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94 PER CENT WANT STRIKE

New York, Aug. 8.—It was formally announced today that 94 per cent of the railway trainmen and members of four brotherhoods, have voted in favor of a strike. The ballot tabulation was completed this morning. Four hundred thousand employees of 20 different railroads voted. The Trainmen's representatives this morning met the employers at the Engineering society headquarters and announced the result. The conference adjourned until tomorrow when it will resume negotiations, hoping to reach an agreement that will avert the country-wide strike.

WEST ATTRACTS FOREIGNERS.

Representative of Norwegian Government Comes to Investigate.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Aug. 1.—Impressed by the close relation between the science and practice of horticulture in Oregon, Olav Einset, municipal horticulturist of the Government Experiment station, of Norway, and supervisor of the fruit growers association, has crossed the Atlantic ocean and the North American continent in order to make a close study of Oregon horticultural methods. Mr. Einset was sent by his government to make this investigation with a view to adopting Pacific coast practices in Norway.

In Norway the science and practice of horticulture are as yet wide apart, according to Professor Einset. Since a great deal of fruit is grown, especially in Western Norway where the climate is so mild that the thermometer seldom registers 20 degrees below freezing, considerable quantities of good fruit are already produced. By the use of more scientific methods of growing, protecting and marketing the crop, production could be greatly increased, greatly to the benefit of agriculture, manufacturing and other industries. Professor Einset is making a second visit to the O. A. C. Experiment station and branch stations and to various large orchards of Oregon, to make a more intimate study of the details of Oregon horticultural methods. Varieties, methods of planting, culture, pruning, thinning, spraying and harvesting fruit, all will receive a share of attention. Professor Einset expects to work in a Medford orchard for two months in order to inform himself fully on various points connected with these phases of the work.

The west he finds, and especially the Pacific coast states, has developed the orcharding industry much more scientifically than any other part of the country. Hence, it was to the West he came to pursue his studies. From Medford he will go to California to investigate California orchard practices. He will then go to Rochester, New York, where he will investigate the factory systems of the huge by-products plants at that place engaged in the manufacture of vinegar, fruit juices, evaporated fruits, and other by-products. In the latter part of the year he will return to his own country and next year begin the introduction of the methods learned here to the fruit growers of Norway.

COUGAR BREAKS UP CAMP.

Ten Girls Flee in Terror When Predatory Animal Howls at Night.

A noisy and hungry cougar Saturday night surreptitiously exploded a bomb of fright in the midst of a bivouac established by 10 La Grande girls near the Pierce Creek range cabin. Although it was nowhere near time for the girls to break camp and return home, they did, and they did it afoot.

Saturday night the girls were sleeping soundly in their tents. Not so with the cougar, probably of titanic size, if his yelps accurately measure the size of his body. At close range he uncorked piercing, blood curdling screams peculiar to a cougar's midnight solos. In frantic haste the girls fled to a nearby cabin and barricaded the door and spent an agonizing night of it while the cougar continued his anthem of fright altogether too nearby. With the break of daylight the girls left for home, scampering down the four and a half miles of steep mountainside and calling it quits on the camping trip. It was in the cards for Lloyd Pierce to bring the girls and camp outfit to town at a later date, but there are no girls for Lloyd to bring in now. They are home, and happier than they were Saturday night.

COYOTE VISITS TOWN.

Parades Jefferson Avenue and Then Hits Off to Wheat Field.

Late yesterday afternoon a large, rangy coyote suddenly made his appearance on Jefferson avenue, running at moderate speed east on that street and striking off toward the wheatfields east of town after reaching the A. B. C. laundry site. L. M. Hoyt and Claude Mackey were on the street at the time with their cars and both watched the coyote's caprices from a safe point of vantage. The beast seemed unduly excited at his strange surroundings and the further he went the more he demonstrated his desire to reach tall timbers. He stepped spiritedly, as though the pavement burned his feet.

H. A. PERKINS DIED.

Former Wallowa County Farmer Passed Away at 81.

Harmon A. Perkins, an Army veteran, and former farmer on Prairie creek county in which locality he early settler, died Saturday morning at his home in Wallowa. He was 81 years of age. He was a resident of Wallowa and was a member of the Wallowa Grange. He was a well-known and respected citizen of Wallowa.

COAST TRIP.

Three Sleepers Outfitted for Trip.

