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WILSON BIDS FOR VOTE OF PROGRESSIVES

FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH SUPPORT MADE IN LETTER TO PHILADELPHIA.

CONTENDS DEMOCRATS REFLECT MOST PROGRESS

Executive Deems it a Compliment "to Lead Progressive and Forward-Looking Men Who Love Justice"—Parker Letter of Support Brings Acceptance.

Washington, July 14.—Expressing the belief that his party "represents a larger part of the Progressive power and thought than any other" President Wilson today made a formal bid for the Progressive vote. Writing to J. C. Parker of Philadelphia, a Progressive who pledged his support to Wilson, the President said:

"I have no jealousy of independent organizations intended to keep independent voters. Reminded fully as to opposition and to parties and conditions under which votes are solicited, I sincerely desire—and have tried to support—all progressive and forward-looking men. I believe recent experiences confirm the belief that the Democratic party represents a larger part of the Progressive power and thought than any other party and can be made the instrument of leadership in the direction which all who love justice and progress wish to take. For that reason I am proud to be the nominee of such and have the opportunity to lead them."

Men of Millions Find Way to Dodge

Washington, July 14.—The rich, it was learned here today, have found a way to dodge paying their federal income tax. The poor pay it for them. The treasury department has information that well to do persons will not buy stocks and bonds unless the corporation they buy them from contracts to pay the income tax on them. The corporation selling the stocks agrees to do this, then just adds the income tax to the retail price of its goods to the public. Thus the \$10, \$20 or \$30 a week citizen, when he buys an article of wearing apparel, food, tools, instruments, machinery or whatnot, may be paying the income tax of his plutocratic neighbor.

Illinois' Most Reprived Murderer

Murphysboro, Ill., July 14.—Unless Ellston Scott, Illinois' most reprived murderer, is again reprived today he stands no chance to make good his brag that he'll never hang for the murder of his sister-in-law at Carbondale last summer. Scott has been reprived five times. He is sentenced to die on the gallows here this morning.

The reprives were caused by a twiddle-dum, twiddle-dea performance between Governor Dunne and Sheriff White of Jackson county. The governor, not wishing undue publicity given the hanging, asks Jackson how many witnesses he's going to have to see Scott swing. Jackson replies that he'll comply with the law and have witnesses to preserve order. Then the Governor reprives Scott and the performances is repeated.

Birth Control Women May Speak

St. Paul, Minn., July 14.—Without the police interference that has marked meetings of birth control advocates in other cities, Mrs. Robert Liggett of Duluth today lectured here on birth control, before several hundred Minnesota women and girls.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger of New York assisted in distributing literature on birth control. The Minnesota law does not prohibit the dissemination of information on this subject. But a clinic at which the subject was to have been discussed more generally, with maps, charts and wax figures, was declared contrary to law. The exhibit was abandoned.

Mrs. Liggett recently got her name in the papers by advocating at Seattle that women of the lower classes be segregated as breeders, that no high strung woman of the upper classes should be subjected to motherhood and that no child in the world is worth the pain it takes to bring it into existence.

Mrs. Sanger recently went free from a federal indictment in New York charging her with sending obscene matter through the mails in her birth control magazine, "The Woman Rebel." New York society men and women, Mrs. Fola LaFollette among them, publicly supported what Mrs. Sanger had done.

DEPOT MAIL BOTHERS. Frequent Delays on Mail Train Service Is Traced.

One reason why it frequently happens that La Grande mail to Hot Lake, Union, or nearby points west is delayed in delivery has been traced to the over-worked practice of mailing letters at the depot. There is a congestion of mail there for each train that is said to have no equal anywhere on the mainline, due probably to the close proximity of the depot to the business center of the street. It frequently happens, it is found by tracing down causes for delays, that it is a physical impossibility for mail clerks on trains to handle the pouch mail and also that picked up at the depot boxes in time for distribution before Union or Hot Lake is reached. If citizens would make more earnest effort to get their mail into the post-office instead of depending on depot boxes, this trouble would largely be reduced. As it is now the practice is impairing service, and letters destined for nearby points very frequently are carried past their destination, and subjected to delay in delivery, for the simple reason that the short space of time between depots precludes the possibility of having the mail "worked" before trains reach such depots. Men familiar with the situation declare the amount of depot mail picked up here far exceeds that of any other mainline town in Eastern Oregon.

The practice of mailing letters at the depot also reduces the total bulk handled through the postoffice which impairs the showing with this postoffice department which this postoffice might otherwise make.

