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STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION NEARS AN END

COWBOY BREAKFAST, PARADE AND BANQUET ARE TODAY'S FEATURES.

VISITORS ARE PLEASED WITH ENTERTAINMENT

Governor Is Speaker at Today's Session—Delegates Declare That Convention Is Great Success—Senator Walter M. Pierce Will Preside at Tonight's Banquet.

The Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention is rushing to an end in a round of jollity. The guests say they are having the time of their lives and that they are much pleased with the entertainment provided for them. They smile and say it with an evident sincerity that is convincing.

President Pollman rounded up the delegates early this morning and sent them out to the Cowboy breakfast. The Union county stock exhibit was a source of great pleasure to the visitors and the parade was also much appreciated. That it rained during the day cut no ice with the stockmen; a little dampness was not sufficient to spoil their day.

The convention closes this afternoon; officers were elected yesterday. The big banquet is tonight at the Zuber hall, and the guests will see what the ladies of the Neighborhood club can do in the way of serving a fine banquet. Walter M. Pierce will be toastmaster.

After enjoying themselves at the Fair grounds this morning the delegates assembled at the Arcade shortly after 10 a. m. when the morning session began. Governor Withycombe was escorted to the platform among the cheers of all present. The first thing on program was a reading of telegrams of greeting and quotations of prices by Secretary Correll.

At the morning's session George C. McMullen spoke on "The Marketing of the Range Steer." Mr. McMullen is from Kansas City and an expert in the livestock business; and his remarks were heard with interest.

E. L. Potter of O. A. C. spoke on "The Cost of Raising Cattle in Oregon." Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian gave an address on the "Disease of Range Animals."

This afternoon Governor Withycombe spoke on a topic on which he is an authority, "Future Livestock Conditions in Oregon." He pointed out the great necessity of conserving the food supply of the nation and urged that the livestock men do their part in increasing food production.

T. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the American National Livestock association, was on the program for an address on "The Organization of Livestock Interests."

These addresses this afternoon were followed by discussions and a meeting of the executive committee.

Wheat Takes Jump.

Portland, April 25.—(United Press)—Spot deals in wheat for Portland delivery were made this afternoon at two dollars and fifty-four cents, probably the highest price in the history of the United States.

STRIKES ARE GROWING IS LATEST REPORT

Papal Nuncios Said to Regard German Situation as Approaching a Revolution.

Rome, April 25.—(United Press)—Pope Benedict is informed by papal nuncios in Teutonic countries that the general strikes closely approximate a revolution, according to a report in Vatican circles. It is asserted the nuncios believed a general revolt to back the peoples' peace demands might develop.

Belgium's population at the outbreak of the war was 7,700,000.

BIG STOCK PARADE IS FINE SIGHT

FINE STOCK OF UNION COUNTY IS SHOWN FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS

MANY FINE ANIMALS ARE IN LINE OF MARCH

Cattle and Horses Are Exhibited at the Fair Grounds and Then March Through the Streets of La Grande—Delegates to the Convention and Many Visitors See the Spectacle.

The display of livestock exhibited in the parade today was beyond a doubt one of the finest ever shown in this community. The fact that the leading stockmen of this Eastern Oregon and the whole State are boosting for the purebred better type of stock was plainly shown. There were no prizes offered for the exhibition of the stock and the men who brought their stock here for exhibition did so at their own expense, to bring to public attention the value of purebred stock.

The parade left the fair grounds at 1 p. m. The Elks' band furnished the music which was greatly appreciated by all. The boys of Company M of Salem were next in order followed by the light breeds of stock. Then came the heavier draft horses, and other types in their order. The farm stock in harness, some four and six horse teams drawing heavy wagons, were next in line. The light breeds were next in order, Gus Levy exhibiting four Kentucky stallions, among them Cour de Leon, and Gallo-way King; Reese McCallister, his standard bred stallion; Jack McCarty his Morgan. A fine pair of roadsters were driven by Mrs. White and Miss Nita Hunter. The Clydesdales were owned by McKennon and Ledbetter, also they had several Shires in the parade. J. E. Reynolds exhibited some of his Clydes. Albert Hunter, of Island City, City Metz, of Pendleton, and McDonald showed the Percherons. Some very fine heavy work teams were exhibited by McKennon and Ledbetter, The Palmer Lumber Co. and Standard Oil Co.

