Jail Is Wanted.

Pendleton, May 21.—Rev. Olbert F. Weaver of the Christian church and Rev. C. A. Hodshire of the Methodist church, representing the local ministerial association, will this evening present to the city council a request for the construction of a separate jail for women, following a personal investigation of the one city jail yesterday afternoon.

They declare they found conditions worse than they imagined. Not that the jail is unsanitary or uncomfortable, but the lack of any provision for keeping women prisoners separate from men they declare is an outrage against decency.