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BILL FOR BIG ARMY REPORTED TO CONGRESS

CONFEREES FROM SENATE AND HOUSE ARE AGREED UPON NEW MEASURE.

FOOTING IN PEACE TIMES WILL BE 206,000 SOLDIERS

Sum of \$20,000,000 Appropriated for Nitrate Plant, and President is to Pick the Site—Strength of Militia in Peace Will Be 448,000 Men—Action on Bill Expected Monday.

Washington, May 13.—A defense force in times of peace of 654,000 men is proposed in the army bill which the senate and house conferees reported to both houses today. The compromise measure includes all the provisions of a big army urged by its backers except a federal reserve.

Both chairmen urged the passage of the bill and it is expected that action will be taken on it Monday.

The bill provides for 206,000 regulars in times of peace with 448,000 militia men. Terms of enlistment are seven years but the captains may dismiss the soldiers at the end of one year if they are competent.

The act reserves specific power for the government to take over any manufacturing plant in time of war for the purpose of making munitions. It also appoints two civilians and three officers named by the president to investigate the proposition of the government manufacturing all munitions.

The board must report at the beginning of the new year.

There is also provision for an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for a government nitrate plant. It is planned to extract nitrate from the air and sell the surplus for fertilizer. The president is empowered to pick the site for the plant.

NEW SOLOMON FOUND

Judge Knowles Set Expensive Precedent in Sister County

To save Wallowa county the expense of trying a lawsuit in which the litigants were only \$10 apart, Judge J. W. Knowles recently paid over that amount to the plaintiff out of his own pocket and the suit was dismissed. If the case had gone on through the Circuit court, the judge figured it would have cost the county at least \$50. Of the details in the case the Enterprise Chief clerk remarks:

The suit was brought by J. A. Burleigh against Mrs. Lillian Spicer. Mr. Burleigh appeared on his own behalf in the Circuit court and Mrs. Spicer was represented by D. W. Sheahan. When the case was called, Judge Knowles interrupted.

"I have been informed," he said, "that plaintiff and defendant are only \$10 apart in this case."

The lawyers replied that was the truth.

"Then I will give the plaintiff the \$10 to settle the suit," said the judge, "and the matter can be ended right here."

Judge Knowles added, what is well known, that he has long striven to have a change in court procedure made whereby petty cases cannot be taken to the Circuit and Supreme courts. It would be wisdom for the county itself to make settlements in such minor cases and thus save the heavy expense in the upper court. But the judge never before has given such a striking demonstration of the truth of his contention.

Shortly afterward another case arose in which the litigants were \$100 apart and one of the lawyers jokingly asked the judge if he would assume that also, but the court felt he had done enough to illustrate his point.

PUBLIC MEETING CALLED

Arrangements Are To Be Made for Annual Pioneer Reunion

A meeting of La Grande citizens is called for Saturday, May 20, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and to be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms for the purposes of making the preliminary arrangements for the annual reunion of the Union county pioneers. At this meeting such matters as date and place of meeting is to be decided upon and there will also be the appointment of committees to take general charge of the forthcoming reunion.

Mr. S. L. Brooks, of Imbler, president of the Pioneer Society, and Mr. E. B. Morelock, of Elgin, the secretary, will be among those present at the preliminary meeting.

It is important that there be a good attendance at the meeting in La Grande next Saturday.

WAR BULLETIN.

London, May 13.—A report from Odessa states that Bulgaria is withdrawing her troops from the Roumanian frontier and sending them to Saloniki in anticipation of a strong offensive movement by the Allies.

Germans Renew Attacks.

Paris, May 13.—Several heavy German attacks at Douaumont and Tienmont, following a series of terrific bombardments, were repulsed with considerable slaughter last night, according to the official announcement today.

The French held their ground and refused to yield an inch, while on the west of the Meuse the French gained. The artillery struggle continues unceasingly in the Avocourt woods, and an attack by the Germans on the right bank of the Meuse is expected. Following the custom of shifting their assaults, the Germans began preparations for the Douaumont-Tienmont attack Thursday, but a strong reconnaissance near Eparges was checked before reaching open ground.

Berlin, May 13.—German infantry fire crushed the French night attack southwest of Dead Man's hill, according to the official announcement today. It is reported that the French suffered heavily.

BOYS IN TROUBLE.

Identity of Erring Ones Veiled in Kindness to Mothers.

Brass articles, saddlebags, wire and a motley assortment of valuables have been stolen from La Grande stores recently by two small boys who mothers are widows and when the case came up in police court last night, the boys were paroled on condition that they report to the chief of police weekly, and otherwise behave themselves. Out of consideration for the mothers of the two boys, their identity has been veiled.

