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FARE AND ONE-THIRD RATE IS GRANTED SHOW

JOE RIEG'S CONTRACT SIGNED AND SPACES ALLOTTED LAST NIGHT.

PENDLETON, HUNTINGTON AND JOSEPH INCLUDED

Dealers Pleased With Cooperation of O-W. R. R. and N. Company—Visitors Must Pay Full Fare to La Grande; Receive Receipt; Have Receipt Signed by Secretary Frank Hilton of the Auto Show; Present Receipt to La Grande Station Agent and Pay But One-Third of Return Fare for Trip Home.

Action which should assure complete success of the La Grande automobile show, March 15, 16 and 17, was taken at a meeting of members of the La Grande dealers' association last night in the Y. M. C. A.

First: General Passenger Agent William McMurray of the O-W. R. R. and N. company promised by letter that a one and one-third fare rate to La Grande would be granted from all stations, Pendleton to Huntington, inclusive, on the O-W. R. R. and N. main line, and from all points on the Joseph branch. Mr. McMurray wrote that visitors to the automobile show may leave from any point in the above territory for La Grande at any time between March 12 and 17, inclusive, and may leave La Grande on the return at any time between March 15 and March 20, inclusive. Visitors, to obtain the reduced rate, should: buy full fare from home to La Grande and be certain to obtain receipt from agent for fare paid; should present receipt to Secretary Frank Hilton of the auto show for his signature and when this is obtained and presented to La Grande station agent a return fare of one-third of the original fare from La Grande to destination, between above points, will be granted the visitor. The cooperation of the railroad is appreciated by the La Grande dealers and they feel that the one and one-third rate to the show will insure a large attendance from Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties.

Joe Rieg's contract was signed and sent to him, and if accepted by him as it undoubtedly will for it is the contract suggested by him, the man who made the Portland, the Pendleton, the Walla Walla, and other automobile and motorcycle shows successful will have charge of the La Grande show. Rieg will have entire responsibility for the arrangement of the machines, the decoration of Hilton's garage where the exhibition will be held, the six piece orchestra which will furnish music and other details. He will be assisted by members of the local dealers' association.

Drawings for places were made last night and this morning there are no disgruntled dealers. There was plenty of room for all. Twenty-three spaces were allotted last night. One space, for the Marmon car for Alpha Christly of Baker, may be allotted before tonight. Mr. Christly has the Eastern Oregon territory for the Marmon and Al Daniels, the La Grande man who handles the machine, works through Christly. It was voted last night to permit Christly to exhibit if he would live up to the same rules as the local exhibitors. The dealers who were given spaces last night were: Charles McCrory, two spaces, Velle, Haynes; T. F. Coward, one space, Ford; J. Van Buren, one space, Hudson; F. J. Holmes, two spaces, Studebaker; G. M. C. truck; George Ruby, one space, Henderson, Indian; George B. Richardson, two spaces, Chevrolet; John E. Anderson, two spaces, Maxwell, Chandler; Al Daniels, three spaces, Reo, Dort; W. H. Bohnenkamp company, one space, Harley-Davidson; Galloway-Rees company, two spaces, Overland, Willys-Knight; Frank Hilton, two spaces, Kissel Kar, Briscoe; B. C. Hamilton, three spaces, Saxon, Mitchell; C. Wilson, one space, Hupmobile.

C. Wilson signed the constitution and bylaws of the dealers' association last night and was admitted as a member.

THE WEATHER

Portland, March 7.—(United Press)—The United States weather forecast: "Occasional rain in the west; cloudy east; south winds."

COURT ASKED TO FORFEIT LAND GRANT

U. S. GOVERNMENT FILES PETITION ASKING SUPREME COURT TO ACT IN O. & C. CASE.

Washington, March 7.—(United Press)—The government filed a petition in the supreme court asking that 2,300,000 acres of Oregon lands worth \$30,000,000 be forfeited to the government because the Oregon & California railroad failed to comply with the grant conditions.

Steamer Dix Is Reported Safe

Seattle, Wash., March 7.—(United Press)—The Merchants Exchange reported that the army transport Dix is returning to Seattle under her own steam. She is in no danger. She was reported in distress off the coast.

