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PIONEER DAY IS TOMORROW AT THE PARK

UNION COUNTY AD CLUB WILL FURNISH TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PIONEERS.

FIRST ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULED FOR 11 A. M.

A "Reminiscence Pageant" Will Be Given in the Afternoon by the Children of the Pioneers—Big Basket Lunch Is to Be Held at Noon—Day to Be Informal.

All auto owners who are able to donate the use of their cars for taking the visiting pioneers to the city park tomorrow morning are asked to be at the Y. M. C. A. at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Several of the prominent pioneers of the county have already arrived in the city, in order to be present at all of the annual Union County Pioneer meeting which is to be held at Riverside Park tomorrow morning.

A reception committee has been named to meet all of the morning trains, and the Union County Ad club will furnish cars to take the pioneers to the park. Those desiring to go are asked to meet at the Y. M. C. A. and the cars will leave there at 10 o'clock and at 11 o'clock.

Although the whole program is to be most informal, the keynote of the day being to have the pioneers meet with one another and enjoy the day with remembrances and the renewing of acquaintanceships, the first entertainment has been set for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, when after a few musical numbers, a short business meeting will be held. The annual election of officers will be made at this time. President S. E. Brooks will be in charge of the meeting.

At noon, basket lunches will be enjoyed, free coffee and cream being provided by the sons and daughters of the pioneers.

Following the lunch hour, the program will be resumed in the pavilion, and each locality in Union county will be represented in the program, which is made up of musical numbers, addresses, and reminiscences, and also a pageant. The pageant will be one of the best features of the day, and will be in the form of a "Reminiscence Pageant" put on mostly by the children of old pioneers. The Imbler quartette is also another number on the program.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
PORTLAND, June 15.—The price of cattle and sheep was steady today, hogs weak, eggs unsettled and butter steady.

ELKS AND LARGE CROWD HONOR THE U. S. FLAG

Five hundred Americans paid homage at the shrine of Old Glory last evening when La Grande Lodge No. 423, B. P. O. Elks, observed the annual Flag Day ceremonies. The lodge room was crowded as it has not been in years, and a large percentage of friends of the Elks was among the audience.

The program was well prepared and executed. Previous to the ceremony the Elks' band rendered a high class out-door concert, which was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of music-lovers.

History of Flag Read.

At 8 o'clock the services began in the lodge room. The Elks' orchestra played "Star Spangled Banner," and this was followed by the introductory exercises, led by Exalted Ruler Skiff. Chaplain J. C. Holm offered the ritual prayer, and this in turn was followed by a history of the American flag, read by Past Exalted Ruler, Chas. E. Harding. A group of southern melodies was played in a very charming manner by the orchestra, after which the impressive altar exercises were exemplified by the exalted ruler, S. D. Green, esteemed leading knight; De Lile Greene, esteemed loyal knight; R. A. Pratt, esteemed lecturing knight and L. H. Bramwell, escort. The service consists of building the flag altar.

"Auld Lang Syne" was sung with the Elks' quartet leading, and Sher-

Box Car Robbers Kill O. W. Agent

Police Believe One of the Robbers Was Later Killed By His Companions.

PORTLAND, June 15.—That one or more box car robbers, who last night killed J. H. Phillips, special agent for the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, killed and wounded a confederate in a rowboat and threw the body into the Willamette, was the theory of the police. Four shots were heard on the river after the robbers had escaped.

The officers found tracks of a boat having been dragged on the bank near the scene of the box car robbery. It is believed that the slayers escaped in the boat in which they intended to carry the loot. The police declared that they thought the robber who had been wounded by the fire of Phillips and his companion, H. G. Schneider, another special agent, was dispatched in the boat.

HAY CROP IS GOOD, EARLY REPORTS SAY

HEAVY TONNAGE BUT SOME WEEDS IN CUT.

Rains of Fall and Spring Have Prevented Cultivations and Helped Broncho Grass to Grow.

The cutting of the first crop of alfalfa hay started on many Union county ranches during the past few days. Indications are that the hay crop will be good throughout the county so far as the tonnage is concerned.

The extremely wet weather last fall and this spring has tended to make conditions right for broncho grass by interfering with the cultivating that keeps this grass down, according to Harry G. Avery, county agent.