MINISTER IS FOUND GUILTY

MADE CRIMINAL ASSAULT UPON GIRL FIFTEEN YEARS OLD

Displayed No Emotion When Verdict Was Returned, But the Crowd Cheered

Oreville, Cal., May 13.—Reverend Madison Slaughter was today found guilty of making a criminal attack upon Gertrude Lamson, aged 15 years. This is his second trial for the alleged offense, the first having resulted in a disagreement.

Slaughter manifested no emotion and his wife, who sat beside him, was calm and composed when the verdict was returned. Mrs. Ivy Camper, the principal witness for the defense, went into hysterics.

The crowd in the courtroom was quiet but those clustered on the outside cheered the verdict lustily. Judge Gregory refused to fix new bonds, but turned the prisoner over to the sheriff.

MISS BODMER THIRD.

La Grande Girl Places in Baker Oratorical Contest.

Baker, May 13.—Earl Ward upheld the honor of Baker high in the annual Eastern Oregon oratorical contest at the Christian church last evening, winning the event for the local school over four other contestants and becoming possessor of the gold medal offered to the winner. The young man spoke on the subject of "Preparedness" and did exceedingly well, being the unanimous choice of the judges of delivery for first place.

The other contestants were placed as follows:

1st—Miss Ruby Bannister, Athena; subject, "The City of the Children."

2nd—Miss Stella Bodmer, La Grande; subject, "Child Labor."

3rd—Miss Grace Hall, Wallowa; subject, "Women and Fashions."

4th—Miss May, Pendleton; subject, "Child Labor."

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE.

Wife of Roanoke's Officer Says Supports Were Cut Out.

San Francisco, May 13.—Mrs. John Dennis, wife of the Roanoke's second officer, today made flat charges that the steamer was overloaded when the boat left on its fatal voyage Monday. The body of Dennis was found yesterday.

Mrs. Dennis declared that the interior of the Roanoke was sawed away to make room for more goods. She asserted that her husband didn't believe that the Roanoke would arrive at its destination, and promised to quit the ship at San Pedro.

Life Term Given Robber.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 13.—William L. Carlisle was sentenced to life imprisonment in the district court today in conformity with the recommendation of the jury, which late yesterday returned a verdict of guilty on charges of robbing a Union Pacific passenger train near Corlett Junction, April 4. Counsel for the defendant plans to appeal.

EASTERNERS WILL DEVELOP JOSEPH LEAD AND ZINC MINE

F. D. McCully Makes Deal With Colorado Men to Take Over Don Carlos Mine.

The most important mining deal ever made in Wallowa county has just been completed by F. D. McCully, who has just returned from the east where he was successful in negotiating the sale of the Don Carlos mine to a group of Colorado capitalists.

The deal is of great importance to the mining industry of this part of the state, for it means that the property will be handled and developed by experienced mining men upon a business basis. The new owners are not promoters, but are actual mining men who have extensive properties in Colorado and thoroughly understand the business in which they are engaged. They have faith in the new undertaking and will push it as rapidly as possible.

The Don Carlos mine gives unusual promise of becoming one of the big producers of its kind in the state. The showing that has been made thus far has warranted the expenditure of a large amount of money on the property and the new owners are confident that they have one of the best mines that could be purchased. They are not speculators, but are putting their own money into the deal and are counting on handsome returns on the investment.

The war has caused the price of metals to soar to unusual heights, and lead and zinc are among those to go sky-rocketing. There is a strong demand for such metals and the new owners believe they have an investment that will bring them big returns.

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PERRY SCHOOL CLOSED

Commencement Program Is Given at the Lumber Town

Perry, May 13.—(Special)—The school year closed here today after a year of very successful work. Under the directions of Mr. F. E. Barneman and Miss Elizabeth Bond, the school has made the best showing in its history. The closing season was celebrated with an appropriate program in the evening given before a house filled with attentive listeners. The program rendered was as follows:

