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Crack Speed Demons Flocking To La Grande

FRANK HANLEY NOMINATED BY PROHI PARTY

FIRST BALLOT DECIDES CONFLICT BETWEEN HIM AND WILLIAM SULZER.

HENRY FORD RECEIVES ONE VOTE, SULZER 61

Eugene Chaffin Nominated Sulzer, Urging Real Statesmanship Instead of Sunday School Politics "Which the Party Has Endured Long Enough."—Cheering Brief.

Auditorium, St. Paul, July 21.—Frank Hanley, of Indiana, was nominated presidential standard bearer for the prohibition party this afternoon at 2:01 on the first ballot. The vote for Hanley was 444, ex-Governor Sulzer of New York 61, Hendrix 51, Calderwood 21, and the remaining scattering. Henry Ford got one vote. Hanley's name was presented along with several others, they being William Sulzer of New York, and Pindley Hendrix of Maryland. Cheering for Hanley lasted 15 minutes for Sulzer's demonstration four minutes. Eugene Chaffin, previously presidential candidate, in nominating Sulzer said: "We have endured Sunday School politics long enough. Let us have real statesmanship now." The prohibitionists later unanimously nominated Doctor Ira Landreth of Nashville, Tennessee, as Vice-President, after all others withdrew.

TICKETS FOR AUTOMOBILES

Booth on Street Will Handle Tickets for Convenience. The method of handling the 25-cent transportation to the races Saturday and Sunday has been outlined. All those wishing to use such 25-cent facilities as will be provided, should procure their tickets from the booth at Depot and Adams. Citizens who are volunteering to help handle the big crowd to the best advantage possible, will consider these tickets as cash and turn them into the committee for redemption after the races. This eliminates making change on the part of those volunteering to haul at least one load before taking their own families. The exact number of volunteer and truck cars to run for 25 cents each way is expected to be considerable and patrons are urged to leave as early as possible. There will be band music at the grounds immediately after 1 o'clock Sunday to entertain while the crowds assemble. These volunteer cars will not be the only ones to run likely as taxis will also be in operation. Taxis are not connected with the 25-cent ticket plan.

Additional Band Secured. A merchants' committee this afternoon signed up for a special band to lead the merchants' floats in tomorrow's parade. The organization has been recently organized and is going to run opposition to present band organizations in La Grande, having announced a sharp reduction in current rates for state occasions.

Trainman Accused.

Freewater, Ore., July 20.—That Milton Weston fell beneath the O.-W. train at Freewater yesterday as a result of a kick by brakeman James MacMahon, was the verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest held today at Freewater over the body of the deceased. It is reported that no arrest will follow as the case is said not to be a strong one. Pendleton, July 20.—The body of Milton Weston who was instantly killed when a train ran over him at Freewater yesterday was brought to Pendleton last night by Coroner J. T. Brown. It was reported the man has parents living near Eugene but the officials have been unable to get in touch with any relatives. The body will be buried in Olney cemetery this evening. Coroner J. T. Brown went to Freewater this morning to hold another inquest when the train crew of Spokane would be present.

Union County Fair Gets \$1074.60

Under the apportionment of state funds for the different county fair boards, Union county is to receive \$1074.60. Wallowa county is to receive \$678.67.

SATURDAY FEATURE TEST HAS A DOZEN STARTERS

At least 13 and probably more, crack Northwest motorcycle riders are going to compete for the Northwest championship when the 1916 motorcycle races open tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 promptly at the new oval, four miles east of town. The entries are swelling this afternoon and it looks like a grand getaway. Of course the northwest championship race will not be tomorrow's only card for there will be efforts to establish track records. All riders in the city will compete for that honor each day, and then on the following day, all riders will run for the far-western honors. But it is a fact that the best track records will be made Saturday—before the track loses its present finish. Walker, Janke and others, yesterday evening clipped the course in 1:03 which is better than 85 miles per hour. They anticipate 90 miles Saturday. Conveyances commence to leave La Grande shortly after 1 each day.

EARLY ANSWER TO CARRANZA

SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSED

After Prolonged International Conference Quick Reply Hinted. Washington, July 21.—Envoy Arredondo, Acting Secretary of State Polk and American Ambassador Fletcher conferred for an hour today regarding Carranza's suggestion for a Mexican-American commission to settle differences. The matter was referred to the state department. It was indicated the government soon will publish the American reply to the Carranza suggestions.

