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OLD FASHIONED LAND RUSH IS IN FULL SWING

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN HOMESTEAD ENTRIES MADE

OVER 50,000 ACRES IN THIS DISTRICT FILED ON

Since Register and Receiver Announce Passage of 640-Acre Grazing Homestead Law, Applications Come In Steadily From Every County in the District.

La Grande is seeing an old fashioned land rush such as it has not seen for some time.

In the last few days, one hundred and twenty-seven homestead entries have been received.

This is due to the notice given by Receiver Nolan Skiff and Register C. S. Dunn that they had received a telegram from Commissioner Tolman of the general land office to receive and suspend entries on account of the 640-acre grazing homestead having been made a law.

The force at the land office has been very busy, some mornings as high as twenty persons waiting in line for the land office to open.

The fact that 127 homestead applications have been filed since January 1 means that no less than 50,000 acres of land have been filed upon. Most of the applications have been for 640-acre homesteads, although some, who had previously taken 160 and 320-acre homesteads, have enlarged their filing.

People have come from Pendleton, Hermiston, Wallowa, Baker and various parts of Union to file. The fee for a 640-acre filing is \$34.

The La Grande district comprises Union, Wallowa, part of Baker and Grant, part of Morrow and Umatilla. The land rush illustrates the advantage of having the land office located at La Grande.

The secretary of the interior believes that the 640-acre grazing homestead law will be of great aid in the development of the west, as it will enable farmers and stockmen to acquire title to land which is suitable for grazing purposes.

A copy of the bill signed by the president has not been received, but it is presumed that the regulations as far as entries and proof are concerned will follow the existing homestead laws, with the exception that an investigation will be made by the interior department as to the character of the land filed upon.

M. I. A. of La Grande Give Show at Perry

Forty Visitors Give an Interesting Program—Social Dance Follows—President Baird Makes Introductory Address.

Perry, Ore., Jan. 5.—(Special)—Last night the M. I. A. of La Grande gave an entertainment at Perry. There were in the neighborhood of forty people from La Grande and a very interesting program was rendered which consisted of the following:

Opening song, "America"; chorus by M. I. A. members, "Oh My Father"; introductory address by President Robert Baird; retold story by Mrs. E. Rosenbaum; duet by Janet Stoddard and Gladys Black; retold story, Mrs. O. Coombs; chorus, "Kind Words Are Sweet Tones of the Heart," by M. I. A.; oratorical address, by Austin Abbott; quartet, "School Thy Feelings," Joseph Price, Earl Stoddard, Jacob T. Trayner and Robert Baird.

After the program all enjoyed a social dance where everyone became more acquainted and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Vancouver Trades Are Making Big Protest

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Demanding conscription of wealth and nationalization of railways, mills, mines, etc. The Trades Labor Council is organizing a mass meeting to protest against National service registration.

SENATOR LEWIS APPEALS TO SENATORS TO VOTE TO ENDORSE PEACE NOTE

"Foreign Nations See Money Madness in Senate's Opposition to the Endorsement," He Says—Senate Delays Vote For a Day or Two Which Is Construed As An Administration Victory.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—"Foreign nations see American money madness in the senate's opposition to the Hitchcock resolution for the endorsement of President Wilson's peace note," Senator Lewis declared in a passionate plea for the passage of the measure.

"I agree with Senator Lansing and anyone else who says that war cannot continue without America being involved."

The administration won a victory when the senate voted to continue consideration.

No More Votes Just Now.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Counselor Polk officially denied that President Wilson is contemplating at this time sending another note to any of the belligerents. This statement was authorized by the president.

Vote In Senate Delayed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Every indication pointed this afternoon to delay of a day or two in the Senate vote on the Hitchcock resolution endorsing President Wilson's note. This means the Senate will not act until the Allie's reply reaches the president.

Immediately following the introduction of two amendments, the Republicans called a minority meeting. A committee was appointed to draw a resolution as substitute and report later.