Two standard tourist outfits and one tourist will have their available space disposed of when the Eastern Oregon special leaves tomorrow night for the coast. The berth reservations at this point have been brisk; extremely so, and eleventh-hour decisions are expected to clean up such sections as have not been disposed of this afternoon. Four sections have been set aside for the Enterprise delegation.

Corner Stone To Be Laid.

The corner stone of the new \$20,000 grammar school at Milwaukie will be laid August 12. The program will consist of instrumental music by the band, vocal selections and an address by an educator who is to be announced later.

PROHIBITION CASE STARTED

CLEANER AND DYER ACCUSED BY STATE.

Officers Claim Defendant Drank Alcohol—False Affidavit Charged.

This morning J. H. Petit, a local cleaner and dyer, was arrested on a charge preferred by District Attorney Colon R. Eberhard, wherein the crime of perjury under the prohibition law is charged, it being alleged that Mr. Petit on July 22, 1916, purchased alcohol from H. H. Richardson at the Silverthorne Drug store, making an affidavit required by the prohibition law, that he needed a quart of alcohol for use at his home, that it would not be given away by him, and would not be used for any other purpose or at any other place. The state claims in the charge that these statements were each false. It is understood the state further claims he drank the alcohol immediately.

When brought before Justice of the Peace Williams, Mr. Petit offered to plead guilty, but since the charge is not within the jurisdiction of the justice court, the matter was referred to the grand jury, the defendant being allowed bail.

It is known that there has been much activity of late among all the officers here, both city and county, and there are persistent rumors that when the ax does fall in the alcohol line, there will be a multitude of charges. No statement was forthcoming today from the officials regarding the situation.

BLANCHE CLARK RETURNS.

Artist, Home from East, Will Go to Vancouver Next Year.

Miss Blanche Clark, who has been supervising the drawing in the public schools at Maquaketa, Iowa, during the past two years, has returned home to spend a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark. Before returning home Miss Clark attended the applied arts summer school in Chicago. She has accepted a position in the drawing department at Vancouver, Washington, for the coming year.

LUMBERMAN A SUICIDE.

Secretary of National Lumbermen's Association Leaps to His Death.

St. Louis, Aug. 8.—George K. Smith, secretary of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association and former secretary of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association, leaped to his death from the 15th story of Boatmen's Bank building today.

GOVERNMENT AGENT PLACES OBSERVATORY

LA GRANDE MADE BASE FOR GEODETIC PROJECT TO GATHER DATA.

ASTRONOMICAL READINGS WILL BE MADE ONCE

Walla Walla, and a Base at Government Is Beginning Extensive Project for Gathering Valuable Information to Map Makers for Other Purposes.

La Grande has become a potent factor in a government project of extensive scope which has for its object accurate longitudinal and latitudinal location of La Grande and from that to obtain accurate points from which may be tied state and county surveys, and on which topographical maps, and on which topographical formation may be based. J. E. McGrath, representative of the Coast and Geodetic survey department of commerce, has ordered construction of a temporary observatory near the freight depot from which he will observe 12 different stars, coincident with readings by electric apparatus from previously established basis. Barring cloudy night weather, he will be able to conclude his readings of the astronomical guide posts within the course of a week. When he has taken these readings, and by calculation and delicate machinery determined the precise longitudinal and latitudinal location of La Grande, under ground and surface marks of a permanent nature will be left by him and in the course of a few months a crew of triangulation scheme men will cross the mountains from Echo and then establish the azimuth readings at La Grande, and thereafter any survey of any sort will have information of directions at La Grande that will not vary more than a third of an inch in a mile from Echo and Walla Walla. About every 200 miles between the Mexican border and Canada, similar stations will be established and the area between networked with triangulation lines based on actual measurements on the ground in the vicinity of selected astronomical stations. The present longitude campaign began with the occupation of Walla Walla where accurate longitude and latitude were determined in 1888. One such point has already been established at Echo and another is now under way here.

Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., Helena and other northwest towns have these values determined already, and Needles will be one of the southernmost stations. Figuratively speaking when Mr. McGrath has attained the knowledge sought others will, with Echo as a base, flit from peak to peak across the Blue mountains, and then come to earth at La Grande and hitch the two points together; after that some city to the south and east will be hitched to La Grande, and so on down to the border.

