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GRANGE WILL TAKE ACTIVE PART IN LAWS

UNION COUNTY DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION AT Eugene Have Returned

MANY IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS PASSED

State Body Would Make Study of Agriculture a Compulsory Branch in the Teacher's Training Course; Also Favor County Courts Having Power to Locate Highways.

The Union county delegates returned from the 45th annual session of the Oregon State Grange Sunday and report one of the best sessions of that organization ever held. Eugene is in the grange center of Oregon, Linn county alone having 24 subordinate granges. Twenty-eight counties were represented, with about four hundred voting delegates and nearly twice that many visitors. The grange parade put on Tuesday noon was over five miles long and in addition to the members of the state grange, there were floats from a number of county granges, subordinates, thoroughbred live stock grown by members of Lane county, floats from farmers creameries and stores and various granges and the University bands.

The grange voted to initiate a number of measures at the next general election, one of which would do away with the state highway commission and create a highway commissioner who would be directly responsible to the people.

Resolutions were also adopted favoring the county courts having the power to locate the highways in which they help finance in their counties, regulating the amount of the loads hauled over the hard surfaced roads, against the tearing up of good macadam roads to replace with hard surface ones and the building of new roads where adequate systems of roads already exist.

State Superintendent of Schools Churchill met with the committee on education and a system of agriculture in the rural schools was arranged and the subject of agriculture to be made a compulsory branch in the teachers' training course.

Resolutions were also adopted favoring the doing away with the majority of the present state commissions, against the calling of special elections, attaching the emergency clause to bills where no emergency exists, the exclusion of the Japanese, the repeal of the Roanoke River fish law passed by the last legislature, favoring a new system of graduate taxation, and many others of interest to the farming interests of the state. A resolution favoring the allowing to none but property holders to vote at bond elections was lost in a tie vote.

The next state meeting of the grange will be held at McMinnville. Receptions were given the members by the University in Villard Hall, and by the city and county grange in the Christian and Methodist churches. The coast granges of Lane county furnished eighteen bushels of clams for their part of the banquet. Three hundred and thirty-four members took the sixth degree held in the women's gymnasium of the University, while a large class was given the fifth degree by the Multnomah county degree team.

Tennis Tournament Now Certain--Six Sign Up

Preparations are being made for one of the biggest tennis tournaments ever held in La Grande. The date of the tournament, which is to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., has not been set yet but while it will be held early in summer there will be plenty of time for tennis players to get their practice to be in good shape when it comes off.

J. L. Cramer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who is making the arrangements, announced that six had signed up for singles and three entrants in the doubles had been listed. The singles are: Nerman Freese, Charles Bink, Donald Cramer, Francis Cramer, Larson and Harry Proctor. The entrants in the doubles are:

Crown Forces Take Irish Republicans

Three Men Convicted of Participation in Recent Disorders Executed at Cork

CORK, June 7.—The crown forces captured over one hundred members of the Irish Republican army last night after a battle in which three Sinn Feiners were killed and 12 wounded.

Three Men Executed

DUBLIN, June 7.—Three men, convicted of participating in the recent disorders in Ireland, were executed here today.

PROPOSED NEW RAIL RATES ARE OBJECTED TO

Bruce Cox to Go to Portland to Represent La Grande Shippers at Hearing Next Week

At one of the liveliest sessions of the Ad club ever held it was decided this noon to send Bruce Cox to Salt Lake City to attend a hearing on the requests of the railroads to re-establish the long and short haul for interior towns.

The matter was brought to the attention of the club by G. L. Larson. In explaining the danger threatening La Grande and other interior towns if the request of the railroads is granted, Mr. Larson pointed out that the branch line business will largely go to Portland if the change back to the system which was knocked out some years ago is made.

The long and short haul establishes a rate from eastern points which is the rate to Portland plus the rate from Portland to the interior point. In showing how this would effect freight on commodities Mr. Larson pointed out that the carload rate on corn is \$1.03 to La Grande from the east at present. The same rate prevails for Portland. But if the long and short haul is again established it will be about \$1.80 to La Grande while Portland will still enjoy the \$1.03 rate.

The purpose of asking for this change on the part of the railroads is to be able to compete with the Panama canal. Portland and other coast points will be able to compete with the water rates at the expense of La Grande and other interior points.

The loss to the wholesalers of La Grande would be in the neighborhood of \$80,000 to \$100,000 if this change is made. The sentiment was unanimous in favor of fighting the railroads' attempts to re-establish the Spokane rate case was decided.

U. S. PLAYERS LOSE IN GOLF

GLEANGLES, Scotland, June 7.—Great Britain defeated the United States in the international professional golf match. The British won nine of the day's matches, and the Americans three.

OREGON BAR ASSOCIATION WILL NOT INTERVENE IN CASE OF HENRY ALBERS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The supreme court has denied the petition of the Oregon Bar association that it be permitted to intervene in the case of Henry Albers.

