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Dublin Custom House Burns Today

PIONEER DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16

LARGE COMMITTEES OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS NAMED TO ASSIST

RECEPTION COMMITTEES NAMED IN EACH LOCALITY

Morning Session Will Begin Promptly at 11 O'clock; Everyone Is Asked to Bring Lunch Baskets for Picnic Dinners at Noon; Cars Will Be Furnished for Transportation.

S. L. Brooks, president of the real Pioneers, met in session with the sons and daughters of pioneers, last Wednesday, and definite arrangements were made regarding the Pioneer meeting, which is to be held in Riverside Park, La Grande, on Thursday, June 16. The date was previously announced for June 20 last, owing to various reasons, has been changed to June 16.

Large committees of sons and daughters of pioneers were named to assist in making the day a grand success, and one to be remembered by the older people.

The morning session will begin promptly at 11 o'clock. Every one is asked to bring their lunch and have old-fashioned picnic dinners. There will be tables provided and plenty of good coffee and cream furnished free. Cars will meet the morning trains that day, so as to assist any pioneers to the ground. The program will be announced later. It is hoped that the day will be one good visiting party for all who attend and that the Pioneers may be happy in crossing the plains over again.

Reception committees have been named from various localities, the La Grande reception committee being composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eckley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phyl, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owsley, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Warnick, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Conley, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gekeler, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Scranton, Mr. and Mrs. Win Bunker, Mrs. J. E. Foley, Mrs. Julius Roesech, Mrs. Fred Holmes, Mrs. E. E. Bragg, Mrs. Lella Graham, Mrs. Branson, Mrs. Sade Van Buren, Mrs. Carolyn Anderson, Mrs. Laughlin, Mrs. Della Mahaffey, Mrs. Hibbard, Miss Susie Deal, Dr. Bell Myers, Miss Mae Dent, Miss Bertha Wallinger, Miss Fanny Brown, Miss Olive Slater, Miss Fanny Summer, Geo. Cochran, Dr. Ruckman, Wm. Grady, Wm. Church, Gus Levy, Peter McDonald, James and Lot Souders, James Russell, Robt. Enkin, Arthur Williams and Harvey Bay.

The Island City reception committee is as follows: Miss Garde Hunter, Mrs. Steincamp, Mrs. Sam Irwin, Chet Biddell, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn and all the Blocklands.

From Union, the committee is, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baird, Marion Davis, Mrs. Edith Wright, Phyl, and Geo. Benson. North Powder's committee is Mrs. Liza McAllister and Mrs. Myrtle Squires Johnson. From Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Jale Conley, Mr. and Mrs.

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Weather

Tuesday and Thursday, fair. Cooler tonight in the east portion of the state.

ROAD COMMITTEE LEAVE TONIGHT FOR PORTLAND

CHILDREN BALLOTTED IN IRISH ELECTION

BELFAST, May 25.—Wholesale charges of intimidation by beatings and the use of force in the election during the balloting in Ulster for members of a new northern Irish parliament, are being made by both nationalists and unionists. A number of children were killed, one child aged two and a half years, voting at South Antrim, and one under three at Antrim.

NINE DELEGATES PLAN TO ATTEND

STATE GRANGE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN EUGENE

Owing to Growth of the Grange the Past Year, Largest Attendance Ever Expected

The forty-eighth annual session of the Oregon State Grange will convene at Eugene on May 31, and continue for four days. Owing to the growth of the grange the past year the state officials are looking for the largest attendance in the history of the Oregon State Grange. The delegates from Union county will leave next Monday and will be Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lantz, of Cove; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Snider, of Tolbasset; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Calkerson, of North Powder, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gekeler, of La Grande. Mr. C. D. Huffman, of La Grande, will represent the county grange.

PIERCE NAMED ON COMMITTEE

The names of the seven men who will be asked to serve on the tax investigating committee created by the last legislature have been announced as follows: Henry M. Reed, Portland; I. N. Day, Portland; C. S. Chapman, Portland; C. A. McKenna, Portland; Walter M. Pierce, La Grande; E. H. Smith, Lakeview, and Charles A. Brand of Douglas county.

The appointments will be effective May 25, on which date the new law became operative.

The law creating this committee provides for a meeting at the state capital within 10 days after its appointment for the purpose of organizing by electing a chairman and vice-chairman and the employment of an executive secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS PORTLAND GAS CUT

PORTLAND, May 25.—A reduction averaging fifteen cents per thousand feet in Portland gas was ordered by the public service commission. This makes the average family rate \$1.20 per thousand feet, and a total cut in the company revenue amounting to \$430,000 annually.

