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Early Pioneer Happenings Narrated

Roy Gardner Arrested by Chance Today by Centralia Patrolmen

Early Home Builders Of The County Meet Today

FUGITIVE IS WILLING TO TELL STORY

ADMITS HIS IDENTITY AND SAID HE ARRIVED IN CENTRALIA BY FREIGHT TRAIN

HAS BEEN ROAMING THE STREETS SINCE

Face Was Bandaged To Make Him Appear As Though He Had Been in Accident; Has Been Only About One Mile From Castle Rock.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 16.—Roy Gardner, fugitive bandit, was captured here shortly before noon today by Patrolman Louis Sonny. At the city jail, Gardner admitted his identity, and told the officers that he had arrived in Centralia Tuesday night on the freight train from Castle Rock. He registered at the Dale hotel, under the name of J. Patten, and since then has been roaming the streets.

Last night he attended the Home Product's Educational Exhibit here. He said that until he left Castle Rock, the scene of his escape on Saturday, he was not over a mile from there.

Gardner's face was bandaged to make him appear as if he had been in an accident. Patrolman Sonny, noting that the man's general build was similar to that of Gardner, took a long chance and arrested him. Gardner admitted that he was at the Royal restaurant at Castle Rock on Tuesday. He had been hiding near the town. He lost his gun in jumping a ditch, just after escaping.

When asked what he would do next, Gardner said, "Fifty years at McNeil's. I'm through with this escape stuff."

At the city jail, Gardner talked freely. He ate his dinner in his cell, and had his picture taken in company with Patrolman Sonny.

Officers Within Three Feet.

Gardner said he was lying in the brush close to an engine, as the freight train on which he later escaped pulled into Castle Rock Tuesday evening and made up his mind that there was his chance to "make my get-away." The engineer got down out of his cab to oil the engine. Then two special officers came forward and talked to the engineer. They then walked back along the train with him. I made a rush for the fender and crawled underneath, said Gardner. "Just as I crawled under, the officers came back. They were within three feet of me. I thought I was gone, but they didn't see me."

Tried Bluff on Sonny. Patrolman Sonny first saw Gardner early this morning and watched him purchase a newspaper and walk to the park to read it. Later, when Gardner was accosted in his room, he tried to bluff the officer, who for a minute almost believed he was making a mistake.

POSSE AND BANDITS STAGE EXCITING RACE

THREE MEN CROSS COLUMBIA THREE HOURS AHEAD.

Men Are Believed to be the Bandits Who Looted the Addy Bank on Saturday Morning.

SPOKANE, June 16.—Crossing the Spokane river at Lincoln, three men believed to be the Addy bank robbers traveled through Peach and Creston last night. Today, they are believed to be somewhere in Douglas or Grant county, Wash. They eluded the posse waiting for them at River Holmes, following a gun battle with the posse at Cle Elum in which one man said to have been with them, was captured. Two sheriffs ferried across the Columbia river and watched today in an effort to head off the bandits.

Posse 3 Hours Behind. COLVILLE, Wash., June 16.—Three men believed to be the robbers who looted the Addy State bank of \$3900 Saturday, crossed the Columbia river at Jerome, early this morning, with the posse about three hours in the rear.

SELL WHEAT NOW, ADVISE TO FARMERS

LOCAL WHEAT BUYERS SEE A FURTHER DECLINE.

New Crop Coming in Expected to Force Price Below Dollar Mark Says W. H. Talbot.

Farmers still holding wheat from last year should sell their holdings at the earliest possible date, advises W. H. Talbot, local grain buyer, today. "The 1921 crop in the southern states is now beginning to come in and it appears certain that the price for July delivery will be forced below a dollar when the new crop starts coming on the market," he declared. "At yesterday's prices, No. 1 would have brought the farmer here \$1.05, No. 2 and No. 3 would have been below a dollar. Although buyers do not buy heavily when the market is unsettled and breaking, the way it has been for several days, I think it wise for the farmers in this section to unload their year's holdings at the earliest possible date."

