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CHAS. S. DUNN NOMINATED LAND OFFICE REGISTER

LA GRANDER WINS PLUM

SHARP CONTEST ENDED AFTER PROLONGED JOCKEYING FOR THE OFFICE.

OFFICE FIRST POLITICAL POST MR. DUNN HAS HAD

Heppner Man, Long Thought Sure to Get Position, Left Out When Name of La Grande Man Goes to Senate—F. C. Bramwell Retires in Favor of Democrat Long Resident.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Chas. S. Dunn, of La Grande, was today nominated to be register of the United States land office at La Grande.

After 24 years' residence in this city, without political posts or environments other than municipal offices, but through nearly a quarter of a century a steadfast Democrat, Mr. Dunn is about to step into a political job. Unless there is some unforseen obstacle in the way to senatorial confirmation of the nomination made by President Wilson today, Mr. Dunn will succeed F. C. Bramwell, present incumbent, within a reasonable length of time. Bonds, and other red tape details must be carried out before the position is turned over to the new register.

In 1892 Mr. Dunn came to La Grande from Wyoming and for two years worked for the O.-W. At the end of that period he went into the laundry business and has continuously devoted himself to that enterprise.

It was the Observer that first informed Mr. Dunn of his nomination shortly after 2 o'clock today. Mr. Dunn has not himself been apprised officially of the oppintment.

For several weeks the appointment has been expected almost daily by those in position to know. Early in the Summer there was a general belief prevalent that County Judge Patterson of Heppner would get the position, for it seemed certain that the race had narrowed down to Heppner, Pendleton and a La Grande candidate. As time wore on, wiseacres began to think that Mr. Patterson's chances were growing slimmer with each passing day, and that the appointment was surely coming to La Grande where it is conceded by many the plum should fall. With these premise, politicians early in the summer foresaw that it was Mr. Dunn who was in line if any La Grande man was to get it—or any Union county man for that matter. These predictions are now proven to have been the correct ones. Nevertheless as late as six weeks ago there were many who felt certain that the Heppner judge would gain the much coveted plum, which if business in the land office is normal, pays in the neighborhood of $3000 per annum.

F. C. Bramwell, Republican who is retiring was first appointed by President Roosevelt, January 13th, 1908. He took office February 24th the same year and his second appointment was made by President Taft June 5th, 1912 for four years. His commission expired June 5th, 1916. Since then he has been serving until his successor was appointed and qualified.

Mr. Bramwell was the youngest man who had ever been appointed to that position, his name being sent to the Senate on the 27th of December, 1907 on the day Mr. Bramwell was 26.

He was first appointed on the recommendation of Senators Fulton and Bourne and Congressman Ellis, having the unanimous endorsement of the entire Oregon delegation.

NEW COACH COMES.

Mr. Niles Will Look Over Field Between Now and Next Monday.

R. F. Niles, who will be a member of the high school faculty, and also take charge of athletics in the high school the ensuing year, arrived yesterday. He will look over the field as to material, schedule and equipment and early next week begins his campaign for the football season.

ELGIN IS LOYAL.

Another Contingent of Soldiers Leaves North-end City.

Elgin is becoming a liberal provider of new troops. In addition to those already enlisted from there, John H. Beickel and Andrew J. Henderson, both of Elgin have enlisted at La Grande and leave tonight for Clackamas. Joseph R. Kane, of Baker, will be sent down with them. He too is a recruit.

TROUT FEED IS READY TO SERVE

SPLENDID BEAUTIES CAUGHT BY CONTESTANTS.

Annual Premier Event of Sportsmen's Life in La Grande Occurs Tonight.

Oh you trout!

Trout, served with all the frills and libations that the law allows, will be brought before members of the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club this evening commencing at 8 o'clock, upon the occasion of the institution's annual trout feed. Sportsmen went far and traveled hard to get baskets to provide the hungry sportsmen this evening, and at the same time struggled for prizes that have been offered. But that is another matter—the outstanding fact is that the fish caught Sunday and yesterday will be eaten tonight at the annual feed which is indeed a blue ribbon, premier function to the membership. There will be trout enough for all.

