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JOHNSON NOT TO APPEAR ON OREGON STUMP

"CANDIDATE NEEDS REST" IS WAY HIS FRIENDS DODGE OREGON INVITATION

OWN CAMPAIGN ALSO TAKES HIS ATTENTION

Formal Reply to Oregon Hughes' Committee Invitation Will Be Issued Soon and Will Not Accept the Offer—Campaign Before the Primaries Has Kept Californian Exhausted.

Sacramento, Sept. 6.—Governor Johnson, United States senatorial nominee on the Republican ticket and who was in a California hotel when Governor Hughes was a guest there and didn't meet the candidate, has announced through friends that he will not stump Oregon in behalf of Mr. Hughes.

Friends of the California Governor have pointed out that the candidate needs a rest following his hard campaign for the Republican senatorial nomination. On top of that he must himself face the coming election. A formal reply to the Oregon Hughes' campaign committee invitation will be forthcoming in a few days and it will be a courteous refusal of the invitation.

WILL COMPILE FLORA.

Government Treatise Will Be Based on 40 Year Research of North Powder Man.

A treatise on the plants of the Blue mountain region to be issued within the near future by the National Museum, will be based in a large part on information furnished by W. C. Cusick, of near North Powder, according to W. W. Eggleston, government botanist, at Washington, D. C. Mr. Eggleston is spending the next five days with Mr. Cusick at North Powder.

The North Powder botanist is 73 years of age, and has been doing research work in Eastern Oregon for the last 40 years. A number of new species, named for him, testify as to the identity of the discoverer.

Many of the results of the aged scientists investigations have never been put on paper and Mr. Eggleston is anxious that the government publication shall benefit by the data which exists only in Mr. Cusick's memory.

PENDLETON MAN KILLED

Automobile Overtakes and Fatal Accident Is the Result.

Pendleton, Sept. 5.—Glen Finch, well known Pendleton young man who was one of the city mail carriers, is dead, and William McCarthy, young farmer who lives north of the city, and Frank Fugit, clerk at the Welch cigar store, have painful though not serious injuries as a result of an automobile accident that happened at 10 o'clock last night about a mile and a half this side of Adams.

Accompanied by Harvey Hanavan, the three young men were en route to Walla Walla in McCarthy's car, intending to go to a dance there. En route the wiring of the car was torn out and the party attempted to go on without any lights. Near the Ferguson ranch the car suddenly left the road and when McCarthy, who was driving, swerved it suddenly to get it back into the road the car turned over on its side. All four of the occupants were thrown to the hard road and all out Hanavan were rendered unconscious.

One of the Parker taxi-cabs in which were Mrs. Finch and several others soon arrived on the scene. Messrs. Finch and McCarthy, who appeared the most seriously injured, were brought back to the hospital and the others were brought in later.

Three physicians, Drs. Hattery, Ringo and McFaul, were summoned to attend the injured men. They found that Finch's skull had been fractured at the base and that a splinter of the bone had penetrated the brain. An operation was performed to remove the bone splinter. His case from the first was considered critical and he passed away at 8 a. m. this morning.

McCarthy is still in the hospital but his injuries are not considered serious. Both he and Fugit sustained painful bruises and abrasions about the face and McCarthy also has a badly sprained wrist. Hanavan escaped without a scratch.

Finch was sitting in the back seat with Hanavan and was on the far side as the car turned over. He was catapulted from his seat and struck on his head on the hard macadam.

Racing Begins With Big Crowd Out The First Day

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.



President Wilson's right-hand man in the recent railroad strike controversy was U. S. Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

HUGHES CLUB TO BE FORMED

PORTLAND REPRESENTATIVE OF ALLIANCE COMES

Republicans Will Direct Formation of Permanent Alliance Branch

Formation of a National Hughes Alliance branch in La Grande is under way. A. A. Courtney, who is leaving behind him a trail of organizations of this sort on his way through Eastern Oregon, arrived this morning from Portland and in company with County Chairman J. H. Pearce and Secretary Colon R. Eberhard, of the Republican County Central committee, is working out the general plans for such a meeting and organization of a permanent sort in La Grande. At Pendleton the meeting and organization were well attended; elsewhere Mr. Courtney has been similar clubs stand to conduct affairs distinctly local in the way of boosting Governor Hughes' candidacy.

O. W. Sued For Death of Boy. Pendleton, Sept. 5.—Growing out of the death of John Milton Morgan, the 16 year old boy who was killed near Freewater on July 19, two damage suits, asking for a total of \$10,500 were filed against the O. W. R. & N. Co. today by Anna E. Bledsoe, the boy's mother.