N. K. WEST IS FARMER

N. W. West, in the garb of an every day farmer, leaves La Grande nearly every day for the Summerville farm which he recently purchased from G. I. Wade.

County Court, Composed of County Judge, U. G. Couch, and Commissioners C. A. Galloway and J. F. Hutchinson, Will Attend Highway Commission Meeting

This evening a committee composed of T. H. Crawford, A. T. Hill and J. F. Phyl will leave for Portland to confer with the state highway commission regarding the proposed change in route of the state highway entering this city. The change would eliminate one of the most unsightly portions of the road and substitute for it one of the most beautiful stretches in Oregon. The committee was appointed by the Ad Club.

The county court, composed of U. G. Couch, county judge, and Cecil Galloway and J. F. Hutchinson, commissioners, will also go to Portland this evening and expect to assure the state commission in writing that if the proposed change in route is designated by the commission the county will grade the road. The county's share will be about two-thirds of the road and the city's share one-third. The city has also agreed to grade its share.

BOYS READY TO LEARN TO SWIM

SWIMMING TESTS GIVEN AT Y. M. C. A.

Much Interest Shown in Swimming as Hot Season Approaches; Various Grades of Tests Taken

During the past week boys of this city have been busy taking swimming tests, preparatory to the opening of the swimming classes for boys at the Y. M. C. A. this summer. One boy has so far passed the test for life-saver, nine have qualified as swimmers and thirty-seven are listed as beginners.

Art Larson is the only boy to pass the life-saver test. The qualifications for this test are diving into seven to ten feet of water and bring from the bottom a loose bag of sand weighing ten pounds, swim two hundred yards on his back without using arms or hands and one hundred yards using any other stroke. To pass this test the boy must further demonstrate five methods of release on land, two methods of release in water, rescue and tow a person of his own weight twenty yards, using two different strokes, tow yards each and demonstrate the Slater method of resuscitation.

The swimmer's test consists of swimming fifty yards using any stroke and diving properly and swimming fifty feet on his back. Those passing this test are: James Coker, Reed Geddes, Jean Taylor, Art Larson, Jack Dennis, John Herr, John Larson, Ken Seigrist and Rosecoe Daniel.

The beginners must swim at least fifty feet, using any stroke. Those passing this test are: John Larson, Paul Meyers, Everett Bennett, Arthur Larsen, Fern Kelley, James Coker, Reed Geddes, Jean Taylor, George Albert Meats, John Herr, Waltham Hibbard, Forrest Holmes, Dale Charlton, Carley Huntley, Russell Spiker, Harry Divena, Fred Lockley, George Fuller, Claude Waller, Willard Blackington, Claire McKennon, Gene Canner, Robert Murray, Harry Connor, Hugh Logan, Jack Dennis, Paul Bafford, Austin Dunn, Kendrick Siegrist, Grable Divena, Robert Smith, Roscoe Daniel, Gavin McNown, William Carlyle, Ralph Wisgale, Donald Matcalf.

UPPER COLUMBIA WATERS ARE STILL REPORTED TO BE GRADUALLY RISING

RISE FOR WILLAMETTE IS AGAIN FORECAST

High waters in the Columbia and Willamette rivers are reported to be gradually rising. The Columbia is four miles wide at Vancouver. The inter-state bridge approach has been saved. Rising temperatures are reported on the headwaters of the Columbia.

A continued slow but steady rise in the Willamette river, due to the backwater in the Columbia, was forecast today with the stage at 32.5 feet on Saturday.

The stage today was 21.7 feet, a rise of 3 feet since yesterday. The upper Columbia is still rising slowly. Wenatchee, Umatilla and the Dalles reported the same yesterday.

Patrol immediately following and the initiation ceremonies in Rex Hall this evening. At seven o'clock will be served by the Pythian sisters, after which the ceremonial begins.

The splendid new Persian scenery which has been constructed for the La Grande temple of the order is this afternoon being inspected by hundreds of people, the doors being open to the public from one to five. This scenery gives an Arabic atmosphere to the scene of the ceremony and is a credit to the progressiveness of the temple.

This afternoon twenty-five Dokkies arrived from Huntington, while thirty-five came in from Pendleton this noon.

July 1, 1880, 27.5 feet.
June 14, 1882, 26.7 feet.
June 7, 1891, 32 feet.

Delay in warm weather this year, coupled with unusually heavy precipitation have contributed to the flood conditions now prevailing. Ordinarily the snow melts first in the mountains drained by the Snake river and this overflow is disposed of before the floods start in the Upper Columbia watershed.

Precipitation in Portland up to May 24 was 44.51 inches against a normal of 41.64. Excess may have extended to the intermountain region, adding to the amount of water to be drained off.

