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STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION IS NOW ON

PRESIDENT POLLMAN PRESIDES OVER FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

CITY MANAGER GIVES ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Senator Pierce on Behalf of Citizens of Union County Also Gives Greetings—President Pollman Declares Outlook Is Good For Cattle and Horse Raising Industry.

The fourth annual convention of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association began this morning at 10 a. m. in the Arcade theatre.

The first sign of the delegates presence was such greetings as "Hello there you fellows," and "Howdy Bill." The fore part of the morning was spent in getting acquainted, registration and meeting old friends. The program began with a selection by the Island City school band in front of the Arcade. The meeting was then called to order and was opened by invocation by Rev. G. L. Clarke of this city. The juvenile band then played two selections.

City Manager Fred B. Currey made the address of welcome and in behalf of the citizens of La Grande turned over the huge bronze key representing the keys of our city to the delegate of the convention. This was very heartily received and President William Pollman gave the response.

In behalf of not only La Grande but the entire county Senator Walter M. Pierce delivered his welcoming address, which was enthusiastically received by the delegates.

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BIG STOCK PARADE 1 P.M. TOMORROW

UNION COUNTY STOCKMEN GET UP AN IMPROMPTU EXHIBIT FOR VISITORS.

GOVERNOR WILL RIDE ON "GALLOWAY KING"

Today the Union County Fair Grounds Look As If the County Fair Were Beginning—Cattle and Horses Will Be Seen at the Grounds and in Parade—Marshals of the Day and Line of March Are Announced.

Line of March of the Parade. Parade starts at 1 p. m. sharp: Fair Grounds to Fir. Fir to Adams. Adams to Fourth. Fourth to Depot. Depot to Adams. Adams to Fir.

The Stock parade is tomorrow at 1 p. m. sharp. Governor Withycombe and other prominent men will take part.

Today is a busy day at the Fair Grounds and if you were dropped into it without knowing the time of year you would swear that the morning before the Union County Fair had arrived.

Wagon loads of hay, straw and grain are in evidence going from one part of the ground to the other, horses are whinnying, cattle lowing and grooms with pails, blankets, brushes, etc., are busy looking after the individual needs of their various

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Program of Remainder of Cattle and Horse Raiser's Convention

EVENING SESSION

7:00 p. m.—Vaudeville Entertainment at Arcade Theatre.
9:00 p. m.—Stockmen's Annual Ball at Rex Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1917

At Union County Fair Grounds

6:00 a. m.—Cowboy Breakfast, Frank Stilwell, Chef.
7:00 a. m.—Exhibition of Pure Bred Livestock.

At Arcade Theatre

9:00 a. m. Address: "Marketing the Range Steer," Geo. C. McMullen, Kansas City, Missouri.
Address: "The Cost of Raising Cattle in Oregon," E. L. Potter, Professor of Animal Husbandry of Oregon Agricultural College.
Discussions.
Address: "Range Diseases of Animals," Dr. W. H. Lytle, Oregon State Veterinarian.
Discussions.
Reports of Committees.
Discussions.

1:00 p. m.—Livestock Parade on Adams Avenue.

At Arcade Theatre

2:00 p. m.—Address—"Future Livestock Conditions in Oregon," James Withycombe, Governor of Oregon.
Address: "Organization of Livestock Interests," T. W. Tomlinson, Sec. American National Livestock Association.
Discussions.
Meeting of Executive Committee.

At Zuber Hall

6:00 p. m.—Stockmen's Annual Banquet.

OFFICERS CATTLE & HORSE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION OF OREGON

Wm. Pollman, President; Geo. H. Russell, First Vice-President; W. H. Daughtrey, Second Vice-President; Wm. Doby, Treasurer; S. O. Correll, Secretary; Gerry Snow, Brand Inspector.

LA GRANDE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

J. G. Snodgrass, Chairman; F. J. Holmes, T. J. Scroggin, G. L. Larison, Walter M. Pierce, W. R. Leadbetter, Albert Hunter, F. E. Stilwell, F. B. Currey, J. E. Reynolds, Andrew Blokland, W. J. Townley, P. H. Spillman, C. D. Emahiser, G. T. Cochran, Clarke Leiter

STATE COUNCIL FOR DEFENCE IS APPOINTED

COMMITTEE IS CHOSEN AT REQUEST OF SECRETARY OF WAR.

