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# UNITED BAND GIVING PICNIC

WALLOWA COUNTY MUSICIANS JOIN IN FUN.

**Sunday August 20th Date Set for Big Musical Program.**

(Joseph Herald.)

The combined musical organizations of the county have fixed upon Sunday afternoon, August 20th, as the date for the holding of a big picnic at the lower end of Wallowa lake, where on that date a big musical and sports program will be given. It is planned to make this first bandmen's picnic a tremendous success and to this end the county musicians will put forward every inducement in the hope that a record breaking crowd may be attracted. The chief object sought is the raising of a sufficient revenue to defray the cost of this year's lease upon the Reel tract at the lower end of the lake, where the band boys of the county eventually hope to establish an amusement park that will be a center of social attraction throughout the summers of each year.

In order that this laudable ambition may be realized the musicians meeting at Enterprise Monday evening agreed to donate their services when the largest aggregation of bandmen in the county's history will render two concerts, between which a sports program will be offered for the crowd's entertainment. An admission charge of 25 cents will be made to the public, the idea being to raise the necessary funds to enable the band boys of the county to gain control of the grounds to be parked.

And if earnest effort counts the bandmen of the county are going to prove ideal hosts on this occasion. No one doubts their ability to entertain and the utmost aid rendered them by the public will be none too much, for they are deserving and their ideal is a wholesome one that will go a long way in providing amusement for the pleasure loving folks of this section.

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# GAS COMPANY OUTLOOK GOOD

VARIOUS MERCHANTS VOICE APPROVAL.

**About Half of Capital Stock Put Before Public Is Taken.**

At a meeting held in the city hall last evening for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of the gas business in La Grande, considerable enthusiasm was shown and apparently a campaign is on with vigor to give La Grande a gas plant.

Fred B. Currey, secretary of the Commercial club, called the meeting to order and different business men expressed their faith in the proposition. F. J. Holmes, who is a stockholder in the new company, said he had investigated the proposition to his own satisfaction and as a result had made an investment in the stock. He has made a research of the gas made from sawdust and wood and is satisfied that it is of commercial value.

Julius Roesch spoke in favor of the movement. He also has an investment in the company's stock.

Charles S. Dunn, of the A. B. C. laundry, expressed himself as an advocate of the new gas company and stated in his belief it would give to La Grande what the city has long needed—a gas plant.

The capital of the new company is $125,000; $75,000 of this stock has been offered on the market and about half of the amount has been subscribed.

# HOMESTEAD IS POPULAR NOW

ADDITIONAL TRACT RIGHTS EXERCISED.

**Isolated Tract Sales Reduces Public Domain 700 Acres.**

Continued demand for the right to exercise additional homestead suffrage now bestowed in a broader and less binding manner than usual, is noticeable in the La Grande land office. Today's business included:

Fred G. Crossett, Trester, additional homestead.

John C. Powell, Monument, homestead.

James O'Sullivan, Hamilton, timber and stone claim.

Richard R. Jentry, Cottonwood, additional homestead.

Joel W. Sturdivant, Ukiah, additional homestead.

Charles B. Sturdivant, Ukiah, additional homestead.

Frank Donsbach, Enterprise, additional homestead.

Peter Baudon, Joseph, additional homestead.

**Many Tracts Sold.**

Six hundred and ninety-five acres of isolated land was sold at public sale by the land office in the city yesterday aggregating approximately $1500.00 as the purchase price. Eleven separate parcels were sold. The buyers were: Math M. Hansen, Long Creek; Worth H. Danney, Hamilton; Charles R. David, Ritter; John M. Conger, Long Creek; Wesley C. Isom, Monument; Frederick Eames, Telecaset; Amos L. Demaris, Milton; Ameilia McElligott, Hamilton; Grant Harner, Long Creek.

Homestead entries yesterday included:

Guy A. Overturf, Powwatka; Joseph A. Guglin, Holman; Oliver F. Coon, Baker; Sidney J. Cardwell, Long Creek; Douglas S. Flynn, Ritter; Frederick L. Prescott, Trester; Jessie I. Prismon, Hamilton; William J. Beach, Paradise; Jack Vaughn, Trester and James W. Herbert, Union (timber and stone.)