"The broncho grass that is in the hay does not interfere with the quality of the hay as feed for horses," Mr. Avery said today. "This is especially so when the grass is young and tender. The shipping quality of hay is lowered by the broncho grass and, therefore, it is desirable to keep it out. If fall disking or harrowing with a spring-tooth harrow is practiced, as well as cultivating in spring, the broncho grass can be easily killed out. The grass sprouts in the fall and it is impossible to kill it out by merely spring cultivating."

Mr. Avery is also well pleased with the pastures in the hills. Yesterday he spent looking over the Gus Levy, Blokland and Walter Pierce pastures west of here. "I saw some of the finest grass in that country that I have ever seen," he declared on returning. "There are places where the grass is high enough to cut for hay now. If it weren't for the rocks on the land, much of this pasture is being held in reserve for pasturing stock later in the season."

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wood Williams and the audience sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Past Exalted Ruler H. E. Coolidge delivered the tribute to the flag, a beautiful composition from a standpoint of sentiment and rhetoric.

Duty to Flag Portrayed.

To Frederick Steiner, past exalted ruler of the Pendleton lodge, fell the honor of delivering the flag day address. With a well modulated and pleasing voice he presented his theme, taking as his theme the thought that Americans have a special duty to the American flag. He first cited two forces working against the flag, to-wit: An outside force determined to break down our ideals of government, and, secondly, the force from within.

Fertile Field Not Denied.

He hotly exhorted, the parlor bolshevist, declaring that there are parts of debarcation for those who believe communism is a better form of government than the one we now possess. "And," he prayed, "with the grace of God, may Emma Goldmans never come back." That there is a fertile field for both the without and within forces must be admitted, he said, but the trouble and faults that now exist must be cured by the ballot and in other ways.

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I. O. O. F. WILL CONVEHERE THIS WEEK

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

BASKET LUNCHEAS AT PARK TO BE FEATURE

Evening Programs Are to Be Held in the I. O. O. F. Hall, While Entertainment During the Day Will Be at Riverside Park; Program Is Announced.

On Friday and Saturday of this week, the Union County District Association of the I. O. O. F. will be held in La Grande and at Riverside Park. This is the sixth annual session of this body, and the officers this year are Arthur Vickers, president; W. E. McClure, vice-president; James Moss, treasurer; and Dorothy Gardner, secretary.

The program committee have made all of their arrangements and have announced the following program for the two days' session:

Friday.

Morning—10:00 a. m., Business Meeting at Park; Basket Dinner. Afternoon—Music by orchestra; song—"America!" music by orchestra; address of welcome, H. E. Coolidge, La Grande; response, Rev. Cook, Union; music by orchestra; reading, R. C. McCall; quartet; Messrs. Bellamy, Bennett, Peyton and Kirby; address, Walter M. Pierce; solo, Mrs. John Chapman.

Evening—Competitive work by subordinate lodges in First Degree, at I. O. O. F. Hall; Rebekah entertainment for Rebekahs, at I. O. O. F. Banquet Hall.

Saturday—Rebekah Day.

Morning—10:00 a. m., Get Together Meeting of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at Riverside Park; basket dinner.

Afternoon—1:00 p. m., Marital music by Drum Corps; quartet, Messrs. Bellamy, Bennett, Peyton and Kirby; reading, Mrs. Gorman; vocal solo, Mrs. McPherson; address, Rev. Sifton; reading, Mrs. Golden; solo, Jay Shaw; music, Faye Golden; solo, Miss Puckett; martial music by Drum Corps.

Evening—Competitive Work in Rebekah Degree at I. O. O. F. Hall; refreshments at midnight.

MAY JOIN WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

VLADIVOSTOK, June 15.—Reports received here declare that the government of the far eastern republic has decided to join with soviet Russia.

Posses are Playing "Blind Man's Bluff"

Roy Gardner Is Still at Large, While Forests are Raked and Roads Patrolled.

KELSO, Wash., June 15.—The search for Roy Gardner in the Cowitz county is developing into a gigantic game of "blind man's bluff" as the posses continue to patrol the roads and rake the forests. That Gardner may have occupied a camp in the timber a quarter of a mile east of Castle Rock, a rancher named Hummel has reported. He also reported the finding of the heads of eight chickens, which he surmised that Gardner had taken.