- Song by School, "Happy Greetings"
- Recitation, "An Interrupted Recitation" Bettie Hull
- Piano selection Lucille Reher
- Piano selection Edna Stoddard
- "Ten Little Indians" Primary Boys
- "A Geography Lesson" Jackson Butler
- "Spring Song" Primary Department
- "Home Study" Nellie Holmes
- "The Bird on Auntie's Hat" Jessie King
- Dialogue, "The Doll Doctor" Duett Lucille and Lynette Reher
- "Sister's Bean" (Geo. A. Dixon) Rulon Davis
- Piano solo Golda Pohrman
- Dialogue, "The Train To Mauro" Recitation, "Loving Mother" Vonna King
- Recitation Evelyn Butler
- Dialogue "The Secret" Solo Estrid Johansen
- "Naughty Zell" Celia Stoddard
- Dialogue "From Way Down East" "Washing My Ears" Herman Johansen
- "A Smaek in School" Memory Giltner
- "Mother's Little Helpers" Sonja Reher
- Recitation Lizzie Johansen
- Recitation Hilda Robertson
- Dialogue in three acts, "Woman's Convention" Nellie Holmes
- "Good-Bye Song" Nellie Holmes

TEACHERS SELECTED

Meeting of Board Last Night Was Full of Business

At a meeting of the district school board held last evening the following named teachers were re-elected for the ensuing school year, Mr. John Girdler having been elected principal at a previous meeting:

- Hallie Adler, Hulda Anderson, Lela Bloom, Cora J. Boggs, Edith Bork, Susan B. Carpy, Myrtle Chandler, Susanna Deal, Lucille Switzer Dixon, Belle B. Edwards, Evelyn Fox, Vern Gilmour, Ruth Gormley, B. Ida Gundersen, Ralph G. Henline, Cecile Hindman, Ida E. Howard, Stella Ingle, Ruth B. Jackson, Janet Jones, Lou Jones, Nina Kame, J. H. Kellogg, Maud Ledsworth, Grace MacMillan, E. A. McEachran, Helen McHugh, Roy S. McIntosh, G. A. McNeill, Edna Mason, Agnes Mitchell, Rae D. Morrison, Robin Morrow, Nellie G. Neill, Gladys Osterling, Charles E. Olson, A. H. Prince, Fannie Schlapp, Sarah Smith, Liela D. Smith, Mollie Snider, Jannette Spencer, Marguerite Watson, Troy Welper, Caroline White.

Of the above number re-elected the following named teachers have tendered their resignations and their resignations have been accepted by the district school board:

- Hallie Adler, Ralph G. Henline, J. H. Kellogg, Roy S. McIntosh, Robin R. Morrow, Marguerite Watson, Troy Welper, Mrs. Lucie Switzer Dixon.

The board postponed the election of teachers to fill the vacancies thus created until a future meeting.

The board also accepted the bid of R. D. Hamilton to furnish 75 cords of wood at the Greenwood school at \$4.44 per cord and the bid of J. A. Russell to furnish 240 cords of wood at Central school and 35 cords at Riverside

MOTHER.

"Her arms, my cradle undergirt with tireless care;

Her hair, with silvered thread, agleam with radiance rare;

Her eyes, the depthless well of love that cannot die;

Her face, uplift with light of heaven's highest sky;

Her heart, the throbbing life of God; Mother, who bare!

My mother, thou art all of this and more Than tongue can ever tell or ears receive or heart.

Thou art my mother! That is more than all the earth Besides. What tho I said farewell to thee, a score Of years ago? I love thee still. Death does not part. Deathless in love and life—Mother, who gav'st me birth!"

—W. H. FOULKES.

SCOUTS PLAN MEETING.

Big Day for Boys' Organization Here Tomorrow Afternoon.

Sunday, May 14, will be a big day for the Boy Scouts in La Grande. At three o'clock the Y. M. C. A. will be the meeting place of every loyal Boy Scout, and through the courtesy of the Scout Masters and patrol leaders all boys over 12 years old who are not already scouts are invited. G. L. Clark, Scout Master, will be in charge of the meeting. It is hoped that every boy will avail himself of this opportunity of learning something about the Boy Scout movement. Special music has been secured and a good time is assured.

QUAKE SLIGHT IN THIS VICINITY

NEWS GETS OUT THAT LA GRANDE WAS HIT.

Boise and Nearby Points Especially Damaged by Severe Tremor.

While Baker, Boise, Ontario and country in between were rocked by an earthquake last night, no tremor was felt in La Grande. News reached Boise, somehow that La Grande was badly shaken up, and from there information got into the press wire services and wires were kept hot for an hour denying the allegation. Only after repeated denials would the big night news services cut La Grande from the list of towns affected.

Baker is Troubled.

Baker, May 13.—An earth tremor was distinctly noticeable here last evening about 6:30 o'clock, being noticed at several of the hotels and telephone office. No damage of any nature was done, but the buildings shook so that the occupants noticed it. The phone office reported the heaviest shock, but guests in some of the hotels were momentarily alarmed.