**"Suffrage First—Parties Second."**

Colorado Spring, Colo, Aug. 11.—By standing for suffrage first and parties second the women voters of the 12 suffrage states can decide the result of the presidential election on November 7, they say. This was the desired end planned at a conference of the National Woman's Party in session here today. "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of Sex." This, in substance, is so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment to the federal constitution failure to pass which during the present session of Congress will result in the conference here undoubtedly recommending that the votes for women be cast against Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Hughes the Republican candidate has declared in favor of the amendment. The conference also was to decide whether the announcement July 31 by Charles E. Hughes of his stand on the amendment entitles the Republican candidate to the women's votes. The amendment forms the sole plank of the National Woman's Party's platform. Since the party was formed in Chicago on June 6 it has sent out tens of thousands of circulars, brought pressure to bear on the present Congress and sent emissaries into every suffrage state to preach the slogan of suffrage first and party allegiance second. The Anthony amendment was the subject of discussion at the morning session today. Miss Gail Laughlin, California, chairman of the California branch of the Congressional Union; Mrs. Dora Phelps Buell, Colorado, member of the national advisory council of the Congressional Union; Miss Mabel Vernon, Nevada secretary of the National Woman's Party; Miss Alice Paul, New Jersey, chairman of the Congressional Union, and Miss Ann Martin, chairman of the National Woman's Party, were to be speakers today. After they are through, resolutions will be presented discussed and disposed of. Tomorrow there will be a general conference on the campaign, a conference of state chairmen on campaign plans and a conference of national organizers on organization plans.

HIKERS LIKE GOTHAM.

**New York World "Brings Boys to Town" With Picture and Story.**

The New York World under a large cut layout, runs the following story of the long hike taken by three Portland boys who were entertained in La Grande by Elks when their trip was still in its infancy:

Three dirty but otherwise good looking American youths appeared yesterday morning at the Elks' club in Stapleton, S. I., at the end of a little walk. They started at Portland, Ore., and came over the Rockies, strolling across the prairies, killing a mad coyote, fighting hoboes and snakes and getting lost in a cyclone, to pay their respects to Father Knickerbocker. The Elks' club house was officially the goal of their tramp.

Today they will come into Manhattan and will get latchkey of the Hotel McAlpin.

These young knights of the wanderlust traveled 3,764 miles. By direct route over roads it would be 3,400 miles from Portland to New York. But the youths thought nothing of turning off the route for many miles to get a glimpse of a special object of interest—for instance, Salt Lake and the battlefield of Gettysburg.

The oldest member of the party is Kenneth F. Hollister, 24. In Portland many persons think he is a new Caruso and he means to go to a Boston conservatory to see if he can prove it.

William A. Simonson, 18, came through the hike with a large smile and the ravages of a wood-tick on his left shin. The third member of these freebooters is Raymond Moyer, 16, and 6 feet 2 inches. If he keeps on growing, when he is 21 there will be another White Hope on the horizon.

On their 89 days' journey the boys had their cowhide boots half-soled four times. There is not much left of the fourth set of soles. Twenty-two pairs of socks were used. After the fourth day out not one hiker got a corn, blister, bunion or—very proudly—the suggestion of cold feet.

They carried knapsacks that weighed 18 pounds, a camera, gallon canvas water bags, one knife and no other weapons. The youths said that bears visited their primitive camps and once a rattlesnake snuggled between two of them when they were sleeping. Near Cheyenne young Raymond Moyer killed a coyote with a kick on its jaw.

Moyer was the only one who lost his water bag. He was lowering it down a well and dropped it because of the surge of admiration that came over him as he turned and saw a golden haired Idaho school teacher making for the pellucid font.

ANNUAL PICNIC NEAR.

**Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri Natives Meet Sept. 3 This Year.**

September 3rd means much to the residents of this section who hail from Kansas, Oklahoma or Missouri, as that is the date set for their third annual picnic this year at Riverside park, La Grande. Attendants last year will remember that reunion as one of the most pleasant of their experience and are no doubt planning to attend again this year, but the officers and members are anxious that many new faces appear at the muster roll this year. A family where either the husband or wife resided in any of the three states for a period of six months before removal to Oregon, or anyone who was born in Kansas, Oklahoma or Missouri is entitled to membership in this organization.

To defray expenses of music, program and free treats a membership fee of 50 cents per family or member which entitles each family or member to everything provided. No side shows, as everything is held in the main tent. Last year there were close to 500 people at the gathering and as this was close to double the year before there will doubtless be a substantial increase this year. Should you be eligible to membership the secretary, C. N. Palmer, at La Grande will be glad to issue you membership tickets, and many former friends of the days "back yonder" will be on hand to greet you at the picnic. Just like "goin' back home" to attend these picnics, as you are more than liable to meet some one who knew you or your folks in the old days.


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