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HUMAN CRUSH CRAMS UNION

RECORD ATTENDANCE FLOODS CITY COMMENCING AT AN EARLY HOUR TODAY.

OPENING DAY RACES

INTENSELY INTERESTING

Big Delegations Leave on Each Train and the Flood of Cars Into Union From La Grande Brings Today's Attendance From Here Over 800 It Is Estimated.

LA GRANDE DESERTED.

There is scarcely an automobile in La Grande this afternoon. By noon the continuous stream of machines flocking Unionward had drained the town and "Goldsmith's deserted village" is very applicable to this old city this afternoon. The Wallowa county special, bringing 135 Wallowa and North end visitors into La Grande at 9:45, was augmented in numbers by 176 people here including the Elks' band which paraded the streets prior to train departure. About another 100 left on the noon train and while no accurate account can be determined, it is estimated that 200 is the very conservative guess as to the number of automobiles that left here today. This makes a total attendance of more than 800 La Grande people at the stock show today alone. The admission at the stock show yesterday at Union was 1500. Tomorrow it is expected will not be as heavy as today but greater than yesterday.

Union, June 15.—(By Staff Correspondent)—Yet another day broke on the Union Stock show this morning with sunlight in profusion and the populace of Eastern Oregon motoring, training and walking into the mecca—Union—to see and be seen at the second day of the Union Stock show. We noted yesterday that the exhibition of stock broke all previous records as to numbers and quality; today it must be noted right now that the attendance of human beings has broken a record. The crush of people was suffocating as early as 10 o'clock and when the parade moved away shortly after the noon hour, Union had in it more people than she ever has had, and hundreds more than was anticipated. Let us rain tomorrow if it wants to; the Union coffers are well in hand right now. The last day will see the finish of some exciting races and no doubt will be a close rub on today's attendance. Baker sent over 100 automobile loads today.

This afternoon a tremendous crowd is being entertained by races on the track. Yesterday's events were exceptionally good. Among the events thus scheduled may be noted the following of which T. B. Johnson of Cove, Frank Craig and A. Schultz of Union were judges:

Exhibits and performers on race track the first day:
Tandem—Joe Reynolds. Rider—Albert Hunter.
Combination Harness and Saddle Horse:
Fleety—Renwick Clark—First.
Royal—Chas. Johnson—Second.
Evelyn—A. P. Conley—Third.
Gentleman's Roadster (pacer):
Tempest—H. McGoldrick—First.
David Hal—Ray Norval—Second.
Royal—Chas. and Lester Johnson—Third.
Gentleman's Riding Contest:
Black Knight (Aillie Wilkerson owner, Edgar Wilkerson rider) first.
Christie (Bert Woods) second.
Brilliant (Ray Norval) third.
Edgar Wilkerson had never before used an English saddle or bridle.

Races
1-mile dash—
Red Boy (Del Blacett, owner, Herman Rettig rider) first.
Lord Lewis (Fred Bellman owner, Mike Palmateer rider) second.
Pet (Mrs. N. L. Halsey, owner, Harry Halsey rider) third.
Time—37.45 seconds.
Prizes—\$35 and \$20.
Combination buggy and saddle horse race—1st half mile, team to pole, 2 men in buggy; 2nd half mile, 1 horse to be driven single and the other horse ridden:
G. S. Levy, E. O. Zeek, first.
Ray Norval, Bert Woods, second.
Time 4 minutes 35 seconds.

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BANDITS CROSS LINE AND KILL 3 AMERICANS

ELEVEN SOLDIERS INJURED IN EARLY MORNING RAID ON LAREDO GARRISON.

NUMBER OF INVADERS KILLED NOT KNOWN

Six Dead Mexicans Found in Brush But Others Escape—Detachment Pursuing the Invaders Who Numbered About 100—Battle Lasted a Half Hour Says Official Report.

San Antonio, June 15.—General Mann, in command at Laredo, has reported 100 Mexicans attacked two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry at San Ignacio at 2 this morning. Two Americans were killed and 11 wounded. The fight lasted a half hour. Major Gray is pursuing. The bandits crossed the Rio Grande to make the attack. Six bandit bodies were found in the brush. Major Gray reported late today another trooper died this morning from wounds received in last night's fight, making the total of American casualties three.

WONDERFUL MOTH FOUND.

La Grande Has Miss Comstock's Favorite Moth on Exhibit.

A wonderfully pretty moth, answering in every detail the description of Ellenora Comstock's prized beauty in Gene Stratton Porter's famous book "The Limerlost" has been found in La Grande. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs found the remarkable specimen in front of the library last evening and it may be seen there now, but, as the lives of moths are short, residents had best make haste if they would see the specimen alive. Readers familiar with Limerlost moths in Indiana will readily recognize the specimen which, so far as known, has never been seen in La Grande. The specimen measures six inches across. Gene Stratton Porter, it will be remembered, has written a book on Limerlost moths, which Librarian Head has in her possession and from it the specimen now in "captivity" is checked up to correspond precisely in every respect. When Miss Comstock was accumulating her wonderful specimen of moths as recorded in "The Limerlost" she had some she dearly loved more than others, and the one found here is a duplication of one of her most favorite species.