The Shorthorns were owned by W. J. Townley, Green Bros. of Union, G. W. DeLay, of Hot Lake, and Metz, of Pendleton. The Hereford herd belongs to Blockland Bros.

American Ship Fights With Sub

Steam Schooner On Fire. San Francisco, April 25.—(United Press)—Eureka dispatches indicate the steam schooner Coronado which caught fire off Humboldt Bay last night will be brought in safely today. The fire is under control. The crew was rescued.

FRENCH TROOPS ARRIVE IN U.S.

Washington, April 25.—(United Press)—Final step of bringing the representatives of the world's greatest democracies together came today with the arrival of the French commissioners.

As former Premier Viviani and Marshal Joffre, came sliding down the Potomac on the yacht Mayflower Secretary Treasurer McAdoo handed the British Ambassador Spring Rice a treasury warrant for two hundred million dollars. This is Britain's first participation in the seven billion dollar war finance fund.

Russians Make A Successful Raid

Petrograd, April 25.—(United Press)—The destruction of the Turkish harbor works at Kara-sunt, and five Turkish vessels was officially announced as an outcome of the successful Russian cruiser destroyer and submarine raid. Karasunt is a seaport in Asiatic Turkey on the Black Sea.

How That Ham and Eggs, Bacon, Flap Jacks and Coffee Did Disappear

days satisfied his appetite with at as the prairie knights of the earlier. Between five and six hundred people lined up and waited for their turns at the Cowboy's breakfast this morning at the Fair grounds. For some this was the first taste of real Cowboy cooking. Many of the older stockmen went around with a pleased smile on their face recalling the real thing out on the range when the meal was flavored with a goodly quantity of sage brush, cinders and bracing air of the early morning. Many stated that it was still a common thing to them.

The meal was cooked and served right off the hot coals by some of the real artists, those with the aprons tied over their chaps, handkerchiefs around their necks and several with guns tucked on. The famous cooks were headed by the chef, Frank Stillwell, his assistants were: L. M. Hoyt, Frank Lily, Frank Bay, Bert Hughes, J. E. Reynolds, John Williamson, Fred Gaskill, T. B. Johnson, Julius Fisher, Ed Reynolds and J. Garfield King.

One delegate from the Imnaha country feeling extra jubilant favored the crowd with several verses of a cowboy song. The meal consisted of huge flap-jacks, stirred up by one of the boys and held over the fire until cooked on one side then flipped over with a skill that showed the real experience. Real black coffee in a tin cup with canned cream proved a treat to all. Huge slices of bacon and ham and eggs made an ample meal such

daylight. The breakfast was cooked between two large logs over which a large tin was placed making a better cook stove than most house wives can boast of.

The amount of food dished out to the hungry delegates would seem appalling to the common man, but feeding five hundred people and satisfying them is a real plainman's job. Secretary King says that seven wash boilers of coffee is a job for any cook. Besides this supply of coffee it took 200 pounds of ham and bacon, 100 dozen eggs, a sack and a half of flour, two dozen cans of cream, 10 pounds of butter, besides the sugar.

President Pollman was observed standing to one side with just a cup of coffee and watching every move of the crowd for a chance to get the rest of his breakfast. Secretary Correll stated that he was getting his, he ate ham, eggs, bacon, and flap-jacks enough to satisfy any hungry cowman. City Manager Currey was to be mistaken for a cowboy appearing in the full regalia and helping with the cooking. The meal was served from 6:25 until 7:45. The buglers of Company M announced mess and the boys all turned out with their kits for their share of the meal. Every one thoroughly enjoyed the meal which is a treat rarely experienced. Cars escorted the delegates to the grounds and back. After all had satisfied their appetites the cooks had their turns which ended one of the biggest hits of the convention.

BAKER BOYS. APPEAR AS THE SAGE BRUSH QUARTET

The Baker quartet, composed of Walt Meacham, Doc Notz, Eph. Barnes, Jno. Hoke, added a touch of real cowboy flavor to the vaudeville entertainment at the Arcade theatre last night. The boys sang well, were

dressed in chaps, and sang songs that were full of the color that the stockmen appreciated. Their act was unique and much appreciated. The songs they sang were as follows:

THE SAGE-BRUSH QUARTETTE.

