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BREWERS' BILL ARRAIGNED BY EX EXECUTIVE

OSWALD WEST MERCILESS IN
ATTACKS UPON MANAGER
OF WEINHARD INTERESTS

STATE DRY LAW IS ALSO DEFENDED BY HIM

Walter M. Pierce, James Woodell, and
C. E. Spence Other Speakers at
Meeting in the Methodist Church
Last Evening—Single Tax Measure
Denounced.

Paul Wessinger, manager of the Weinhard brewery interests, came in for a terrific grilling at the hands of ex-Governor Oswald West last evening at the Methodist church when the former Oregon chief executive attacked the brewers' amendment and spoke indirectly in favor of President Wilson, veiling his statements for the reason he said, "a church is not a fit place for partisan political discussion."

But a major portion of Mr. West's speech was given over to word-slashing Mr. Wessinger. Mr. West declared the Brewer's bill is full of jokers, among them one allowing the manufacture to establish selling agencies throughout the state. He spoke in favor of national prohibition and for the State constitutional amendment making Oregon wholly dry.

In regards to the tax limitation measure Mr. West explained how it would remove the possibility of over-extravagance of city, county or state officials and yet the six per cent allowed annual increase would be ample to provide for any emergency.

C. D. Huffman as chairman first introduced C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange who explained the details of the federal and state rural credits plans and the necessity for passing the proposed state measure in order to give the farmer cheap money. He answered all questions and left the audience much better informed upon the needs and problems of rural credits.

Walter M. Pierce was called upon to do "single tax" and "single tax" single tax amendment which he termed the most drastic and dangerous law yet proposed by Mr. U'Ren.

James Woodell spoke in favor of the single item veto bill and clearly illustrated how it would assist in removing trickery in the legislature and be a great savings to the taxpayers.

Mr. West in his opening remarks spied Clarke Leiter, editor of the Observer in the audience and congratulated him on coming to La Grande and commended him to the audience.

Central Parent Teachers.

The Parent Teachers' association of the Central School will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is urged that the parents attend this meeting which will be for the purpose of discussing co-operation between parents and the school organization. Mr. Prince, school superintendent, will speak on co-operation, and Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Crymes, Miss Violet Morgan will also be on the program. Mrs. Geddes will sing a solo, "The Children's Friend."

"Civilization" Advance Man Here.

F. C. Ayres and wife are in La Grande for the day. Mr. Ayres is the advance man for the big film drama, "Civilization."

Pendleton Lady Visiting Here.

Mrs. John Childreth of Pendleton is visiting with Mrs. C. S. Beardon of South La Grande.

Family Moves to Grants Pass.

Mrs. Bernice Bramwell and little son Richard left this morning for Grants Pass to join her husband, where they will make their future home. Mr. Bramwell is the daughter of Mrs. Mollie Buck of this city.

Mrs. Mitchell Dead.

Baker, Ore., Oct. 25.—(Special)—Mrs. Frank B. Mitchell died suddenly yesterday from uremic poisoning. Her husband is a prominent attorney and former member of the state legislature.

"TEN SOCIALISTS IN CONGRESS," RADICAL PARTY PREDICTS



Socialist congressional candidates who expect election: Left to right, top row, Victor Berger, Wis.; Meyer London, now congressman from New York; Allen C. Adams, Okla.; Morris Hillquit, New York; Winfield Gaylord, Wis. Second row, left to right, H. H. Stallard, Okla.; Eugene V. Debs, Indiana; H. M. Shelton, Okla.; O. M. Morris, Okla. Bottom, Grant Miller, senatorial candidate in Nevada.

FLOUR GOES TO NEW MARK

Portland, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—Flour rose 20 cents this morning and a further increase of 40 cents a barrel is contemplated this afternoon. One miller refused, but the jump will likely be effective tomorrow. This will make the rate \$8.40 for patent flours.

Actual sales of bluestem wheat, Portland delivery, has been made in Eastern Oregon at \$1.60 a bushel. Five thousand bushels of November club sold in Portland at \$1.52.

Middlewestern potato dealers have offered to purchase an unlimited quantity of Northwestern potatoes, paying \$1.35 per cental in advance and 70 cents additional on delivery.

The Argentine wheat crop has been destroyed.

Suicides in Bath Tub.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—V. Ross Stuart, a North Yakima orchardist, drowned himself in a hospital bath tub today. He was despondent.

Wilson Leaves for Ohio.

Long Branch, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—President Wilson started for Cincinnati this afternoon and plans to greet West Virginia and Ohio crowds.

National Figure To Speak Thursday

California Woman Will Tell Why
Woman's Party Opposes President
Wilson—Meeting at 8 p. m.

Believing that Sara Bard Field should have a more propitious hour for her speech here than an afternoon appearance, it has been provided that the California suffrage apostle shall speak at the Elks' old hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, instead of at the City hall.

