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UNIQUE TEST OF SPEED ON TAPIS SUNDAY

BI-PLANE AND MOTORCYCLE WILL VIE EACH AGAINST THE OTHER.

AVIATOR OFF TO DO DUTY ON THE BORDER

Leave of Absence of Army Flier Expires Monday and He Will Then Hurry South—Bi-plane Now in La Grande—Reservations for Event Friday.

It will be some race—that between a bi-plane and a motorcycle at the Speed 'Em Up track on Sunday. The demand for something new, something thrilling and at the same time something novel has been provided for the forthcoming meet.

Bi-plane and Motorcycle Race. Lieutenant Terah T. Maroney, a U. S. Naval officer now on leave of absence, will make the air flight with a 100-horse-power Curtis bi-plane out at La Grande's new speedway Sunday afternoon. It is not merely a flight—it will be a race. Just how high the air craft will be above the motorcycle on the ground will depend upon air conditions, but it is stipulated that the bi-plane will describe as nearly as practicable the same circuit as that made by the wheeled machine, and it goes without saying that both will show something in the way of traversing space that the little word speed is altogether inadequate to express. It will be swiftness compounded until time measurements are lost in the fog.

Two Fastest Things Made.

It has not yet been determined how many miles an hour a flying machine can go. It no doubt will eventually be developed beyond anything that is possible to be run by frictional contact with the earth. Although the motorcycle is the speediest mechanism on wheels ever yet devised in the brain of man, to be manipulated by the rider—A mile in 25-25 seconds is the record, which is a few fifths of a second quicker than it takes a portly person to turn around. In La Grande Hollister, Ruby and Williams have the fastest machines that it is possible to get anywhere. These are the ones that are to be pitted against the equally swift Curtis bi-plane belonging to Lieutenant Maroney which is driven by a motor developing a hundred horse power. And if that isn't a combination calculated to demonstrate the primary principles of streaked lightning, it's time to quit. **Lieut. Maroney's Leave Expires Soon.** The man who will operate the bi-plane is Lieut. Maroney, an officer of the U. S. Navy. This will be his last exhibition before he is called back for duty on the Mexican border, his leave of absence expiring next Monday. His machine arrived in an express car last night. In unloading it was necessary to cut the train in two and take the frame work of the bi-plane out at the end door. The 100-horse-power motor is safely boxed in a separate package and although concealed from view in the cases which are on the depot platform the outfit has attracted considerable attention during the day.

Modern Devices in War.

The meeting Sunday will be not merely a display of man's ingenuity in annihilating space, but there is a salient lesson in this assembling of two of the most highly recognized devices in modern warfare. Victor Murdock, in one of his speeches at the Chautauquus, said that with the exception of gas most of the destructive appliances in the war in Europe were of American origin and mentioning especially the flying machine. It remained for two American brothers, the Wrights, to perfect and make real the dream of Darius Green and to establish with the mechanical evolution of aluminum, gasoline and laminated wood the passport of man's dominion in the sky.

Track in Fine Condition.

Nothing much could now be done to improve the condition of the track at the new speedway. Fast machines have been shipped in to be ridden by local speed men. Apparently the weather has become settled and there is nothing lacking for a day that will meet the expectations of the most enthusiastic. A complete program will be published Saturday with a list of officials and a list of events.

How to Secure Reservations.

The reserve spaces for autos will

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A. C. WILLIAMS DECLINES OFFICE

LONG SERVICE COMES TO AN END.

A. C. Williams Succeeded in Office by Charles Reynolds—Change Comes Shortly.

After serving more or less continuously as school clerk for a quarter of a century, Arthur C. Williams last evening declined to seek re-appointment to the office of clerk of the La Grande Board of Education. Charles Reynolds was named his successor, being elected on the first ballot.

The meeting was routine in nature, the election of a clerk being one of the most important items on the slate for transaction. Mr. Reynolds will take over the duties within a short time. Mr. Williams first cleaning up odds and ends of the office in which he has given studious attention to details and always kept the interest of the school district close at heart.

SUCKERS IN DEMAND.