AGREEMENT ON BONDS IS REACHED

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MUST ACT NOW ON MATTER

ALLOTMENTS ACCORDING TO STRENGTH OF BANKS

Representatives of All Banks At Meeting Yesterday Except One—Large Amount of Road Work Will Be Started When \$400,000 Is Made Available Through Bonds.

The banks of Union county have agreed to absorb the \$400,000 of road bonds advertised several weeks ago for which bids were received, the highest bid at the time being 94.25. The bonds will be allotted to the various banks according to their assets.

Some details still remain to be worked out between the state highway commission and the county court but so far as the banks are concerned they will do their part. The meeting at which the decision was reached was attended by representatives of every bank, excepting one, in the county. The bank that was not represented is favorable to the proposition, it is understood and will sign up for its share.

The money to be derived from these bonds will be used partly in getting additional road work under way this year. A portion of the money will probably be used for paying for work done by the state highway commission for the county.

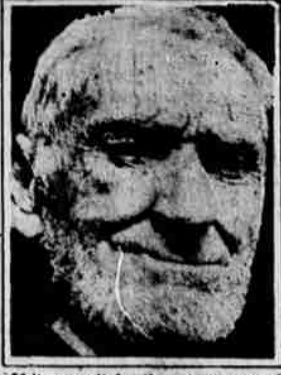
MINERS ARE TO MEET FRIDAY

LONDON, June 7.—The executive body of the coal miner's union has called the delegates to a conference Friday to consider the strike situation.

Proposed Water Works to be on Ballot August 9

The preliminary work on the surveys for the proposed new water works system for the city of La Grande will be finished in time so that an estimate of the cost can be made and the entire proposition thoroughly explained to the voters of the city before the special election of August 9 at which time this proposition and amendments to the charter of the city will be placed on the ballot, according to George Garrett, city manager.

"Uncle Joe"



If it weren't for the missing stogie, this man might be taken for Uncle Joe Cannon. He's "Uncle Joe" Sheen, veteran railroader of Indianapolis.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE ALL DAY ON THURSDAY

A. T. Hill Makes Motion at Meeting and Declares That Union Show Is Affair of Whole County.

At the luncheon of the Ad club this noon on motion of A. T. Hill it was decided that all stores be asked to close all day Thursday, which is La Grande day at the Union stock show. Yesterday a decision was reached by the executive committee that the closing hour be at 11 o'clock in the morning but Mr. Hill and other merchants expressed the opinion that it would be better to close all day.

BOULDER TAKES FLUME SECTION OF CANAL

BEND, June 7.—Fifty-four feet of the Central Oregon Irrigation company's main flume south of Bend went out at midnight Thursday, following the breaking of a section of the footing when a large boulder, loosened by the heavy rain of the afternoon before rolled down the slope and crashed into it. Before the water could be shut off, a section 54 feet long was broken down.

LIGHT VOTE CAST TODAY ON MEASURES

BARELY FIFTEEN PER CENT OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS CAST BALLOT AT 2 P. M.

VOTING IN PORTLAND IS ALSO EXTREMELY LIGHT

Portland Telegram Late This Afternoon Revised Their Former Figures and Estimated That Between Twenty-five and Thirty Per Cent Vote.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, a canvass of several adjoining city precincts showed that barely 15 per cent of the registered voters had thus far made their way to the polls and cast their ballot at the special election today. While most of the polling places were made warm enough by the weather, and the work, the persons in charge at the Methodist church were using an electric heater to keep warm by, work being so slack.

At the Presbyterian church, precinct No. 9, only 40 persons had voted this afternoon, while at Harris hall, precinct No. 12, only 18 persons had voted at noon, and 14 at the Auto Paint Shop, precinct No. 13.

At the Methodist church, precinct 10, there are 256 registered voters, but only 38 had cast their ballot at 2 o'clock.

At the city hall, there are also 256 registered voters, and only 30 had been to the polls at the time of the canvass.

Reports in the county precincts showed that in many places, voting was even lighter than in town. Most of the polling places expect to have their total count complete by 9 o'clock.

Portland Voting Light

PORTLAND, June 7.—The voters of the state are today balloting on the five statewide measures referred to the people by the last legislature. The measures including the bonus and loan measure for the benefit of the ex-service men. The sixth measure referred affected only the Port of Portland. The early voting here is reported light. The Portland Telegram estimated that the vote would be 50 per cent of the total registration.

But based on the reports of lighter voting than was expected, the Telegram this afternoon revised their forecast on the voting, saying that the indications were that a 25 to 30 per cent ballot would be cast.

DIVORCE REFUSED BY JUDGE

J. W. KNOWLES IN BEEM SUIT

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles yesterday afternoon denied a divorce decree in the case of Edyth Beem vs. Jonathan Beem. Cruel and inhuman treatment were the grounds on which the divorce was sought.

Policy for Mexico is Discussed Today

Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State, Presents President Obregon's Reply to U. S. Note.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The cabinet today discussed the American policy toward Mexico after the presentation by Secretary Charles Evans Hughes of President Obregon's reply to the American message outlining conditions under which the United States would consider Mexican recognition. The cabinet also discussed relations with the Dominican republic.