In one she asks for \$7500 damages as administratrix of the young man's estate and in the other she asks for \$3000 for herself, alleging that that sum represents his services during the next five years or until he reached his majority.

She alleged that the boy was riding between two cars on a passenger train and that, while the train was running at fast speed, the boy was assaulted by an employee of the company and forcibly ejected in such a manner that injury was inevitable. He died that day from his injuries, she alleges.

Plaintiff, who lives near Albany, is represented by McFadden & Clark of Corvallis and Frederick E. Steiwer of this city.

PERRY SCHOOLS OPEN.

Prospects for the Winter Said To Be Bright.

Perry, Oregon, Sept. 6.—The Perry school opened for the season yesterday morning with a fairly good attendance. F. E. Barneman, who taught here last year is again in charge and will have charge of the older grades, and Miss Bessie Stoddard will conduct the primary grades. Everything points to a successful school year. The school houses have been newly painted and renovated, and all is in shipshape for the school campaign.

FEED POSTPONED.

Ice Cream Function for Y. M. C. A. Boys Is Delayed Says Edict.

The ice cream "feed" that was to be given to the junior gymnasium class of the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday afternoon, has been postponed until Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The regular gymnasium class will be held on that day, after which the boys will be treated to the feed by the association. The fact that over forty boys will be present, the boys are requested to be on time. The regular Saturday morning class will be held at the usual time.

Her business and industrial wheels idle, La Grande is this afternoon inaugurating the Intermountain Racing circuit meet at the fair grounds track. In spite of the fact that the opening day of an event of this sort is not usually deemed to be the most desirable day to attend, the attendance at 2 o'clock at which time the Observer went to press today, was flattering indeed. The Elks' band was on hand, the sun shone with great effulgency, and there was nothing to mar the day. Tomorrow will be a grand afternoon for then come Walla Walla county and North end people. The band and a group of merchants will be at the depot to meet the visitors and entertain them with races at the grounds the likes of which this neck of the woods has never dared hope for.

Notwithstanding the high altitude coming as a sudden change from previous racing climatic conditions has necessitated several animals entered for the races this week deferring until tomorrow their best speed and in some cases any effort at all, the program of entries this afternoon is one that presages fast time.

Helen Zedo, owned by Jack Britton of Midvale, Idaho, is a mare that is looked upon to cut capers during the week was an entry in the first race this afternoon. Aramaddilla, black mare owned by Joe Huber of Bozeman, Mont., is another entry this afternoon in the 2:14 pace; Jennie Fitzsimmons, a bay mare owned by Warren Dennis of Rexburg; Mabel C., a bay mare owned by Tom McKay; Harold Welcome, the well known black stallion owned by G. A. Lincoln now of Keating but formerly of La Grande, are some of the entries in the first and opening race. Every heat will be a race.

Familiar Horse Entered. The second race of the day, a 2:17 trot, will see the famed Amy McKinney owned by A. A. Fidler of Haines and driven by Chet Wilbourne. This black mare is familiar to race horse followers of Eastern Oregon. But there are other horses with reputations of a coast-wide nature. D. Burke, a Joe Huber horse, and the Corsair also Huber's stallion, Baby Tally a black mare owned by J. W. Golden of Walla Walla and Sweet Bow, a bay mare with a splendid reputation are other entries in the 2:17 trot.

Derby Entries Fast. The La Grande derby, the banner running race of the day, and one of the stellar events for the ponies of the whole week, has a list of running horses that, when the barrier raises this afternoon will get away for the one and a sixteenth mile race with good time sure to be made.

Entries include: Soon, b. g. 119 lbs (Haskins) Davis and Caviness, owners. Jupiter Second, ch. h. 122 lbs. (Mink) C. H. Bennett, owner. Leo H., b. g. 119 lbs (Pinninger) J. L. Crawford, owner. Lieut. Sawyer, b. g. 119 lbs (Pene) Joe Flynn, owner. Plume, b. m. (Smith) A. Smith, owner.

MR. FOLEY CITY MANAGER; PETITION WITH COMMISSION

J. E. Foley this morning took charge of the city management. He went in with the understanding that he was to take it temporarily, or until a suitable man was selected for the post. In conjunction with other officials of the city one of the first things to be undertaken by the new manager was to do what can be done to remedy the present difficulty with the city water supply. As was expected, the new reservoir is beginning to leave a disagreeable taste in the water. Many have blamed this to river water, but no such source is being used. Vegetation in the new dam which can be removed only by flushing which is impractical until the wet season begins, is charged with a large part of the cause of the bad-tasting water. The lower reservoir is being thoroughly cleaned today and scrubbed and this will probably help reduce some of the bad flavor now prevalent in the water supply.