Those who haven't secured their annual membership can do so at the door of the Foley grill this evening.

This promises to be a great trout dinner—big trout, little trout, medium trout and whopper trout—all these and more will be put before the diners.

E. Fleser was the "champeen" among early reports to come in. He captured several in the neighborhood of 14 inches in length, his longest being an eighth better than that. Bert Hughes had one 14 inches, Frank Coulton one that was 13, Judge Knowles one about 11 1-2 and so on. All the fish were on display in the Bert Hughes store on Depot street this morning but later on in the day were hauled to the Foley kitchen for the process needed to get them ready for a hungry bunch tonight.

The contest for prizes by members of the club closed at the noon hour today.

The Little Salmon, Sheep Creek and other remote streams attracted contestants, and were the total distances traveled after these beauties laid end to end, it would indeed be a trail several thousand miles long.

Come and get 'em boys—they'll be ready at 8.

MORE POWER PROVIDED.

Amended Army and Navy Bill Gives Added Rights to President.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The amended revenue bill gives the President power to use the army and navy to prevent preferences by belligerents against American firms and shippers.

PARALYSIS IN SAN FRANCISCO

DOLL FROM NEW YORK MAY BE CONVEYOR.

Health Authorities Warn Mothers Against Infantile Plague.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—The health department has warned all mothers to guard against infantile paralysis.

Jane Santer, aged four, died last night from the disease.

Recently the child received a doll from a New York grandmother and that possibly carried the infection.

NEW PASTOR SENT

Rev. Lumper To Leave M. E. Church for Boise Valley

News from Walla Walla is to the effect that the Methodist Church South annual conference there has changed Rev. J. H. Lumper of La Grande to the Boise valley circuit and that a pastor named S. N. Roberts is coming to La Grande. The full list of appointments for the Oregon district of the conference follows:

A. L. Thoroughman, presiding elder; Milton, F. A. Downs; Coy R. Sims, junior preacher; Walla Walla, C. R. Howard; Weston, W. B. Smith; Heppner, R H. Leuellen; Lexington, John B Coan; Wingville, S. B. Tabor; La Grande, S. N. Roberts; Richland, Arthur Thomas; Boise Valley, E. L. Griton (supply); president and financial secretary of Columbia junior college, H. S. Shangle; dean of Columbia college and secretary of education, E. R. Naylor; conference missionary secretary, N. D. Wood.

BUILDING WAREHOUSE.

Cato Johns Rounding up Group of Men to Build at Hot Lake.

Albers' Brothers' warehouse at Hot Lake is commencing to rear itself. Cato Johns, representative of the Portland concern in this territory, was in La Grande last night rounding up a group of carpenters and laborers to erect the building, timber for which began to assemble yesterday.

The warehouse will be used by the Albers people for storage of wheat bought by them in Union county.

PUBLIC ALERT TO START OF THE FIRST BIG RACE

Trained down to the very acme of perfection; groomed and sleek ready to strain their lithe tendons and muscles that victory's laurels may perch upon them during the course of the week, score upon score of fast trotting and running horses today await the opening of the La Grande Race meet tomorrow afternoon. For four days these animals, seggregated as to approximate speed, will race each afternoon as prescribed program for the edification of Eastern Oregon in a way no race meet in past history has dared to contemplate or promise.

Anticipating record crowds—crowds such as the fair grounds tracks haven't accommodated since the day Teddy Roosevelt spoke to a vast multitude—the management has carried out a detailed program of preparation for the comforts of all who come. There will be outo space, grand stand space, box seats and standing room.

The horses and officials are here, and all that is needed to put the races into actual fact is for the starter to ring his bell. A grand array of horses will be led to the course at the sound.

Through a misunderstanding all around the starting hour for races each day was announced yesterday as 2:30 whereas 2 o'clock prompt is the hour.