Bomb Plotters Are Arraigned at Hoboken

Hoboken, March 7.—(United Press)—The alleged plotters Fritz Kolb and Hans Schwartz were held under no bail when arraigned before Recorder Carter this afternoon. The technical charge is "conspiracy and unlawful possession of explosives." Both admitted having bombs.

Society Girls Put on A Three Ringed Circus

Seven Hundred and Fifty Nifty Damsels With Animals, Sideshows, Etc., Perform for Charity.

New York, March 7.—(United Press)—Seven hundred and fifty nifty damsels in a three ringed circus, with animals, red lemonade, pink popcorn, crackerjack, sideshows, ballyhoos and all the regular trimmings is the sight New York is preparing itself for this afternoon.

They're regular girls too, lots of them society girls and lots of them not. They're staging the circus in Madison Square Garden for the benefit of the Vacation association and the show is backed by such society leaders as Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Robinson Smith and others.

Chief among the attraction will be the bevy of girl clowns, for which Sam McCracken searched the country for months. He declined to sign any of these girl clowns who did not demonstrate that they could look, stand, talk and just naturally be, funny. The circus will give performances every day for four days.

Edison May Quit National Advisory Board

Annapolis, March 7.—(United Press)—It is reported that Edison will probably quit the national advisory board unless a naval experimental laboratory is built at Sandy Hook.

Cruiser Hits A Mine And Is Damaged

Berlin, via Tuckerton, March 7.—(United Press)—The 15,000 ton Russian cruiser Ruick hit a mine and was damaged. She docked at Kronstadt. Fifteen allied aeroplanes were destroyed on the western front in air fighting.

Basketball Games Tonight

The regular Wednesday evening basketball league games at the Y. M. C. A. will be played this evening. The teams meeting each other are the High School and the Comets; the Meteors and the O-W. The games will start at 8 p. m.

LA GRANDE CITIZENS EXPRESS OPINIONS OF LANE'S ACTION

Rev. C. A. Edwards Surprised. Rev. C. A. Edwards—"I am surprised at Mr. Lane's action in refusing to stand by the president. I wrote President Wilson last week and said this, 'Count on me for any service in any deal.'"

Would Recall Senator Lane. William Miller—"If it were left to me, I would recall Senator Lane and if it were in my power I would recall every one of his assistants."

Senator's Action Reprehensible.

Judge J. M. Knowles—"In my opinion the conduct of the twelve senators, seven Republicans and five Democrats, including Senator Lane of this state, in refusing to give the president authority to protect the merchant marine, was reprehensible in the extreme. While it is the constitutional right of congress to declare war, yet at such perilous times as these, the president should be conferred with power to use whatever means he may think necessary to protect the rights of this country as a neutral nation; especially should he be clothed with such authority during the recess of congress. President Wilson has proven himself to be a very cautious executive, and if granted the authority that he sought from congress, there is no question that it would not be abused."

"He Should Be Recalled."

L. A. Russell—"I should think Lane should be recalled if possible."

Followed Personal Inclinations.

Dr. M. K. Hall—"I do not believe that Senator Lane has any right in following his own personal inclinations in such a world's crisis as this."

One Word Expresses Feeling.

George H. Carey—"Incomprehensible."

Action Is Un-American.

J. H. Pearce—"Senator Lane shows very poor judgment. He does not voice the sentiment of the people of Oregon and the action is totally un-American."

Majority Should Rule.

J. G. King—"Whenever a nation's attitude toward war is evasive, its purpose and conduct indecisive, and its preparation an indifferent, orderless assembling of forces, it prepares for a suffering and defeated country. This represents my attitude to groups that tend to thwart what the majority desires."

In Discord With the State.

L. D. Butler—"I regard the opinions of Senator Lane wholly in discord with the citizens of the state of Oregon."

Lane's Action Is Indefinable.

Turner Oliver—"Harry Lane's action is indefinable."

Is Traitor to Oregon.

Father Driscoll—"Senator Lane is a traitor to the state of Oregon. He is supposed to represent the people but his actions prove that he is only representing himself."