Salem, Or., April 24.—(Special)—Governor Withycombe has appointed the Oregon Council of Defense at the request of Newlan D. Baker, Secretary of War and chairman of the National Council of Defense. The council will work in co-operation with the National Council.

The personnel of the Oregon Council is as follows:

Henry Ladd Corbett, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Portland.
General Charles F. Beebe, Portland.
R. N. Stanfield, Stanfield.

Clarke Leiter, editor the Observer
C. S. Hudson, president First National Bank, Bend.

W. E. Schimpff, Astoria.
Charles Hall, Marshfield.

"The appointment of the State Council of Defense has been made at the direct request of Secretary of War Baker, who is also chairman of the National Council of Defense," said Governor Withycombe today in announcing the appointments.

"Its purpose is to establish an official state organization to work in conjunction with the Federal Council and to co-operate with the various activities and organizations already under way locally. Presumably it will be the supervising agency through which the plans of the Government as regards economic mobilization in Oregon will be put into effect."

At the request of Governor Withycombe a meeting will be called immediately, the council to meet in Portland and select one of its members to represent Oregon at the National-wide conference which Secretary Baker has called to meet in Washington May 2.

Governor Lister, of Washington, to

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CONSCRIPTION VITAL, SAYS BRITISH CHIEF

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRIDGES TELLS OF GREAT BRITAIN'S EXPERIENCE.

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM PROVED A FAILURE

Men, He Says, Went to the Front Who Were Needed at Home—Industrial Forces of the Nation Were Crippled—"If You Are Going to War, Go the Whole Hog" Says Fighter Direct From the Front.

BY GEORGE MARTIN

Washington, April 24.—(United Press)—Conscription is vital to America before the nation can have war success. Lieutenant Colonel Bridges, British war commissioner, delivered this message to the American people.

"We were saddled with the volunteer system at the beginning of the war," said the fighter direct from the front. "It hampered and retarded us at every phase of the war development."

The volunteer system threw the best of our industrial forces into the trenches when they were needed at home, and left at home those whose places were at the front."

Then he declared briefly the entire message of the allied commission:

"If you're going to war, go the whole hog. You must go to it intelligently, systematically. Men, women, children, all must fight at home and at the front. It's no longer a war of expeditions. It's a war of nations."

Bridges explained the English belief that conscription alone and co-ordination of national forces will enable America to speedily end the war.

"The people of England are won to universal service," he said. "They are strong for conscription. They were opposed at first only because they didn't know what it was. They now realize its only making war on a business basis."

ARGENTINE TO SELL ENGLAND MUCH WHEAT

Buenos Aires, April 24.—(United Press)—Amicable settlement of the diplomatic quarrel between Argentina and England over the wheat embargo has been announced. Argentina agrees to send England one hundred and eighty thousand tons of wheat and twenty thousand tons of flour. England will send Argentina at a later date two hundred thousand tons of wheat from Canada or Australia or elsewhere.

CASH WHEAT SELLS AT \$2.41

Portland, April 24.—(United Press)—The Portland local wheat market leads the nation. Unheard of figures were reached here this afternoon. Actual cash sales were made in interior points at \$2.40 and \$2.41. May Bluestem was bid for at \$2.41.

Chicago Wheat.

Chicago, April 24.—(United Press)—The wheat market:
May—open \$2.32; high \$2.41; low \$2.31; close \$2.40 3-4.
July—open \$1.98; high \$2.07 1-4; low \$1.98; close \$2.06 1-2.

A True Friend.

(Boston Transcript)
Miss Withers—What would you do if I should refuse to marry you?
The Man—See if I couldn't find some other fellow who would be willing to propose to you.

BIG DANCE TONIGHT FOR THE VISITORS

Arrangements are complete for the dance at Rex hall tonight that will be tendered the visitors and their ladies. This is an invitation affair, and the committee in charge has extended invitations to the delegates and their ladies, and to the ladies of the Neighborhood club, Pincle club, Wednesday Bridge club, Thursday Bridge club, Kaffee Klatch club, Lucky Thirteen club, Fortnightly club, and their husbands, teachers of the public schools, and the donors of the Entertainment fund and their wives.

It is expected that this will be a very enjoyable social event. The dance will follow the vaudeville at the Arcade.

