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PLANS MADE TO ENTERTAIN HOMESEEEKERS

BETWEEN 600 AND 700 VISITORS WILL BE IN VALLEY ABOUT JULY 23.

UNION COUNTY REALTY BOARD STARTS ACTION

Tentative Plans Call for Detachment Union, Where Excursionists Will be Loaded Into Waiting Automobiles and Taken Over Valley.

Plans were formulated today to properly entertain the 600 or 700 homeseekers who will come to Oregon about July 23rd from the middle-western states in the big Oregon State Chamber of Commerce excursion.

Today's discussion of the big job of fitting entertainment came as a result of initiatory measures taken by the Union County Realty board. That organization called in the executive board and entertainment committee of the Ad club and the consequence of the meeting held at the Foley today noon, is that tentative plans have been formulated in such a way that, if all conditions jibe as it is hoped for, the visitors will get to see a goodly portion of Union county.

The Union Commercial club has expressed its desire to co-operate in the entertainment, and the plan that will be submitted to the State Chamber by the Ad club here, is for the visitors to detain just above Union and let the train idle into La Grande. La Grande and Union automobiles to the number of about 160, would then load out with the visitors, going through Union and to Cove. The plan proposes to include the Cove cherry orchards in the itinerary as the orchards will be ripe at that time. From then to Imbler and her apple orchards, in across the Sand Ridge wheat field belt, and home by way of Al Good's point—such is the scheme as determined upon.

The approval of the state chamber, must first be obtained, but in the meantime, the Union County Realty board was delegated with the duty of conferring with Union and Cove and Imbler in this general scheme of things. It is going to require pressure being brought to bear on the State Chamber to obtain the length of layover here that the trip calls for, but if all goes as planned now, it will be a splendid trip and one that will show off the Grande Ronde in fine shape. It is probable that the visitors can again board train at La Grande and cross the mountains in daylight, thus seeing about all there is to see. It is apparent the visitors cannot be taken as far away as Elgin.

LIVESTOCK UNCHANGED

PORTLAND, June 24.—The livestock market was steady and unchanged today; eggs unsettled, buying price 20 and 22 cents delivered; selling price case count 24-25 cents; candled 26-27 cents; fancy select 29 cents; butter, steady and unchanged.

SUMMER WORK UNDER WAY

The beginners' class in shorthand and bookkeeping at the high school is now started and a week from next Monday C. E. Perry, who is in charge of the summer work in the commercial department of the high school, expects to open classes for advanced students in accounting.

While there are over twenty students in the two classes already organized, Mr. Perry today announced that he can still accommodate several students in these classes.

The classes in advanced work will be held on the evenings, meeting probably twice a week, so that those employed can take advantage of the opportunity to improve themselves.

Mr. Perry can be reached at the high school or through the Y. M. C. A.

LIGHTNING STARTS FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Four thousand acres of forest in the Santa Barbara reserve have been destroyed by fire, started by lightning two days ago, which was reported today to be under control.

Second American Girl Takes Title

Gladys Marie Deacon, of Boston, Marries Duke of Marlborough; Duke is Forty-nine.

PARIS, June 24.—Gladys Marie Deacon, of Boston, became Duchess of Marlborough, when she was married to the Duke of Marlborough, who gave his age as 49. The bride did not give her age. She is the second American girl to assume the title of Duchess of Marlborough.

TO DETERMINE WINNERS OF CASH PRIZES

SUMMONS FOR APPEARANCE OF MEN IS SENT OUT

Number of La Grande Men Have Applications in For The Reward Offered For Taylor Slayers

PENDLETON, June 24.—In an endeavor to determine just what men are entitled to the reward offered by the city of Pendleton for the capture of Neil Hart, James Owens, or John L. Rathie, the city of Pendleton is the plaintiff in a complaint against some 34 Pendleton men who assisted in the capture of the three convicted slayers of Til Taylor. A summons for the appearance of these men was authorized by judge Phelps Monday. H. J. Warner, city attorney, is handling the case for the city.

The 34 men who assisted in the capture of the trio will be required to appear before Judge Phelps of the circuit court within six weeks after the summons next Tuesday. The city will apply for a decree determining who of all claimants or any of the reward money offered by the city for the capture of either of the trio named, and further relieving and exonerating the city from all further liability for the reward money.