Pope to Appoint a Commission of Four

Private Letters Say Benedict XV. Is To Renew Movement of Leo XIII. For Friendly Relations With Anglican Church.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Private letters from the Vatican received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the Library of Congress, announce that Pope Benedict XV is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII and abandoned by Pope Pius X, looking to a reunion of Christianity and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican church. A public announcement from Rome on the subject is expected soon.

Dr. Palmieri said tonight that the new movement will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian church and the papacy and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopal ordinations, which was settled in the negative in a papal bull "apostolical sedis" by Pope Leo X.

Automobile Men To Meet Saturday Night

Gathering At the Y. M. C. A. Saturday Night Will Be Held to Discuss Plans for the Proposed Automobile Show.

Automobile dealers will meet at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night at 7:30 to discuss plans for the proposed automobile show and also the matter of forming an organization to handle the show. The date of the show, if it is decided to hold one, will also be discussed.

U. OF O. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

Here is the U. of O. 1917 football schedule:

October 20-27—University of Idaho at Eugene.

October 20-27—Washington State College at Spokane.

November 10—University of Washington at Seattle.

November 17—University of California at Eugene.

November 29—Oregon Agricultural College at Portland.

This is the schedule as announced by Mr. Tiffany, graduate-manager.

TERSE TOLD TALES

Connie Mack says he won't raise the offer he made to Ping Bodie. Connie evidently believes that's his last chance to save the Athletics from Ping's presence.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Railway Brotherhoods Will Take Vote Whether to Strike.
Kansas City, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—That the four Railway Brotherhoods will take a vote to determine whether to strike in the event the eight-hour work day is not granted by the railroads is the declaration of the American Railway Employees Journal of January issued today.

Artillery Duels Are in Progress on the Western Front.
Paris, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—An active interchange of artillery in the vicinity of Dumont and Vaux last night on the west front was officially bulletined today. Engagements of advanced posts by the Serbians on the Macedonian front were detailed.

Germans Claim British Suffered Heavy Losses At Lois.
Berlin, Via Sayville, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Sanguinary losses were inflicted on the British on the east edge of Lois by the Altenburg infantry, which penetrated the fourth hostile trench, today's official bulletin said.

Germany Wants United States To Remove Minister.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Germany has requested United States to remove Minister Vopieka from Bucharest. Request will probably be granted.

Denial That Villistas Killed French Consul Bernardine.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—The state department has received word denying that Villistas killed French Consul Bernardine at Torreón. A previous report to the department said he was slain.

Fifteen School Children Killed in Cyclone Tragedy.
McAllister, Oklahoma, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Four children died bringing the total death list of the cyclone tragedy at the school house of Vireton to fifteen.

Last Surviving Mayor General of Civil War Is Dead.
Berlin, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Peter Osterhouse, last surviving Major General of the United States forces in the Civil War, died at Duisberg. He was the father of Rear Admiral Osterhouse, of the United States navy.

Sherman County Settlers Win Point

Judge Stafford at Washington Decides Attorney Herrick Must Sue Settlers Where They Reside.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(Special)—Judge Stafford, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, today denied the motion of Attorney Herrick that the court retain jurisdiction and try his suit for attorney fees against Sherman county settlers and made an order dismissing the case.

This will compel Herrick to sue the settlers in the state of their residence. The settlers were represented by Attorney Webster, Ballander and Congressman Sinnott.

Herrick claims a part of the \$100,000 appropriation passed by congress.

Mrs. Lulu M. Yoder's Funeral Held Today

Mrs. Lulu M. Yoder, wife of Professor Yoder, died Wednesday at Corvallis and the body was brought here for burial. Mrs. Yoder was a sister of Jack and Pete Wright and a niece of Ambrose, Chris and Loie Wright. She will be buried this afternoon in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The services will be held in the Henry Undertaking parlors.

A La James J. Bill Carrigan is about to return and protect the Red Sox from Jack Barry or some one.