CONVENTION OF G. A. R. ON AT PENDELTON

FOUR CIVIL WAR ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED.

Feature of the Convention Is the Grounds of Old Civil War Men Busy Gossiping.

PENDELTON, June 15.—Today's program for the G. A. R. convention opened with a parade at 10 o'clock, all organizations taking part. The delegates went into a business meeting, and the day will be closed with a banquet and the annual campfire session.

The Oregon department of the Daughters of Veterans have gone on record as opposing a proposal of the national organization to change the name of the society. They also adopted a resolution denouncing the use of the words "thinning ranks" in speaking of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Daughters of Veterans met here in conjunction with the 40th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. The four organizations mustered a total attendance of 310, of whom 116 were civil war veterans. Mrs. Frances McLeod of Marshfield, was elected president of the Oregon department of the Daughters of Veterans.

One hundred and sixteen old soldiers are here for the Grand Army encampment.

Quite a feature of the convention were the little informal gatherings found on every street corner, in hotels and meeting places, where the comradeship born from brotherhood in arms runs free and where stories are retold and reminiscences recalled with a fervor undimmed by age.

Three bids have been received for the encampment next year. Oregon City, Newport and Baker City have invited the veterans to meet in their cities next year. It was understood that Hillsboro also has a bid to be presented.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



REAR ADMIRAL SIMS LEAVES LONDON TODAY

GOES TO SOUTHAMPTON WHERE HE IS TO BOARD STEAMER OLYMPIC FOR THE U. S.

MANY DOWN TO SEE REAR-ADMIRAL OFF

Floral Testimonials So Fill the Special Car That Members of His Party Could Hardly Be Accommodated—Says He Has Nothing to Retract.

LONDON, June 15.—Rear Admiral Sims left today for Southampton, where he is to board the steamer Olympic. He rode in a special car, so burdened with floral testimonials, that there was scarcely room for the members of his party to move about.

The Admiral waved his cap to a large group, who despite the earliness of the departure, gathered to give him a rousing send-off. Answering the reporters' requests for a farewell message, the admiral called attention to the dispatches telling of the reaction in the United States against his critics, and said he had "nothing further to say and nothing to retract."

WANT LABOR UNIVERSITIES

DENVER, June 15.—Labor universities to train leaders for the labor movement was proposed in a resolution submitted today at the convention of the American Federation of Labor. President Harding and co-workers are urged to lead the way in bringing about a world disarmament in another resolution which was presented.

OFFENSIVE IS IMPENDING

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 15.—The opening of the Greek offensive against the Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor is believed here as imminent. The British reserves are relieving the Greek eleventh division at Ismid, on the sea of Marmora, and it is proceeding to the Usuk front, near the Bagdad railway northeast of Side Smirna.

Masked Man Holds Up Card Players

W. S. Birdsell and J. A. Jones Take Money From Their Fellow Union Men.

PORTLAND, June 15.—W. S. Birdsell and J. A. Jones are under arrest, charged with holding up men playing cards last night in the rooms of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. The police charged that Burns was in the room, and Birdsell walked in clad in overalls, wearing a mask, held the crowd up and ordered Jones to search the men.

Birdsell became frightened after \$4 had been obtained, said the police, and fled, later returning without the overalls and mask. The police said they found a note in the pocket of Jones, telling the boilermakers the hold-up was a joke and their money would be returned.

GRASSHOPPER OUTBREAKS TO BE EXPECTED

COUNTY AGENT WARNS UNION COUNTY FARMERS.

First Outbreak Brought Under Control By Applying Poison In Large Quantities

Harry G. Avery, county agent, believes that the grasshopper outbreak in the Chenault farm is under control now. The hoppers were first noticed last Thursday and Mr. Chenault immediately called Mr. Avery, who directed the campaign against the pests.

About an acre of wheat was entirely destroyed by the pests before the poisoning operations began and they were spreading rapidly. The land affected is close to the Cheney place, where a serious outbreak occurred last year.

The poison used by Mr. Avery and his assistant was made by mixing one pound of white arsenic, twenty pounds of bran and two quart of syrup and one-half dozen lemons. This was scattered by hand. In order to make certain that the work would be effective the poison was spread thicker than usual. Ordinarily it costs from 50 cents to \$1.25 an acre to poison with this mixture but it was spread so thick on the six acres covered that it probably cost around \$2 an acre on the Chenault place.