Mexicans Steal Guns

Columbus, July 21.—It was learned today that several Mexican laborers mending roads, stole sleeping army truck driver's rifles and headed southward intending to join Villistas. Cavalrymen pursued and captured one after a day's chase. The expedition's laborers are now closely watched as a mutiny is feared.

E. Henry Returns

After a prolonged stay in Iowa E. Henry is in La Grande today on a visit to his brother Walter Henry in Elgin. Mr. Henry first came to La Grande nine years ago but returned to Iowa later on.

JAMES HOUSE BURNS.

Fire of Unknown Origin Wrecks Occupied Residence on North Side. Just before midnight last night a pedestrian on North Fir street discovered that the whole interior of the Anna James house until recently occupied by R. E. Trill and family, at North Fir and T streets, was a solid mass of flames. The alarm was turned in and notwithstanding the department made a valiant fight it was impossible to prevent considerable damage. The Trill family has not occupied the place for nearly a month but considerable furniture had been left in the house. The damage was considerable.

Will Rebuild Barn.

Louis Wright, the carpenter, will go out to the Doon Woodell ranch Monday to begin work on the reconstruction of the big barn on the place. The structure will be completely remodeled and considerably enlarged.

SPECIAL TRAIN CHRATERED.

O.-W. Official Announces that Pendleton Provides Special. J. H. O'Neill, at one time traveling passenger agent for the O.-W. and right now back on the job again until Jim Miller's place is permanently filled, last evening closed up with the Pendleton Commercial club for a special train to leave Pendleton Sunday at 7 a. m. to attend the races. Yesterday evening, says Mr. O'Neill there was every indication that there would be close to 200 from Pendleton and way points.

Miss McMillan in Brazil.

Miss Grace McMillan, Latin teacher in the La Grande schools, writes to Mrs. Irene King of South La Grande that her party is now at S. Paulo after a visit at Rio De Janeiro. She pronounces the first named country the more attractive, though it was cloudy and cold. They came to S. Paulo by land but find the whole country exceedingly interesting.

MOTOR CLUB RACE PROGRAM

First Day, July 22. First Race—Five mile, restricted to local riders. Free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$50. Second Race—Ten mile, restricted to Northwest riders. Free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$50. Third Race—Trials for track record. Open to all and free for all seven horse power machines. The four machines making the best time qualify for final trial on following day. The best time made on either the 22d or 23rd shall determine the winner. Fourth Race—Northwestern Grand Prize: Fifty miles restricted to Northwestern riders on 7 H. P. machines S. S. Race to determine the Northwest championship. Purse \$200. Divided, \$100, \$50, \$35, \$15. Fifth Race—Open to all and free for all 7 H. P. machines. 5 miles. Purse \$25. Second Day, July 23. First Race—Five miles, restricted to local riders. Free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$50. Second Race—Ten miles. Open to and free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$25.00. Fourth Race—Final trials for track record. Purse \$50. Fifth Race—Far Western Grand Prize: 100 miles. Open to all riders on 7 H. P. machines S. S. Purse \$500. Divided \$250, \$75, \$35, \$15. All machines shall have not over 61 cu. in. displacement. Free for all 7 H. P. events shall include open ported motors. All purses of \$50 shall be divided \$25, \$15, \$10. All purses of \$25 shall be divided \$15, \$10. Entries in the Northwest championship grand prize and contestants for track records, run Saturday: Thompson on Indian, Boise. Williams, Harley, Boise. Jackson, Harley, Walla Walla. Rose, Ex. Portland. Coburn, Ex. Portland. Farnum, Merkle, Portland. Tracey Hollister, Harley, La Grande. Red Williams, Harley, La Grande. Patterson, Indian, Portland, formerly of Salem. Swartz, Indian, Walla Walla. Lentz, Indian, Spokane. Indian Rider, Spokane. In addition to these riders, Sunday's program featuring the Far-Western grand prize, contestants will include: Irwin Janke, Harley, Milwaukee, present world's 200 and 300-mile champion. Otto Walker, ex-world's champion, on Harley, Milwaukee. Keeney, Indian, Springfield, Mass.

With riders a plenty from the entire country present, special trains and great strings of auto caravans due Saturday and Sunday, the attendance at the Speed 'Em Up races will probably be greater than ever before, and while these things are shaping abroad, home committees are busy providing entertainment.

Busy Day Tomorrow.