Mrs. Field is a woman of national distinction for she carried from the Pacific coast to Washington, D. C., the petition of women voters to President Wilson asking his endorsement of woman suffrage.

"National Woman Suffrage and Why the Woman's Party Is Opposing President Wilson in the Suffrage States" is the title of her address.

PENDING STRIKE IS FELT

Canadian Pacific Disputes Worries
Traffic This Far Away.

For several days J. T. Gibbons, of Vincent, has been considering the advisability of undertaking a journey to Eganville, Ontario, being somewhat alarmed lest the Canadian labor troubles might mean a tieup. After waiting several days he concluded last evening to take a chance, but was routed over other roads than the Canadian Pacific.

Railroad Wages To Be Probed Nov. 20

Chairman Newlands Announces Date
of Investigation of Both Wages and
Hours of Labor.

Washington, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—Chairman Newlands has announced a congressional sub-committee meets November 20th to investigate the railroad situation. They first examine the question of wages and hours of labor.

REPEAL OF LAW DANGEROUS Brotherhood Official Says Strike Would Follow Hamper on 8 Hours.

New York, Oct. 25.—"If Charles Evans Hughes is elected president of the United States at the forthcoming election and succeeds in repealing the Adamson bill establishing the eight-hour law, a strike of the railroad brotherhoods will be called which will tie up the transportation facilities of the country in a way that will be without precedent."

This statement was made by Frederick A. Burgess, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers, in an interview yesterday at the Herald Square hotel.

Burgess said public opinion is squarely in favor of an eight-hour law; that even railroad presidents are beginning to see the wisdom of the course and that anyone who tried to checkmate the law did so at his peril.

Carney Benefit Program Drafted

Many of City's Best Musicians Volunteer
Assistance Saturday Night
When Blind Girl Is To Be Benefited.

Miss Harriet Young, the La Grande genius, who since her return from Berlin has appeared in numerous recitals and always with great charm, will play at the benefit to be given next Saturday evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle for Miss Margaret Carney the blind girl who leaves her La Grande home Sunday to study voice under Mrs. Reed of Portland.

Due to the fact that Richter, the blind Portland musician, could not come as first announced, those arranging the program had to change their plans. The program as now prepared calls for much of the very best talent in La Grande. Miss Carney will herself appear in two numbers; Cornelia Barker-Carse of Portland will also take an active part; Mrs. A. L. Richardson will be heard; Mr. Loney a cornetist will appear; George Birnie a baritone will have a part.

Hence the recital will unquestionably be one of the greatest possible merit, and that a big audience will be present is expected for Miss Carney has a great circle of admirers; to hear her sing once invariably calls for more.

SUPREME ORACLE IN CITY

Two hundred Royal Neighbors of America, the auxiliary of Modern Woodmen, today gave typical Oregon welcome to the highest officer of their order, Myra B. Enright, supreme oracle. This is the first time the supreme head of the Royal Neighbors of America has been in Eastern Oregon and the momentous event has been properly signalized by a welcome seldom accorded any lodge man or woman. From early morning until after dinner visitors flocked in from Eastern Oregon towns by automobile and train. Two secret sessions, a public meeting tonight, two banquets, and then the distinguished visitor proceeds on her way.

The gathering includes camp oracles and supervising deputies from two states aside from the supreme oracle. Mrs. Hamblin, supervising deputy of Idaho, who belongs to the Pendleton camp, and is captain of the Pendleton drill team which gives an exhibition tonight, is on the ground. Gertrude F. Simmons, supervising deputy of Oregon has been here several days assisting local committees.

Mrs. Clara Mueggge, oracle, Mrs. Julia Inman, vice oracle, Mrs. Casebeer, past oracle, and Alice Meldrum, chancellor of the Baker camp, led a delegation of 25 or 30 from Baker this morning. Mrs. Frank Luning and daughter Irma came by train from the Rock Creek camp but a dozen others drove over by train. The Cove delegation headed by Mrs. A. A. Antles arrived during the morning. Mrs. Bosquet is the Island City delegation leader and Mrs. Chandler, recorder of the Elgin camp, led that crowd arriving last evening.

Portions of the Pendleton quarter hundred came early but the main delegation came on the noon train. Mary Jones is the oracle and Mrs. Horton recorder of that vigorous group of women. The Pendletons made their presence known with catchy yells and were very much the life of the whole convention.

Late trains delayed official opening and the Baker initiation team which exemplified the work this afternoon took advantage of the delay and used the floor for practice purposes.

When the convention took up Mrs. Bunting, oracle of the La Grande lodge presided and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe delivered the address of welcome. Fully 200 were seated at the banquet table when dinner was served and about the same number will attend that function tonight.

The afternoon was devoted to initiation and to a school of instruction which Mrs. Enright conducts.

This evening the program will be carried out much as announced last evening, except that the Pendleton drill team will do its work before the arrival of the fast mail.

Rev. G. L. Clark will preside at the public meeting to which anyone is welcome; it starts at 8, not 8:30.