For the opening day a splendid program has been arranged. The 2:14 pace opens the meet, followed by the 2:17 and in the running-horse department, the La Grande derby, which is the marathon of running horse races, has been set for tomorrow which is La Grande day. About $1200 in purses will be handed down tomorrow night after the races are over. The program for the opening day:

Wednesday—La Grande Day

2:14 pace—Purse $400 00.

2:17 trot—Purse $400.00.

Run one - quarter mile—Purse $100.00.

Run, La Grande Derby, one and one-sixteenth miles—Purse $200.00.

Starter Comes

Bringing his megaphone with him Joe Waddell, secretary of the Inter-Mountain Racing circuit, and official starter of the races here, arrived today from Baker. "Some hosses", declared Mr. Waddell in speaking of the strings now here. "We have the cream of the lot, and you can tell the Observer readers from one who knows that these are going to be 'some' contests."

N. K. West, president of the La Grande Racing club, was one of the busiest mortals in town today. He spent nearly the whole day at the paddocks, lining up the big events and when the gong rings tomorrow afternoon there will be no delay anywhere. Committees yesterday picked a full corps of assistants to look after gates, automobile spaces, ushers, timers, judges and all the rest of it.

Good weather is promised by the weather man.

Stores to Close

It must not be forgotten by housewives that stores close tomorrow afternoon from noon on. The same will be true Friday afternoon

Hotels are beginning to fill up with race horse devotees and owners and riders and drivers of the monster strings now on the ground. The balance of the horses arrived today, some coming in by freight.

GARRETSON PREDICTS EARLY FULL GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Washington, Sept. 5.—President Garretson of the Conductors' brotherhood, who played a most prominent part during the recent negotiations over the pending strike, believes the recent strong interference by the government with the railroad strike is a step toward government ownership of railroads and all public utilities.

"Ten years hence" said Mr. Garretson, "you will see a mighty stride toward government operation of all railroads.

"I believe such a program is practical and sentiment in that direction is growing steadily."

MRS. SMALL INTERRED

Large Concourse of People Pay Last Solemn Tribute to Deceased.

With the church filled to capacity, and a large list of beautiful floral offerings, reflecting the respect and esteem the deceased held when alive, the remains of the late Mrs. Chas. Albert Small who died Sunday were laid to rest this afternoon Rev. G. L. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated.

Alice M. Small was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, March 31st, 1880. She is the daughter of Norman and Harriet MacLane of Lynn, Massachusetts. She obtained her early education in the public and high schools of her native city, later graduated from Oak Grove Seminary at Vasselboro, Me. She then took a two years course and graduated from the Gordon Bible Training School of Boston and also pursued a short term course at Boston university.

Her sympathetic nature, Christian training and practical turn of mind led her into the field of social service. At one time she was assistant matron of the Y. W. C. A. of Lynn, Massachusetts, and while there attended the Reading Room for girls and taught a class in sewing which was composed of the working girls from the factories and shops of the great industrial city. For about a year she was Church-Visitor of the First Friends Church of Lynn and while serving this capacity many of the city's poor knew her helping hand.

She was married to Chas. Albert Small, June 17, 1908, in Lynn, and immediately they came west. Since 1910 they have resided in La Grande, Oregon, where they have endeared themselves to the whole community. Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Albert Wicke, of Lynn, Massachusetts, three brothers, Norman, of San Francisco, Malcolm and Charles both of Lynn, her husband, Charles Albert Small, and two children, Beatrice Lucille, age seven, and Malcolm Chalmers, age two years and eleven months.

She passed away on Sunday afternoon, 2:25 o'clock, Sept. 3, 1916, age 36 years, five months, and two days.

During Mrs. Small's residence in La Grande, she has been as active in promoting the welfare of the community as her time and health would permit. She has been not only an active member of the Presbyterian church, but a member of the Ladies Aid society, Missionary society, W. C. T. U., Eastern Star and the Neighborhood club. At the time of her death she was superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the Sabbath school and corresponding secretary of the Neighborhood club.