Concert This Evening. The following concert is to be rendered this evening at 8 o'clock on Washington avenue and Depot street by the Elks' band: March—The Union Forever. Scout Selection—A Waltz Dream. Strauss Clarinet Duett—Two Little Bunches. Mr. Snapp and Mr. Graves Overture—Lustspiel. Keler Bela Popular—Down Among the Sheltering Palms. Olman I'm On My Way to Dublin. Bay Everybody Rag With Me. Le Boy March—The Messenger. Barnhouse J. David Haines is director.

SUCCESSOR TO HUGHES PICKED

JUDGE CLARK OF CLEVELAND NOMINATED Ohio Jurist Was Recently Named To U. S. District Court

Washington, July 14.—President Wilson today nominated Judge John H. Clarke of Cleveland to be associate justice of the supreme court, succeeding C. E. Hughes, who resigned to accept the Republican presidential nomination. The nomination was sent to the senate today.

Judge Clarke was appointed from Cleveland in July, 1914, to be a judge of the United States district court, a post similar to the one held by Judge Bean or Judge Wolverton of Portland. While records do not indicate, it is believed in La Grande Judge Clarke is a Democrat.

Mrs. Small Improves.

Improvement in the condition of Mrs. Chas. Albert Small who underwent an operation at the hospital Sunday, is reported today. While she has been quit ill, her many friends will delight in the information there is improvement in her case.

Injured in Auto Wreck

Tacoma, July 14.—En route from Seattle to the Steilacoom asylum to take home her husband, Mrs. Carl Shonback of Seattle, was injured when the steering gear of her automobile broke, and hurled the automobile 40 feet over an embankment. William Westling, the driver was also injured.

Collier in Distress.

Washington, July 14.—The American naval collier Hector, eleven thousand tons, is reported in distress 50 miles southeast of Charleston lightship, according to a radiogram to the coastguard service. A gale is reported raging there.

Former Resident Returns.

Mrs. Ida L. Byng of Oroville, Cal., is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Richardson. Mrs. Byng formerly lived here but has been away for 23 years, and now finds La Grande much changed from the old La Grande she knew.

Long Service As Teacher

Cleveland, July 14.—Miss Bettie A. Dutton, 76, just retired as principal of the Kentucky grade school here, is believed to hold the record for the longest continuous service in the public schools of this country. Beginning at 18, she has taught in this one school for 58 years. She has educated 3 generations of children.

ENGLISH BREAK THROUGH 4 MILES OF GERMAN LINE

Advance Along Long Front Reported To Have Gained a Mile at Places Where Germans Were The Thickest

London, July 14.—British troops broke the German line on a four mile front at dawn today, the smashing blow sweeping British into the villages of Longueval and Bazentin-le-grand, clearing Troneuse wood. They advanced more than a mile.

The gain is the greatest since the opening of the great assault 13 days ago. Early bulletins indicated one of the greatest battles of the Allied offensive is being waged northeast of Albert. Haig has reported "We attacked the enemy's second system of defense and broke positions at a four-mile front, capturing strongly defended localities. Heavy fighting continued." Special dispatches from headquarters announced the capture of the villages. The blow was struck at the very sector where Germans had assembled the heaviest reinforcements. The British have advanced in the directions of Bapaume, the immediate objective.

VILLA DEMANDS SURRENDER OF CHILHUAHUA CITY ARMY

San Antonio July 14.—The first clash between militia and Mexicans was reported to Gen. Funston this afternoon. Company C, of the second Texas infantry, fired on six Mexicans who crossed the line near Doana this morning. The band was driven back across the Rio Grande after several shots were exchanged.

El Paso, July 14.—General Villa has demanded the surrender of Chihuahua City, it is authoritatively reported. General Bell declared today, that he is reliably informed Trevino has been criticized by the Carranza government and that Villa has informed Trevino that if Chihuahua City wasn't surrendered the entire Villa army would attack it. Trevino has revoked orders detaining shipments of supplies to the American expedition.

Meditation Commission Popular. Washington, July 14.—Secretary of State Lansing has submitted to President Wilson, and the cabinet, Carranza's suggestion to appoint a commission of three from each nation to settle the Mexican problem. It has come known today that President Wilson is heartily in favor of the plan and it is expected he will formally approve it before leaving for his week-end trip on the Mayflower.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS FROM WHOLE COUNTY MEET

Odd Fellows from every nook and corner of Union county, and Rebekahs from the same territory, assembled at Riverside park this morning for a two-day session of the Union county district association of Odd Fellows. Sessions of business, fraternal matters, competitive drills, receptions and many other items of entertainment and instructions lie before the assembled lodge men.

