

OLD LETTERS READ BEFORE LITTLE JURY

"PLATT TO ROOSEVELT" EPISTLES READ BY THE DOZEN DURING DAY

NO POLITICAL DISCLOSURES MADE IN THEM

Most of the Day Given Over to Political Letters Written to Roosevelt While He was Governor, Vice-President and President—Close Relations With Platt and Barnes Shown

Syracuse, April 27.—While Colonel Roosevelt chafed and fidgeted in his chair, letter after letter was read in court tending to show close political relations that are alleged to have formerly existed between the former President, Chairman Platt and Barnes. Today's session was given over largely to reading of letters, Counsel for Barnes produced 50 from Platt to Roosevelt, showing their close relations during the closing months of the Colonel's administration as governor of New York, and also while he was vice president and president. No startling political disclosures were made as a result of the reading of this correspondence.

WILL NAME DELEGATES

Parent-Teacher Association Called to Meet Tomorrow

With the purpose in view of electing delegates to the National convention of Parent-Teachers and Mother's congress at Portland May 12-16, a meeting has been called of the Parent-Teachers' association of the Central school for tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Mrs. H. S. Brownnton president of the association requests the attendance of as many as possible. The meeting will be held in the Central building.

Lodge Members Entertained.

Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias were entertained last evening by the presence of Mary Littlefield, grand chief of the grand lodge of Oregon, and later by Captain Hanna, a magician. The grand lodge officer spoke to the Sisters earlier in the evening during closed lodge, and when the official visit was concluded, the meeting was made public to Knights and their friends that they might witness Captain Hanna go through his program of magic attractions. The captain is very clever and entertained his audience with satisfaction to all. Later refreshments were served.

The grand lodge officer went to Elgin this morning to pay an official visit to the lodge there.

Abolish Legislative Josh Bills

St. Paul, Minn., Apr. 27.—A resolution before the Minnesota legislature today is designed to put the kibosh on joking in the Minnesota senate forever. It was introduced by Sen. N. S. Begnes, after he had been the subject of several alleged jokes, because his silk hat blew off while he was out and went down the river. For a couple of days his friends in the senate arranged that he would be worried by bulletins from mayors of down river towns, reporting the condition of the hat. Finally the mayor of Frontenac Minn., reported that the hat had been torpedoed by submarine U-9 and sunk.

Fight for Empire Title

New York, Apr. 27.—Preliminaries of the New York state amateur boxing championship tournament will be held at the city Athletic Club. The finals will be held Thursday.

Today's Oddest Story

Oakland, Cal., Apr. 27.—Can a turtle play the piano? Constable William G. Allen made a bet that he had one that could, and collected, Joseph Kreig, and a few others are 'laying for' Allen, however, Kreig remarked that he had a hen that ate nails when Allen mentioned his turtle that played a piano. Bets were made that Allen was a nature faker and all then trekked out to his house. Seated at the piano was a boarded stranger. At Allen's request he started playing. "Pay me," said Allen, "This is John C. Turtle, of Philadelphis."

FILM STORY IS STAGED LOCALLY

HUNDREDS GET IN THE MOVIES FREELY

Thrilling Incidents Unraveled in Sequence When Film is put Together Within a few days ready for screen

Several hundred people became amateur movie actors today when the various fractions of a comedy film staged in La Grande and enacted by La Grande people were patched up. Commencing this morning, Adna Rogers as the tramp detained from a freight train, and although the pictures were not taken in their sequence by any means they will show, when developed and put on the screen locally in a few days, that "the tramp" had an exciting half day of it. It doesn't take him long to run foul of Willie Pearce as "the crook," and from then on times are exciting indeed. A fall of 14 feet from a house top, a visit to the park, petty thievery about various homes and then finally the big act when a picnic dinner on the George H. Curry lawn takes place. There, with some 30 actors and actresses, feasting the tramp ruthlessly steals a picnic all there was to eat at the picnic. The tramp, the cook and M. K. Hall as toastmaster and Miss Nora Arbuckle as the mistress of the table at picnic, are the principals in this part. Then the chase commences.

