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GOMPERS IS RE-ELECTED LABOR CHIEF

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR RE-ELECTED GOMPERS AS CHIEF

NEW YORK, June 25.—The American Federation of Labor today re-elected Samuel Gompers as its president for a second term.

Gompers, 67, of New York, was elected by a vote of 10,000 to 11,000. The delegates to the annual convention, which opened today at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, were from 100 different unions.

The convention was opened by Gompers, who said that the labor movement was in a state of "great confusion" and that the unionists must "stand together" if they were to win their rights.

Gompers was elected to a second term for a period of one year. He was re-elected by a vote of 10,000 to 11,000. The delegates to the annual convention, which opened today at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, were from 100 different unions.

GRANDY IS MUCH IMPROVED

W. D. Grandy, president of the city commission, who took ill last week, is now much improved. He is expected to be able to attend to his duties in a few days.

AMERICAN POLO TEAM WINS

PORTLAND, June 25.—The American polo team won the championship of the Northwest today, defeating the British team by a score of 10 to 2.

Late News Flashes

PORTLAND, June 25.—The price of wheat, reported steady today, was 1.10 per bushel.

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PORTLAND, June 25.—The price of alfalfa, reported steady today, was 1.10 per bushel.

PORTLAND, June 25.—The price of timothy, reported steady today, was 1.10 per bushel.

WORK STARTED ON LA GRANDE'S NEW AUTO PARK

TRACT OF FARM GROUND HAS BEEN BOUGHT

Final Plans Being Drawn Now—First Progress Expected to Take Shape This Week

The fence around that portion of the old fair grounds that is being made into the municipal auto park was moved back today towards the race track during the past few days and George Garrett, city manager, under whose direction the new park is being built, announced today that rapid progress is expected to be made on the park as the lumber pile, which belongs to private parties is moved.

Mr. Garrett has not prepared the final plans for the park but he expects to finish them in several days and before summer is over the park should be ready for tourists. Water is already on the grounds but it will have to be piped to various additional places for the convenience of tourists.

Needs will probably be built against the fence to give tourists a place where they can keep cars under shelter. A fence will also be built around the grounds, and other conveniences for campers are expected to be added.

Half-Breed Indian Stages Gun Battle

Two Killed Was Seen Crossing Border With Sack of Whiskey—Made Get-Away

BELLINGHAM, June 25.—Jack Bell, half-breed Indian, staged a gun battle with the deputy sheriffs of the Columbia valley today, just after crossing the border, with a sack of whiskey. A bystander, was reported to be killed, and Bell escaped.

PENNEY STORE DONATES CUP

WHERE CUPS HAVE BEEN DONATED NOW

Donations made in the past by J. C. Penney Store

The J. C. Penney company has donated the third cup for the Y. M. C. A. tennis tournament, which is in progress now.

The other cups have been donated by the U. S. National Bank and by H. E. Dixon.

Two of the cups are to be given to the winners in the singles and doubles, while the third will be given to the winner in the consolation event to be played off later.

To be eligible to compete in the consolation event, players must be under the age of 21.

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LASKAR SAYS SHIP BOARD COST APPALLS

DECLARES GREATEST COMMERCIAL WRECK OF TIME IS BEING FAULTED

PROMISES TO SELL FEDERAL OWNED VESSELS

New Chairman Pledges to Take Government Out of the Shipping Business at an Early Date—Disposal or Destruction of Warships by October 1.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Disposal or destruction of all wooden ships by October 1 and the sale to private owners of all other government-owned tonnage as soon as good business judgment dictates, was promised here Friday by Albert D. Laskar, new chairman of the United States shipping board.

Mr. Laskar, meeting 14 leading New York shipping men, pledged the board's cooperation with private operators everywhere in solving the problems now confronting the American merchant marine.

After the meeting Mr. Laskar declared that the situation now confronting the board was the greatest commercial wreck in the history of mankind. The board is and has been losing for several months, he said, approximately sixteen million dollars a month. This is bound to continue for months to come, he said.

Referring to his recent order canceling shipping board advertising contracts, he said:

"That was but a small matter, for a million dollars, comparatively speaking, in the shipping board situation is like shooting 20 cents. I am calling on the shipping and business men of every port in the United States for assistance."

Claims against the shipping board, he said, will receive prompt attention. "President Harding, he added, will soon appoint an arbitration court, of three prominent men before whom all pending claims, estimated at three hundred million dollars, will be brought for quick adjustment. The names of these men, he said, will be announced next week.

BABE RUTH IS THERE AGAIN

NEW YORK, June 25.—Babe Ruth's twenty-sixth home run went sailing away in the fifth inning of the Yankees' game with Washington. One man was on base.