Parade Hours Changed. It had been purposed to open festivities with a parade this morning but plans were changed at the last hour and the event has now been moved forward to 7 o'clock tonight. Henry S. Westbrook, grand master of Odd Fellows in Oregon was the central figure at this afternoon's meeting at the park which followed formal introduction of the convention before the noon hour. F. S. Ivanhoe had been selected to make the address of welcome this morning and shortly thereafter adjournment was taken until 1:30 during which basket picnic dinner was served. A business meeting at the park this afternoon is closing up the first day's affairs at the park and then the assembly moves to town.

Immediately after the postponed parade tonight, the district prize drill will take place at Rex hall. While the attendance today was good, it promises to be even bigger tonight and tomorrow, and before the convention adjourns it is expected that the greatest gathering of Odd Fellows in Union county's history will have been witnessed.

The list of events outlined for the convention from this evening on include: 7:00 p. m.—Parade on La Grande streets. 8:00 p. m.—Contest for District Prize Degree banner at Rex hall. The following program will be rendered at the I. O. O. F. hall, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, to be followed

by a reception to the visiting Rebekahs of the Union county Association, viz: Address of Welcome—Mrs. Ada Grout. M. E. Church quartet. Violin solo—Mr. Gekeler. Solo—Mrs. Williamson. Solo—Charles Harding. Reading—Eula Watkins. At the reception following the program refreshments will be served. All Rebekahs are requested to come and bring their friends. July 15 (Rebekah Day.) Morning session at Riverside park. Program includes: Music—Thompson's band. Vocal Solo—Jay Shaw. Violin Solo—Mr. Young. Address—By state president. Music—Thompson's band. Reading—Margaret Baker. Music—Band. Everybody is invited to come and bring baskets. Afternoon Session. Business meeting of the District association. Evening Session. Rebekah Degree exemplified by Elgin Rebekah Degree team at Rex hall. 8:00 p. m. First Degree exemplified by La Grande Degree team at I. O. O. F. hall at 8:00 p. m. All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, their families and friends are invited—bring baskets. FOUR PASSENGERS SHOT. Pennsylvania Observation Car Occupants Fired at. Lima, O., July 14.—Four were painfully injured when an unknown man fired a charge of buckshot into a group of passengers on the observation car platform of an east bound Broadway limited on the Pennsylvania railroad.

HOTEL MEN TO MEET. Bonifaces Haven't Abandoned National Park at Joseph.

The Wallowa Lake Tourist Travel association, of which J. F. Eggenberger, of the Wallowa Lake Park Amusement company is president, and Floyd H. Wilkins, proprietor of the Wilkins hotel of Joseph is secretary, is to have a call meeting this month in Enterprise. Several matters of prime importance will be considered by the bonifaces on this occasion, chief of which are the prosecution of the idea of establishing a national park with frontage on Wallowa lake, urging better posting of roads throughout and leading into the county, and considering means whereby the hotel men can be of actual service to the local commercial body in the project of holding a Yank Carnival here at a proper time later in the summer, when the delectable Yank fish leave their points of habitation in Wallowa lake and seek shallower waters in accordance with their custom.

It will be recalled that Senator Chamberlain was recently asked to urge the national park idea at Wallowa lake, the proposed area to embody spots of great scenic beauty lying in the mountains fringing the lake in addition to a desirable frontage on this beautiful body of water. Inquiry, so Senator Chamberlain stated, revealed the fact that the lands abutting on the lake are already held in private ownership and the notion was discouraged. But the hotel men, already in possession of land plats showing nearly a mile of frontage on the east side of the lake designated state school lands, hope that these lands can, by some sort of process, be reconveyed to the government and thus be made the basis of a national park withdrawal that should become famous for its scenic advantages.

TROOPS GO NORTH. Platoon of Infantry Moved From Fort Lawton to Seattle.

Twenty-four infantrymen from the 106th regular infantry, passed through La Grande today enroute to Seattle where they will go to a small fort on the Sound. They traveled in a tourist car, and came from Fort Lawton.

CORK SCENE OF RIOTING

PATRIOTS DEFY RECRUITING OFFICERS. Soldiers Eventually Quell Disturbance—None Killed.

Cork, July 14.—Several hundred rioters paraded the streets this morning, booing, and hissing English soldiers and smashing windows at recruiting offices. Previously they had inscribed on the gates and pillars of tar works the words "Up with the Republic." Soldiers finally dispersed the rioters. Shots were fired outside the residences of the chief recruiting officers but nobody was killed.

CONTEST COMPLETED. Award of Prizes in Arcade Picture Contest Is Made.