Cow-Camp Chatter
We just came down to La Grande town, a day or two ago,
To meet the cowmen and their wives and help pull off the show.
We've sat through many speeches and heard them make their bluff,
And most of it, as you well know was awful rotten stuff.

Blockland sure has his nerve, with kids a score or so,
To bring a bunch of Herefords down to the livestock show.
Waiter Pierce of Hot Lake fame is sure some o-a-tor,
And with the hot-air that he lost, kept the Lake from freezing o'er.

Albert Hunter likes a horse, better than his wife,
And for his celebrated steeds, he'd sure give up his life.
Fred Currey is the manager who quelled the tong-man war,
And confiscated all their booze, and looked around for more.

Geo. Russell is a statesman, who rules with iron hand,
And when it comes to talking, George is there all right.
Bill Daughtrey is a pleasant man from Portland's shady glades,
And when it comes to ladies, he can give you cards and spades.

Bob Stanfield is a statesman, who rules with iron hand,
And of the little wooly boys, he owns full many a hand.
Fred Phillips is a gay old dog when he gets away from home,
And when at Honolulu he made the ocean foam.

Townley is a merchant prince, also a Short-horn man,
But when it comes to dollars, Fred Holmes has got the can.
Snodgrass is a busy tuss, he makes 'em all dig in,
He made Frank Stillwell work so hard, he sure is getting thin.

Bill Pollman is the high mogul of all the cow-boy clan,
And when he says "let's hit the hike," they follow to a man.
Bill Doby handles all the cash that makes the wheels go round,
And when you look for cow-boy sports, Correll's right on the ground.

There's cowboys here of great renown, who've led quite reckless lives,
Who're growing bald behind the ears, and so they brought their wives.
And now dear friends we're plain cowboys, we hope you'll treat us right,
We're going down to the shin-dig and expect to dance all night.

THE LONG, LONG TRAIL.

There's a long, long trail winding into the isle of my dreams,
Where the nightingales are singing and the white moon beams,
There's a long, long night of waiting until my dreams all come true,
'Til the time when I'll be going down that long, long trail with you.

There's a long, long trail winding into the land of pork and beans,
Where the "puncher" slaves from morn 'til night and wears out his jeans;
There's a long, long night of turning on a bed hard as a bone,
While the "Boss" is sweetly sleeping on his ostermoor at home.

There's a long, long thirsty season, since the state has gone bone dry;
And some there be among us who must have a drink or die;
There's a long, long trail winding into Winn-e-mucca town,
Where the bartender is mighty and wears a golden crown.

There's a long, long trail winding, into the cowman's lair,
Where cowboys gay and drinking, grape-juice for their hair;
There's a long, long time of waiting for the drink that is our due,
And until that drink's forthcoming, we will say that we are through.

It's a long, long hike to Baker, the town that we all come from,
If we made our livin' singing, we would sure be on the bum,
We hope that we have pleased you, we have done the best we could,
And if we knew another song, we'd sing it, yes we would.

C. C. (Daddy) Burt is here from Baker to attend the wrestling match and to make arrangements for a match between Jack O'Neill and Enim, a Baker wrestler who has never been thrown.

Thirty-three recruits are expected to arrive in La Grande this evening from Wallawa. The Elks' band will meet them at the depot also the high school cadets. It is requested that all citizens turn out and make the reception for the boys a warm one.

LORD BALFOUR ANSWERS HIS CRITICS HERE

DECLARES BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE ANIMATED BY LOVE FOR LIBERTIES OF MANKIND.

Washington, April 25.—(United Press)—British Foreign Secretary Balfour denounced "certain doubting critics who think France and Great Britain have come here to inveigle the United States into entangling alliances with European forces."

The British secretary outlined a brief declaration of motives and principles on behalf of the European Allies.

"There could be no rumor with less foundation than the one I have just outlined," he said. "I wish to assure the people of this great Nation that the assistance we're going to get is not based on such shallow consideration."

"You realize this isn't a quarrel over territory. You know thoroughly a love for the liberties of mankind have animated the allied cause. We know you will throw the force of invention, production and man power into the balance. Nothing can turn you from it. You will see the war through."