The American government has proposed a treaty of amity and comity with the Mexican government, the state department has announced.

ADMISSION TO STOCK SHOW ONE DOLLAR

VARIOUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN COUNTY.

Over Fifty Head of Race Horses Are on Union Track Ready For The Big Three-Day Show.

Reports from Union this morning were to the effect that admission to the Stock Show this year would be \$1.00, and not \$1.50, as has been reported in some localities.

As the Stock Show dates, June 8, 9 and 10, approach, the wheels and machinery of the big show begin to move. Everyone in the Stock Show city seems to be on the job and stepping lively. Indications are that she's to be a hummer—bigger and better than ever.

Already, some fifty head of fine race horses are on the track at Union. Harness horses, relay horses and fast runners are now stabled and ready for the opening day. One of the fastest racing programs ever held on the Union track is assured by the managers of the 1921 show.

Immediately after the last horse race on Friday, which is Baker Day, special automobile races will be put on by the Baker Automobile association. The entrants thus far are Southard and Shein, with an "Essex Racer"; Doby and Caul, with a "Hupmobile racer"; Bert Hamilton, with a "Nash racer"; and Scott with a "Maxwell racer." Who the "Barney Oldfield" of Baker is will be decided at the races on Friday.

TOURISTS TO GET FREE WOOD

The Union County AH club will again furnish wood for fuel at the temporary auto camp in the city park, according to a decision reached this noon at the club's luncheon. Last year and early this year the club supplied wood but the failure of finances being provided by the finance committee resulted in temporary cessation of the practice. This caused much dissatisfaction among tourists who expected to either be furnished wood free, as in the past, and as announced at the big sign at the park entrance, or be able to buy it on the ground. As a result farmers in the vicinity of the camp have been complaining that their fences have been disappearing.

Although no money is now available for purchasing wood the resumption of the club's generosity towards tourists was made possible when Elmer Stoddard of the Grande Ronde Lumber company offered to send out half a dozen loads of mill wood and give the Ad club all the time necessary to pay for it, and if it was unable to do so by the end of the year to "call it off."

The suggestion was also made that a cart taker be hired and wood sold to the tourists but it was decided that under existing conditions it would be cheaper to give the wood away.

Portland Markets

PORTLAND, June 7.—The livestock market here was steady today. Eggs firm and higher, the buying price 22 1/2 cents, selling price by case 24 cents, collect 28 cents. Butter was firm.

DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000,000

COMMITTEE OF REAL ESTATE MEN MAKE APPRAISAL TRIP OVER THE CITY.

RED CROSS ESTIMATES DEAD WILL NUMBER 500

E. E. Withers, Prominent Business Man, Is Shot Through the Head While Driving Downtown—Son, Who Was With Him, Said He Was Slowing Down After Command to Halt.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 7.—A committee of real estate men today estimated the property damage in Pueblo from the flood at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, after an appraisal of the buildings and their contents.

The Red Cross officials at a meeting estimated the death list at 500 when a complete count is possible. The known dead this morning totalled 55. A rescue party is going down the river today in an attempt to recover the bodies. The clear weather is believed to make possible the recovery of many which have been found but could not previously be extricated.

E. E. Withers, prominent business man, was shot through the head last night after being commanded to halt his automobile. He was bringing his car to a stop when killed, his son, who was with him, said.

The damage to three of the principal railroads entering Pueblo will aggregate \$4,500,000.

May Donate a Million.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—A million dollars will be available immediately for the flood relief in Colorado, under a resolution introduced simultaneously by Senator Phipps and Representative Hardy, both of Colorado.

Platte River Swells.

DENVER, June 7.—Heavy rains in the mountains last night caused the Platte river here to swell again. Over a score of frame residences are surrounded by water in lower west Denver. Two feet of water is standing in West Colfax and Larimer streets. Many of the basements in the warehouses are flooded. A call for help came from the city hospital when the basement was flooded.

NEW PARLIAMENT IS OPENED TODAY

BELFAST, June 7.—The parliament of northern Ireland, elected under the new home rule measure, was opened today amid impressive scenes in the council chamber of the city hall.

NINTH STEAMER STARTS FROM PORTLAND WITH A NON-UNION CREW

PORTLAND, June 7.—The steamboat "Bearport" as the ninth steamer to leave with a non-union crew since the strike began. Judge Wolverton yesterday afternoon heard the marine picketing injunction case.

BOY VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS

Howard C. Holman, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holman, of 2812 V. avenue, passed away at about 7 o'clock this morning from an attack of appendicitis.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, W. C. and M. S. Holman, and one sister, Lizzie Holman, all of La Grande. The remains are at the Bohenkamp chapel pending arrival of the father from California.



Weather

Tonight—Cloudy in the western portion of the state. Showers and cooler in the eastern portion of the state. Wednesday—fair.