Alternate periods of hot and cool weather in the mountains enables the streams to carry off the water without flood conditions becoming serious, but when the warm spells are unrelieved by cool intervals the melting of snow creates the torrents that swell the rivers.

In an editorial review of the flood situation the Portland Telegram says:

"If there is to be a big flood we shall know its extent at least three days before its crest is felt in Portland, and here will be ample time to remove moveables which may be endangered. Meantime let us hope for alternating hot and cool weather 'east of the mountains.'"

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, May 25.—The price of cattle was slow, hogs 25 cents lower, prime light selling for \$6.25 and \$2.50; sheep, eggs and butter steady.

TOWN SWARMS WITH SMILING DOKIES TODAY

Hundreds Arrive to Take Part in the Ceremonial in the K. P. Hall This Evening; Many Cities Are Represented in the Exceptional Ceremony.

Dokkies are swarming in La Grande today. On every train today large numbers of the order arrived, one of the largest delegations coming from Pendleton on No. 24 this morning. This delegation included the famous shinner and educated camel from across the mountain. The out-of-town members of the Dokkie band also arrived this morning and this evening many more are coming. There will be between thirty and forty tyros riding the hot sands tonight.

The program includes a parade just before six, an exhibition drill by the

CHIEF COX



Bruce Cox, marshal of the day and chief of the brigades for the parade this evening.

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REV. WHIDDON TO LEAVE HERE

C. A. McCasland, presiding elder of the Island District of the Methodist Church, South, gave an educational sermon last night at the M. E. Church, South. He asked for a gift from the church, toward the \$33,000,000 drive which is now on. The gift is for the schooling of young men who desire to become ministers and have not the funds for their training.

At the close of the discourse, a quarterly conference was held, which relieved Rev. E. L. Whiddon as pastor of this church. He will be appointed to a similar church nearer the coast. His wife's health necessitated his leaving the higher altitude. Rev. C. F. Beldin was appointed to fill out this year.

Rev. Beldin is a product of the South M. E. church, standing well in the church as a worker. Rev. Beldin appointed R. F. Greene as assistant superintendent of the Sunday School. Plans are now being made for the enlargement of the Sunday School enrollment, and with the two enthusiastic leaders, Rev. Beldin and Mr. Greene, at the head of the work, a progressive year is looked forward to.

FIRE ALLEGED DUE TO SINN FEIN SOCIETY

BLAZE STARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ALL PARTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL BUILDING.

HALL COST MILLION POUNDS, WAS VERY FINE

Fire Brigade Was Prevented From Getting to Scene of Destruction and the Crown Forces Who Attempted to Restore Order Were Fired Upon, and a Fight Followed.

LONDON, May 25.—The custom house in Dublin, says a dispatch from that city, was burned this afternoon. The burning is attributed as the work of Sinn Feiners.

The fire in the Dublin custom house started at 1:15, breaking out simultaneously throughout the building, which was one of the finest in Dublin, having cost a million pounds.

One account said that the fire was started by bombs thrown into the building. An official report says that the fire brigade was prevented from going to the scene and the crown forces who sought to reach the building were fired on, a fight followed.

The railroad bridge running past the building was occupied by a large number of men, upon whom a fusillade was opened. Lorry loads of militia were bombed as they drove to the scene. The soldiers fired machine guns, rifles and revolvers. Seven Sinn Feiners were killed, eleven wounded and sixty-five men taken prisoners. Four policemen were wounded.

Liberty Hall, the headquarters of the Irish transport workers, also was set afire and destroyed.

EBERHARD AND HILL WILL RUN

A. T. Hill and C. R. Eberhard, present members of the board of education, have filed their acceptance of the nomination for another term on the board. Over 100 signatures appeared on the petitions of each, requesting them to be candidates again.

BIDS FOR BONDS ARE REJECTED

All bids for the \$400,000 road bonds advertised by the county court, the bids being opened yesterday, were rejected. The highest bid was for \$3.26 of par, this bid being made by the Ralph Schneidlock company of Portland.

The money which was expected to be realized from these bonds was to have been used for building additional roads in Union county and to be applied on work done by the state for the county.



THE DOKIE TIGER HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE ANIMAL AND A FEROCIOUS ONE, TOO. EARL DOANE WAS TO HAVE BEEN INITIATED TONIGHT AT THE BIG CEREMONIAL, BUT THE PICTURE STORY ABOVE DISCLOSES THE SORROWFUL FACT THAT THERE IS NO EARL DOANE—ANY MORE. THE TIGER GOT HIM, AFTER A LONG CHASE.