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## CHAUTAQUA IS READY TO OPEN SEASON

PROGRAM WILL START THIS EVENING AT PICTURESQUE RIVERSIDE PARK.

## ELECTRICAL WIZZARD ON PROGRAM TONIGHT

Miss Mildred Bush, Director of Playgrounds, Arrived Today and Announces That She is Desirous of Having as Many Children as Possible Out Tomorrow Morning.

(With an initiatory number far above the average in its popularity and general interest—for everyone loves to see the freaks and eccentricities of electricity and electrical appliances—the 11th annual Grande Gonde Chautauqua assembly will open this evening at Riverside Park, beginning at 7:45. With a rare and beautiful setting—for no past assembly has been staged in as beautiful surroundings as exists this year. The assembly which is to run seven days, is ready for the crowd. The officers

BURNELL FORD



Electrical Wizard Who Speaks Tonight.

and directors promise a program of good variety and quality.

Ford Electrical Wizard. Burnell Ford is the principal attraction tonight and he comes with a wonderfully entertaining demonstration. He is one of the dollar-a-year men who sprang to the aid of the government during the war, and his inventions were largely employed to win the struggle. He plays with electricity and wireless and does the most unbelievable things, but through it all talks and explains in the words of a layman so that children can see and understand his demonstrations. The opening number is a winner.

Mr. Ford spent the forenoon in Union visiting friends and relatives who live there, and came on over to La Grande this afternoon.

Mildred Bush Director. Miss Mildred Bush, director of playground activities during the chautauqua, arrived today and has been busy as a bee preparing for what she declares is the most important part of the chautauqua. Her classes begin tomorrow at 9:30 and as there is a break in the program on account of Sunday, she is extremely anxious that as many little folks as possible can be on the grounds at Riverside Park tomorrow morning promptly.

A big picnic as the class is her audience and during the week she will tell stories, have supervised games and recreation, and all that goes with it.

Miss Bush is a charming and petite director the little folks will find delightful.

## WARSHIPS TO BE WITHDRAWN

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The 30 American warships which were sent to Tampico because of the disturbance in the oil fields, are to be withdrawn. There is little danger to American lives or property.



Tonight and Saturday, fair, Cool, 27 tonight in the east portion.

## NURSE STATES WIFE TRIED TO POISON KABER

PATIENT WAS VIOLENTLY ILL AFTER EATING CANDY.

Miss Benner Says That Kabers Of Ten Quarreled; Food Prepared By Mrs. Kaber Caused Illness

CLEVELAND, July 8.—Testimony considered by the state as vital in establishing its claim that Mrs. Kaber first attempted to kill her husband by poisoning, before his murder, was given today by Miss Crystal Benner, nurse. While Kaber always had vomiting spells after eating food at his home prepared by Mrs. Kaber, the nurse testified, he never vomited after eating at the hospital, except once, and that was after Mrs. Kaber visited him and gave him candy. She said she generally prepared his food, but Mrs. Kaber served him. The nurse testified that the Kabers often quarreled.

## TWO CASES TO BE TAKEN TO STATE SUPREME COURT

Motions by counsel for the defense in the cases of the state vs. T. J. Keelen and the state vs. C. E. Dooley asking new trials were denied this morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. Both men were found guilty, in separate trials, of larceny in connection with the sale of an automobile said to belong to George Robertson.

Keelen's attorneys asked for a new trial on the grounds that the evidence presented by the state did not show reasonable cause for leading to the belief that he knew the car when sold by him for Dooley did not belong to Dooley and also that if a crime was committed the crime of larceny by bailee and not larceny was committed.

Dooley's attorneys asked for a new trial on the grounds that the evidence showed, according to their interpretation, that larceny was not committed and if any crime was committed it was larceny by bailee.

Judge Knowles sentenced each one year. Notice of an appeal to the supreme court has been filed in both cases by the attorneys who handled the cases in circuit court. Appeal bond is expected to be filed this afternoon. Both men are at liberty on bail pending the filing of their appeal bond.

## HENRY ALBERS IS NOW BLIND

PORTLAND, July 8.—Henry Albers, retired miller, whose conviction of violation of the espionage act was recently reversed, suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday night, and is now totally blind, his brother, William Albers, has announced.

