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## PEOPLE FLOCK TO COVE IN GREAT CROWDS; FAIR UP TO USUAL STANDARD

Cove, July 20.—(Special)—Coming from every direction, in great numbers—by foot, by team, by automobile and train, there was a rush to Cove today such as few cherry fairs of past years have witnessed. True, the dates are a little bit early for the best show of cherries but in spite of that handicap the fruit end of the exhibition was up to a high standard.

The program of entertainment was first-class. Ex-Governor Oswald West could not appear on the program but the others did pretty much as announced. The delegation of O. A. C. officials and regent members was one of the principal groups heard in addresses.

The crowning of the king and queen took place shortly after 1:30 this afternoon and was conducted in customary splendor and solemnity.

Ball games were played this morning as added attractions.

Tonight a big dance will hold chief interest.

**Man Ground to Death.**

Freewater, Ore., July 19.—While beating his way on the Pendleton-Spokane passenger train this morning a man whose name is given as Milton Weston, was killed underneath the train just as it pulled out of Freewater.

There are conflicting stories as to how the accident occurred, some saying the man fell off the train; others that he was kicked off by a brakeman. The man was run over by the train and instantly killed. One leg was cut off above the knee and the other leg at the ankle. One arm was cut off and the man otherwise mangled and injured.

The dead man was between 25 and 30 years of age and was very dark. He was medium size and well dressed in a blue serge suit. He had some money with him and carried a gold watch and chain.

With a companion the dead man was riding between the express and baggage cars. It was from the other man that the dead man's name was learned. He was confused as to whether his friend's name was Milton Weston or Weston Milton.

Miss Hanson, an employee at the Kirtley store, in this city, once lived at Freewater and reports that Mr. Weston once lived in Freewater or near there.

**SPOKANE TRIP ENJOYED**

**Party Home After Enjoyable Trip to Washington Points**

Having enjoyed a delightful trip to Spokane Liberty Lake, Cornucopia and other way points as well as Walla Walla and Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Church and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kirtley have returned home. They made the trip in the Church automobile.

"I wouldn't dare begin to estimate the number of people who are flocking to Spokane to register on land," said Mr. Kirtley. "They go in great crowds and I wouldn't know how to begin to estimate the number of them. We investigated the number of good claims to be disposed but little."

While at Pendleton the party began the first real movement to have Pendleton people come to the races Sunday and the efforts have borne good fruit apparently.

**N. K. WEST CHOSEN.**

**Promoters of Racing Meet to Name Additional Officers Friday.**

Last evening a considerable number of La Grande backers and some out-of-town parties, attended a meeting of backers of the horse race meet set for early September. The guarantee fund of about \$1000 was met, and partial election of officers took place. N. K. West was made president and Dr. A. L. Richardson vice president. Additional officers will be named at a Friday afternoon meeting.

**STRIKERS BOMB CARS.**

**One Employee Blinded but Passengers Escape Harm.**

Wilkesbarre, July 20.—Strikers have dynamited street cars. A motorman was blinded, but the conductor was uninjured. No passengers were hurt.

**CLAIM DISALLOWED.**

**Carpenter Bill for Damages and Doctor Fees Not Assumed.**

The City commission last evening disallowed a claim against the city in the sum of \$27.75 which C. H. Carpenter filed to cover doctor's fees to attend to injuries sustained by his wife when the Carpenter automobile struck a stone in the grass along the middle of C street in South La Grande

recently, and to cover breakages on the automobile. It is understood damage suits will be started now that the claim has been denied.

## REDS OBTAIN C. MATHEWSON

**POPULAR GIANT HERO ASSUMES NEW ROLE.**

**Portland Liable to Lose Her Foothold in Coast League.**

Chicago, July 20.—East and west big deals were consummated in baseball today. The rumored sale of the veteran Christy Matheson to Cincinnati, took place today and the Giants lose their old-time hero. In the west, Portland may be slipped from the Coast league and Del Howard takes control of the Oakland club.

**Christy Is Sold.**  
Cincinnati, July 20.—A deal was closed at noon today whereby Christy Matheson becomes manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Charley Herzog goes to the Giants in exchange for Christy. Matheson is scheduled to assume control today.

