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PROGRESS OF FOUR L IS OUTLINED

AFFILIATED MILLS PAY HIGHEST WAGES IN LUMBER INDUSTRY

AMERICAN LABOR PROVES CLAIM TO SUPERIORITY

Organization in Which Employees and Employers are Represented Will Fight Effort to Re-Install Ten-Hour Day—Efficiency of Proper Kind is Needed to Pay Dividends and Living Wage.

W. D. Smith, general field representative of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, and a member of the board of directors from district No. 2, addressed a meeting of Four L men and others in the City Hall last evening, discussing in particular the wage scale in effect in various parts of the northwest where his organization is strong.

Mr. Smith gave the basic wage for common labor in the various mills on the coast. At Bellingham common labor receives \$3.20 a day where the operations are affiliated with the Four L and in non-affiliated operations the scale is only \$2.80 per day. At Everett all mills are paying \$3 per day.

Eight Hour Day General.

In Seattle the Nettleton Lumber company is paying \$3 for a ten-hour day, while all others are paying around \$3 for an eight-hour day. In Aberdeen and Hoquiam all Four L operations are paying \$3.60 per day, with the exception of one.

The operation that is not paying this standard scale in this section is the Polson Logging company. Their wage scale is said to be the highest in the world. Common labor in the mills receives \$4.20 per day and in the camps the scale is \$4.50 per day.

American Labor Best.

"The Polson Logging Company's camps and mills are manned by 100 per cent American labor," Mr. Smith declared. "This company has the highest efficiency in its operations of any lumber company. The co-operation between the men, the foremen, superintendents and general manager, makes possible the paying of high wages and at the same time producing a profit on the investment. They now have 800 men in the woods and last year was the first year since they opened 25 years ago that the crews were 100 per cent American. The experience since only Americans have been hired by this company has been that more logs were gotten out than ever before, showing that American labor can and will work.

Clean Beds Furnished.

"The conditions under which the men work in the Polson camps are excellent. Clean beds and bedding are furnished the men. Twice a

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DUMMY CRASHES INTO WINDOW

A clerk in West's store knocked down the background in one of the windows when he opened the door to the entrance of the window. The background collided with a "dummy." The dummy received such a shock from this that it became unsteady on its legs and lost its footing. It fell forward and the plate glass window, being in its path as it made a dive for the ground, smashed the window into a million and one pieces. In fact, it did just as good a job at destroying a window worth over a hundred dollars as was done several days ago by a heavy automobile that crashed into a window of the Oregon Hardware company.

ROCK CRUSHER TO START WORK ON ROAD NEXT WEEK

The rock crusher owned by the county, which is located near Union, will start work furnishing road for the Union-Cove road next Monday or Tuesday.

Weather
Tonight and Saturday, fair.

TWO BIG BLASTS TO BE MADE ON HIGHWAY SOON

GARDNER GOT GUN IN SAN FRANCISCO

TACOMA, June 17.—Roy Gardner, captured at Centralia yesterday, entered McNeill's prison last night under heavy guard.

Just before entering, he received a wire from his wife: "Dear Daddy, be good boy now. I love you still and hope to see you soon. Have been accused of giving you gun. Clear that. Love, Dolly."

Had Gun All Along.

PORTLAND, June 17.—Gardner told the officers that he got the gun at the San Francisco jail, where the prisoners put up \$1,000 for two guns, he getting one.

SCENIC ROUTE IS DISCUSSED

ALL RIGHT OF WAY OUTSIDE OF CITY DEEDED.

Cost of Marking Out Road is Under Dispute But City Commissioners Are Favorably Inclined.

"All of the right of way for that portion of the Ora Dell scenic highway which lies outside of the city limits has already been secured and deeded to the county," C. E. Short, member of the Ad Club committee, that is largely responsible for the satisfactory fight for the scenic highway, said today. "The route goes through land owned by such public-spirited citizens as J. E. Foley, William Miller, J. A. Russell, and several others, and these have all deeded the right of way to the county realizing the great benefit to themselves, as well as to the community, if the new road is built."

Mr. Short and former county judge J. F. Phy, also a member of the Ad Club committee, appeared before the city commission this week to discuss with that body means of securing quick action in having the road marked out so that it can be designated a part of the state highway and the state highway commission can advertise for bids for the bridge that is to be built over the G-W and the Grande Ronde river.