DENIES JOKER IN FRUIT RATE

PORTLAND, June 16.—Impression has been gained by fruit growers and distributors of the northwest that there is a joker contained in the new fruit tariff which the railroad have announced will be published soon, is erroneous according to a statement made Saturday evening by H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent for the O.W.R. & N.

The present apple shipping rate is \$1.50 and the new rate proposed is \$1.50. Apple growers of Oregon and Washington have gathered the impression that under the new regulation no provision is made for storage in transit charges which separately would amount to ten cents per box. Lounsbury says that the rate of the conclusion of the storage in transit rates is ungrounded. Several meetings of growers which were proposed Saturday for consideration of this matter were cancelled because the real status of affairs was learned.

ALL MUST UNITE IN RATE FIGHT

ELEVEN STATES REPRESENTED AT RECENT MEETING IN SALT LAKE.

RETURN TO BACK-HAUL FREIGHT RATE THREATENS

Resolutions Call upon Interstate Commerce Commission and Congress to Protect Intermountain Country Against Low Freight Rates For Coast Points Without Lowering Rates to Intermediate Points.

"The fight against the request of the transcontinental railroads to reduce freight rates over fifty commodities to coast points without reducing the rates to intermediate points is a fight in which not only the jobbers but every farmer, every merchant, every consumer in this part of the country is vitally interested," said Bruce Cox, who attended the meeting of the Intermediate Rate Association in Salt Lake City Monday as a representative of La Grande and Pendleton, on his return yesterday.

"If the carriers are granted permission to put discriminatory rates into effect to coast points, the jobbers in the interior points, such as La Grande, will suffer greatly, and the effect on the coast of commodities will be to the disadvantage of the people in the interior and therefore I believe that as individuals as well as through our various organizations, farmers, granges, unions, etc., we should file protests with the interstate commerce commission."

The intermediate rate association was largely responsible in securing an amendment to the long and short haul clause of the transportation act and this amendment would be nullified if the railroads succeed in securing legislation making mandatory the long and short haul clause of the act.

At the meeting in Salt Lake Monday.

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CLOUDBURST IN NEBRASKA WRECKS TRAIN

EIGHT ARE DEAD AND THIRTY-FOUR INJURED.

Bridge Over Big Cottonwood Sagged Just As Engine Crossed It; Cars Pile on Bank.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Five are dead, eight seriously injured, and twenty-six slightly hurt, the toll when two east-bound Chicago and Northwestern train was wrecked by a cloudburst two miles east of Whitney, Neb., last night, the railroad has announced.

The bridge over Big Cottonwood Creek sagged just as the engine left it, three cars, the mail, baggage and smoker, piling up on the creek bank.

Seven Dead Identified.

OMAHA, June 16.—The dead in the Whitney wreck are reported to be Robert Scott, baggage man; F. M. Stewart, of Gordon, Neb.; Frank Reinner, of Flandor, Wyo.; C. M. Buck, of Grand Island, Neb.; and B. F. Skiller, of Chadron, Neb.

FILMS TAKEN BY ARMY SHOWN

Walter E. Lees, pilot of the La Grande Aircraft company, this noon showed some films he just received from the U. S. army at the Arcade theatre.