**Portland Franchise in Danger.**  
Oakland, July 20.—Frank Leavitt has sold his interest in the Oakland baseball club to Del Howard, who becomes manager August first.

Seattle, July 20.—Baseball observers believe that McCredie's failure to purchase the Oakland club may force Portland to leave the coast league and re-enter the Northwestern league.

**FIRE BOXES PAINTED.**

**Notice Given Public to Cease Marring and Defacing Boxes.**

The fire department has completed a job of repainting fire alarm boxes, and incidentally notice is served that anyone caught defacing the boxes by scratching matches or committing other disfiguring acts, will be fittingly punished.

**Special Train Assured**

Pendleton, July 20.—(Special)—A special train of five coaches has been secured to leave Pendleton at 7 o'clock Sunday morning for La Grande to take visitors and the Round-Up band to the Speed 'Em Up races. Returning the train will leave La Grande for Pendleton at 9 o'clock in the evening.

**GIRL SERVING TIME**

**One of Duo of Women Arrested Tuesday Undergoes Sentence**

Ruby Day, who with May Evans, was arrested in the Club cafe Tuesday night, was yesterday evening sentenced to serve 30 days in jail. The other girl was fined \$10.00. The jail sentence was applied after both had pleaded guilty, the Day girl having entered a plea of guilty of fighting.

**M'CARROLL WORKING HARD.**

**La Grander Sees Boxer Perform and Proclaims Him in Fine Shape.**

Ray McCarroll, the Butte scraper who will box Vic Berger in La Grande tomorrow night, is training out at Pendleton and will be here on tomorrow evening's train. Jack Horan saw him work yesterday and pronounces him fast, well built, powerful and in good condition. He neither drinks nor smokes and is physically fit to give Berger a rapid race when the Moose exhibition is put on tomorrow night at the old Elks' auditorium.

RECORDS MAY BE SET

After looking over the oval where the races will be held Saturday and Sunday Irwin Janke and Otto Walker declare the course is faster than the celebrated dirt track at Dodge City, Kan., and barring unforeseen handicaps a new world's mark will be set here during the two days. The Dodge City track is two miles which spells greater speed than a mile and a half course, but the condition, even the first year, of the track here is pronounced superior to that of the eastern course by a good margin. Both of these famous Milwaukee riders were enjoyably surprised at the condition of the track.

## RUMOR HINTS AT NEW DIFFICULTIES

**REFUGEES SAY AMERICANS MUST QUIT QUICK**

**Man Reported To Be Villa's Messenger Apprehended By Carranza Troops**

Galveston, July 20.—Vera Cruz refugees have reported that Consul Canada has ordered all Americans to leave Mexico and they declared he received the instructions Sunday despite the apparently peaceful conditions in Mexico.

**Villa Messenger Caught**

Mexico City, July 20.—Chihuahua reports say Constitutional forces have definitely located Villa and expect to capture him.

Defacto cavalry has captured a messenger Villa sent after medical aid. The Carranzista commander reported he expected to engage Villista's main force soon.

**Pershing Headquarters, July 20.**

Gen. Pershing has personally inspected roads one-third distance between his headquarters and the border. He pronounced the highways in a satisfactory condition to withstand heavy motor transportation during the rainy season. Hundreds of Mexicans are still repairing the worst spots.

**France Would Release 900 Fighters.**

Paris, July 20.—In the event of war between the United States and Mexico or any other country, France will at once release from enlistment all Americans now serving with the French army, who may wish to return home and fight for their own country. The official decision of France to this effect was today communicated to the United Press by high officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Despite the statement recently published in German papers in America that 30,000 Americans are serving with the Allied armies, France is unable to account for more than about 900 of them. The release of the 70 American aviators now serving with the French army would give the United States the nucleus for an aviation service of the most priceless kind. All would be able to place at the disposal of the United States all of the secrets of French military aviation, which is universally conceded to have attained a most high degree of effectiveness.

**Off to Burns**

Fred Currey left last night for Burns where he goes on business connected with the Horticultural exhibit for the state fair. While there he will attend a Farmers' day at the experiment station.

## EYES OF WORLD ON GRANDSON WITH DEATH BECKONING EMPEROR OF AUSTRIANS

With death beckoning to Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, the eyes of the world are focused on the heir-apparent to the throne, Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, and his pretty wife, formerly Princess Zita, who soon may be empress of Austria and apostolic queen of Hungary.



