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## OREGON MERCHANTS COME TO HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

### GROWTH SHOWN TO BE IMMENSE DURING YEAR

MEMBERSHIP NOW NEARLY THREE THOUSAND SHOW ANNUAL REPORTS.

### ATTENDANCE FIRST DAY BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Big Delegations Coming in Tonight from Both Directions—Morning Ceremony is Formal Greeting and Response—Committees Appointed Before Luncheon—Report in.

Three hundred members of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association were present today when the eighth annual convention was called to order in the church auditorium.

After the introductory chapter of fun and frivolity on the streets and in the hotels, the convention proceeded to formal transactions. F. D. Haisten president of the La Grande association, rapped the convention to order and in a few well chosen words welcomed the visitors in behalf of La Grande merchants.

Reports Enthusiastic. The reading of annual reports disclose a splendid growth of the association for the past year.

Secretary Merrick's report disclosed a remarkable growth of the association the past year. He set forth how 500 new members belonging to 13 different new associations had joined and how in all 1080 new members had been recruited through the field work done.

Auditing—E. Polack, La Grande, O. C. Austin Woodburn, W. C. Gunther, Portland, A. Kirkpatrick, Baker and K. C. Couch.

Resolutions—Dan Kellaher, Portland, C. O. La Grande, Portland, C. N. Recker, Woodburn, John Malley, Portland, E. C. Warner, Medford.

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## Fun and Frolic Is Bubbling Over

KANGAROO COURT GRABS VISITORS AND CAGES THEM.

VISITORS SING MANY HITS

Salem Aggregation Has the Edge on Fun Path Early in Day.

Nine seconds after the Portland-Willamette Valley special pulled into La Grande this morning at 9:00 o'clock, the kangaroo court was on the job and has a galaxy of "prominent" merchants and association officials safely cooped up with Pat Foley's bears on a caged-in dray.

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## WOOLGROWERS WIN DECISION

WOOL RATES DECLARED TO BE UNREASONABLE.

Refund of Overcharges and Interest is Ordered by Court.

### INTERMOUNTAIN CASE WON.

Washington, June 22.—Spokane and the intermountain cities including La Grande won a long fought fight against 16 railroads in their section for reduced freight rates.

### JACKRABBIT IS SHOT.

Washington, June 22.—The interstate commerce commission today ruled in favor of the reduction of railroad rates on wool, hides and other commodities of a similar nature shipped eastward from western points and ordered the railroads to refund to the shippers all "unreasonable charges", plus 6 per cent.

### P. A. Foley Pays Fine for Hitting the High Places on Streets.

P. A. Foley, manager of the Foley hotel, was arrested today and fined \$5.00 for speeding. Mr. Foley has just recently had his machine, a Jackrabbit, painted a pretty green, and has attached the receipt for the fine to the license plate.

### CLIMATIC STATISTICS.

(Readings taken from Government instruments by Observer Benham, and cover the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. yesterday.)

Maximum, 63; Minimum 41. Temperature at 1 p. m. today 69.

## With Two Exceptions All Association Officers Are Here



Reading from right to left—(Top Row)—J. L. Stockton, Salem, President; W. A. Bell, Eugene, First Vice President; F. J. Fletcher, Albany, Second Vice President; (Middle Row)—L. R. Merrick, Portland, Secretary; J. G. Snodgrass, La Grande, Fourth Vice President. (Bottom Row)—Thos. C. Watts, Reuben, Treasurer.

## Take Honeymoon After Fifty Years

"GRANDPA" AND "GRANDMA" TAAL TAKE JOURNEY.

### YOUTHFUL SMILES RULE

Settlers of 1872 off Today on First Pleasure Trip.

"Grandpa" and "Grandma" Taal are off today on their honeymoon, though they were married a half-century and more ago. They went to Portland this morning, as happy as the youngest bridal couple that ever started on a wedding tour.

### AUTO INJURES YOUTH.

Richard Drahn, Aged Six, Sustains Broken Leg in Collision.

Richard Drahn, aged six, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Drahn, ran into the rear wheel of the Chas. Goodnough automobile today and sustained a broken leg as a result.

### Wallowa Man Here.

H. B. Haisten, undertaker and furniture man of Wallowa is in the city attending the convention and is the guest of his brother Fred D. Haisten.

## COPPERFIELD EX-MAYOR SHOT

DOZEN ARRESTS FOLLOW ASSAULT FROM AMBUSH.

Unknown Person Shoots Man as He Works.

Copperfield, Ore., June 22.—It is believed that enemies which he made while mayor of Copperfield from which position he was removed by Governor West in December, shot Henry Stewart twice and probably fatally wounded him.

### DAMAGE SUIT STARTED.

Twenty-five Thousand Dollar Case Up in Court Today.