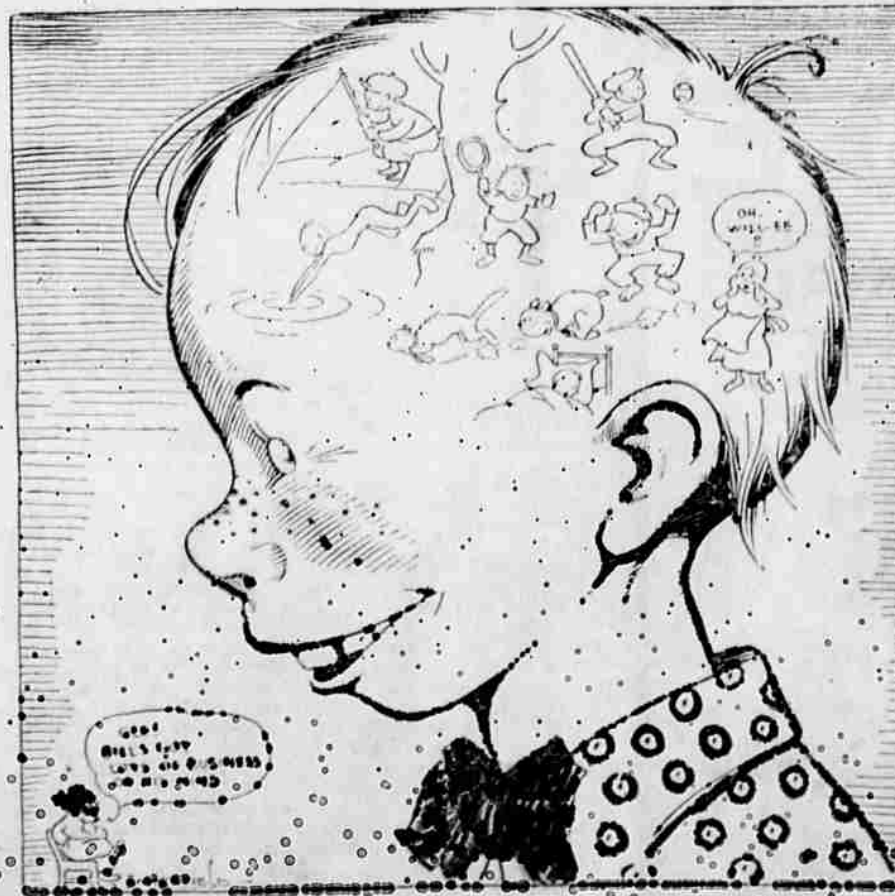
The three reels told the story of how the pilots are trained by the government, going into detail both regarding the ground school training and the training in the air.

Then pictures of the various stunts are shown and accompanied these were pictures taken from the plane while it was going through the various stunts.

The final picture was a short one taken in France before the close of the war and showed the wreckage of a fleet of Zeppelins brought down by Allied aircraft.

Mr. Lees expects to make arrangements to show the films, which were loaned the La Grande Aircraft company, in a local theatre for the benefit of the public.

NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OUT—



Pioneer Sidelights

President Burgunder, of the Washington State Pioneer association came over from Colfax, his home, to greet his brethren from the East side of the Blue Mountains. Mr. Burgunder has been several times re-elected to his home state association, but also saw La Grande away back in the early day. His family immigrant train crossed the future building site of La Grande, stopping here over night and then taking off over the mountains at the spot now marked by Ezra Meeker with a monument in South La Grande. Mr. Burgunder is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Burgunder.

One man who regretted not seeing Mr. Horner was Frank Owsley who was booked to take a west bound train this morning and failed to greet his old-time friend.

Mrs. L. F. Proebstel, mother of Mrs. E. L. Eckley, arrived yesterday from Arizona, to attend the Pioneer meeting. She is one of the members herself, and was not losing any time in renewing her old acquaintanceships.

Among the pioneers who were present and the years in which they came to the Grande Ronde are Mrs. Gangloff, who came to Union county in '65, Mrs. Sam Pursell of Union, '62; John Quincy A. Richardson, who passed through here in '61; Mrs. M. A. Harris, who arrived in the early '60s; Tom Clark of Alce, '70; Dunham Wright of Medical Springs, '63; Tap Thomas, '42; John Lewis, '62; Mrs. C. A. Meyers, '60; Mr. C. A. Meyers, '65; Anna Stevens, '65; Jap H. Stevens, who came through here in '64; Mrs. Emma Harding, '64; and Jackson Wright of Cove, '63.

Thomas Roush of Illinois is a guest on the ground today.

Despite the fact that Old Sol kept away many of the older Pioneers, 200 were present

Men and women, who carved civilization out of the virgin greenward of the Grande Ronde valley, beginning with the early sixties, congregated in numbers at Riverside Park today to commemorate the early development of Union county. Cold winds and disagreeable rains kept many away, but, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a considerable attendance for the first session, called at 11 this morning.

First settlers, those who came in the seventies, and their children, and from even less pioneer days than that—all assembled for a day of reminiscences and defied the forenoon rains. If ever Old Sol should have been generous it was today, for none deserve sunshine more than these people—but the weather gods decreed differently. Even trains were late and outside visitors were slow in reaching the picnic grounds.