OREGON HAD A BONE-DRY LAW OVER 70 YEARS AGO

It Was Passed By the Legislative Committee Under the Provisional Government of the Original Oregon Territory—Fear of the Influence of Liquor on Indians Was Responsible for the Early Law.

BY ED L. ECKLEY

The Oregon country had a "bone dry" prohibition law over seventy years ago. It was passed by the legislative committee under the provisional government of the "original Oregon territory," a district somewhat vague as the boundaries had not then been settled. The legislative committee which passed the law met in December, 1845, and the printed report of the enactment appeared in the Oregon Spectator in its initial numbers, dated February 5, 1846.

The title of the enactment was: "An Act to prevent the introduction, sale and distillation of ardent spirits in Oregon."

The first section imposed a fine of \$50 for the importation or introduction of ardent spirits into Oregon, with intent to sell, barter, give or trade the same, or for offering the same for sale, trade, barter or gift. The second section subjected to a fine of \$20 the sale, barter, gift or trade of any ardent spirits, directly or indirectly, to any person in Oregon. The third section declared any manufactory or distillery of ardent spirits a nuisance, subject to a fine of \$100, and an order directing the sheriff to seize and destroy the distillery apparatus. The fourth section provided the mode for seizing and destroying distillery apparatus, implements and spirituous liquors, and punishing

those engaged in such illicit manufacture.

This early legislation on prohibition was even more than "bone" dry, under latter day conceptions of that kind of aridness, since there was no exceptions to cover medicinal, or sacramental use or for use in mechanics and arts.

The anti-liquor impulse was at work in the Oregon country even earlier than the date of the passage of the foregoing law.

In 1836 Ewing Young, an adventurous pioneer who is credited with having constructed the first house on the west side of the Willamette river, and a partner named Carmichael proposed to erect a distillery. They had secured a cauldron which had been used in pickling salmon, according to a historical report, and had commenced the erection of a building. The officers of the Hudson's Bay company, the Methodist missionaries and a majority of the settlers protested against the enterprise. The protest was on the grounds that on account of the large preponderance of Indian population the venture would be dangerous, and the distillery promoters abandoned the project. The offer had been made to reimburse them for the amount that had been expended but with the compliance with the general protest Messrs. Young and Carmichael were not reimbursed.

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO ENTERTAIN CATTLE AND HORSE MEN IN APRIL

Members of Local Entertainment and Publicity Committee Meet to Discuss Various Features Such As Cowboy Breakfast, Luncheon to Ladies and Society Circus—Report Will Be Made to General Committee.

The entertainment committee of the local executive committee which is making plans for receiving the big Cattle and Horse Raisers convention to be held in La Grande April 24 and 25 met at the Y. M. C. A. last night.

Those present were Messrs. F. E. Stilwell, chairman; Fred B. Currey, G. L. Larison, J. G. King, E. E. Kirtley, J. J. Carr and Clarke Leiter.

Various matters were discussed and several recommendations will be made to the general committee.

Other committees are at work on various other details. For instance the reception committee is planning to meet all trains to welcome the visitors and to show them what La Grande's hospitality means at the very jump. The visitors will be given badges and escorted in automobiles to their rooms at hotels and to private residences. The committee on accommodations and transportation will handle the details, and scores of automobiles will be on the job during the convention.

The first morning will be devoted to the opening of the convention, which will probably be held in the high school auditorium. It is proposed with the co-operation of the ladies to give the visiting ladies luncheon the first day and to look after their amusement while the men are at the convention. Music will also be provided for the sessions. Lodges and social clubs will be asked to keep open house.

It was decided to invite the governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to be present.

The committee racked its brains last night to think of an original stunt to pull off as the entertainment feature the first night that the visitors are here. The cattle and horsemen are full of pep and they naturally expect an entertainment that will be full of life such as they have had at Baker and Prineville. La Grande is going to give it to them. Among the projects discussed were the staging of a western drama, a musical and vaudeville show, and a society circus. The latter seemed to have some merits, but all are under discussion and investigation before submitting a recommendation to the general committee.