At the Foley hotel a bear up a tree halts flight momentarily but the race eventually continues to the corner of Adams and Depot. By this time the chasing and onlooking crowd has swelled to hundreds. Chief of Police Orak, at the behest of Norman Desilet, boldly shoots at the fleeing thief, and Deputy Sheriff Williamson arrests him at the United Store alley. Helpless and pomeled, the tramp is led to the city jail and incarcerated, and bars at the La Grande National bank show the captured thief peeping through the bars. In between are many exciting stages. At several stages of the film taking, several hundred people were interested onlookers, and the novelty of the thing was keenly appreciated.

PIANOS DELIGHT INDIANS

White Man's Luxury is Slowly Invasing the Homes of Local Tribes

Pendleton April 27.—With the introduction of automobiles among the Indians of the reservation there is also reported another adoption of the costly luxuries of the white man. Player pianos are finding a hold on the reservation removed from the warpath. H. M. Warren, local music dealer, has recently placed three of these piano players in reservation homes and easterners who entertain the idea that the Indians of the west are still a blood-thirsty lot, have a chance now to hear a musical refutation of their belief. The first man of the three tribes to secure a player piano was Julius La Course, a mixed blood, but more recently Ed Bushman and Effie Adams have made similar purchases.

TERRIBLE DUEL BETWEEN GERMAN AND ALLIED GUNS WORST IN WORLD HISTORY

ENGLISH CHARGE THAT GASES CONTINUE TO STUPEFY ALLIES.

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Headquarters British Overseas Expedition, Northern France, April 26. (10 p. m.) Via London.—The greatest artillery duel in the history of the world is in progress from the sea to a point south of Ypres. Even artillery experts at British headquarters venture a guess as to the number of guns used by both sides, but it runs far into the thousands.

Earth Fairly Rocks
Their discharge and explosion of shells rocks the country as though hit by an earthquake. The expenditure of ammunition in the great battle is absolutely fabulous. As far as the glass I look through can carry, one can see white bursts of exploding shrapnel and blackening clouds from the exploding giant guns of the Germans as the great artillery fight goes on.

Latest Demands Forwarded
Rome, April 27.—German and Austrian ambassadors have sent joint copies of Italy's latest demands to Vienna, according to reports in diplomatic circles tonight. With the demands they have declared to have forwarded, the Italian government asked for immediate answer. The nature of the demands are not known.

London, April 27.—Under a rain of shells from heavy guns, accompanied by a fierce fire, and over all hanging the deadly fumes from asphyxiating bombs, fighting in Flanders—in the terrific attempt by Germans to break the allied line—continues without sign of diminution. Belgians have recaptured the village of Lizerne on the main line of the German advance, according to an announcement from the press bureau. Belgian losses are admitted to be extremely heavy, but Germans are also said to have suffered greatly and were finally repulsed at that point.

That the fighting in great violence was broken out at all points through Flanders is indicated by press bureau announcements.

Gases Create Havoc
Paris, April 27.—Stories of terrible effects of asphyxiating gases used by

JUDGE AND LAWYERS IN ROOSEVELT-BARNES SUIT.



Judge William S. Andrews
William M. Ivins
William H. Van Benschoten

William S. Andrews, justice of the New York State Supreme Court, who presided at the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit of William Barnes, Jr., former chairman of the Republican state committee of New York, against Theodore Roosevelt, was so little interested in the choice of a jury that he read a seed catalogue for information about his spring planting while the lawyers were busy. William M. Ivins, chief counsel for Mr. Barnes, is one of the best known lawyers of New York. He is daring and remarkably acute. Whether or not he will succeed in a cross-examination of Mr. Roosevelt is not known. No other person who has attempted the feat has succeeded. William H. Van Benschoten is one of Mr. Roosevelt's lawyers.

Quake Shakes Italy.