Boise, May 13.—The most violent earthquake in Boise's history was felt at 7:26 last night. It lasted three seconds and was more like an upheaval than a wave. People rushed from down-town buildings to the streets. No serious damage is reported.

The quake was the second in a fortnight, the last one having been felt on April 30.

At Weiser, 80 miles west, the quake was felt with exceptional violence. A new gas well, in which a flow was struck ten days ago, showed remarkable increase of pressure immediately after the quake. This morning the pressure was 75 pounds. Tonight the flow caught fire and hundreds of people are out watching the shooting flames.

In Boise several brick chimneys were partly wrecked. The tremor was not felt east of Boise, neither at Twin Falls or Halley, 25 miles north. At Emmett the quake was violent, alarming the inhabitants. Nampa also felt the quake, as did Idaho City, 36 miles north. Windows rattled at Payette.

Ontario Feels Tremor.

Ontario, May 12.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here at 7:30 tonight. Buildings trembled and guests in upper stories of the Moore hotel, the highest building in town, became dizzy.

Felt at Anaconda.

Anaconda, Mont., May 12.—An earthquake was distinctly felt here at 7:30 tonight. Buildings in the business district were shaken. There was no damage.

HORSE FANCIER COMING.

A. C. Ruby, Well Known Importer of Stock Here Soon.

Next Monday noon A. B. Ruby, famous horse importer of Portland, and who owns a splendid stock ranch at Gresham, will be the honor guest at a Commercial club luncheon. He will speak on the subject of good roads, and after appearing here at noon will go to Cove to conduct an afternoon meeting and then go to

CHANCELLOR'S AID OUSTED BY BERLIN ORDER

RECENT RIOTS BEFORE BIG MEAT SHOPS BLAMED TO HIS INEFFICIENCY.

LACK OF SAFEGUARD AND POOR DISTRIBUTION SEEN

Vice-Chancellor Delbrueck Removed Under Pretext of Illness and Count Roedern Is Named to Take His Post With the Title of Minister of Provisions to the German People.

Copenhagen, May 13.—Vice-Chancellor Delbrueck of Germany, who was also minister of the interior, has resigned. Berlin has reported the resignation was demanded following the recent riots when mobs smashed several meat shops.

Delbrueck was charged with failure to properly safeguard and distribute the food stuffs. Officially Germany attributed the resignation to illness.

Count Roedern has succeeded him, being designated minister of provisions.

GOOD WEATHER INDICATED

Breeze Blowing at the Noon Hour But Fast Time Anticipated

Baker, May 13.—(Special)—Weather opened fair in Baker today for the big Eastern Oregon truck meet. A slight breeze was blowing early in the day but prospects were good for a fast meet.

Hotels are filled to overflowing.

The La Grande squad didn't leave last night for the Baker meet because No. 18 was several hours late. Instead, the coach and contestants departed on the early morning train, accompanied by several rooters and another group of rooters on the noon train. Several parties motored over to Baker.

The Observer will post the final standings this evening at cigar stores by about six o'clock.

The Wallowa County delegation arrived last night and went on this morning.

VILLA CORNERED AGAIN

Another Raid Made By Mexicans Upon an American Rancher

Columbus, May 13.—Francisco Villa and 1100 followers are reported to be on a ranch near Carrizo, 40 miles northwest of La Ascension. The report aroused little interest at headquarters and the redistribution of American troops continues.

Laredo, May 13.—The burning of the school house at Laendaeker following a raid by Mexicans upon the Ambrose Johnson farm caused the ranchers to prepare for further raids. Johnson led the pursuit of the invaders. Nobody was killed.

BOAT NOT BLAMED.

Coroners Jury Finds Men Died From Cold and Exposure After Wreck.

San Louis Obispo, Cal., May 13.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict that the five victims of the Roanoke died from cold and exposure. Three of the survivors testified that the ship was overloaded, and said that few of the sailors escaped because there had not been any boat drills and the men were not familiar with their stations. Lopez testified that the wireless dynamo had been dismantled. Roberia swore that the Roanoke listed before the boat left San Francisco, but later righted herself.

LA GRANDE FIRMS GET AWARDS

Local People Given Contracts for North Powder School Building

The bids for the construction of the new high school building at North Powder were opened this morning and the principal awards were given to La Grande firms. G. H. Rush was given the main contract for the construction of the building, while the next most important piece of work in connection with the new structure, that of plumbing, heating and ventilation, was given to the firm of Spaeth & Goss, of this city.

These firms are well known throughout this locality. Mr. Rush, in particular having had charge of some extensive construction work, including the erection of the new high school building at Union. The total of the contracts given out is about \$25,000. All the work is to be completed by