Irma Johnson, daughter of C. B. Johnson, 2709 North Fourth street, won the \$10.00 gold piece and \$15.00 solid gold locket and chain given away in the contest conducted at the Arcade, in which votes were cast for popularity of babies whose pictures were thrown on the screen. The other prize winners were: 2nd Prize—Solid gold locket, won by Vivian Annette Penewell, daughter of A. L. Penewell, 2404 N. Depot. 3rd Prize—Solid gold locket, won by Phyllis McInnis, daughter of Hector McInnis, 1904 E O avenue. 4th Prize—Solid gold locket, won by Clark Ruckman, adopted son of Bruce Clark, Alico. 5th Prize—Gold ring, won by James Aardele Burns, son of P. A. Burns, 604 Adams. 6th Prize—Gold ring, won by Eugene King, son of Mrs. Oriole King, 1404 Ninth. 7th Prize—Two gold rings, won by Beverly and Barbara Guye, twin daughters of E. R. Guye, 1914 First. 8th Prize—Gold ring, won by Virginia Smith, daughter of R. C. Smith, 3104 N. First. 9th Prize—Gold ring, won by Philip Newlin, son of Robert Newlin, 1802 Second. 10th Prize—Gold ring, won by "Peggy" Bohnenkamp, daughter of Chase Bohnenkamp, 703 Spring.

PATAGONIAN MUST GO. Man Who Stole Brass from Palmer Camps Will Be Deported.

An immigration inspector from Portland was in La Grande today on his way to Enterprise where he will take charge of the Patagonian who was arrested a few days ago and taken to Enterprise for trial on a charge of stealing brass from the Palmer Lumber camps. It develops that he came into America illegally from Canada and it is presumed that is where he will be deported to.

FRUIT MARKET SYSTEMS WILL BE UTILIZED

CO-OPERATION OF MANY INTERESTS AFFECTED BY VALLEY GROWERS.

PACKING ONE FUNCTION OF PROPOSED LEAGUE

Wenatchee Methods Will Largely Be Followed Out—Government and O. A. C. Agents Promote the Plan—All Parts of Valley Represented in League.

Fruitgrowers of Union county are planning to co-operate in their marketing this fall more completely than in any former year and will put themselves in line with the new government plan which will be in operation throughout Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Each of the fruitgrowing communities of the Grande Ronde valley, Imbler, Cove, Elgin, Union and La Grande will form their own local associations which will be units of a larger organization co-ordinating the activities of all.

The work of perfecting the organizations of both the local units and the Valley league are in the hands of the committee, Messrs. I. Bingaman, of Imbler, J. K. Lantz, Cove, J. E. Witherspoon, Elgin, Wm. Baxter, Union and J. B. Stoddard, La Grande. They are being assisted by Paul V. Spillman, County Agriculturist and Prof. G. Lansing Hurd, of the Bureau of Markets of Oregon Agricultural college. Concerning the working plans Mr. Hurd said today:

"The function of the local associations will be to handle the assembling, packing and loading of the fruit at the local points of production. No new organization will be necessary where an organization is already in existence. The local or community organization will have an inspector who will supervise the pack to see that it conforms to the standardization and packing rules that have been adopted by the general Northwest association, which is to operate to carry out the government plan, known as the Fruitgrowers Agency, Inc.

"The county organization, which may be called the Grande Ronde Valley Fruitgrowers League, will be very similar in its plan and operation to the Wenatchee North Central Washington Growers League which operated very successfully last year. It will exercise control over the physical handling of the fruit of all its members, to the ends of securing a uniform and standard quality of product and of reducing costs through use of central packing plants equipped with the best devices and machinery for handling the crop economically.

"The actual method of selling has not yet been considered sufficiently to enable any prediction to be made as to which method or methods will be adopted. It is likely that the Grande Ronde growers will follow the example of the growers at Wenatchee. There the utmost freedom is allowed to the grower and he is permitted to choose whatever selling agency or outlet he wishes from among those approved by the league; the selling agents will be required to be members of the Fruitgrowers Agency and to have agreed and contracted to follow the provisions of the agency uniform contract. To put the local league in a position of independence, it will probably take out an active membership in the Fruitgrowers Agency which will put it in position to do its own selling on a par with any other selling agency of the four northwest states, so far as the privileges of the market information and other advantages of the larger co-operation are concerned.

"Tra Cleveland, secretary of the Wenatchee league writes: 'One of the things done by our league which gives growers more satisfaction than any other, is the fact that there are not 50 or 70 men with cars going over the district visiting ranchers and telling them of the wonders of their particular selling concern. To our knowledge there is not one man in the field today visiting the individual grower and soliciting tonnage.

"The units, through the pooling of the resources of their members, were able to finance their growers through the harvesting season. This left them free to sell to whoever they pleased. Large savings were also made on purchases of supplies and materials.

"The uniting of all the several community units into the valley league will promote the advertising of the entire product and make it possible to develop special markets in which there is found best opportunity for placing the peculiar or special quality of the product.

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