Manager's Petition Up. Tonight a petition signed by a liberal number of businessmen, taxpayers and others, will ask the city commission to name P. M. Williams, a civil engineer of 15 years' standing, as permanent city manager. Mr. Williams' petition has been circulating for several days and will go before the commission tonight with a considerable list of names attached. Mr. Williams has been employed in and about La Grande as an engineer for some time, and came here from the east originally.

Mosquito Fleet's Prowess Tested New York, Sept. 5.—Uncle Sam's submarine hunters are going into action today.

To Pay Homage to Lafayette.

New York, Sept. 6.—Nation wide observance of today as the birthday of the Marquis of Lafayette, the man who turned France in favor and support of the American revolution, is being made in the United States. The New York celebration committee speaks of the day as "an opportunity to honor the memory and commemorate the deeds of one of the noblest heroes of the American revolution, thanks to whose efforts France's sympathy for a cause of freedom was given effective expression at a crucial period of the struggle for American independence." At Fall River, Mass., an equestrian statue of Major General Lafayette has just been unveiled. Exercises will be held in New Orleans today at the unveiling of a bust of Lafayette in Lafayette square. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's cathedral in Boston. In Washington, D. C., there will be a service of commemoration under the auspices of local patriotic societies and there will be similar services in other cities throughout the United States.

Sugar Prices Drop

Portland, Sept. 4.—Sugar dropped 75 cents today. This is a record breaker.

28 AMERICANS ESCAPE SAFELY

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK NEAR GLASGOW

United States Investigating Nature of the Causes.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Twenty-eight Americans aboard the British steamer Kelvinia were saved and landed at Glasgow when that boat was sunk September second by mine or torpedo, according to American Consul McCunn's official statement to the department by cable. The Kelvinia sailed from Newport News, Va., August 15th bound for Avonmouth, Glasgow. The staid department will direct McCunn to ascertain whether the vessel struck a mine, torpedo or attacked without warning. The Kelvinia was 5000 tons, built in 1913 and registered from Glasgow.

AVIATORS HURT.

Accident at Buffalo Injures English Training Officer. Buffalo, Sept. 6.—Major W. K. Campbell, a British army instructor and Theodore D. Kruijess, a Harvard university student, were injured, Campbell probably fatally, when their aeroplane fell 100 feet. Campbell's skull was fractured and his leg and ankle broken.

WITHDRAWAL OF PUNITIVE LINES URGED

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT NEW LONDON ORGANIZED AND DELIBERATING.

HEADQUARTERS OVERLOOK THE HISTORIC THAMES

Exchange of Credentials Occupies Much of the Forenoon Session When International Commissioners Meet to Mediate Mexican Question —General Discussion Undertaken.

BY CARL GROAT.

New London, Sept. 6.—The Mexican-American commission met this morning and withdrawal of the American expedition in Mexico was the first matter to be brought to the diplomats' attention.

The commissioners representing Uncle Sam and the Mexican government met in the Hotel Griswold, the room overlooking the river and Sound. It is expected the first session will bring results—in fact much of the forenoon was taken up with exchange of credentials and general discussions of a means of procedure to gain the desired end. The Mexican envoys speedily began to urge withdrawal of the punitive expedition.

Luis Cabera, heading the mediation commission, presided at the first session and with Secretary Lane heading the American commission will conduct the following session. Thereafter the two will alternate.

Portland Meeting Important.

"The farmers of this region should, if in their power, attend the meeting of the Federal Bank Board which is to be held in Portland September 7, starting at 9:00 o'clock in the morning," said J. D. Brown, President of the Farmers' Union recently in referring to the important issue that is now pending in respect to the location of a bank in the Pacific Northwest.

"It is clear to all who are in touch with the purposes and plans of the Board that they are endeavoring to reach the agricultural interests. We do not believe that they are going to place this bank so much with reference to the wealth, but with the idea of developing new country and new resources which are now struggling against serious handicaps. The evidence of interest shown the rural people in this project will naturally be a very great factor with the Board. This conclusion of the Board will be sound. If the people need such a bank, they certainly will be sufficiently interested to make a vigorous presentation and to present to the Board their arguments for this need. If they are not sufficiently interested to make a strong initial effort, the danger is that the Board will reach the conclusion that there is not a great demand. "For these reasons, I, as Chairman of the committee that is gathering data that is to be put before the Board at its hearing here, and in conference with C. E. Spence, Master of the State grange, have appealed in -Bouras aug 203 ues am 1001 506 13000

est possible attendance here of the farmer interests. We would like to have not only the farmers who represent organizations, but individual farmers, come. If hundreds of them could assemble here, it would be advantageous. But few will be called upon to present any evidence as to the need of a bank, but if they filled the place where the meeting is to be held to the very limit, and if, when called upon, they are ready with answers as to their need, it would help our cause tremendously.