A furrow was plowed around the devastated area and the poison scattered thickly in the furrow. The land surrounding, where the hoppers were so thick that the wheat, which was about eight inches high, quivered as though a heavy breeze was blowing. About six acres of ground was thickly covered with the poison and reports reaching here today indicate that the work was unusually effective.

"I expect outbreaks of hoppers from various parts of the county," Mr. Avery today. "Conditions are right this year for an A-1 hatch and farmers should watch their fields carefully so that they can do effective work against the pests at the proper time."

CAR CRASHES INTO WINDOW

DENTIST LOSES CONTROL ON FIR STREET.

Oregon Hardware Company Suffers Loss of Several Hundred Dollars in Accident.

Dr. C. B. Cauthorn, dentist, this morning lost control of his car on Fir street near Jefferson and the machine climbed on the sidewalk and crashed into a large plate glass window in the Oregon Hardware and Implement company's store, completely demolishing the window and crashing through part of the raising as well. The damage is estimated at about \$200.

The car which Dr. Cauthorn was driving was practically undamaged, several dents in the fenders and the paint scratched off in several places being the only damage done to the car.

Weather
Tonight and Thursday, fair.

NATIONWIDE APPEAL MADE FOR RELIEF

LA GRANDE CHAPTER WILL HANDLE DONATIONS, SENDING MONEY DIRECT.

MORE THAN 1500 FAMILIES LISTED

American Red Cross Is to Have Complete Charge of all of the Immediate Relief for the Stricken City, Where Hundreds Have Been Wiped Out of Their Possessions.

That La Grande will do her share in sending relief funds to the flood stricken people of Pueblo, is the belief expressed by Mrs. Fay T. Catlin, executive secretary for the local chapter of the American Red Cross, which organization is undertaking the immediate relief of the Pueblo sufferers.

Some money has already been sent from La Grande, for the day after the flood occurred, J. H. Pearce, state deputy for the Knights of Columbus, wired \$500 for relief. Yesterday, Lane Chapel turned over \$10 to Mrs. Catlin, which was immediately wired to the Red Cross headquarters at Pueblo.

Both the Union Pacific and the American Express companies have announced that they would send free of charge, any food or articles of clothing or other relief, which were donated for the flood relief.

It is the plan of the American Red Cross not to have the chapters make donations, nor to stage a campaign, but for each Red Cross chapter to accept any contributions which might be made, and to wire the money immediately to the Red Cross headquarters.

In connection with his work, and describing the condition at Pueblo, the Observer this morning received the following word from Seattle, the northwest headquarters of the Red Cross:

"Seattle, Wash., June 15.—A nationwide appeal for immediate help to meet the urgent needs of more than 7,000 stricken citizens was made last night by flood wrecked Pueblo, through the agency of the American Red Cross and its regional division.

Governor Shoup's statement follows: "Five hundred thousand dollars are urgently needed as a bare minimum sum to do the most necessary relief and rehabilitation work in the city of Pueblo, according to a conservative and careful estimate.

Need Beyond Community's Sources.
"On behalf of the stricken citizens of Pueblo, the undersigned earnestly appeal to the generosity and sympathy of the nation to assist in meeting the situation, which is entirely beyond the resources of the community, by sending in their contributions.

"More than 1500 families already have been listed by the Red Cross census as being in need of help. Many of these have lost all they possess. These families represent an approximate total of 7,000 persons and the census isn't yet complete. Hundreds of dealers, large and small, have been paralyzed by the flood which completely wiped out their stocks and ruined the buildings in which they were housed. The damage is estimated between \$15,000,000 and \$25,000,000, exclusive of loss of municipal highways and railroad property. The flood victims must be helped to regain normal economic existence before the city can return to its position."

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RUNAWAY ON ADAMS AVENUE

A team owned by the Merchants' Delivery ran away this morning, going west on Adams avenue towards the barns. The outfit tore up the remains of the traffic dummy at the corner of Elm and Adams, several other accidents having partially wrecked the dummy during the past few weeks.

The driver had dropped the weight when he left his team but the weight was not sufficiently heavy so the team dragged it. Outside of the damage to the dummy no damage was done by the runaway.