Since the women in charge of the park booth during Chautauqua and subsequent attractions have cast balances, they have found that approximately 10,000 "All Day Suckers" were sold during the 10 days. Those at the counter contend that no small portion of this number were nibbled at by adults. A bargain sale the last night helped swell the total. Because ices and drinks were not so generously consumed due to the bad weather, the candy was the popular commodity of sale.

Land Sold Cheaply.

J. D. McKennon has sold 80 acres of land lying five miles east of La Grande to E. DeLong for \$40 per acre. This is the cheapest price on farm land of which there is record for several years, real estate men believe.

DRILL COMPANY IS ORGANIZED

RALPH HURON HEAD OF CITIZENS' COMPANY.

Lieutenant and Adjutant Chosen—Aspirations Defined.

Ralph Huron was elected captain, Adna B. Rogers lieutenant and P. A. Foley adjutant of the La Grande Citizens' Drill company at a meeting of many of those interested last evening. The constitution of the club was adopted subject to changes, setting out that the purposes are to gain "military training, recreation and physical benefits." The membership is open to all, with a fee of 50 cents for admission. Immediately after the election and final organization, the men present were put through simple evolutions and facings and while no definite drill night was set such will be decided on and the "enlistment" recruited to a considerable degree. It was impressed upon the membership present that in no wise is the organization a military affair aside from the fact that government tactics will govern drill. Should there be organized in the future a militia or volunteer company it would be separate and distinct from this one, though the training gained in the drill company would unquestionably prepare many of the institution to join the purely military organization if such is ever formed.

The prospects for a membership of a hundred or so are bright and the work of whipping the company into such shape that it will be a community pride in its perfections and capable of putting on a show at any time, is to go on without halt.

Sergeants, corporals, musicians and other attaches necessary in establishing efficiency, are to be appointed by the three officers corresponding to commissioned men.

Knight Templar in Town

J. H. Freligh and wife and daughter, are here from Fort Madison, Ill. to visit Mr. Freligh's cousin, City Commissioner Haworth. The family attended the Knight Templars' convention in Los Angeles and on their return visited Seattle. This is their first trip to Oregon and the first time the two families have met in 32 years.

STOP WATCH BOUGHT.

Commission Wants to Have Efficient Tools to Nab Speeders.

That the police department may have accurate check on speeders, the City Commission last evening ordered the purchase of a stop watch which will be used on the first violators detected in harassing life and limb.

OREGONIANS SUFFER FROM EXCESS HEAT

UNDERSHIRTS PRINCIPAL ITEM OF APPAREL AMONG MILITIA MEN AT BORDER

FANS AND ICE WATER TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR

Oregon Militia Ready to Receive 2200 Men from Washington Who Were at Stockton This Morning—Carranza's Ability to Keep Peace Salient.

Washington, July 6.—Secretary of War Baker today instructed department commanders to discharge all militia men throughout the country with dependent families, the war press bureau has announced.

Calerico, Cal., July 6.—The newest military organization on the border is "the undressed corps" comprising members of the Oregon militia. Regular troops have dubbed them that because they are going about in undershirts—minus leggings—usually armed with fan and consuming ice water.

Despite the precipitous change, the Oregonians are rapidly becoming acclimated.

The Oregon camp is thoroughly established and preparations for reception of the Washington contingent is being made.

Washington En Route.

Stockton, July 6.—Several battalions of Washington militiamen, numbering more than 2200 men, en route to the border, passed here this morning over the Espee. They are traveling in four trains and stopped for an hour while the soldiers exercised.

U. S. Policy Made Clear.

Washington, July 6.—The punitive expedition won't withdraw from Mexico merely because of Carranza's friendly note, it is officially stated, but indications are the document paved the way for discussion which ultimately may end in withdrawal and establishment of border patrols. Any withdrawal is contingent upon Carranza's demonstration of ability to police northern Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, formerly of Corvallis, are in the city today. Mr. Reynolds goes on tonight to Laramie, Wyo., where he becomes county agent, and Mrs. Reynolds will join him after a short stay in La Grande with friends.

LIEUT. TERAH T. MARONEY



Naval Officer Who Will Race in Bi-plane With Motorcycle Sunday.