Several of the pioneers in the immediate vicinity of La Grande who invariably call on the entertainment committee of the Ad Club to provide autos for them, today declined to attempt the trip, and take chances with the chilliness of the air.

Two Hundred Eat Lunch. But when the noon hour came around and picnic lunches were brought into view, two hundred or more persons gathered in the pavilion for dinner. The canvas curtains were lowered on the sides of the pavilion, and with the fire-place going briskly, as the camp fires did of yore, the pavilion was most comfortable for the meeting this afternoon.

The program, as arranged by Mrs. John T. Williamson and her committee, was as follows:

Music, Gekeler's orchestra; prayer, Rev. James Alkin Smith, of the La Grande Presbyterian Church; address of welcome, Judge Thomas H. Crawford, of La Grande; reminiscence paragraph, ladies of the La Grande Neighborhood Club; address, John B. Horner, of Corvallis; piano solo, Lela Wade, of Elgin; Margaret Underwood and Audrey Wood, of Elgin; vocal solo, "Oregon, Sweet Oregon," written by Henry De Moss, one of Oregon's composers, sung by Miss Ella Foley.

But, no matter how well the program is arranged, the best part of the day is in reviving old friendships, reminiscing of the bygone days when the Grande Ronde valley was not the well cultivated land, laid off into beautiful farms and homes, but was a mass of tall, waving wild grass.

FOUR L. SPEAKER WILDS ATTACK FOREIGN LABOR

W. L. Smith, general field representative of the L. L. L., will address a meeting in which the public is invited at the city hall this evening at eight o'clock. Mr. Smith announces that he will take up the matter of foreign labor working on the highways, as well as in the lumber camps.

He has just been in Raymond, Washington, for a month, where the entire camp was Americanized, and has recently been on a trip to all camps from the Canadian border to the California line. In his talk tonight, he will also go into the cost of living.

E. & E. MINES AT BOURNE ARE TURNED OVER TO NEW MEN

BAKER, June 16.—A turnover of the E. & E. mine at Bourne, seven miles from Sumpter, by the E. & E. Gold Mines company, was made yesterday to the Blue Mountain Mines company, with W. T. Dushington of Spokane as manager for the new company.

TWO ALLEGED LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Thomas Clark and his wife both charged with having liquor in their possession, pleaded a plea of not guilty in circuit court yesterday. The date for their trial has not been set.

CHAUTAUQUA BOARD MEETS

ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA EDITION WEDNESDAY.

Ticket Sale Committees Now Working Report Fairly Good Progress—Representative Here

An important meeting of the board of directors of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. and it was decided that the annual announcement of the Chautauqua for 1921 should be made next Wednesday through the columns of the Observer. At that time the complete program will be published and descriptive matter of each attraction will be printed so that all available information about the talent will be compiled in compact form for future reference.

Reports of the sale of season and membership tickets now being conducted by the Neighborhood club and the ticket committee of the Chautauqua, reported fairly good progress. Plans were laid for the selling of tickets in Union and other nearby points within the week.

Earl Nott, a representative for the Ellison-White Chautauqua association from whom the local association buys its talent, spent today in La Grande and will meet with the directors this evening at 5 o'clock. Mr. Nott reports the chautauqua as decidedly in the saddle everywhere along the route where the Ellison-White people are contracted this year. Mr. Nott visited Riverside Park where the assemblies are held, and pronounced it a wonderful bit of nature's handiwork.

PLAINTIFF IS GIVEN VERDICT

After being out less than half an hour yesterday afternoon a jury in Judge J. W. Knowles' court brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the suit of George Robertson vs. R. W. Teeters.

The case involved possession of an automobile which Teeters had purchased and the title of which was in question. Ivanhoe and Riggs were attorneys for the plaintiff and R. J. Green and R. J. Kitchen were attorneys for the defendant.

W. E. MASON PASSES AWAY

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Representative W. E. Mason, of Illinois, former senator, died today at 4:00 p.m. He was 60 years of age.