It was Mrs. Small's unfortunate lot to live a life of much suffering and yet her cheerful nature and energy of mind and body have shown repeated triumphs over suffering until the last Messenger came. During her last illness she passed through eight weeks of suffering with remarkable fortitude and courage. She faced adverse conditions with a determination to get well if possible, and yet, knowing the seriousness of her condition, she faced the possibility of death with resignation to God's will and with a triumphant faith in her Divine Master. About twelve days before her death, she said to her husband: "I would love to live for my family, I love our darlings, I love our little nest (our home) but if the Heavenly Father wants me to go, it will be all right."

Concerning her death one of Mrs. Small's nearest friends said today:

In her suffering, resignation and death is shown one of the mysteries of Divine Providence. A lovely character and a generous friend passed away in the noon day of her career. A faithful wife passed away when life was ripest for the enjoyment of home and family. A perfect mother passed away at a time when two innocent children were looking to her for a mother's care. Surely our Great God holds in His great heart a great purpose in all this human loss and suffering; for it cannot be a mere passing incident of no consequence. It sometimes seems that in the mind of God human suffering and loss are of but little moment compared to the glory of a Christian character revealed in a Christian faith which mounts, which climbs the heights, as did Mrs. Small's and shines to the glory of the Christ who was glorified through suffering.

Why She Got an Honor Badge.

Minneapolis, Sept. 5.—Edna Nash, 17, is a regular girl. She can sprint 75 yards in 10 seconds and clear 26 feet in a hop, skip and jump. That's why she was the only one of 4,000 children to get a municipal honor badge for playground work. She is an all 'round athlete, too.

CONFEREES LEAVE FOR NEW LONDON

PRESIDENTIAL YACHT CARRIES DIPLOMATS.

First International Conference Over Mexican Situation Set for Tomorrow.

New York, Sept. 5.—With the American flag flying mast head and the Michigan flag at the bow the presidential yacht Mayflower left New York today carrying the Mexican-American commission to New London, Connecticutt.

The first international conference is set for tomorrow.

SENATE REPORT FAVORABLE.

Danish West Indies Purchase to Speed Through Senate.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The senate foreign relations committee voted unanimously today to report favorably on the treaty for American purchase of the Danish West Indies. They probably will report this afternoon. A favorable senate vote is expected this afternoon or early tomorrow.

STEAMER CRUSHED

Conflicting Reports Tell of Damage Done To Canadian Boat

Montreal, Sept. 5.—Canadian Pacific officials have received word that the freight steamer Montreal collided with a British warship near the English coast. The damage is not great and the Montreal was docked on a grave of sand. She carried no troops or passengers.

London, Sept. 5.—The Canadian Pacific liner Montreal has been in a collision and is sinking off Tilbury. She was a steel, twin-screw, four-masted steamer, built in 1900 for Canadian-English service.

Liverpool is her home port.

Tilbury is on the left bank of the Thames, a few miles east of London.

The British government commandeered several Canadian-Pacific liners and the accident's location makes it possible the Montreal was carrying Canadian troops to France.

Greeks Near War

Washington, Sept. 5.—Official and private dispatches from Athens have declared Greece will enter the war with the allies within a few days.

Bremen Rumors Revived

New York, Sept. 5 —A passenger arriving aboard the liner Cameronian declared the London public believes British warships have captured the submarine merchantman Bremen.

SPECIAL RATES FROM JOSEPH

SPECIAL TRAIN WILL RUN THURSDAY.

Return Limit Good Until Sept. 11—Schedule Given.

Leave Joseph 7:00 a. m.
Leave Enterprise 7:15 a. m.
Leave Lostine 7:35 a. m.
Leave Wallowa 7:55 a. m.
Leave Minam 8:25 a. m.
Leave Elgin 9:45 a. m.
Leave Imbler 10:05 a. m.
Leave Alicel 10:15 a. m.
Leave Island City 10:25 a. m.
Arrive La Grande 10:45 a. m.
Train returning leaves La Grande 6:45 p. m.

Final details concerning the special train from Wallowa county to La Grande next Thursday that race lovers from that end may enjoy the festivities in La Grande, were closed last night, and are as above.

The tickets are good returning September 11th.