CHOSEN POLICE CHIEF. PENNETON, July 8.—W. R. Taylor, better known as Jinks Taylor, former sheriff and brother of the late T. D. Taylor, will be the new chief of police for Penneton. He was chosen by unanimous vote of the council following the resignation of A. A. Roberts, retiring chief. Owing to a charter provision that the chief of police must be a legal voter in Penneton the new chief will be officially listed as a detective for the first three months and William Scheer will have the title of acting chief of police. Mr. Taylor will have a salary of \$200 a month while the salary of Officer Scheer remains as in the past.

## DR. FENTON'S BODY IS FOUND

PORTLAND, July 8.—The body of Dr. J. D. Fenton, widely known Portland physician who disappeared March 19, last, was taken from the Willamette river, opposite the Albion docks, yesterday by the harbor patrol. The body was first seen floating near the crew of the river boat Diamond O. The harbor patrol went at once to the scene and towed the body to shore, where it was taken in charge by the coroner.

Dr. Fenton had been in poor health for nearly a year prior to his sudden disappearance and members of the family believed he ended his life during a period of extreme mental depression.

## TARIFF DISCUSSION CREEPS INTO TALK

CONFERENCE ASKED FOR

LONDON, July 8.—Great Britain is believed to have made overtures to the United States, Japan, and China for a conference to discuss the whole eastern situation. The official circles have declined to comment on the nature of any communications, but it was said that it would be reasonable to assume that these countries would be fully sounded before Great Britain would show her hand.

Lloyd George expected to announce the British policy on Monday.

## INSANE MAN IS CAPTURED

JOHN KERPUNCH IS SENT TO STATE HOSPITAL.

Shepherd Thought He Was Being Hunted Down and Wandered Around for Three Days.

George Kerpunch, adjudged insane, was this morning sent to Penetion, where he will be placed in the state hospital. He was captured by a posse headed by Sheriff Lee Warnick on upper Catherine Creek after having wandered around without food for three days.

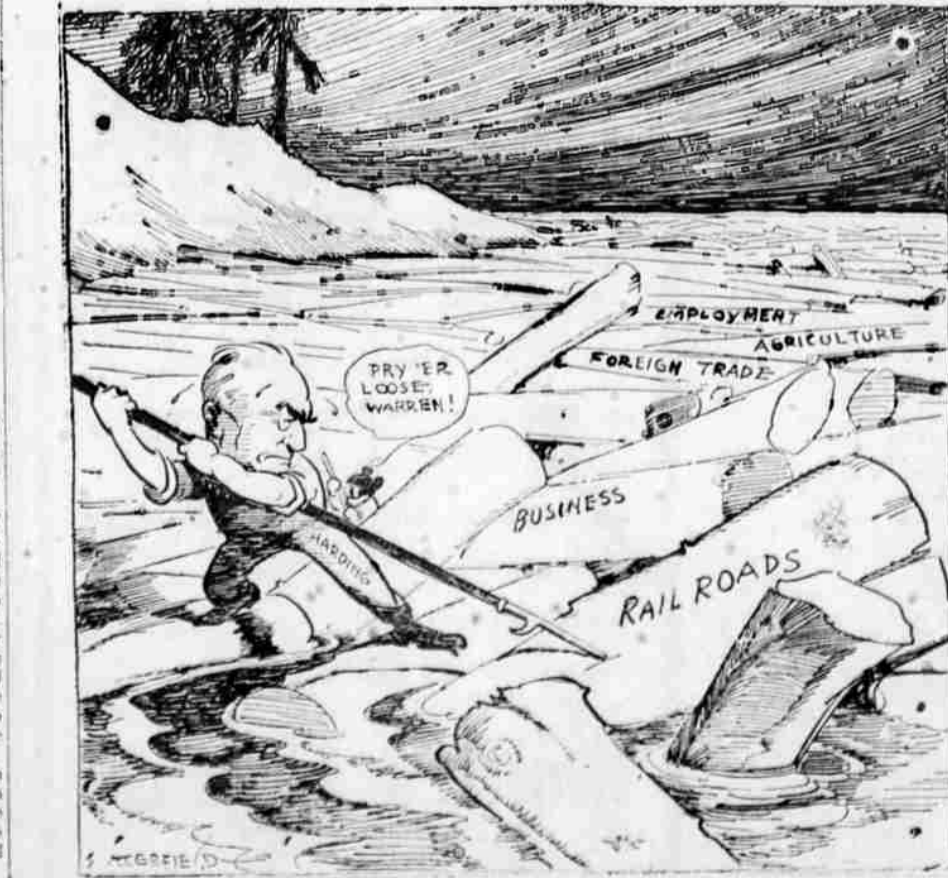
Kerpunch was working as a shepherd for Ed Miller. Miller reported his man to the sheriff. The insane man, who is said to be a veteran of the world war, was laboring under the delusion that he was being hunted and had failed to eat during the days he was wandering around in his delirious condition. He put up no fight when captured.

