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THE FOURTH OF JULY.

One hundred and forty-one years ago a new nation was born dedicated to the principle that all men are born free and equal and devoted to the theory that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed. To setting up these principles our forefathers gave their lives and their treasure, overcame Tories and Toryism in their own ranks, and finally triumphed over a powerful and tyrannic government. Thus were sown the seeds of freedom, and the fruits have ripened and been harvested ever since. Some times freedom was mistaken for license and terrible scenes were enacted as in the French revolution; but on the whole liberty has spread and humanity has been bettered as the result of the establishment of the American Republic. Even the great nation from which we severed ourselves has become more democratic and while it maintains its monarchic form, the people have finally come into their rights and oppression no longer thrives. It remains to be seen whether we the living are made of the same clay as our fathers, whether we will devote our lives, our fortunes and pledge our sacred honor that this government shall endure and continue to fight for the spread of liberty throughout the world. The contest is on. It is no easy one. The United States has taken on a man's sized job. But we have faith that the men and women of the early days of the Republic have not lived in vain. We believe that their descendants are worthy to uphold the name and the honor of the Republic.

Complying with established custom and the request that all business houses close on July Fourth for a patriotic observance of the day The Observer will not publish tomorrow.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Saves Money.

The man who can't afford to advertise his spring goods usually has to afford interest money to carry a lot of them over another season.—Pendleton Tribune.

To Even Things Up.

A collector for a magazine at La Grande, when a housewife disagreed with him over a small bill, kicked the front door off the hinges. To even things up the housewife should have kicked the collector off the front porch.—Portland Journal.

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What Makes It Magnificent.

There has come to us from different quarters the report that criticism has been made of the Sumpter Red Cross donations because many people have given who could not afford to. That is what makes the drive in Sumpter so magnificent.—Blue Mountain American, Sumpter.

Must Trust Some One.

It is objected that the powers which it is proposed to confer on Mr. Hoover as the President's agent are capable of grave abuse. So are all powers of government. The consequence of not granting these powers would be so calamitous that the risk of their abuse is a less evil and must be taken. The best assurance we can have that they will not be abused is that Mr. Hoover has exercised like power in feeding 10,000,000 people in Belgium and France, has used them wisely and ably and has not abused them. Having won the confidence of the British and French governments so completely that they have trusted him implicitly with hundreds of millions of dollars, he can surely be trusted by his own country. We must trust some man who could be more worthy of our trust?—The Portland Oregonian.

Road to Idaho Advocated.

A road which is much needed and which is suggested from time to time is one that would connect this county with Asotin and Lewiston. There are many reasons why it is wanted. The two districts are so different that each needs the other. Although only a few miles apart, they have no intercommunication and might as well be on different sides of the continent. A good road would bring them close together and would result in business for both.

Lewiston is on Snake river, at a much lower altitude than the interior of this county. Summers are hot and Wallowa county offers the nearest recreation grounds. More automobiles would come to this county over a good road from Lewiston in a week than in a whole season from La Grande. Ultimately, when travel is possible the year around, there will be a heavy freight as well as passenger traffic between the two communities, for they will have many commodities to exchange.

With the new forest road to Flora, there will not be a great deal more work to do on the Oregon side of the line. It will be up to the Washington authorities to continue the highway on across the Grande Ronde river and over the hills to Lewiston. This will form a beautiful ride which will attract travelers from far and wide.—Enterprise Record-Chieftain.

Making a Good Start.

Ten miles of paving for Umatilla county, the formal contract having been awarded yesterday and work to start on Tuesday, is a pleasant outcome of the bond election. In addition we are to have many thousands of dollars for work on the road between Pendleton and La Grande, for the road from Pilot Rock to Prairie City and from Pendleton to the Holdman country.

The work proposed is highly necessary from the standpoint of the general welfare. It will serve both local needs and state needs. These roads will serve both as market roads and as pleasure roads, accommodating a vast number of people and bringing about a great saving in hauling costs as well as increased convenience.

The quick work of the highway commission in cutting red tape and entering at once into a program of construction

is commendable and the commission has the congratulations of the East Oregonian. At the same time the fact that even though war is on and construction costs universally high, the paving cost on Wild Horse will be less than \$10,000 a mile gives promise that the people will obtain value received for the money to be expended on highway work.

The people are going to find that permanent road work, the main trunk roads being hard surfaced, is not only best but the cheapest when all things are considered and that the state is leaving, not entering, the real era of road extravagance.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Elgin News Items

Elgin, July 3.—(Special)—The Elgin Recorder says: Elgin's first Chautauqua, covering a period of six days, closed Wednesday and it is the consensus of opinion that the affair was by far the best event ever held in the town.

Practically all details have been completed for the old-time picnic in Elgin on July 4th. The affair will be held under the auspices of the Elgin Red Cross, which organization is making, or has made, practically all arrangements for a successful day.