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Center of Beauty Moves South



The center of beauty is shifting southward. It was this in the past, but now it is moving south. Some of the most beautiful women in the world are now living in the South.

FARMERS SHOULD USE WATER RIGHTS NOW

RUSSELL NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

CLARK ALSO TO BE SEVERELY TESTED IN SCHEDULED CONTEST

The board of education will meet this evening. This will be the first meeting to be held since the recent election and the vote of the students will be counted.

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BLAST WILL COME EARLY ON MONDAY

ROAD MAY BE CLOSED TWO DAYS

Over 2,000 Yards of Rock and Earth to be Moved Monday Morning Near City

La Grande people who expect to see the shot fired that will tear off over 2,000 yards of rock and earth between here and Perry Monday morning will have to get up early. It has been announced that the shot will be fired between 7 and 8 in the morning.

Those wishing to see this sight can cross the river on the railroad bridge, leaving their cars in a safe place this side of the bridge and secure a good view.

The blast will result in the road between here and Perry being closed at least all of Monday and possibly Tuesday as well.

Five Owners Will Meet With George

Invitation of President for a Conference on Monday, June 28

LONDON, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The striking coal miners and their owners have accepted the invitation of President Lloyd George to confer with him on Monday, to try to reach a settlement of the coal strike which has been in progress for the past three weeks.

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C. B. MAYS IS EXONERATED BY PETIT JURY

REAL ESTATE MAN SHOULD HAVE DIVIDED COMMISSION

FORMER NORTH POWDER RANCHER WAS NOT IN CONSPIRACY

Trial Lasted Five Days and Many Interested Parties Give No Indication as to Whether an Appeal Will be Taken From Decision

Charles H. Mays, former rancher and stockman of North Powder, and for many years a resident of Union county, was not guilty of fraud in the sale, several years ago, of his stock ranch to Mrs. Maggie Higginbotham of Echo, and he did not conspire with W. E. Leffel, real estate man of Joseph, Walla Walla county, to defraud A. M. Runkle, formerly in partnership with Leffel in the real estate business at Joseph, out of a commission, when Leffel, after the dissolution of the real estate partnership, sold the Mays lands to Mrs. Maggie Higginbotham, wife of G. P. Higginbotham, and received a large commission from Mays, through the sale of the Mays lands on the same day that the contract with G. P. Higginbotham failed on account of non-payment of purchase price installment, according to the jury's verdict.

W. E. Leffel, of Joseph, should have divided with his former partner, A. M. Runkle, the \$5,000 commission he received from Mays for the sale of the Mays lands to Mrs. Maggie Higginbotham, as the sale of the same lands to her was in effect made by virtue of the original real estate brokers' contract under which the Runkles and Leffel partnership sold the Mays lands to Mr. Higginbotham, and Leffel must pay Runkle's share half that amount, with interest.

This in effect was the verdict of the jury, rendered early last evening, in the damage and conspiracy action brought by A. M. Runkle, plaintiff, now residing in California, against W. E. Leffel and C. B. Mays. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles consumed forty-five minutes in reading his elaborate instructions to the jury at the opening of court Friday morning.

The trial of the case began Monday morning, the jury having been secured in a few minutes, and continued without interruption throughout the week. A number of intricate and difficult law points are said to have arisen during the trial, which, although very closely contested by all parties, was tried upon a high plane.

The jurors serving in the case were Arthur Mulholland, L. P. Day, Carl Fuller, M. Fitzgerald, W. J. Green, C. C. Conrad, Fred Huffman, M. J. Cunningham, J. A. Hill, C. R. Buell, A. E. Hartley and C. C. Gates.

A. S. Cooley, of Enterprise, tried the case of Mr. Runkle, C. A. Hart and Carey & Kerr, of Portland, represented Mr. Mays. A. W. Schupp of Joseph and Cochran & Eberhard, of La Grande, represented Mr. Leffel.

No statement as to the attitude of the defeated parties toward an appeal was forthcoming today.

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Law Forbids Spearing Salmon in Catherine

A. V. Andrews, secretary of the local fish and game club, has received a communication from the U. S. game commission pointing out that it is unlawful to spear salmon in Catherine creek.

According to the law it is unlawful to use any means excepting hook and line for catching salmon in the Columbia river or its tributaries east of the confluence of the Columbia with the Deschutes at any time and it is further unlawful to fish for salmon anywhere during spawning season.

The information was received by Mr. Andrews in reply to a letter Mr. Andrews wrote reporting that complaints of spearing salmon had been received here.