KAISER GOES TO SOMME TO DIRECT FIGHT

AMSTERDAM REPORTS HIM TO BE IN HEADQUARTERS NEAR TOWN OF CAMBRAI

GERMANS PREPARE FOR A HEAVY COUNTER BLOW

Strong German Attacks Near Somme Front Captured Small Town from the Allies Paris Admits—Heavy Concentration of Reserves Behind Both Lines.

London, July 6.—The Kaiser is reported to have arrived at the Somme front to direct defense against Allies offensive. Amsterdam dispatches state he has established headquarters near Cambrai. Immense German reserves are massed between Ancre and Somme to stop the British. Allied fliers report constant arrival of troops and Holland confirmed reports of concentration behind the British lines.

There is every indication Germans will launch a heavy counter attack within 70 hours. Gen. Haig this afternoon reported further slight British advances at Thiépval and the taking of prisoners. South of La-basse the British successfully raided trenches after gas and smoke attacks.

Paris reports strong German attacks north of Somme who recaptured two small woods north of Hem. French retaliated, carrying another wood northeast of the same village. French captured several hundred mitrailleuses since the offensive started. Germans last night heavily bombarded the Verdun cathedral, but didn't resume infantry attacks.

Southeastern Galicia Cleared.

Petrograd, July 6.—Russians captured the village and station of Mikuliczyn, south of Stanislaw, cutting the main Austrian line of communication north of Lemberg, with the main railway over which Gen. Bothmer has received supplies. Several other Austrian positions on the Russian left flank were captured, indicating southeastern Galicia is practically cleared.

Trinkets Can Be Had.

From time to time there have accumulated at the police station many articles of value. Hoods, purses, girls' trinkets and other valuables found from time to time have piled up and those owning them may have possession by proving ownership.

PUGILIST'S WIFE, ADORES HUSBAND

MRS. FITZSIMMONS CONFIDENT HE COULD BEAT JESS.

French Countess, Now Wife of Fitzsimmons, in La Grande on Lecture Tour.

"Jess Willard won his title easy—Bob could put him away even today." This is the opinion of Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons, titled noblewoman of France, who, after a long, brilliant career on the stage, and who became famed for the intensity of her devotion to the fighting game when her husband was in the hey day of his success, and who now is devoting her life to Girl Rescue homes, White Cross societies and other philanthropic enterprises. She was at the Foley this morning while waiting for a train to North Powder and she returns to La Grande Friday to speak at the Methodist church in the evening on "What Shall a Man Give in Exchange for His Own Soul?" Mrs. Fitzsimmons hasn't forgotten the least bit of what she learned about the ring. Her knowledge of all fighters of note is remarkable—she knows where each has his weakness, wherein lies his strength, and understands the ins and outs of the fighting game. She can't get far away from her Bob nevertheless. His ability "is the marvel of the world" she says. "He never was crooked, for if he was the world still be fighting. He could lick Willard who is simply a big bear without natural science, this day."

Mrs. Fitzsimmons has a son who, if he would, could become the marvel of the world like his father, she claims. "The only time my husband developed a cauliflower was when his own son put it on him. But my son is too lazy to fight, and for that I thank God." A "cauliflower" the uninitiated should remember, is a bruised ear that becomes thick and ugly looking, the usual unflattering sign of a prize fighter.

Although Mrs. Fitzsimmons has disposed of most of her jewels and silks, she still carries in her possession a brooch set in diamonds all estimated to be worth \$85,000 and is a gift of the president of France. A pearl ear ring worth \$1800 is also a part of her "baggage."

DRY PRIVATES FRAMING SCRAP

PROHIBITION PARTY LOOKS FORWARD TO FRACAS

Party Name Not Broad Enough Say Younger Members

St. Paul, Minn., July 6.—A widespread move within the ranks of the Prohibition party to change the name threatens to cause at least one hot scrap when the Prohibition national convention meets here July 17 to 21, it was learned today. The younger element especially favors renaming the party in order, they say, to do away with a name "not broad enough to encompass all policies of the party," a name which is "against, rather than for something. The Prohibition party is for a good many things and not always against something as the name sometimes leads people to believe," one in favor of renaming the party, declared today. The names American, Liberal, Federal and others have been suggested.