How the Indiana moth came to La Grande mere man will never know, but it is hoped that there are more of them.

If one wants to enjoy a pleasant evening, go see this particular moth and then get Porter's Limerlost and the evening will be well provided for. After the moth is demised, its body will be preserved as a permanent exhibit at the library. In color blending and size, it is marvelous.

DEUTCHES ZEITUNG BURNS

Fire Thought To Be Incendiary Destroys German Plant.

La Grande subscribers to the Deutsches Zeitung, published at Portland, will not likely get today's paper—if they do it will be an improvised one, for the plant was destroyed by fire early last night at Portland. A Portland dispatch says in this connection:

Fire gutted the two upper stories of the building occupied by the German Publishing company and the Chicago Furniture company, at First and Salmon streets at 6 o'clock last night, entailing a loss of approximately \$40,000. A. E. Kern, publisher of the Deutsche Zeitung, with offices in the building, said he suspected incendiaryism.

The German Publishing company was the heaviest loser, almost the entire stock and machinery for publishing the German paper being destroyed. The loss to this firm is estimated at \$20,000, 90 per cent insured. Damage to the building could not be ascertained until an examination had been made by Frederick H. Strong, of the Ladd estate, agent for the building, which is the property of E. C. Devlin. Mr. Strong placed the valuation of the building at approximately \$25,000.

Siskiyou Highway in Use

Salem, Or., June 14.—During the month of May 1088 vehicles passed over the state highway over the Siskiyou mountains, according to a report received by state Engineer Lewis.

Wilson And Marshall Will Be Nominated at St. Louis This Evening

PRESIDENT WILSON, THE SUPREME RULER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOW IN CONVENTION, WHO WILL BE NOMINATED FOR THE PRESIDENCY TONIGHT



The Coliseum, June 15.—Judge Westcott of New Jersey will nominate Woodrow Wilson as Democratic president at 9 o'clock tonight. Vice-President Marshall will be nominated at the same time for vice-presidential candidate, it is announced on the best authority.

Reports Are Adopted
The credentials committee made its report and they were adopted without debate when the session took up at noon. Ollie James was chosen permanent chairman. Ex-Governor Glynn introduced him and he delivered his speech which was frequently interrupted with cheers and demonstrations. A Wilson demonstration following it lasted 15 minutes. Then came a Bryan demonstration when it was announced that Mr. Bryan will be asked to speak later.

Delegate Dies Suddenly
Postmaster William Keating of Buffalo, a delegate, died suddenly today. When the convention adjourned, it adjourned until 9 tonight in respect of Keating.

Ollie James Boasts.
"The Democratic party has kept its word with the American people. We

have made good."
Thus Senator Ollie M. James (Kentucky) permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention, threw down the gauntlet before the Republican party.

Rehearsing in detail the legislative activity of the party and the diplomatic policies of President Wilson in the last four years, James concluded by telling the convention that "patriotism in this world crisis should rise above politics and that all parties should rejoice at an opportunity to proclaim him the whole hearted and happy choice of a republic of peaceful free men."

Tariff Defended.

James in recalling the work of the Democratic party and the president, spoke in part as follows:

"We undertook the reformation of the tariff with open minds and clean hands, unswayed, unpledged to any interest except the public welfare and we are proud of our achievement in writing into law the present Underwood-Simmons tariff bill."

"Would our Republican opponents repeal the present federal reserve law that emancipated the credit of a nation? We took the money control out of the hands of this oligarchy, we lodged its control in the hands of the

government and created the federal reserve banks of the country.

"We are all Americans no matter whence we come. We love our country because it makes us free. This freedom is as much the right of the one who comes here as the one who is born here. We only ask in return loyalty, valor and love; loyalty to the flag, valor in its defense and a love of our free institutions."

"Safe defense and preparation for it is as near now as ever before. We must not mistake dishonor for peace, as we can not mistake oppression for peace. Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party advocate an army big enough to make aggressors think the second time before they strike a blow."

The president challenged the seeming overwhelming opposition of congress and of his own party and in the name of self defense and America first, he took his cause to the country. The response was immediate and overwhelming in his support. President Wilson acts, he does not rant; he builds, he does not bluster.

"No president during the life of this republic has ever had to deal with so many delicate and dangerous problems as those which have confronted President Wilson during the last two years of his incumbency in office. With more than half the world in arms in Europe, with Mexico in revolution at our border, these difficult and complicated international problems have confronted him almost daily and he has handled them as becomes a patriot and a statesman."