James Eates, George Ferguson, Bert Livermore, John H. McLaughlin, Dan Murchison, Claude Miles, C. Z. Randall, Herman Rosenberg, Lee Warnick, Vernon Steiner, Alfred Smith, R. E. Turner, C. Woodell, William Chelf, Dave Bonifer, Matthew Duffy, Joe Holaday, G. W. Mulkey, Cleo Ricks, Duff Thompson, John Thompson, Al Turner, Dean Shull, Eugene Blanchett, Ledford Conger, F. P. Bruce, Bruce Cook, and Benjamin P. Courtney are named defendants in the complaint.

C. E. HAPPERSETT GIVES VERSION

DECLARES CITY NEVER HAD ANY BARRICADES.

Following Mud Hole Episode, Resident Says City Left 'Hole' on Street Unguarded.

In a statement to the Observer concerning the episode at 7th and O streets, related in these columns yesterday, C. E. Happersett said this morning:

"In reply to the statement made by our city manager, Mr. Garrett, and published in your paper last night, accusing me of removing barricades around a trap they had at the corner of 7th and O streets, I wish to say the city never had anything in the way of a barricade around this hole, which is three feet wide, nine feet long and about two feet deep, and two-thirds full of mud and water. This hole was dug by the city and the city also dug a big hole in the pavement and left it without any protection whatever. Anyone can easily step into this hole after dark and break a hip. If Mr. Garrett says I told him I removed these barricades, he tells a deliberate falsehood. I can make no such statement. I can assure anyone who wishes to witness the city never had anything around this hole to protect the public during the five days this work was under way. But, after the hole was dug, they have locked the trap by putting up, Thursday evening, a small board over the hole in the street and hanging a red light on the fire plug. Prior to last night, there was not been a light of any kind around this hole during the time work has been under way."

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon—Tonight and Saturday, generally cloudy, probably thunderstorms in the mountains and in the Cascade region. Moderate southwesterly winds.

WANTS STRIKE RIOTS OF 1919 INVESTIGATED

FEDERATION OF LABOR WANTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR "ISSUING GUNS" AND 4 DEAD.

GOMPERS DECLARES HEARST IS TRAITOR TO AMERICA

Convention Unanimously Rejects the Proposal of the Seattle Central Labor Council to Have a Six-Hour Day and Abolish Overtime.

DENVER, June 24.—The American Federation of Labor convention has called upon President Harding to investigate the strike riots at Hammond, Ind., in September, 1919, and fix the responsibility for "issuing guns" and the death of four steel-car workers. The resolution charged that workmen were shot with guns furnished by the government.

The convention unanimously rejected the proposal of the Central Labor council of Seattle for a nation-wide campaign to establish a six-hour day and abolish overtime.

William Randolph Hearst was denounced on the floor of the convention Thursday by President Samuel Gompers as a "traitor to the cause of America, the cause of freedom and enemy of labor and of Ireland."

This statement together with many other denunciatory remarks regarding Mr. Hearst were made by President Gompers in reply to a question from the floor as to his stand on the Irish question were cheered and applauded by the delegates.

Mr. Gompers asked the delegates not to misunderstand his remarks as a "play for votes" adding: "I wouldn't stoop to ask men to vote or support me in any position. In this position as representative and spokesman, or at least spokesman for part of the American Federation of Labor, I must be able to hold up my head and say to any man 'yes' or 'no.'"

FINLAND GIVEN ALAND ISLAND

GENEVA, June 24.—The council of the League of Nations today awarded the Aland Islands, in the Baltic Sea, to Finland.

INJURED BUCKAROO REPORTED IMPROVED

BAKER, June 24.—George Rusk was injured severely, during the riding contests Sunday at Charles Ebbels ranch is reported to be improving today and will probably thoroughly recover in time. He sustained a crushed lung and two broken ribs when the horse stepped on him after throwing him with great force.

William Peare is Given New Office

Has Been Elected Secretary-Treasurer of Western States Examiners in Boards of Optometry.