Mr. Phy reviewed the history of the proposition briefly in addressing the commission and the commissioners discussed possible plans of going about the work. Commissioner J. D. McKennon declared that he is in favor of finding out just how much it will cost to do the work and not speculate on the matter and find after starting that the cost will be much greater than was anticipated. He expressed the opinion that he would be willing that the city spend \$500 in marking out the grade on the county's end of the road, using the county road machinery. Mr. Phy placed the estimate of the cost of this work at \$200, while Commissioner David I. Steadard intimated that it might cost even more than \$500. No definite decision has been reached by the city as to how to handle the matter but the Ad Club committee was asked to see the county court about obtaining the road machinery for doing the work.

CONFERENCE OF L. D. S. CHURCH

The quarterly conference of Union Stake of the L. D. S. church will be held in the Tabernacle here Saturday and Sunday. A number of church officials from Salt Lake City will be here to take part in the conference.

The conference opens Saturday morning at ten and the afternoon session will open at two. Two sessions will be held on Sunday, convening at ten and two.

On Saturday evening the La Grande M. I. A. will give a social in the amusement hall, in honor of the visitors to the conference.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY OF LARCENY—TRIAL THURSDAY

T. J. Keelen and C. E. Dooley, charged with larceny involving an automobile, which it is alleged was sold by them, but owned by another man, entered pleas of not guilty, to one being arraigned in circuit court today. Judge J. W. Knowles set their trial for Thursday, June 23rd.

Country Club Golfers Will Have to Forego Golf For Day When Bluff Along Highway Is Torn Loose—Big Yardage to Be Moved.

In about two weeks the bluff along the highway below the Country Club will be blasted, closing the road for twenty-four hours, stopping automobile traffic between here and Pendleton. The Country Club links are expected to be entirely deserted on the day when the big blast is made and the only way to get to the club from here will be to go to Perry by train or by going over the Fox hill road either on foot or horseback, that road being impassable to automobiles.

Two thousand yards of rock and earth will be moved by the blast. Of this the engineers in charge of the work for the state highway commission expect about 500 cubic yards will be thrown in the river when the detour is built so that traffic can be resumed the day after the blast, the balance of the yardage being used in making fills along other sections of the road.

In order not to discommode tourists, a week's notice will be given by the highway commission when the date of the blast is finally settled. The blast will be set off early in the morning, electrical blasting machinery being used. Holes are now being drilled to receive the 2,000 pounds of black powder and the 150 pounds of dynamite that will be necessary to remove the bluff.

As soon as the blasting is over the steam shovel will be moved up to the scene of the blast and removal of the debris will begin. A detour will be built around the edge towards the river in order that traffic can be resumed immediately. This will take probably a day. The temporary road will be only wide enough for one machine to pass.

Another large blast is to be set off above Hilgard in several days, powder now being loaded into the holes. This will move 2,000 yards of rock and earth. In order to loosen this mass, 5,000 pounds of black powder and 250 pounds of dynamite will be used. While this blast will move 50 per cent more rock than the one below the Country Club, traffic will not be interrupted as the present road is on the opposite side of the river.

The rock and earth that will be moved in the Hilgard blast will all be wasted.

SAYS HE HAD HAND IN KILLING

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 17.—Salvatore Cala, aged 31, was arrested at Eden, 15 miles from Buffalo today, and admitted that he had a hand in the killing of Daniel F. Kaber of Cleveland, two years ago, said the district attorney.

BANKRUPTCY CONFRONTS GOVERNMENT

PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT REPORTED TO BE IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS URGED IN CONGRESS

Major General Wood and Former General Forbes are Investigating Conditions in the Islands at This Time—Depositary is Practically Insolvent.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The Philippine government is facing bankruptcy. Major General Wood and former General Forbes declare in a cablegram transmitted to Congress by Secretary of War, John W. Weeks, who asked immediate action on the bill authorizing the island government to increase the indebtedness limit from fifteen million to thirty million dollars.

Wood and Forbes are investigating the island conditions, and said the national bank, the depositary of the island government funds, is "practically insolvent."

MINERS VOTE TO KEEP UP STRIKE

LONDON, June 17.—The coal miners' ballot favors the continuance of the strike, the officials have announced.