A fare of one and one-third will prevail for the event, with a minimum of $1.00.

Fire Is Started by a Wash Boiler.

Baker, Sept. 5.—The boiling over of a wash boiler on a stove in the home of Mrs. Edna Lubbes on Second street, between Auburn and Valley avenues, brought out the fire department from the station, half a block distant, at 11:30 o'clock yesterday, but before a length of hose could be coupled, the blaze had died out of itself.

Mrs. Lubbes had just poured kerosene into the boiler to aid in removing stains from the clothes and when water and oil boiled over, the lighter and inflammable fluid was first to reach the heated surface of the stove. Flames shot up to the ceiling and the steam which followed served as an automatic extinguisher.

ROUMANIAN LINE HALTS

GERMANS AND BULGARS IN TURN PLOW INTO THE INVADER'S TERRITORY.

IMPORTANT TOWN TAKEN BY TEUTON INVASION

Berlin Declares Both Flanks Have Been Stopped—In the West English Seem to Have Made Important Gains—Victories for the Past Two Months Called Substantial.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Germans and Bulgarians have checked the Roumanian invasion on both wings. Teutons are today invading southeastern Roumania.

Budapest dispatches reported the Roumanian advance was halted near Orsova when Austrian artillery gashed the Roumanian ranks.

Roumanian Territory Invaded

Sofia, Sept. 5.—It is announced Bulgars and Germans have invaded Roumania a distance of 10 miles and captured Kuduradenar, 66 miles northwest of the Bulgarian port of Varna.

Cossacks Cross Roumania

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—It is announced Russians have crossed Roumania and fought Bulgars at the Dodibura region Cossacks charged and sabered a Bulgarian detachment.

English Pushing Forward

London, Sept 5.—General Haig has reported British advanced 1500 yards eastward, near Fuillemont. They captured Falfumont, seizing the whole system of strong German defenses. British also gained a footing in Leuze woods, one mile northwest of Combleso.

Germans repeatedly but unsuccessfully attempted to recapture the Terrain trench captured Sunday and Monday on both sides of the Somme.

New French forty centimeter guns shattered the defenses. Since starting the offensive July 1st, Allies have captured 29 fortified villages, 41,000 prisoners, 150 cannons, and several hundred machine guns.

Roumanian Town Falls.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—It is announced Bulgarians have captured the Roumanian town of Dobric, 12 miles inside the Roumanian frontier. Dobric is the largest town captured by the Bulgarian and German invaders of Roumania, with a population of 15,000. German airships again bombarded Bucharest.

FIRE ON CLARK'S CREEK

Lightnng Starts a Blaze in the Minam Forest Reserve.

Following the electric storm last Thursday a fire broke out on the head of Clark's creek in the Minam forest reserve and number of the forest fire fighters have been busy subduing the flames. W. D. Foreman of the Grande Ronde district came into Cove Saturday from the Mt. Fanny station to get additional men to help fight the fire.

Lafollette Fights With Jeffries.

Milwaukee, Sept. 5.—Wisconsin voters weeded out the summer crop of politicians at the primary today. The greatest interest centered in the run between Senator Lafollette, Progressive and Malcolm G. Jeffries, conservative for the Republican senatorial nomination. William F. Wolfe of La Crosse is the Democratic nominee for senator and is without opposition. The Democrats hope to place another member of their fold with Senator Paul O. Husting in Congress, through the split in Republican ranks. Governor A. L. Phillips, Republican conservative, is a candidate for renomination. He is opposed by William H. Hatton of the Lafollette faction of the Progressives and former Governor Francis McGovern, who has been attempting to build up a Progressive organization of his own. Burt Williams of Edison is the Democratic candidate for Governor, picked at a conference of leaders.

BIRDMAN REWARDED

Victoria Cross Given to Fellow Who Brought Down Zeppelin

London, Sept. 5.—King Edward has awarded a Victoria Cross for the fight Lieutenant Robinson made when he destroyed the raiding Zeppelin Sunday. Robinson fought the Zeppelin for two hours and attacked another Zeppelin during the sky battle.