Word has come from Salt Lake that William Peare, junior member of the firm of J. H. Peare & Son, has been signally honored by election to the office of secretary-treasurer of the newly created organization of Western States' Examiners in Boards of Optometry. There has been in existence, for some little time, a Pacific Northwest organization, but it was found advisable to cement all the Western states into one body, and that was done at Salt Lake this week. Mr. Peare has the further distinction of being repeatedly re-elected secretary of the Oregon Board of Examiners for Optometrists.

Mr. Peare will return home late in the week.

GRASSHOPPERS ARE UNDER CONTROL NOW

POISONING OPERATIONS CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL.

Outbreaks Occurring in Same Sections Where Danger Was Felt Last Year.

Several serious outbreaks of grasshoppers have occurred recently in the valley, but, according to Harry G. Avery, county agent, who has directed the poisoning operations against the pest, they are now practically under control.

On the Peabody Brothers place the alfalfa and winter wheat was attacked. The leaves of the latter were stripped. Poison was put on the alfalfa stubble after the first cutting. This has been found to be one of the most effective ways of getting rid of the hoppers as they are more tempted to eat the poison because there is no green stuff left.

On the E. E. Groat place and on the Smith place east of Grande hall person has also been effectively put out. The outbreaks are occurring largely in the same localities where damage was done last year. So far the damage has not been very great as they have been gotten under control before they made much headway.

BANDITS TRY ASSASSINATION

DAMASCUS, June 24.—Bandits have attempted to assassinate General Gouraud, commander of the French army in the east. The bullet went through his sleeve, but the general was unharmed.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



TROOP TRAIN IS WRECKED WITH MINE

SINN FEINERS PLANTED DEATH TRAP—TWO SOLDIERS AND ONE GUARD KILLED.

TROOPS HAD ATTENDED RECEPTION FOR ROYALTY

Two Troop Trains Had Passed by in Safety, But When Third Troop Train Passed By, It Was Wrecked at Steep Embankment, When the Mine Exploded.

BELFAST, June 24.—A troop train conveying soldiers from Belfast to Dublin was wrecked today at Abervoyle, by the explosion of a Sinn Fein mine. The soldiers, and one train guard were killed, while many were wounded.

Two troop trains with soldiers who had participated in the reception to the king and queen which was given Wednesday, had passed over the spot in safety. The third train was wrecked at a steep embankment, when the mine exploded.

De Valera Released.

DUBLIN, June 24.—Eamonn De Valera, Irish republican leader, was arrested Wednesday night and later released, it was definitely learned today. The Sinn Fein had denied his arrest.

Police Barracks Bombed.

CORK, June 24.—The police barracks were bombed and general street fighting took place here last night; one woman was killed and six persons wounded.

TO INVESTIGATE COAL FIELD FIGHT

WASHINGTON, June 24.—A senate investigation of the disturbances in the West Virginia coal field was ordered today. The committee of labor is to begin the inquiry next month.

AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN IS NAMED

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Charles B. Warren, republican national committeeman of Michigan, was today appointed by President Harding, as ambassador to Japan.

William Miller Collier, president of the George Washington University, has been nominated as ambassador to Chile.

Secretary Denby Reprimands Sims

Department Expresses Strong, Unqualified Disapproval of Improper Speech.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims was publicly reprimanded today by Secretary Denby for his speech before the English speaking union in London on June 8, in which he discussed the Irish sympathizers in the United States. "The department expresses strong, unqualified disapproval of your conduct in having delivered a highly improper speech in a foreign country," the reprimand says.

TAIL OF COMET DUE ON EARTH NEXT SUNDAY

METEORIC DISPLAY IS EXPECTED BY MONDAY.

Pons-Winnecke, Celestial Visitor, To Now Visible Through Observatory Telescopes.

Next Sunday and Monday are important days in celestial circles. According to information given out by various observatories throughout the country, on or about Monday, June 27, the tail of the Pons-Winnecke comet will come in contact with the earth, and a meteoric display such as has seldom been witnessed on this earth may result from this contact. But according to the leading astronomers of the country, the exact time of this meeting of the earth with the tail of the comet cannot be ascertained.