The convention may nominate before they adopt a platform and final adjournment will come tomorrow.

Wilson's Manager Named
Washington, June 15.—President Wilson has decided to name Vance McCormick of Pennsylvania, as manager of his campaign, it is reliably reported.

HORSE AT COURTHOUSE

Suit Over Commission on Army Horses Interest Court

While the Stock Show was going on at Union today, circuit court was considering army horses. The case involves a suit against W. L. Russell et al., and amounts to about \$4,000. The ground-work was laid when horses were being bought for the French army some time ago.

CZARNOWITZ DRIVE SPLITS LEMBERG LINE

RUSSIANS CUT OFF DEFENDERS FROM LEMBERG BY CONCENTRATION.

ADVANCE ALONG PRUTH ALMOST AT CZARNOWITZ

Russian Attacks on German Lines North of Pinsk Not So Successful as Elsewhere—Fighting at Verdun Confined to Artillery Principally Though Artillery Acts.

Petrograd, June 15.—The Russian offensive has concentrated north of Czarnowitz and succeeded in cutting off defenders from Lemberg, it is unofficially, though reliably, reported. Russians have advanced along the Pruth practically to Czarnowitz and have taken several points along the Lemberg railroad. Should Koloma fall, Czarnowitz will be without rail communication to Lemberg. A successful Czarnowitz drive would force Austrians to retreat through the Carpathians. No enormous gains claimed, however. Russian attacks on German lines north of Pinsk were not so successful.

Verdun Front in Action.
Paris, Jun 15.—No infantry attacks occurred on the Verdun front last night. In Vosges a German detachment attacked but was repulsed.

PARADE IS BIG.

Many Orders Observed in Tribute to the National Emblem Last Evening

Bigger and more spectacular than had been anticipated, properly defined the Flag day parade, held last evening in this city. Lodges, the clergy and other organizations flocked into the parade forming a pageant in tribute to the flag. The parade measured eight blocks. When the parade was over the Mormon tabernacle was crowded with 1200 listeners who saw and heard the beautiful Elks' Flag day exercises. Among the associations represented in the parade were Civil war veterans, W. R. C., Spanish War veterans and members of the clergy, all in automobiles; the fire department truck and three loads of volunteers in uniform; the escort of the K. of P. lodge, the Foresters of the Modern Woodmen, officers and guard of the Moose lodge, a marching platoon of Maccabees, a splendid showing of Boy Scouts; several hundred Elks and other associations as well.

At the tabernacle the following program was carried out:

The Star Spangled Banner—Orchestra.
Introductory exercises—F. C. Bramwell, Exalted Ruler and Officers.
Prayer—Chaplain.
"Unfold the Banner"—Elks' Quartet—F. C. Bramwell, C. P. Ferrin, L. D. Howland and G. S. Birnie.
History of the Flag.
Altar Service—Esquire W. M. Pearce and Officers.
Vocal Solo—"Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," Miss Etta Foley.
Elks' Tribute to the Flag—H. E. Dixon.
Vocal solo—"Hymn to Liberty"—Mrs. A. L. Richardson.
Flag Day Address—A. A. Smith, Past Exalted Ruler of Baker Elks' lodge.
Song—"America"—Entire Audience with Orchestra accompaniment.

BILL OF HEALTH LIKELY.

Clergymen Consider Rule to Wed Only Those Who Have Certificates.

Des Moines, June 14.—If the plans of Des Moines ministers now under consideration are carried out, all couples desiring to be married by the local clergy will have to present a medical certificate of good health.

As a result to the large number of divorces that have been granted in the local courts in the last few months several leading clergymen have been stirred to action.

The Rev. J. Edward Kirby, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, is the leader of the movement to further eugenic marriages. The ministers will discuss the subject at their next meeting.

Meeting at Union June 24.

A meeting of farmers at the experiment station at Union June 24 has been announced. Regents of O. A. C. will be present and open meeting will be held for the afternoon after a dinner on the lawn. A welcome to all is extended, especially visitors at the stock show.

STEAMER BEAR WRECKED; AT LEAST 5, ARE DROWNED

Eureka, June 15.—Five are known to be dead and it is feared that 15 others perished when the steamer Bear, which struck Blent's reef at 10:30 last night, was badly damaged. The bodies washed ashore this morning. Steamship officials announce all lifeboats, except one, have been found. It is believed eight boys left the wreck. Two landed on a barren shore last night—drenched men and women were huddled on rocks until day-break.

The battleship Oregon and steamer

Grace Dollar, rescued five foats. It is feared others were swamped and all lost.

124 passengers and 82 of the crew were aboard. Some of the rescued are suffering from minor injuries.

The abandoned steamer is stuck fast and mariners believe she will break up soon.

The battleship Oregon reported all passengers except those in two lifeboats are now aboard the lightship and it is reported 20 survivors reached Capetown.