Those favoring renaming the party admit that one of their purposes is to catch votes, to take over the new Women's party vote bodily, to adopt the Progressive party, and to draw votes from any and all other parties.

Re-christening of the Prohibition party will come in for a share of the discussion at the St. Paul convention when on Tuesday, July 17, a giant "get-together" meeting of men and women representing every reform movement in the United States will meet to talk over "consolidation." The trend of the debate will be: That the liquor question is the greatest issue before the American people, requiring immediate settlement.

That the issue can be settled only by electing to power a political party in favor of nation-wide prohibition. Only in this way can nation-wide prohibition be enacted and enforced.

That it is impossible to expect solution of the issue through the "Republican elephant, the Democratic donkey, or the decapitated Bull Moose."

What political party then shall be put in power to settle the issue, the Prohibition party as such, or a thorough new party similar to the prohibition party but seeking votes under a different name.

No Fountains This Year.

It is likely that the city will not erect new drinking fountains this summer. Notwithstanding the delay, the added equipment will be put in early next Spring.

EPIDEMIC OF PARALYSIS IS REACHING OUT

CITIES ADJOINING NEW YORK AFFLICTED WITH INFANTILE MALADY.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST

Hurry Up Call for Funds, Doctors and Nurses Sent Out by New York Authorities—August Expected to Be the Worst Month of the Epidemic.

New York, July 6.—Twenty-four new deaths from infantile paralysis were reported this morning, making the total 154 since the first case was discovered. One hundred and thirty-three new cases were reported today.

New York, July 6.—The infantile paralysis epidemic apparently spread to nearby cities today. Meanwhile it showed greater virulence in New York itself. Cases were reported so fast through the night the health bureau announced this morning it had not completed compilations of the number of victims or cases. More than 600 cases have developed since the epidemic started. The most sinister fact is the mortality which exceeds previous records.

Twenty-five per cent of the cases are fatal.

The Health bureau will ask issuance of special bonds to defray expenses of fighting the plague. Experts fear the epidemic won't spend itself for a month, as infantile paralysis attains its greatest virulence in August. An emergency call for nurses, physicians in volunteer sanitarium work has been issued. Churches have been asked to close Sunday Schools, and discontinue picnic plans.

COURT MARTIAL ASKED.

Idaho Militia Officers in Rumpus Over Promotions.

Boise, July 6.—It is reliably reported Governor Alexander has asked the President to courtmartial Colonel Edelblute and Majors Lewis, Wilkins and Olsen of the Second Idaho infantry, on charges of insubordination and conspiracy. This is the result of the officers filing a petition for injunction to prevent the appointment of Adjutant General Crow to be Lieutenant Colonel. After hearing of the courtmartial threat the officers held a conference in an effort to adjust the political differences.

HURRICANE IN SOUTH.

Mobile Suffers From Storm but Other Towns Escaped.

New Orleans, July 6.—A wireless this afternoon from a boat in Mobile Bay said a hurricane did considerable damage in Mobile with no loss of life. Pensacola is safe.

Washington, July 6.—Communication with Mobile and Pensacola has been completely stopped since yesterday morning, the weather bureau has admitted. Shortly before 10, a terrific 80-mile gale was blowing and wireless was unworkable.

ORDINANCE LAID OVER.

Action of Anti-Transient Merchant Measure Deferred a Week.

When the city commission met last evening to transact routine affairs, the anti-transient merchant ordinance which was introduced a week ago, was laid over due to some delay in the draft. It will likely come up at a subsequent meeting.

The commission heard the report of the reviewers on the one-block sewer project between Palmer and Grandy avenues. The figures show it will require about \$500 to build it. The city negotiated further for the purchase of some lots to store its tools upon. Final action is expected within a day or two.

Arrangements for sending a college of citizen contractors, engineers and others to the intake to inspect the dam and its accessories with a view of attending to whatever may be required to clean up the odds and ends of completing the project, were taken by the commission. The trip will be made at some nearby day very likely.

Pattison Family in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pattison, of Pattison Bros.' store, and son, Bobbin, have gone to Portland on a pleasure trip.