Mr. McGrath will each night observe 10 transits of six stars each and then compare with delicate clocks by electrical methods over the Western Union wires, concluding the night's work by a corresponding set of transits of six more stars. These transits and signals are read on the following day from the electrically recorded chronograph sheet and from the results the differences in longitude is computed.

So accurate must the time clocks be that not over 100th part of a second error prevails in the final result. By at least 120 observations on each of three nights astronomically he will learn the exact distance La Grande is from Greenwich, the precise distance from the equator, and, later when followup crews arrive, will be learned the general direction of the

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THE BREMEN REPORTED SUNK

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Dispatches to the Berlin Tablatt have announced that the German submarine merchantman Bremen, a sister to the Deutschland, sank after an accident to its machinery. No official denial or verification of the report has been issued in Berlin.

Riddle Has Box Factory.

G. W. Riddle, former county Judge of Douglas county, now has a small box factory in operation at Riddle,

HORSES DRESSED TO KEEP COOL.



WORK ANIMALS WEAR TROUSERS

CHICAGO HUMANE SOCIETIES RESCUE ANIMALS.

Treatment and Cooling Harness Appliances Recommended to Horse Owners.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Domestic animals should be cared for constantly during hot weather, to avoid heat prostration while the present heat wave is under way, say Humane officers.

To help a horse keep cool, dress the animal as shown in the picture. A cool wet sponge under a shady hat is refreshing on the forelegs, where the tail cannot reach, furnish protection from flies.

Four water over the horse whenever you come to trough. When a horse pants, but does not perspire, it has heat prostration. In this case rest the horse in a shady spot and pour water on its head and legs. If the animal falls to the ground, a pint of whiskey should be given.

The horse should not be worked the rest of the day, but taken to the nearest stable for rest, and should be fed lightly. Keep a pail of water where your dog or cat may find it easily. Do not play long with either, but have the dog or cat rest in a shady spot. All animals should be bathed as often as possible.

SOCIALISTS FILE TICKETS.

Mrs. Baird of Wallowa Nominée for Joint Representative.

Socialists of Union county have filed their district and county ticket, to be voted on at the coming general election. The following candidates were nominated at a recent mass convention held in this city, and are now filed via the regular minority party course:

J. H. Barkley, Bend, for congress. S. S. Start, Baker, for public service commissioner.

John A. Dahlstrom, North Powder, presidential elector.

Chas. H. Powell, Cove, joint senator, Union and Wallowa counties.

Mrs. Bessie Baird, Wallowa, joint representative.

H. Warmholtz, La Grande, county representative.

B. P. Burnett, Starkey, county commissioner.

W. T. Grider, La Grande, county treasurer.

H. H. Hug, La Grande, county clerk.

L. W. Wright, La Grande, county clerk.

W. S. Burnett, Starkey, county surveyor.

B. Bickford, La Grande, justice of the peace.

Thomas N. Stepp, La Grande, constable.

The nomination of a county school superintendent candidate and sheriff and county attorney, was left to the county central committee. The convention at its recent session elected a county Central committee of which B. E. Morehouse of La Grande is chairman and L. W. Smith secretary. These two men are, with the assistance of the whole committee, directing the pre-election campaigns for the party nominees.

SAWMILL MEN GOING TO BEND

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION ATTRACTS SEVERAL.

Western White Pine Manufacturers Expect Important Meeting.

With Bend as their destination, numerous Eastern Oregon lumbermen are bound for the interior metropolis today to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon division of the Western White Pine Manufacturers' association, and of other divisions of the association as well. La Grande sent three men to the convention and Baker several. J. H. Mimaugh of Wallowa was unavoidably detained at the last moment and cancelled his plans. Vincent Palmer of this city took his departure last evening and was followed this morning by George Stoddard and Earl Stoddard. Leon B. Stoddard, formerly of Perry and now of Baker, spent last night in the city and joined the La Grande group this morning. His term as secretary of the division expires now that A. W. Cooper, secretary of the main association at Spokane, looks after the secretariats of the three divisions comprising the body as a whole.

Matters of much importance are slated to come up before the Bend meeting. D. C. Eccles is chairman of the division and the official representative to the meeting. Joe Stoddard of Baker was another passenger to Bend this morning.

ELKS' BAND EMPLOYED.

O.-W. Picnic Abandons Precedent of Hiring Albina Organization.