Rome, April 27.—A violent earthquake shook the province of Potenza Monday. The people were thrown into a panic but no loss of life is reported.

Another Dry Fight

Attica, Ind., Apr. 27.—With a lead of eighty-four votes to overcome, the dries hoped to win today in the local option election. The vets won by that majority two years ago.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR PURSE MADE OFFICIAL

JOINT COMMITTEE TO HANDLE BIG MOTORCYCLE CELEBRATION JUNE 17

AUTO PARADE PRIZES WILL BE PRETENTIOUS

Commercial Club, Blue Rock Club and Motorcycle Officers Unite on Plans of Proceedings—Mardi Gras to Follow Day's Celebration on the Race Course—Souvenirs Ordered

Salient facts concerning the banner 200-mile motorcycle road race to be held in Mt. Glen June 17th, were determined, largely, at a meeting last evening of the Commercial club, Motorcycle club and the Blue Rock club. Some of the features already determined include:

A decorated automobile parade at 11 o'clock in town the day of the race, \$50.00 for lady riding in best decorated car and \$25.00 for lady in second best decorated car. Parade to be led by two and probably three bands. Contest open to all eastern Oregon.

One thousand dollar purse race to be staged on race course.

After the races, a mardi gras will be given in La Grande from 9 until 12 o'clock that night.

Provisions made to supply ample car parking facilities and erection of temporary grand stands.

Fancy added money to be provided for participants in Blue Rock shoot in La Grande.

Souvenirs including "Speed 'em Up" buttons to be sold prior to the meet and universally worn by La Grande people.

Financial end to be cared for by guarantees such as were put up last year. A year ago every cent of guarantee money was reimbursed and this will be done this year so far as possible, and immediately after the bills are paid.

One joint committee will handle the entire celebration before, during and after the races, the Commercial club having sanctioned this plan rather than have three separate committees.

The financial end is being attended to now, and the total cost of the whole celebration will run close to \$2500 with a probable attendance of 3,000 or more. Pendleton, Baker, and Union and Walla Walla county towns having already signified keen interest in the race and in due time provisions will be made for reduced rates.

STATE LAWS CLEAR.

Order Creating Quarantine in Eastern Oregon Specific.

The order made public recently creating quarantine in several Eastern Oregon counties is, very specific regarding the requirements of the order. It was made because of the prevalence of rabies and affects 11 counties, namely Baker, Malheur, Harney, Lake, Crook, Wheeler, Grant Union and Umatilla counties in eastern Oregon and Multnomah, Clackamas and Jackson counties in western Oregon.

The order is to the effect that: "All dogs owned or held within the above-named counties (exclusive of incorporated cities and towns located therein, which are urged to pass and enforce suitable dog-restraining and muzzling orders), in all zones or districts within ten miles of where rabies has been diagnosed, shall be restrained from running at large and shall be either held by chain or muzzled or restrained in such a manner as to prevent their biting anyone or further conveying the infection should they become rabid. This order is not to apply to dogs that are being daily used in the handling and herding of live stock, but owners making such use of dogs are hereby ordered to immediately restrain them should they at any time become bitten or otherwise exposed to rabies."

The order became effective April 10. The fine for a violation is a fine from \$50 to \$250.

MANY ATTEND SALE

Large Number from La Grande Drive to Union

The W. H. Bohnenkamp sale at the old Bohnenkamp ranch near Union is on today and quite a number from here drove over this morning. The property sold includes some of the best bred livestock in the county and the sale attracted buyers from quite a distance.

AMERICAN CREW LEAVING GERMAN CRUISER IN U. S. HARBOR.



A SCENE ON THE DECK OF THE AUXILIARY CRUISER PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE DROPPED ANCHOR IN THE HARBOR. THE MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE FRYE, TOGETHER WITH THE CAPTAIN AND HIS WIFE, ARE SEEN HERE (ON THE LEFT) GOING DOWN A ROPE LADDER INTO A WAITING BOAT, TO BE TAKEN AWAY.