Archduke Charles is the grandson of the present emperor. He is 23 years of age and was married to the Princess Zita, daughter of the late duke of Palma, in 1911. They have two children. The archduke was educated in the public schools of Vienna. He was the first son of the house of Hapsburg to take his place on the wooden benches among the sons of the people.

## British Troops Rest To Let Cannon Work

**Militiamen Worry Over Families**

San Antonio, July 20.—American militiamen are terribly worried about families back home. No European soldiers have ever worried so. If Germans knew Britishers were treating their soldiers' families as Americans are treated, the fact would be sent world-wide as an indication of governmental cruelty. Thousands are wondering whether their families are starving.

"What about my family?" is the biggest question at all border militia camps.

## BIG SEWER JOB IS LET

**PORTLAND MAN \$300 UNDER CHILDS' BID.**

**Childs, on Other Hand, Has Lowest Bid on Trunk System.**

Late this afternoon the City commission is expected to award extensive sewer contracts as a consequence of bids opened last evening at the regular session. George Gordon of Portland had the lowest bid on the South La Grande sewer which is to tap a district bounded by G, L, Second and Seventh. This project will cost \$15,567.40, and the trunk sewer which will extend out past the cemeteries, being an outlet to the main project in town, drew its lowest bid from Jack Childs of this city whose offer was \$3,544.50. Other bids were near that figure. The Calvert & Moelke company of Grants Pass had the lowest bid on the small project between Cedar, Walnut, M and N, but retired in favor of Mr. Gordon, not preferring to move their plants here for so small a project. This work will cost \$1045.

Other bidders on the main sewer system included:

Jack Childs, La Grande, \$15,862.24, about three hundred more than the lowest bid, this being the only local bid; Calvert & Moelke of Grants Pass, \$17,252.90; C. R. Randall of Portland, \$15,977.05.

**Lumber Furnished Free**

The Grande Ronde Lumber company has promised to furnish the lumber for seats at the street dance Saturday evening.

## SULTZER HALTS HANLEY'S BOOM

**EX-GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK WANTS NOMINATION**

**New Yorker Arrives At a Time When Hanley Seemed Sure Winner**

St. Paul, July 20.—The Prohibition platform committee after a bitter fight reported a conservative anti-Catholic plank. Mr. Sulzner of New York, arrived today to attempt to halt nomination of Frank Hanley of Indiana. Before Sulzner's arrival Hanley's nomination seemed assured. Sulzner addressed the convention and intimated he would accept the job.

**NOTED VISITOR COMING**

**Miss Prosperity To Be Filmed While Visiting City**

Miss Prosperity will arrive in La Grande Saturday morning to visit the Speed 'Em Up. A delegation of Elks will be at the depot to welcome her and while in the city Miss Prosperity will call on several prominent businessmen and visit prominent buildings. She will conduct a reception for the kiddies at the home of Bruce Dennis where a moving picture will be made and Miss Prosperity wishes all to be there. She will also meet some prominent club women at the Dennis residence after which she will drive to the races where she will meet with her aids by the committees.

The idea of a Miss Prosperity was originated by Mr. Van Koy, Pathe's camera man now in the city, so as to do away with much of the uninteresting parts of the parade pictures. The plan provides for introduction of local color and prominent people. The comedy is to be supplied by Adna Rogers and Norman Desilet. So watch for the fun.

A film picture of the parade, and also the grand stand at the track will be taken by the Pathe man. It is especially urged that all children meet at the Dennis home immediately after the parade to be moved.

Miss Leona Newlin will play the part of Miss Prosperity. Miss Newlin is a popular girl, athletic and graceful and no doubt will be a good movie actress as she has taken part in amateur performances with fine success.

These pictures will be shown over the state and elsewhere, and La Grande should rally to the support of the races and special entertainments to make the pictures as interesting as possible.

**ENGLISH BEGIN PROBE**

**Dardanelles Fiasco To Undergo Rigid Inquiries**

London, July 20.—Premier Asquith has informed the Commons the British government has started an official investigation of the Dardanelles Mesopotamian campaigns.