Music and competitive and exhibition drills, as well as a formal address by the visiting supreme oracle, will make up the program. The Modern Woodman quartet will sing the new Royal Neighbor song, just published, and introduced for the first time in Oregon here today.

The Baker delegation went in a body to the Methodist parsonage and there greeted Rev. and Mrs. Chas. A. Edwards, formerly Baker residents.

MEXICO DENIES CARRANZA EXPECTS TO QUIT OFFICE

Canadian Strike Dispute Settled

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—Labor Commissioners have received a telegram saying all danger of a Canadian Pacific strike is averted. An agreement between railroad officials and the trainmen will be signed in a few hours. The men won a wage increase of two cents an hour.

Fall Breaks Arm.

Alvis J. Warren stumbled while walking along side a wagon and driving the team, and as he fell caught himself with his left arm. The fall was such as to snap both bones in the arm just above the wrist. This is the third serious injury he has sustained in recent years.

GOVERNMENT FORCES MOVES AGAINST VILLA

THIS FACT TAKEN AS PROOF
RESIGNATION RUMORS WERE
WITHOUT FOUNDATION

FUNSTON CORROBORATES DEFACTO COLUMN NEWS

American Officials, War Office Says,
Silent About Reported Santa Ysabel Battle—Villa Forces Reported
To Be Retreating Near Chihuahua City.

Washington, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—The Mexican embassy has declared reports President Carranza's retirement is "pure inventions." It is asserted Carranza has not intended to resign the leadership of the defacto government and leave Mexico as rumors say. Carranza officials have reported a column of defacto troops are marching to Parral against Villa. Gen. Funston and official dispatches mentioned the Carranzista advance. The war department has announced there is nothing definite regarding the Santa Ysabel battle. General Funston and Pershing are silent. El Paso officials wired that refugees told American authorities the main Villista force is retreating toward San Ysidro, west of Chihuahua City and that Carranzistas are pursuing.

War Bulletins

London, Oct. 25.—(United Press)—French maintained a two-mile gain on the Haudromont-Damloup line north-east of Verdun despite two violent counterattacks. French spent the night cleaning up Fort Douaumont. The German commander was among 3500 prisoners.

Gen. Haig has reported Germans shelled British northeast of Coucellette. Along the Pozieres-Bapaume road, heavy rain hindered operations. Headquarters dispatches indicated Germans have transferred large bodies of troops from the Somme to Verdun.

Petrograd has admitted Russo-Romanians have abandoned the Cernavoda positions and surrendered Lasabla Lake trenches.

Mackenzien is pounding the entire Dobrudja front and Romanians are retreating northward.

German Victory Important.

Berlin. (Via Sayville)—Oct. 25.—(United Press)—The war office has admitted French have gained northeast of Verdun, reaching the burning fort of Douaumont. Fighting is continuing.

Mackenzien this morning captured Cernavoda, the eastern terminus of the 14-mile railway bridge crossing the Danube into Rumanian. The victory is important.

Somme activity is diminished on account of rain. A French attack on Les Boeufs and Rancourt collapsed before the German barricades.

PAULINE MILLER CHAPMAN

Monday Evening, October 30th, 8:15 p. m. at M. E. Church.

Today Mrs. Chapman is in the zenith of her art and her voice is even more glorious than when she captured the great audience in Berlin. Don't forget, and reserve Monday evening to hear this wonderful singer.

Judge Brents Dead.

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special)—Judge Thomas Hurley Brents, died here Monday after a long illness. He was a prominent lawyer, ex-congressman, and jurist.

SUPREME ORACLE TO MAKE TOUR OF STATE



Myra B. Enright.

Never before in the history of lodges has the supreme officer of Royal Neighbors of America Visited Eastern Oregon, and her presence in La Grande today is the reason for the assembly of 200 members of that order from Eastern Oregon. Mrs. Enright lives in Kansas City, Kans.

Bank Will Install Modern Street Clock

Chimes to Ring Quarter Hourly—
Dual Dial Visible Several Blocks
Both Day and Night.

Adams avenue traffic will soon have handy clock facilities, for the La Grande National bank is to install a chimes street clock upon the Adams avenue side of the bank building. The clock and appointments in knocked-down shape, is now here awaiting the arrival of the expert who will install it. The clock, of handsome design will be controlled by a master clock within the building. The street clock is fastened to the building, the name of the bank, the frame and the dial taking up six and a half feet of space. The dial, dual in character, is 36 inches across, and is so large that the time of day or night can be distinguished several blocks away. Good illumination will prevail at night.

The chimes are a big feature. Of the Westminster type, they will strike each quarter hour, and the combination is different for each. On the even hour, the hour will be struck.

The purpose of the clock is two-fold. It will be an advertising medium for the bank, and also a convenience for the public.

Not An Accomplish.

Salem, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special)—The Supreme court has decided that the purchaser of liquor contrary to the prohibition law of Oregon is not an accomplice in the commission of a crime.