Commencing as early as 10 o'clock tomorrow festivities get under way for a busy Saturday. The parade committee is calling for more cars—all the cars in the county in fact are wanted. They also want the mer-

U-BOAT CREW WORRIED; MAY AWAIT A STORM

UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANTMAN CONSTANTLY AT HER SIDE AGAIN TODAY. CAPTAIN WOULD RATHER SLIP OUT AMID STORM. Enemy Ships' Submarine Detectors Would Have Difficulty Observing U-Boat's Presence in Case of Climatic Disturbance—Craft Is Ready to Get Away.

Baltimore, July 21.—The Deutschland remained at anchor this morning, a mysterious and unidentified merchantman having stationed itself at her side during the night and refused to leave up to the noon hour. Presence of the merchantman no doubt delayed departure and positively annoyed the submariners aboard her. She is ready to go at any minute. It is possible now that Captain Koening will wait until a storm comes up before he undertakes to steam under the blockading fleets. He argues that their sound detectors, used to locate submarines, would have trouble picking him up among the Virginia capes if a storm was raging, and some think he will await such conditions. Others profess that he will slip away at the first opportunity regardless of climatic conditions.

WILL PROTECT EMPLOYES

American Express Company Takes Care of Its Men Who Enlist. Telegraphic instructions sent out by President Taylor of the American express company regarding employees who have been called on for military duty, have been received by Mr. G. H. Black, manager of the express office at La Grande. The instructions state that all regular salaried employees who are married men, as well as all single men who have relatives dependent upon them for support, who as members of the National Guard prior to June 17th, 1916 have responded to the President's call for military service, will receive sufficient salary to make up any deficiency between the government allowance and the rate of pay which they have hitherto been drawing. For single men without dependent relatives, an allowance will be made to them sufficient to make up one-half of the salary which they draw regularly from the company. This provision will remain in operation until December 21st, 1916. After which further consideration will be given depending upon the political situation between Mexico and this country. The American Express Company has also arranged for welcoming back into its service all enlisted employees who make application to return within 30 days after they are mustered out of the Federal Service.

FEWER PRISONERS NOW

Salem Authorities Announce Reduction of Penitentiary Inmates. Salem, July 21.—It is announced 41 per cent fewer prisoners entered the Oregon penitentiary the first six months of 1916 than in 1915. There were 159 last year and 95 this year. Prohibition and plentiful employment are suggested as the reasons.

BIG BOUT OFF.

Welch-White Milling Scheduled Tonight, Meets Obstacle. Minneapolis, July 21.—The Welch-White boxing contest for the world's lightweight title, scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. Manager Harry Pollock, representing Welch, refused to accept Referee Billy Hoke.

NO DECREASE PERMITTED.

All Effort to Fringe Naval Program Meet with Failure. Washington, July 21.—The Senate has decisively defeated all efforts to decrease the proposed navy program. Cummins attempted to amend the bill providing only two battle ships and four battle cruisers, but was beaten 60 to 14. Townsend's amendment lowering the bill to four battleships and four battle cruisers in three years was defeated 58 to 15.

BAKER PREPARED TO SEND BOOSTERS

SEVERAL PLAN TO DEVOTE TWO DAYS TO STAY. Pendleton Rider Comes Forward to Compete in Contests at the Oval. "Many Bakerites will attend the two-day Speed 'Em Up motor races at La Grande next Saturday and Sunday," says the Baker Herald. "La Grande has always been well represented here during Baker celebrations and at fair time and as this will be the biggest affair of its kind in Eastern Oregon, Baker should reciprocate by sending a large delegation to the races." Tom Richardson went to La Grande last night on his Indian eight valve motorcycle where he will enter the Speed 'Em Up races." relates the Pendleton E. O., and continues: It is reported that the winner of the Far Western race there Sunday will have to travel over 90 miles an hour to cross the tape ahead of the large list of entries. About 85 were signed up for the Pendleton special train up to last night. Provided there are more than 100 wish to make the trip the railroad will furnish sufficient accommodations for all. Among Pendleton people already in La Grande are Ralph Temple and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen.