STORMY SESSION IN REICHSTAG

Amsterdam, April 25.—(United Press)—The new anti-government Socialist party precipitated a tumultuous disturbance in yesterday's Reichstag meeting, Berlin dispatched. Led-bours, one of the organizers of the new party, charged the government with being responsible for the food crisis in Germany. He demanded the Reichstag discuss the whole situation and the government's maladministration Wednesday. Amid a tempestuous debate, the resolution was rejected.

Later the Berlin dispatch stated the Reichstag wouldn't meet again until May second.

General Groener, chief of the Munitions department, was quoted as saying the government is determined to "suppress strikes regardless of the consequences."

Failed To Catch Villa, Now Depsoed

El Paso, April 25.—(United Press)—General Francisco Murgua, commander of the Northern military zone, will be relieved of his command because of his failure to crush Villa, according to reports government agents have received. It is understood General Amaro, Commander of the Chihuahua City garrison, will relieve him.

MANY EVENTS ARE ENJOYED BY VISITORS

Delegates and their ladies are expressing themselves as much pleased with the entertainment which is being provided for them by the executive committee of La Grande citizens. Starting with the luncheon to the ladies, followed by the automobile ride, the vaudeville last night, the dance at Rex hall, the guests have been kept busy with entertainment. The dance last night at Rex hall was well attended, and the evening spent in dancing to lively music. The executive committee and their wives acted as a reception committee and saw that everyone had a good time.

The entertainment program will close this evening with a banquet at Zuber hall, at which Senator Walter M. Pierce will act as toastmaster.

State Senator C. A. Barrett is a visitor at the convention.

GENERAL HAIG IS MEETING RESISTANCE

GERMANS ARE THROWING EVERY AVAILABLE RESERVE INTO THE BREACH

FIGHTING GOES ON WITH GREAT FEROCITY

Germans Used Massed Formations and Show Reckless Disregard for Lives of Soldiers—General Haig Takes 3000 Prisoners—Forty German Aeroplanes Are Brought Down

London, April 25.—(United Press)—Over three thousand prisoners have been taken since Monday's resumption of the British drive. Further advances were made despite bitter German opposition, reported General Haig's statement.

Germans are throwing every available reserve into breach. On a nine mile front, Oppy to Croisilles, fighting is raging with ferocity unparalleled since the opening of the war.

Germans are using great masses of men with reckless prodigality for life.

British artillery literally tore the massed Germans into shreds. Hand to hand fighting of the bitterest sort is going on.

Forty German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday.

British complete mastery air gives great advantage.

Germans are unable to spy on British moves.

Fighting on the French front consists principally of artillery combats.

MODERN WOODMEN TO HOLD STATE CAMP

Convention Will Meet in La Grande and Opens Next Tuesday for a Two-day's Session.

No sooner will the Stockmen's convention be a matter of history ere La Grande immediately rearranges the stage for entertainment of the Modern Woodmen state camp, a body that embraces the entire state. In point of numbers the attendance will not be as pretentious as the Stockmen's delegates, for the means and manner of electing delegates are different. Nevertheless, Tuesday noon, May 1st, will find a representative group of men in La Grande for a two-day session that fraternally is of much import. All delegates from the east and north will arrive prior to noon next Tuesday and the southern, western and central Oregon groups will arrive in a body at 11:30 Tuesday and go immediately to the weekly merchant's luncheon. No sooner will the luncheon be over than waiting automobiles will leave the Y. M. C. A. where headquarters of the state camp are to be, carrying the visitors to points of interest in and about La Grande. The drive will take up a goodly portion of the afternoon and will include a visit to Hot Lake.

Tuesday evening a unique program will be arranged in connection with a formal reception at the Y. M. C. A. The feature of the evening will be a moving picture show in the gymnasium of the Y to which public officials, citizens, men and women, and in fact anyone who is interested, is welcome. Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors are especially urged by the committee on arrangements to be present. After the program, details of which will be announced later, a reception for the delegates will be held.

The state camp takes up early Wednesday morning.

In the afternoon the delegates will visit the high school building and entertainment is to be provided there for them.

Bruce Dennis arrived in La Grande today to attend the Stockmen's convention.