"I trust that everybody who is interested in agricultural development of the state will use their influence in their respective districts to have the farmers come to this meeting. We know it is a busy time. Many of the farmers have other problems on hand, but this issue is one of very great importance and should be regarded as exception, warranting the farmers putting themselves to great inconvenience to be on hand."

Will Settle Railroad Crossing Issue. Baker, Oct. 6.—When Division Superintendent Bollons of the O. W. R. & N. arrived in Baker today from headquarters at La Grande, to confer with the Baker county court, County Judge Messick believes that arrangements will be made for a joint endeavor on the part of the railroad and county, to be begun immediately for the elimination of at least four of the death trap grade crossings in the county, two at Lime and two at Weatherby.

ordered boats specially designed to be turned over to the government in case of war and many of these will be seen in the maneuvers which begin today.

ALLIES WIN IN STRUGGLE NEAR COMBLES

NUMEROUS ALLIED VICTORIES CLAIMED; GERMAN MORALE REPORTED WANING.

ROUMANIANS ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS BLOODY FIGHTS

Bridgehead on the Danube Near Tutrakan Defended by Roumanians Against Invaders—Berlin Announcements Contradict Many of the Allied Dispatches from London.

London, Sept. 6.—Reports from General Haig today to London say English captured the entire Leuze woods a mile northeast of Combles last night. A desperate battle is raging between Combles and Ginchy, while opposite Gommecourt, the British passed the Germans with success. Morale Said To Be Poor.

French barriers of fire halted repeated German counters against Denicourt and Berny-Hen-Santerre. Germans attacked Lyslesly with vigor.

Anglo-French victories have destroyed the morale of many sections of the German army.

Roumanians in Many Battles. Bucharest has announced that Roumanians captured the Transylvanian town of Spri Seep Gyorgi and took 500 wagon loads of equipment and provisions as well as 600 prisoners.

German and Bulgarian attacks against Tutrakan's bridgehead on the Danube river were repulsed this morning. Roumanians also won a battle at Borzeckett, and took heights to the west, with 150 prisoners.

Tutrakan's Soldiers Suffer. Berlin, Sept. 6.—It is announced German and Bulgarians have captured seven Roumanian works near Tutrakan, forty miles southeast of Bucharest. They concentrated artillery against the strongly fortified bridge of the railway leading directly to Bucharest. Germans hope to cross the Danube and seize and capture the road. While the main Roumanian army is invading Transylvania Bucharest dispatches assert the southern frontier is well protected.

It is learned that zeppelins raided Bucharest Sunday night and bombed a wheat storehouse and started several fires.

It is officially admitted French captured the towns of Clerly and Forest. Many English Towns Suffer.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—The German admiralty zeppelins successfully bombed London four hours Sunday, and Norwich, Oxford and Nottingham were raided. British authorities denied the claim.

Airship Was Damaged. Hague, Sept. 6.—Dispatches said a badly damaged zeppelin landed near Mons Bay after the London raid, but that the crew took the machine apart and shipped it to Germany. Several sailors were suffering from shrapnel wounds.

Submarine Bombarded. Amsterdam, Apr. 6.—It is reported British aviators bombed and destroyed a German submarine in the Zeebrugge harbor and returned safely to their Dunkirk base.

"Uncle George" Webb Celebrates. Hon. G. W. Webb, ex-state treasurer and father of Mrs. Jap Stevens of this city, celebrated his 92d birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kate Frazier in Pendleton this week. Mr. Webb took the office of state treasurer at Salem just thirty years ago in July and held the same four years.

Haines Boy Killed. Haines, Sept. 6.—Twelve year old Charles Roberts of this city is dead, while a playmate, Denver Markle, aged 13, is severely burned, as the result of the explosion of a can of blasting powder with which the boys were experimenting Sunday.

The explosive was found in the granite quarry and after going in swimming in the afternoon the youngsters built a fire to warm themselves. They threw a portion of the powder on the flames, but as the explosive was damp, it failed to ignite immediately.

Emboldened, one of the boys threw a live coal into the powder can and in the explosion which followed one of the boys was rendered insensible. The other rushed in to put out the fire and both were so badly burned that their clothes dropped from them. Young Roberts died this morning. His eyes were so badly injured that he would in all probability never have regained the use of them had he lived.