The second day will be devoted to business sessions, a cowboy breakfast, the livestock exhibit, and a banquet in the evening which will conclude the convention.

Steps were also taken to start in on the publicity and it is expected that the city and Union and Wallowa livestock will be well advertised as the result of the convention.

President Appoints Progressive to Office

Washington, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Mrs. Frances Axtell, of Bellingham, Wash., a Progressive, was appointed for a term of four years on the United States Employees' Compensation Commission.

THE WEATHER.

Portland Jan. 5.—(United Press)—The official weather bureau forecast follows:
Tonight and Saturday unsettled, with occasional rain in west; rain and snow in east; cooler; westerly winds.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe Returns From Trip

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe returned this morning from Salem and Corvallis and Portland. Mrs. Ivanhoe attended the State Teachers' Association, where she was honored by being put on the executive committee of the association. She then served on the state teachers' examining board, and then attended the sessions of the farmers' week at Corvallis.

Mrs. Ivanhoe was especially impressed by the addresses of President Suzanne of the University of Washington, one of the speakers that he committee for the recent teachers' association meeting in La Grande had tried to get. Mrs. Ivanhoe commented upon the fact that the state teachers' association was the opportunity of hearing the views of the greatest educators in the country.

WOOD MENTIONS SEC'Y TUMULTY IN LEAK PROBE

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY INDIGNANTLY DENIES ALL CONNECTION WITH SCANDAL

REPRESENTATIVE ADMITS REPORT IS ONLY HEARSAY

Besides Secretary Tumulty, Names of President's Brother-in-Law (Mr. Bolling), Otto Kuhn and Paul M. Warburg Are Also Dragged in—Tumulty Is To Testify Voluntarily.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Prefacing the statement that he was not charging anyone and that his information was based only on hearsay and rumor, Representative Wood mentioned the names of Secretary Tumulty, Mr. Bolling, President Wilson's brother-in-law; Otto Kuhn, of the Kuhn-Loeb company, and Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, when he investigated into the leak of President Wilson's peace note.

Wood wanted to testify behind closed doors, but was unsuccessful. Scathingly denouncing Wood for mentioning his name, Secretary Tumulty prepared a statement and said Wood should apologize for bringing his name into the proceedings merely on hearsay information. He will gladly appear before the committee without a subpoena.

When Thaw Comes City Will Be Ready

City Manager Currey is trying a new wrinkle in the down-town district of having the snow first cleared off the sidewalks, the gutters opened, and the surplus snow put in the center of the streets. It is believed that this will by keeping the gutters open prevent flooding of sidewalks and basements during the thaw. The weather is mild today and the snow is beginning to melt.

Young Hold-up Man Dies From Wounds

Seattle, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—With three bullets in his body Ernest Whitefield, identified as a hold-up man, died this morning, aged twenty-one. He fell a few feet from the police station while trying to escape policemen. A cigar store proprietor identified him as the man who robbed his store at one-thirty this morning.

Germans Claim a Series of Victories

Berlin, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Germans report the capture of Slobosia Fotesti, Roumania, Gurgusti and Romanul were captured in hand to hand fighting proceeding from house to house. Fourteen hundred prisoners and six machine guns were taken. South of The Buzau, the Russian position at Brails was perced by a German division with annexed Austro-Hungarians.

Vienna Newspaper For Peace.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Great significance is attached to the passage by the Austro-German censors of the quotation in today's Vienna newspaper, The Arbeiterzeitung, asking the Government to discover if the entente be ready to negotiate peace after the Teutonic evacuation of the west. If so, it urges that evacuation be made immediately.

Great Britain Takes Control of All Grain

Liverpool, Jan. 5.—(United Press)—Governmental control of corn as well as wheat and flour was announced today.