Is Not a Patriot.

Linden McCullough—"I do not think Lane is a patriot and he does not show any patriotism."

Action Is Shock to Oregon.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe—"Senator Lane's attitude in the present great crisis is a severe shock and a disappointment to the people of Oregon."

Not Doing His Duty.

J. G. Snodgrass—"I do not approve of Senator Lane's action and he is not doing his duty towards the state."

Dr. Lane Made Wrong Diagnosis.

Dr. R. E. L. Holt—"Dr. Lane has made a wrong diagnosis of the feeling of the people of Oregon. He felt the pulse of his constituents through the Socialist utterances in telegrams to Washington of the Reed college faculty president, William Trufant Foster, and assistants."

Senator Lane Has Fallen.

J. T. Williamson—"I have known Senator Lane personally for some years. By his action he has fallen from a high plane, in my estimation, to that of an undesirable."

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

French Raids Result in Capture of Many Prisoners.

Paris, March 7.—(United Press)—It is announced that French raids and sapping activities have gained many prisoners. Raids centered between Oise and Aisne. German attacks were heavily checked.

British Are Almost Within Range of Bagdad.

London, March 7.—(United Press)—The Mesopotamian expedition official announcement said the British were almost within range of Bagdad. The British cavalry fought the Turkish rear guard Monday at Lajj, nine miles southeast of Claspipon.

Berlin Announces Sinking of 200,000 Tons of Shipping.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 7.—(United Press)—The Official Press Bureau announced that submarine reports indicated that ships totalling two hundred thousand tons were sunk between March 1st and 3d.

War Department Looks For Officers.

Washington, March 7.—(United Press)—The war department instructed the border regimental commanders to submit a list of sixty men in each regiment capable of being made officers by training recruits. This is a precautionary step in the event additional officers are needed to handle an army of half million volunteers.

German Newspapers Commend La Follette and Stone.

Amsterdam, March 7.—(United Press)—German newspapers say Senators La Follette and Stone are representatives of America's best spirit. They say these senators "regarded filibuster as proper." They say they "halted Wilson's unreasoning ambition and voiced the sober sentiment of the American people not wanting to join the war."

The Lokal Anseiger bitterly attacked the inaugural speech. It charged the address desecrated the capitol. It called the President a "Megalomaniac."

Four Accused of Poison Plot on Trial

London, March 8.—(United Press)—The trial of Alice Wheeldon, her two daughter and Arthur Mason on a charge of conspiring against the person of Lloyd-George and Arthur Henderson started at old Bailey today. Crown's experts testified the plotters planned to shoot strychnine and hydrochloride poisoned darts at them from an airgun. The plotters were exhibited in court.

PLANS FOR BIG STYLE SHOW ARE NOW UNDER WAY

NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL GIRLS WHO WILL APPEAR MONDAY AND TUESDAY CLOSED.

FIRST REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Miss Mabel Vaughan, New York Model, Will Be the Star and Wear Her Entire Spring Wardrobe—Local Girls Will Compete for Prize to Be Awarded at Voting Contest.

Details for the first Style Show to be held in La Grande have been completed. The nominations of local girls who will appear in the big pageant at the Arcade theater on next Monday and Tuesday are closed. More than ten local girls have been suggested by friends and acquaintances and the first rehearsal will be held this afternoon.

All La Grande is excited over the news of the forthcoming style event. Every woman thinks of styles first, last and all the time of styles from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. And Easter Sunday is only a few weeks away. Milday must hurry if her spring and summer outfit is ready by Eastertide. Apparently, most of the ladies appreciate this fact and are eagerly awaiting the Style Show next week for inspiration and guidance in buying their new spring outfits.

Word reached Miss Mabel Vaughan, the New York model who will star in the local show, that her entire spring wardrobe had been shipped to her at Butte, Montana, from New York City on last Friday. Telegrams were immediately dispatched to the hotel where Miss Vaughan will stop in the Montana city to re-express the shipment at once to La Grande and she will wear the entire wardrobe at our local style show.