Sheriff Warnick and Deputy Sheriff John Striker captured the man.

## ROBBERS CHAT WHILE WORKING

PORTLAND, July 8.—Three masked and armed robbers raided the home of Francis Wiest early today, awakening and chatting with the occupants of the house while rummaging about for valuables. They forced two women to give up their diamond rings.

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TARIFF WAS BROUGHT IN DURING DISCUSSION OF FABRICS BILL.

PLIGHT OF WOOL GROWERS TOLD BY REPRESENTATIVE

James E. Watson, of Indiana, Declares Tariff Bill Will Be Over in the Senate Within Two Weeks, and Real Construction Started Then.

WASHINGTON, July 8.

—Discussion of the Fordney tariff bill got into the senate hearings today during the discussion of the "Truth in Fabrics" bill. Former Representative Rucker of Colorado, representing the American National Livestock Association, described the plight of the wool growers who, he said, were relying on the Republican party for protection from foreign wool, but thus far had received only a "monstrosity" of a wool schedule in the Fordney bill.

"Well, the tariff bill will be over on the senate side in two weeks," said Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, a member of the senate finance committee. "Then the days of reconstruction will begin."

AD CLUB WILL ISSUE TOURIST GUIDES SOON

C. B. Miller, secretary of the Ad Club, has received a bundle of tourist maps of Oregon from the Oregon Tourist and Information Bureau at Portland which he is distributing to automobilists who seek for them.

One of the features of the maps is a table which makes it possible to determine in a few seconds the distance of all principal cities in Oregon from each other.

The maps show all the main highways and colors are used to show whether the roads are paved, gravelled, rocky or dirt. Tourists can secure a copy of the map by calling on Mr. Miller.

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## MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Following the third accident within several months in which a car crashed into a building because of lack of control the police department this morning announced that no mercy would be shown in the future in prosecuting drivers who drive across intersections in the congested district without having their machines under control and all who fail to give the proper signals when turning will likewise be prosecuted.

The state laws and the ordinances of the city provide for a speed of not over 12 miles per hour at all intersections and also prescribe signals that must be observed.

The signalling regulations according to the state laws, which are identical with the city ordinances are as follows:

When the signals required by this section are given by the use of the hand and arm, they shall be given as follows:

(a) An operator intending to turn his vehicle to the left shall extend his arm in a horizontal position, for a reasonable length of time, and slow down.

(b) An operator intending to turn his vehicle to the right shall extend his arm with the forearm raised at right angles, for a reasonable length of time, and slow down.

(c) An operator intending to stop his vehicle shall extend his arm and move it up and down in a vertical direction, for a reasonable length of time.

When such signal is given by means of a device, it shall only be given by an adequate device which has been approved by the secretary of state.

Another part of the motor vehicle laws that will be strictly enforced in the future is that relating to lights. Two headlights must at all times be on the cars and a tail light as well. A great many accidents are caused because of only one headlight in front, making it impossible to see how much clearance to give. The sections of the state laws relating to lights follow:

Lights—Every vehicle using the highways of this state at night shall be equipped with a lamp or lamps as hereinafter provided:

(a) Front lamps—Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, operated or driven upon the public highways of this state shall exhibit during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise,

DEMPSEY DENIES BOAT STATEMENT

OMAHA, Neb., July 8.—Jack Dempsey, who passed through here, in a statement, denied that he was willing to fight "Jack Johnson or any other ocean fighter."

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## CROWDS ON STREETS AWAIT NEWS OF THE CONFERENCE

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The new troop will hold its regular meetings each Friday evening at seven thirty.

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According to the report reaching Baker there were no lights or signs to warn the travelers of the danger ahead.

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