BRITISH LOSE MANY SHIPS IN PAST FEW DAYS

TRAWLERS OFF EAST COAST TO THE EXTENT OF SEVEN SENT TO BOTTOM. MEDITERRANEAN STEAMERS ALSO SENT TO BOTTOM. Fighting Along the Somme Indicates French and English Have Regained Some of the Territory Lost by Strong German Counters—Bayonetting Charge Wins. Berlin, July 21.—It is announced a German submarine shelled the iron works of the British seaport Seaham, July 11th. Between July 10th and 14th submarine destroyed seven steam trawlers at the east coast of England. London, July 21.—A Mediterranean submarine has sunk the British steamers Karma and Grangemoor. The crews were saved. The Britisher Yser was also destroyed. Paris, July 21.—It is announced French have heavily repulsed German counters against positions they won yesterday. Germans retreated disorderly. French bayonetters routed a German patrol while attempting to penetrate the lines in the Chaulnes region. French Recover Lost Ground. London, July 20.—General Haig reported British advances and temporarily occupied portions of the woods. Polish Relief Urged. Washington, July 21.—President Wilson has signed a personal letter to rulers of Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria. He urged quick solution of the Polish relief problem. BLACKLIST EXCORIATED. English Policy Calls for Bitter Comment in the Senate. Washington, July 21.—Senator Thomas of Colorado, today denounced the British blacklist on certain American firms as an "outrageous assault on American citizens." He advocated severe reprisals, and said, "I cannot understand the widespread sympathy for the allied cause in this country, when England continually repeats her bulldozing attacks on our commerce." After a most bitter debate the Senate today reversed itself and refused to permit the Bethlehem Steel company the right to print anti-government armor plate propaganda as a public document. Sen. Penrose has previously obtained unanimous consent for the printing but Reed of Missouri, arrived later and attacked the action bitterly. Washington, July 21.—Acting Secretary Polk has announced the fight against the British blacklist has started with informal representations made through the British Embassy and Ambassador Page at London. Washington, July 21.—It is announced the State Department has sent Britain and France a request to answer America's last protest against Allied mail seizures. Wreck Has Victims. Bluefield, W. Va., July 21.—Five laborers were killed and 10 injured when a Norfolk Western freight collided with the rear of a work train at Bell Springs. Twelve cars were smashed. HIKERS RETURN. Boys Made Fine Walk from Hilgard to La Grande this Morning. Twenty-six strong, the Y. M. C. A. junior boys who spent a night and a day at Hilgard under tutelage of Secretary King, returned home this morning. They made the 10-mile hike in good time, packing their blanket rolls and provisions with them. All report a fine time. Winzels To Leave La Grande. A. A. Winzel, assistant manager of Mount Emily Timber Co., announced today his decision to return to Merrill, Wisconsin, where he will engage in the lumber and box business. Mr. Winzel has had the proposition under consideration for some time and very recently decided to make the change. He will leave with his family in the early part of September.

VILLA SHOWS UP AT FAIR

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF QUEEN BLOCKED. Cherry Fair Program Has Many Frills and Features. The day dawned bright and beautiful over cherry land on the morning of the 20th and the inhabitants were out early preparing for their annual gala day. The cherries had not ripened as fast as anticipated and the work of securing proper exhibits had been increased on this account, but the exhibit proved beyond a reasonable doubt that "Cove's Got 'Em" notwithstanding all of the misfortunes she has had to contend with. The most notable part of the display was an artistic piece of cherry work representing the liberty bell, exhibited by the Stackland Bros. The Elks' band was on hand with a variety of music for all comers. The coronation ceremony was varied somewhat from usual by having a young Mexican make an attempt to assassinate the queen and the royal guards were sent to capture the would-be assassin, the guards returned and reported failure, then the king sent the two court fools who brought back the offender. He was made to salute the royal rulers and while his capturers decorated him with American flags, the royal court and attendants sang "America" Queen Ann delivered the following address: "We consider it quite an honor to rule for a short period of time as king and queen of Cherry land, but it is vastly more of a privilege to live under the Stars and Stripes of this glorious republic of ours, governed by the people. We feel like complaining sometimes when old General Frost marches his devastating army through our blossoming orchards, but let us give thanks to the almighty ruler of the Universe that it has pleased him to lead our loved United States in the paths of peace and let us all hope and pray that ere another cherry day comes to us, that the war among the people of the eastern world will have ceased—that the war cloud that hangs over our southern border will have passed away, that unfortunate Mexico will be able to settle her troubles without further conflict. And that we will reach a better happier and more prosperous era, bring to all the people of the world 'peace on earth, good will toward men.'" The court bard recited the following appropriate lines for the occasion: "From other climes white people came And civilized the west, Each thinks his own locality In every way is best. The old land marks that nature carved Each helps to do their part. Recalling pleasant memories That cling around the heart. We think no better place exists— Than Cove, for these who try 'Tis the land of the big red apple And the home of Cherry pie."

WILSON'S VISIT TO LA GRANDE

What fairer scene could artist paint, Or poet praise in rhyme Than our beloved Cove presents In Spring and Summer time. The wilderness of orchard blooms, The mantled green of hills, The shady bowers of sweet content

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