Will Wear Spring Wardrobe. There are more than twenty-five garments in Miss Vaughan's wardrobe and they represent the very acme of the designer's art. The wardrobe was purchased months ago with instructions

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American Firms Are Invited To Bordeaux

Paris, March 7.—(United Press)—American merchants and manufacturers who desire to increase their trade with France today were invited to brave the submarine zone, if it still is in existence when the time comes, and send their displays over for the great Bordeaux Fair, September 1 to 15.

There is a great opportunity for American made goods in France, more so than ever before. They always have been welcomed however. It may be interesting to Americans, particularly to milady American, to know that soaps and perfumes made in America and imported by French merchants are as eagerly sought by French women as soaps and perfumes made here and shipped to America are sought by American women.

All allied and neutral countries are invited to participate in the fair. The exhibits will be placed in the Place des Quinconces, overlooking the Garonne river quays.

Luther Burbank Is 68 Years Old Today

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 7.—Luther Burbank, the wizard of Santa Rosa, is 68 years old today. In celebration of the event Oakland has virtually declared a holiday; and most of the population will gather to attend the setting out of Burbank's Oakland dahlia, said to be the largest white dahlia ever produced.

The Burbank Oakland dahlia henceforth will be Oakland's official flower. A bulb from the new dahlia will be presented also to each of the other 27 cities in the United States named Oakland. This will be Oakland, California's return of the compliment paid by the other Oaklands in presenting her each with a live oak tree to be planted beside Oakland's official oak in City Hall Plaza.

PRESIDENT TO BEGIN ARMING SHIPS TODAY

COMMANDANTS AT NAVY YARDS WILL RECEIVE ORDERS IN A FEW HOURS.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAYS HE HAS AUTHORITY

Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco Navy Yards Will Be Ordered to Issue All Available Guns—Senate Will Pass Cloture Rule—Democrats Start Campaign to Prevent Stone's Re-election.

Washington, March 7.—(United Press)—President Wilson is expected to instruct Secretary Daniels to arm American merchantmen within a few hours. It is learned on the highest authority that the legal department determined that the president was empowered to act. Secretary Daniels will order the commandants Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco navy yards to issue all available guns.

The senate rules committee this afternoon agreed to a cloture rule providing that two-thirds vote can limit debate to one hour by each senator. President Wilson approves. It will be presented today.

President Wilson consulted with Democratic senators regarding cloture.

The Democrats have started a campaign to prevent Senator Stone's re-election to the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee. Senator Stone refused all interviewers.

The Republican senate caucus eliminated Senator Cummins and Senator Gronna from their steering committee because they participated in the filibuster. Senator Walsh opened the floor debate on the anti-filibuster rule. He said: "Traitors might delay the senate while the enemy thundered at the gates. It is not inconceivable that traitorous sentiments might actuate filibusters."

German Papers Criticize Wilson.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 7.—(United Press)—The official press agency said: "Evening newspapers bitterly comment on President Wilson's inauguration speech. They insist the president introduced partial neutrality and conceded one party the right to wage war but refused the same right to the other party." They praised Austria's submarine reply.

UNION MEN TELEGRAPH PRESIDENT WILSON AND DENOUNCE HARRY LANE

Tell President to Preserve Honor and Dignity of United States on Land and Sea, Without Congress, if Necessary—Apologize for Oregon Senator's Part in Filibustering.

Union, Ore., March 7.—Last night B. F. Wilson, editor of the Oregon Scout, sent the following telegram, signed by 30 of the leading business men of the city to President Wilson at Washington, D. C.: To President Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D. C.

We, the undersigned, business and professional men of Union, Oregon, do hereby express our humiliation and regret at the action of the senate of the United States in refusing to arm you with the necessary authority to sustain and uphold the national honor and dignity and afford protection to the lives and liberty of American citizens; and especially do we feel humiliation at the course taken by our own senator, Dr. Harry Lane, in rendering aid to the disloyal filibustering minority who accomplished the defeat of the measure required to give you such authority.

We furthermore express to you our confidence in your honesty, ability and patriotism, and urge that you use such constitutional powers that you may have in preserving the honor and dignity of the nation, in its hour of peril, and in the protection of the lives and liberty of our citizens, upon land and sea, regardless of the action of congress.