BANDITS STEAL MAIL POUCHES

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan.—Four bandits held up Guy Shields, aged 26, an armed mail messenger, early today, and took him half a mile west of town, put him out of his motor car, and escaped with five mail pouches.

REWARD IS OFFERED FOR PHILLIPS MURDERER

PORTLAND, June 17.—A reward of \$1000 has been offered for the capture of the slayer of J. M. Phillips, special agent of the O.W. R. N. & N. who was shot and killed by box car thieves a whom he surprised robbing a car Tuesday night. One of the thieves is believed dead or seriously wounded.

WITH PACKAGE ATTACHED



Yes, They're Happily Married.



Even marriage to Natalie Talmadge couldn't bring a smile to the gloomy face of Buster Keaton, famous sad-comedian of the movies. But he's happy, even though his face can't show it, he says. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schenck, in Bayside, L. I. N. Y. Schenck was Norma Talmadge.

C. A. WILLIAMS IS COMMANDER

NEWPORT WILL BE CONVENTION CITY IN 1922.

Gladstone Man Concludes 14 Years as Adjutant—Oregon City Loses Convention.

PENDLETON, June 17.—C. A. Williams of Gladstone was unanimously elected commandant of the Oregon department of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual election of officers held at the closing session of the fortieth annual encampment here. Mr. Williams has been assistant adjutant-general and assistant quartermaster-general of the Oregon department for the past 14 years and in 1918 was a member of the national adjutant-general's staff. He succeeds J. T. Butler, also of Gladstone. Newport was selected as the place for the 1922 encampment, winning over Oregon City by a one point margin.

Other officers of the G. A. R. elected are: S. P. Hutchins, Pendleton, senior vice-commander; I. T. Patriquen, Sheridan, junior vice-commander; Dr. J. E. Hall, Portland, re-elected medical director; Rev. W. T. Kerr, Portland, chaplain; J. M. Pugh, Portland, assistant adjutant-general and quartermaster-general, council of administration; W. H. Bailey, Milton, A. M. Evers, Portland, T. H. Stevens, Portland, J. T. Butler, Gladstone, D. H. Turner, McMinnville. Representatives to national encampment, G. R. Castner, Hood River, D. F. Lane, Salem, A. W. Gowan, Burns, John Catlin Albany, J. L. Crow Hillsboro, and A. DeLong, Portland.

CHARGE SINN FEINERS WITH FIRING OF SIGNAL STATIONS

LONDON, June 17.—The cutting of the railroad signal wires and the burning of the signal cabins around London is charged to the Sinn Feiners.

ODD FELLOWS CHANGE MODE OF MEETING

HEREAFTER TWO-DAY SESSIONS WILL NOT BE HELD AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

ONE DAY AND TWO EVENINGS IS PLAN

Competitive Work for Banner Will be Given This Evening by the I. O. O. F. of Union County—Rebekahs are to be Entertained at Same Time in Banquet Hall.

Hereafter, the Union County District association of Odd Fellows will not hold two-day sessions, but, instead, will convene for two evenings and a one-day session. This important, and popular, decision was reached today when the sixth annual session convened at Riverside Park with a liberal delegation in attendance.

The morning convention hour was given over to business matters entirely, the decision to cut the period of the conventions being the most important. The officers for next year will be elected this afternoon at a late hour.

In the absence of Arthur Vickers, president of the association, who is now in Astoria, W. E. McClure, the vice president, presided today. James Moss, treasurer and Dorothy Gardner, both of La Grande, is secretary. Following the morning session, the delegates and guests gathered around a well-laden table and partook of a sumptuous picnic dinner.

Prominent Odd Fellow Speaks.

The business of the afternoon got underway when H. E. Coolidge, past grand master of Oregon Odd Fellows, and past sovereign grand lodge representative, delivered the address of welcome.

The program as outlined for this afternoon, calls for a group of songs and instrumental selections, following a response to the address of welcome by Rev. Cook of Union and a reading by R. P. McGill.

A male quartette composed of Messrs Bellamy, Bennett, Payton and Kirby, and solos by Mrs. John Chapman appear late this afternoon.

Competition Tonight.