BANQUEST WILL BE SERVED TOMORROW

All of the delegates and their wives will be entertained tomorrow night at Zuber's hall at a banquet. The ladies of the Neighborhood club will serve for the banquet committee, and Chairman Scroggin of the committee says that this means that the menu and arrangements will be exceedingly tasty and attractive.

The Main Thing.

(Boston Transcript)

"Will those best-selling novels live, do you suppose?"
"What does it matter? They enable the authors to."

like home is the reason some men leave it.

President Signs The Billion Bond Bill

Washington, Apr. 24.—(United Press)—The President has signed the seven billion dollar bond bill. The signing was unceremonious.
The pen the President used will be presented to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who may give it to Lord Cunliffe of the British Commission.

Italians Ready To Take Offensive

Rome, April 24.—(United Press)—Italians apparently have launched a great offensive on the Cars front. Artillery is active. Troops are massed as if to attack.

STANDARD OIL STILL A TRUST

Washington, D. C., April 24.—(United Press)—Standard Oil interests substantially dominate the gasoline industry is the finding of the Federal Trade Commission in its report to the Senate.

Refining, pipeline transportation and marketing, the commission declares, are controlled by the "oil octopus."

Real competition doesn't exist because of interlocking stock ownership. The commission finds gasoline prices are arbitrarily increased despite the supreme court decision dissolving the "trust". The commission strongly urges legislation.

Everett Knowles, Jack Ken and Elmer Horstman left last evening for San Francisco where they will enter service in the U. S. navy.

William Haisten a member of La Grande high has also enlisted as apprentice seaman.

ALL IS READY FOR COWBOY BREAKFAST

Tomorrow will be a busy day for the visitors.

The first thing on the program tomorrow is the "cowboys' breakfast." This is an unique affair and will be under the management of Frank E. Stilwell as "chef."

The entertainment committee ex-

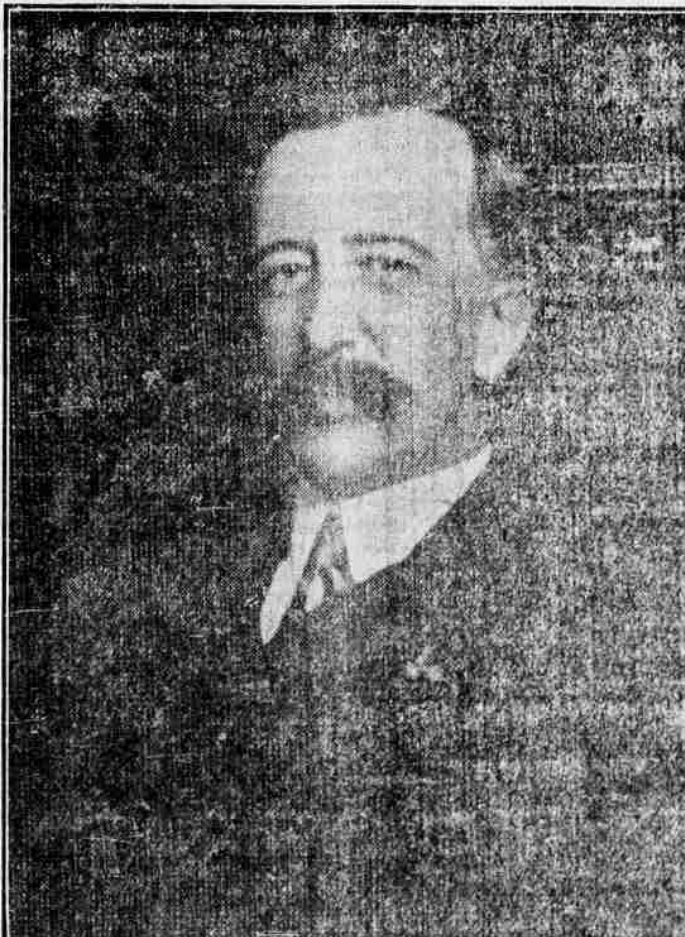
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VISITORS TO BE GUESTS AT VAUDEVILLE

Tonight at the Arcade theatre the delegates and their ladies will be entertained with an evening of high class vaudeville.

The program is as follows:
Overture by ten piece orchestra.
Comedy picture, Fatty Arbuckle in

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S. O. CORRELL, OF BAKER, SECRETARY OF THE CATTLE AND HORSE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION OF OREGON