W. B. Bollons, superintendent of the La Grande division of the O.-W. was chosen last night as the initial speaker at the O.-W. employees' picnic August 17—not 15—and the Elks' band was employed to furnish music for the occasion, when committees, numbering 35 all told, met last evening to prepare final arrangements as far as possible for the annual event on the west slope of the Blue mountains.

It will be the duty of the division superintendent to officially welcome the employees and visitors to the grounds and to give a brief review of safety first principles and to act as general chairman. While the initial gun will be fired by Mr. Bollons, the main speaker of the day has not been agreed upon but will be announced shortly.

Previously it had been the custom to employ the Albina band and bring them to Eastern Oregon. The committee last evening chose the Elks' band of this city, realizing it to be a first-class organization and one that will materially assist in making the program attractive.

THAUMONT FALLS AGAIN

GERMANS SUCCESSFUL IN ONE OF FIVE VERDUN BLOWS LAST NIGHT.

AUSTRIAN AND ITALIAN SHIPS IN SEA BATTLE

Somme Offensive Resumed Declares General Haig—Berlin Asserts that Teutons are Generally Successful in Fighting in the French Front—in the East Slavs Win.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—The Austrian admiralty has announced an Austrian torpedo boat flotilla and the cruiser Aspern, shelled Wolfoto on the Adriatic August 2. The shells set fire to a factory and destroyed the aeroplane shed. Later six Italian destroyers and one cruiser attacked the Austrians and there was a sea battle but the Italian ships fled southward. An Italian torpedo hit an Austrian torpedo boat, the Magnet, killing two sailors.

German Gain Admitted. Paris, Aug. 8.—It is admitted Germans have recaptured Thaumont fortress, northeast of Verdun in a powerful assault early this morning. The battle is continuing around the re-doubt.

Germans terrifically shelled the French all night and simultaneously attacked at five positions. Four of these assaults were repulsed.

Somme Offensive Renewed. London, Aug. 8.—British have advanced to Guillemont village and Gen. Haig has announced the Somme offensive has been resumed. Bayonet fighting took place in city streets near the railway depot. Allies gained heavily east of Trones wood though Germans are shelling Australian positions north of Pozieres.

German Version Given. Berlin, Aug. 8.—It is announced Allies have continued stubborn attacks in the Pozieres region. Fighting favored the Germans. It is admitted Russians forced the Germans to retreat on the Tlumacz-Ottynia line southeast of Stanislaw. Germans retired to previously prepared positions. Fugitives Sighted.

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Russians have captured Tlumacz, Galicia, 10 miles southeast of Stanislaw. They have launched a powerful offensive on a 17-mile front and routed the whole line. Cossacks sabered the fugitives. Two thousand Germans surrendered. Southeast of Brody and Russians captured eight thousand prisoners.

POOR WHEAT CROP.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The agricultural department forecasts a "Mediocre crop" of about 654,000,000 bushels of wheat. Crop prospects decline 105,000,000 bushels between July 1st and Aug. 1st. Last year's crop was one billion twelve million bushels. Other estimates include: Corn, two billion seven hundred million. Oats, one billion six hundred seventy-four million.

Diver in River Suffocates.

Alex B. Anderson, a diver, was suffocated below water recently, while working near Altoona, Wash. Life was extinct when he was pulled to the surface after calling for more air. Mr. Anderson was a native of Sweden and had been a fisherman for several years.

CRAWFISH FEED FOR GUESTS.

Wisconsin Men Delighted with Fish New to Them.

Last evening Pat Foley proprietor of the Foley hotel, served a Crawfish feed to a number of his friends, the guests of honor being Mayor E. W. Ellis of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, Charles J. Kinsel, head of the Kinsel Lumber company of Merrill, Wisconsin, and August J. Stange formerly of La Grande but now of Merrill, Wisconsin.

The gentlemen from Wisconsin are here looking over some timber holdings and viewing the west. Mr. Stange was the only one of the three who was familiar with the deliciousness of the crawfish, and when at 10:30 Mr. Foley announced dinner the Wisconsin men looked at each other and then at the crawfish. Being from a state that produces game men they showed themselves no exception to the rule and battled with the wiggly crawfish in a manly way.

In half an hour they pronounced them the finest food they had ever eaten and assured the entire party they then felt very much like westerners.

Today the party left under the guiding hand of J. T. Williamson for the upper country where bear and cougar live.