C. I. Hazen, who for the past two years has been local agent for the O. W. R. & N. Co., has been given a like position at Huntington and left last evening for his new field of labor. While Huntington is not as desirable for home as Elgin it being a division point, pays a much better salary and for that reason was accepted by Mr. Hazen.

The local O. W. agent has received word from General Passenger Agent Wm. McMurray to the effect that the motor car, running between Elgin and La Grande, will be taken off the run June 30th, and will discontinue service after that date.

The motor car was put on April 1st as the result of appeals from the towns along the line and for the first month earned a profit. Since then it is said the car has not been paying expenses. The news is received with regret by the general public as the service proved a great traveling convenience. Since the installation of the service Elgin has been receiving the Morning Oregonian and La Grande Evening Observer the day of printing and to go back to the old schedule of a day late is not taken kindly by local people.

Many predicted that as soon as roads were in good condition, permitting the use of automobiles between La Grande and Elgin, that the service would not pay and this in substance spells the death of the motor car service. That the car would be a paying proposition during late fall and through the winter there is no doubt, but there is little likelihood of the company putting the car back on the run, once it is taken off.

There is joy in the hearts of many of our people as Elgin not only raised her quota, \$1500, in the Red Cross drive, but almost doubled it, giving the magnificent sum of \$2500. Those who composed the committee, of which Mayor F. E. Smith was head, feel a just pride in the achievement.

but take no more pride in it than all other Elgin citizens.

The last account given in The Recorder of the membership of the local Red Cross Auxiliary the organization had 106 members. Since then the membership has grown to 134.

Following are the members whose names have not been published: Nellie Rush, Mrs. H. F. Shoemaker, Walter Hill, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. S. L. Burnaugh, Dan Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yentzer, C. G. Wyatt, Jap Chandler, Jessie Crum, Guy M. Ambsberry, Miss Nona Austin, Mrs. H. G. Masterson, Mrs. Ed. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chappell, Mrs. John Mayfield, John Kennedy, L. E. Hill, Geo. Chandler, Geo. O. James, Mrs. Geo. O. James, Mrs. Geo. Chandler, Mrs. Mabel Burnaugh, Mrs. Francis De Boise, Mrs. Carrie Goven, Mrs. Anna Klinghammer, Mildred Schmore, Wm. Hill, H. J. Schmore, Mrs. H. J. Schmore, J. H. Henderson, Mrs. Jack Collins, Mrs. D. A. Barnes.

The next meeting of the Red Cross will be held in the K. of P. Hall, Monday afternoon, July 2.

Following is a list of those who contributed to the fund:

City of Elgin \$200, G. M. & S. Co. \$100, W. S. Ezel \$50, F. W. Whiting \$50, John Boly \$50, J. L. Hindman \$50, Jno. T. Wickens \$50, Elgin Flour Mill Co. \$50, Hackett Lumber Co. \$50, W. B. Hindman \$50, D. Sommer \$50, L. Blanchard \$50, I. O. O. F. Lodge \$35, F. L. Wade \$30, Frank E. Smith \$25, A. H. Parsons \$25, Galloway Bros. \$25, Chas. E. Bean \$25, R. A. Hug \$25, Adams Bros. \$25, W. M. Roulet \$25, Ray J. Hug \$25, David W. Hug \$25, Leonard Parsons \$25, E. S. Geckler \$20, H. J. Hug \$20, W. J. Hazelwood \$20, C. E. Mays \$20, O. E. Ryder \$20, W. D. Gilkey \$20, Elgin Warehouse Co. \$15, Sommer Bros. \$15, L. A. Stoop \$11, A. E. Golding \$10, J. W. Leighton \$10, Mrs. Mary Brugger \$10, A. E. Scott \$10, J. W. Brown \$10, A. Hallgarth \$10, Grande Ronde Meat Co. \$10, W. A. Hackett \$10, Charles Riggs \$10, A. Rydman \$10, Emil Miller \$10, Rasmussen Bros. \$10, Jake Hallgarth \$10, Carl Hallgarth \$10, Carl Hallgarth \$10, Jay Breshers \$10, S. E. Harris \$10, Eva Smith \$10, Albert Colburn \$10, A. E. Hug \$10, S. Mosher \$10, Joe Hallgarth \$10, Frank Petty \$10, Guy L. Patten \$10, J. E. Rydman \$10, G. Bekkers \$10, John Bussear \$10, L. A. Graham \$10, A. D. Bussear \$10, L. A. Wells \$10, J. F. Hall \$10, W. J. Henry \$10, R. L. Shoemaker \$10, Elgin Cash Store \$10, A. Sanford \$10, H. W. Buell \$10, G. A. Brown \$10, Ed. Brugger \$10, W. H. Rydman \$10, R. C. Hardy \$10, A. R. Hill \$10, J. W. Jones \$10.

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