According to Prof. A. O. Leuschner, of the University of California, the meteor shower may take place on June 29, but this is providing the comet has meteoric material in its wake. The earth and the comet are now in a celestial speed race. The comet has a start of about 12,000,000 miles, and about now is the time when the comet is due to swipe the earth with its tail, causing the meteoric shower. The shower, if it occurs, will be a harmless and inspiring spectacle.

CLUB PLANS WEINER ROAST

UNIVERSITY CLUB WILL NOT HOLD REGULAR MEETING.

Members Will Meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock, and Will be Taken in Cars to Dry Creek.

At the conference of the directors of the La Grande University Club held Tuesday evening, it was decided to do away with the regular program and meeting in the club rooms in the library next Tuesday evening, and to hold a weiner roast.

Dr. Margaret Ingle will be in charge of the arrangements, and will have as her committee assistants, Misses Hilda Anthony, Mary Nichols, Helen Sims, and Mabelle Berry, Mrs. L. A. Buxey, and Audmer Playle.

Because of the condition of the roads towards Perry, this road being closed the first of the week for two days, it was decided to hold the roast on Dry Creek, below Summerville. Transportation will be furnished for all University and College people desiring to go, and the members are asked to meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock, Tuesday, when the transportation committee, headed by Audmer Playle, will send the party to Summerville. For those who are working until 6 o'clock, special arrangements have been made for them to meet at the Y at 6 o'clock, when another group of cars will leave. The weiner roast will be held at 7 o'clock.

TO BE CHINESE MISSIONARY

Miss Geneva Bayre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bayre of Island City, who graduated from the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, Oregon, last Wednesday, has announced that she is going as a teacher-missionary to Ki Hsien, Honan, China.

Miss Bayre will be gone for a period of seven years. She will work under the supervision of the Free Methodist Missionary board. With her mother she will leave here about the end of July for Los Angeles. From there she is going to San Francisco, where her mother will see her off on August 17, the date her boat sails.

COVE ROAD APPEARS A CERTAINTY

IF BOND SALE PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL GRADING WILL BE DONE

GRADE WILL BE ALLOWED TO SET FOR A YEAR

Hardsurfacing Will Be Later—Most Of Money From Sale Of Bonds To Be Used by County to Meet Highway Obligations—Decision Next Week.

If the state highway commission takes favorable action on the plan worked out whereby the \$400,000 issue of Union county road bonds can be sold this year in spite of the fact that the lowest bid was below par, the grading of the La Grande-Cove road this year is assured according to information reaching the Observer from an undisputed source.

A large proportion of the money that will be realized by the county from the sale of these bonds will go towards meeting the cost of the work done by the state highway commission for the county. However, this is not all due this year, it is understood, and the grading of the road to Cove seems assured if the bond sale plan works out successfully.

It will be necessary to allow the grade to settle before hardsurfacing the road, making it inadvisable to do more than the grading this year. Cove will, however, have a better road direct to La Grande next winter than ever before besides the road to Union which is being built now.

The rock crusher is expected to be put to work on the latter road at the Cove end today. The people of Cove have donated some money and work to build about a mile of road and the people of Union have likewise donated sufficient money and labor to build the same stretch at their end of the road.

A final decision on the bond matter is expected next week, the state highway commission expecting to take action on June 28. J. F. Hutchison, of Union, county commissioner, will leave on Saturday for Portland to attend the meeting as a representative of the county court. He will drive down in his car.

NAVAL BILL COMPLETED

WASHINGTON, June 24.—A total of \$414,067,440 was carried by the naval bill which was finally completed by the Congress conference. This is an increase of eighteen millions over the original appropriations.

BIG TRACK TEAM IS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, June 24.—Enroute for Pasadena to participate in the national A. A. U. meet, the track team of the New York Athletic Club stopped off here today for a dual track meet with the Multnomah club tomorrow. They held workouts following their arrival here.

SUGAR TRAFFIC BEHIND TIME

HONOLULU, T. H., June 24.—Sugar shipments from Hawaii were approximately 100,000 tons behind schedule at the end of May, according to the official figures compiled by the Sugar Factors. Up to May 23 there had been a total of 211,825 tons of the 1921 crops sent to the mainland. By the end of April last year there had been 206,025 tons shipped out of the island. It is estimated that the total crop of the island this year will be 485,700 tons.