**SECOND STRIKE ENDS**

**San Francisco Water Front Troubles Again Settled**

San Francisco, July 20.—A second strike of river-bay boatmen ended this morning. The men resumed work and accepted conditions prevailing before the walkout. It is understood strikebreakers will be eliminated.

**BLACKLIST INVESTIGATED**

**Informal Negotiations with England Instituted Today.**

Washington, July 20.—The state department has informally requested the British embassy to furnish further information regarding the Blacklisting of American firms by England.

**La Follette Addresses Senate.**

Washington, July 20.—Senator La Follette addressed the senate today concerning the bill. He declared emphatically that he approved of Wilson's Mexican policy and predicted Wilson's re-election if the "New-born policy of guaranteeing American investments by the American flag" becomes an issue.

**To Attend Regents Meeting**  
Postmaster E. E. Bragg left today for Salem where he will attend a meeting of the board of regents for the state normal schools. He will be gone only a few days.

## WAY CLEARED FOR ADVANCES AT LATER DAY

**GERMAN AIRCRAFT SURPRISINGLY SCARCE DURING THE BOMBARDMENT**

**CORRESPONDENT INSPECTS FRYCOURT DEVASTATIONS**

Stench Goes Up From Pile of Corpses in Stronghold Germans Recently Abandoned — Frenchmen Resume Hard Offensives on Both Sides of the Somme This Morning.

(BY WILBUR FORREST.)  
(United Press Correspondent.)  
With the British Army, July 20.—British artillery is pounding every foot of German positions behind British gains north of the Somme preparatory to a new advance. The roar of guns has reassumed a continuous thunder. Germans are replying occasionally.

During this morning Germans did not molest the British aircraft which directed the fire—German aircraft were surprisingly absent.

**Frycourt in Ruins.**  
Our party traversed the Somme valley and entered the ruins of Frycourt, formerly a German stronghold. The town is obliterated—the debris flattened.

A sickening stench from the piles of corpses greeted our nostrils. A high British officer told me the offensive is scheduled to advance slowly and steadily until every foot of Belgium and French soil is recovered.

**French Resume Action.**

Paris, July 20.—It is announced French have resumed the offensive on both sides of the Somme. They advanced southwest and northwest of Peronne. North of Somme French established new lines along the Combles-Cleary narrow-gauge railway, taking 400 prisoners. South of Somme the French stormed and captured a first-line trench between Barleux and Saycourt.

**Rayburn Going Good**

Tacoma, July 20.—Lou Rayburn, of La Grande, Or., was the second high amateur of Wednesday's fest with a mark of 121 out of a possible 125, in the blue rock tournament now under way. C. E. McKelvey, of Seattle, led the amateurs with one more than his Oregon rival, while Lee H. Reid, a Seattle pro, was high gun, missing but two targets in the registered contest.

Tom Wilkes, of Seattle, presented the Pacific Indians with a handsome gold watch and it was shot for on a 50-bird race. Mark Siddall, of Salem, Or., and Al Riehl, of Tacoma, each broke 47, but in the shoot-off Siddall dropped but two out of 70 while the Tacoma youngster missed four. Lou Rayburn, of La Grande with an unfinished run of 83 won a beautiful carrying set for first prize in that part of the day's program.

**Nebraska's Wheat Crop Now in Stack**

Lincoln, Neb., July 20.—Nebraska's big wheat crop today is in the shock and stack in splendid condition. While less wheat acreage was planted in this state this year than last, weather conditions more than made up for this difference and Nebraska has one of the best wheat crops in her history. It is believed that the total crop will not be far below 100,000,000 bushels. The grain is of good quality.

Last year the crop was enormous, but the value was cut about 30 per cent by the persistent rains in harvest time. This year, weather conditions have been ideal. The dry early part of the season prevented the grain running to stalk, and the later plentiful rains brought out the heads well. There also was very slight damage by hail this year, while a year ago there was considerable damage in some sections of the state. The wheat this year is also heavier than usual.

Cutting began at the southern Nebraska line about July 1, and practically all the Nebraska crop is now in the stack or being threshed.

**EPIDEMIC DECREASES.**

**Noticeable Decrease in New Cases Reported by Authorities.**

New York, July 20.—Health department reports have shown decided decrease in the number of infantile paralysis cases. One hundred and nineteen new cases developed today and 142 yesterday.