La Grande, Cove, Union and Elgin lodges will compete tonight at the I. O. O. F. hall in exemplification of the first degree, each presenting a team of 36 men. While the Odd Fellows are engaged thus, the visiting Rebekahs will be entertained at an informal affair in the banquet room. Tomorrow's session may be transferred to an up town hall unless it warms up one. One of the features tomorrow will be martial music by a drum corps consisting of Messrs. Bussey, Gates, Wendle and Hiesner.

An event in the convention that is attracting much attention is the competitive degree work to be put on by the Rebekahs of Elgin and La Grande tomorrow evening.

Many Delegates Come.

Representatives in attendance include the following: Union lodge, No. 39, I. O. O. F.; George McDowell, Carl Zeuner, H. S. Griggs, E. E. Elliott and John Scarborough.

Farmers' lodge, No. 49, Summerville; J. J. Wagner, S. T. Woodell, A. E. Lammon, C. M. Hale, C. R. Cantrell.

Cove lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F.; E. Harris, Walter Richards, H. H. Little, C. E. Peterson and Charles Connor.

Elgin lodge, No. 142, I. O. O. F.; Dr. E. O. Wilson, F. E. Smith, S. L. Burnough, Dr. W. D. Butler and S. H. Huffman.

Rebekah lodge, No. 123, Elgin; Edith Beem, Melrose De Boie, Beattie Higbee, Flora Denham and Cora Hill. Wild Rose Rebekah lodge, No. 102, Cove; Eva Richards, Nellie Martin, Cora Bloom, Lula Gazette, Pearl Richards.

Jewel lodge, No. 96, Summerville; Myrtle Woodell, Irene Conrad, May Woodell, Martha Pough and Ella Parker.

Tomorrow's program includes the following numbers: 10:00 a. m. Get together meeting of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at Riverside Park. Basket dinner.

Afternoon, 1:00 p. m. Martial music by drum corps.

Quartette—Messrs. Bellamy, Bennett, Payton and Kirby.

Reading—Mrs. Corman.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. McPherson.

Address—Rev. Sitton.

Reading—Mrs. Golden.

Solo—Jay Shaw.

Music—Maye Golden.

Solo—Miss Pickett.

Martial Music by drum corps.

MARRIAGE IS IN STYLE NOW

TWO COUPLES APPLY AT THE SAME TIME.

One of La Grande's Parsons has Married Six Couples in Nine Days They Come From Many Places

The Rev. James Alkin Smith has had six weddings in the past nine days. Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, just as Arthur James and Miss Sophia Stein were ready to come forward in the Presbyterian church, a man appeared at the church door and announced that there was a couple out in front wanting to be married. Mr. Smith announced that he was just ready to perform a ceremony in the church. He took the other couple over to the manse and left them there until he was through with the first couple. Then he returned to the manse and performed the ceremony for Rex, Roulet and Miss Laura Adams, both of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. James expect to go east on an extended trip of two months' duration and then return to make their home in La Grande. Mr. James has just recently been transferred from Seattle. He will have charge of the O.W. R. & N. store here.

Lyle McFadden and Miss Margaret Saling, both of Hilgard, were married at the home of Mrs. L. A. Moore, 2342 N. Depot St., Thursday afternoon by the Rev. James Alkin Smith. The young couple expect to live at the home of the bride for the present.

WALTER LEES IS APPOINTED

WILL BE MEMBER OF STATE AERONAUTICS BOARD.

La Grande Man is Chosen for Four Year Term—Archie Roth, Is Also A Member.

SALEM, June 17.—Governor O'cott today announced the appointment of the following members of the new aeronautics board, they being Archie F. Roth, of Portland, for a five year term; Walter E. Lees, of La Grande, for a four year term; L. B. Hickman, of Portland, three years; Leo G. Devaney, of Roseburg, two, and Floyd Hart, of Medford, one year.

MRS. SOUTHARD HELD FOR TRIAL

TWIN FALLS, Ida., June 17.—Mrs. Lydia Southard, charged with the murder of her fourth husband, was held for trial at the conclusion of the second day of the preliminary examination.

APPEALS TO AMERICA FOR RECOGNITION

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Dr. Sunyat Sen, president of the southern Chinese republic, has appealed to the United States for recognition of his government. Whether democracy triumphs or fails. Much depends upon the decision of America, and the appeal.