The first of two damage cases against the city that are to be tried this week in Circuit court, went to trial late this afternoon when a jury was secured to hear the evidence in the case wherein C. N. Coleman, a former city employe, is suing for \$25,000 damages.

### More Autos Wanted.

More machines are needed for trip with visiting merchants. Machines are to line up on Washington Avenue beginning at Fourth street and extending east at eighth o'clock Wednesday morning.

## VETERAN PORTLAND JURIST DEAD

Portland, June 22.—Cyrus Dolph for many years one of the leading attorneys of Oregon, died early today at the age of 75.



With the exception of W. A. Bell of Eugene, 1st vice-president and F. J. Fletcher, 2nd vice-president, whose home is in Albany, all the officers and directors of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association are in La Grande today.

- W. A. Bell ..... Eugene 1st Vice President
F. J. Fletcher ..... Albany 2nd Vice President
J. G. Snodgrass ..... La Grande 3rd Vice President
L. R. Merrick ..... Portland Secretary
Thos. C. Watts ..... Reuben Treasurer

- Directors are:
W. F. Issacs ..... Medford
C. M. Eppley ..... Salem
C. Tilbury ..... McMinnville
W. H. Burkholder ..... Cottage Grove

- J. E. Malley ..... Portland
J. C. Mann ..... Portland
E. C. Gunther ..... Portland
T. Leahy ..... Astoria
E. Polack ..... La Grande
R. Alexander ..... Pendleton

- Standing committees for 1914 are:
Finance—
C. Tilbury ..... McMinnville
F. F. Douglas ..... Portland
F. C. Benson ..... Roseburg

- Legislation—
W. C. Winslow ..... Salem
John Carkin ..... Medford
Dr. Kershaw ..... Willamette

- Organization—
N. A. Perry ..... Houlton
F. J. Hamilton ..... Albany
F. D. Haisten ..... La Grande

- Arbitration—
Will Simonton ..... Dallas
Andrew Brund ..... Cottage Grove
Jos. G. Fontaine ..... Jefferson

- Progress—
Theo. Roth ..... Salem
C. S. Butterfield ..... Medford
A. M. Reeves ..... Lebanon

- Trade Relations—
W. M. Green ..... Eugene
H. J. Maier ..... The Dalles
Wm. McGilchrist ..... Salem

- Trade Extensions—
John Collier ..... La Grande
W. C. McCune ..... Albany

## OLSON WINS ROAD RACES

ONTARIO MAN, SECOND IN RACE LAST YEAR, WINS BY FIVE MINUTES.

THREE OTHERS BUNCHED AT THE FINISH LINE

Hollister, Winner Last Year, Takes Second Place After Gallant Ride—Professional Riders Outdistanced—Day Splendid Success from Every Viewpoint—Track Races Good.

### WINNERS IN MOTORCYCLE EVENTS.

Road Race—L. G. Olson, Ontario, first. Time, 2:49:48; Hollister, La Grande, second, time, 2:55:41; Fred Yaeger, Baker, third, time, 2:56:38; Fred Slagle, La Grande, fourth, time, 3:28:18. All rode Indians.

Ten-mile race, professionals. Simmons, first; Rose, second, time 13:36.

Three miles for local riders. Rice, first; Harris, second, time 4:18 1-2.

Five miles, professionals. Simmons, first, time, 6:39.

Purse for the road race winners: \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25. Total purses distributed by entire meeting \$480.00.

Officials of the meet—G. C. Marks of Portland, referee, representing F. A. M., under whose sanction the meet was operated; Timers, Dan Kelley of Baker, R. L. Lincoln, J. H. Peare, Wm. Peare; Starter, P. A. Foley; Course Clerk, A. W. Nelson; Scorer, Sam Wright.

L. G. Olson of Ontario, on an Indian, wrested first place in the second annual La Grande to Baker return motorcycle race from Tracy Hollister of La Grande, yesterday, and Hollister, last year's champion, took second place by 58 seconds over Yaeger a Baker entry.

Olson was second last year. Fourth place went to Fred Slagle of La Grande. Last year's records of three hours and 40 minutes was broken to smithereens, but all professional entries failed to finish in money time.

The Indian machine made a clean sweep. The day wound up with perfect weather and the roads were exceptional, the only drawback being a superfluity of dust. The morning was cold and dull and it was not until late in the afternoon that it warmed up any.

Notwithstanding this, the grand stand was well filled and the La Grande Motorcycle club will be able to pay all its prize moneys and have some left to pay pro rata on the guarantee moneys posted by the local men.

The day was a remarkable success from every standpoint. Injuries Entirely Missing. Personal injuries were entirely missing. Vehrs sustained a slightly sprained knee after making a wonderful race of it as far as North Powder on the return.

Another rider scratched his lip. Not a serious accident resulted to a participant in either of the days. The course, on the other hand was marked last night by the ashes of a Pope, the debris of two or three others, and the partially wrecked carcasses of other instruments of space annihilation.

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