

LECTURE IS REVELATION

TOM SKEYHILL LIVED WEEKS WITH RUSSIAN FAMILY

Even Most Radical Cannot Accuse Skeyhill of Being Unfair in Consideration of Russia

What the great chautauqua system does for the people of America was aptly demonstrated at Riverside Park last evening when Tom Skeyhill brought to the La Grande chautauqua a first-hand picture of Russia—a true portrayal of just what is going on in that much-experimented-with country. His lecture was a revelation in many ways, denying some common rumors from Petrograd and confirming some. Skeyhill is loaded with his subject. He spent weeks and weeks living with all classes of Russians, having first smuggled himself into the country.

This student of world events considers the Russian revolution and the age of communism in that country as one of the greatest social experiments of the world. Lenin has invented the democratic form of government and social order said the speaker and while his plan is intended to give equality to all, there is no quality at all in it. The government owns everything for the people and everything is supposed to be distributed evenly among the people, but, according to Mr. Skeyhill, the plan and human nature did not and can not mix smoothly and hence it has been an absolute failure. Mr. Skeyhill believes Lenin realizes this and is gradually transforming his government back into the democratic social order and that, if given time and assistance, will bring Russia out on top again.

Even the most radical, if just, cannot accuse Mr. Skeyhill of being unfair in his consideration of the Russian problem. He firmly asserted that much of the news reaching the outside world was untrue and unfair to Lenin and that women had not been nationalized and that the public buildings and art collections of Russia had not been destroyed. The school system has been wonderfully improved under the new order, said the speaker and theatres and entertainment features were good and free to all.

But communism has been a failure because the necessary opportunity for human being to compete against each other and rise above their fellow men had been entirely removed from the social order and there is no ambition, no life, in Russia today. There is no incentive for the peasants to raise more food than is necessary for their immediate families because the government owns it; there is no incentive for manufacturers to produce goods because there is not a store or shop open in Russia and no chance to sell the goods. The same conditions exist right down the category of productive activities so necessary for the life of a nation and as a result there has been an absolute breakdown in the transportation system; and there is a fuel famine; a food famine; a pestilence of disease and no city life or improvements in the entire nation.

Mr. Skeyhill considers the Russian problem as the only open sore of the disease which is gradually eating into the vital spots of the entire world and that if the human race is to save itself it must break from materialistic, selfish aims of every class of every nation.

The Jugo-Slav sextette pleased the audience to which it appeared, presenting many of the classics and several folk numbers with fine musical ability. Monday's entertainment was generally satisfactory in every respect.

MISPRINT IN MOTOR LAW

Last week in an article in the Observer dealing with the various sections of the motor vehicle laws of the state a section was quoted to the effect that all motor vehicles must have mirrors. This was quoted from a booklet issued by the department of state and distributed widely by officials of that department.

The attention of the Observer was called to this section of the law by a traffic inspector employed by the state. He called attention to this section because it had been intended that this section apply only to motor trucks. Information has been received from the state department that the law as printed is incorrect. The word "vehicle" should have been "truck." Copies of the law being sent out now have this correction made.



SCENE FROM "NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"
Six Stars Who Present Comedy at Riverside Park This Evening

FARM BUREAU IN RATE FIGHT

Wallows Has Held Meeting to Put Fight for Fair Rates Over Others Busy.

Mac Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers association and private secretary to Fred Faulkner of Pendleton, has been appointed member of the executive committee of the Intermediate Rate association to take the place of Jay Dobbin of Enterprise who was unable to serve; according to an announcement made by Bruce Cox, also a member of the executive committee.

The Union county farm bureau executive committee at its last meeting gave its endorsement to the fight the rate association is making in behalf of freight rates that will not discriminate against the interior cities. Applications have been made by the transcontinental carriers asking permission to reduce rates on many commodities to coast points without granting similar reductions to interior points.

The farm bureau instructed the county agent, Harry G. Avery, to get into communication with Bruce Cox, of the executive committee of the rate association, and with him draft regulations to the interstate commerce committee asking for hearings in various interior western cities before the new rates are granted.

A meeting was held at Wallows last evening at which that community took up the matter of giving its endorsement to the rate association's work. Other communities in eastern Oregon are likewise getting behind the movement which was originally sponsored by La Grande in Eastern Oregon, the ad club being the only organization from the state having a representative at the meeting of the association in Salt Lake recently.

TRAFFIC DUMMIES ARE READY TO BE ERECTED

Collisions With New Silent Sentinels Collisions With New Silent Sentinels And Not Dummies.

Traffic dummies will again make their appearance on downtown intersections today or tomorrow. The finishing touches to the dummies were being put on this morning and it is expected that they will be ready to place in position some time today.

The dummies have been under construction in the city building for some time and have a heavy concrete base fifteen inches in height. The base is being painted white and from the center a blue rod about three feet high stands up. On the top of the rod are two intersecting red discs with the words "turn to the right" on in such a manner that they can be read from all four directions.

The dummies have been made of sufficient height in the concrete base to insure any machine straddling them being stopped. Machines striking the edges at a high rate of speed will be almost certain of being wrecked. As soon as the dummies are placed the police will make observance of corner-cutting regulations down town stricter than ever.

The new dummies will replace the old wooden ones which have been wrecked so that only one or two remain in service now. Cars colliding with these comparatively frail wooden affairs found little difficulty in demolishing them, but the new dummies are practically fool proof and the cars will suffer instead of the dummies when collisions occur.

The Salt in the Sea.
The salt matter in the ocean is sufficient to make a block of salt measuring 4,800,000 cubic miles. If spread over the entire surface of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, it would form a crust more than a mile and a half deep. One per cent of the content of salt in the ocean would cover all the land areas of the globe to a depth of 290 feet.—United States Geological Survey.

Deep Gold Mines.
Gold is being mined at a depth of more than 3,000 feet in South Africa, and it is believed that the shafts can be sunk 1,000 feet deeper.



Walter Jenkins, Who Greets Friends of La Grande

There is not a more likeable chap in Oregon than Walter Jenkins of Portland. Walter arrived this morning and is visiting among his friends of La Grande today, except for the time that he made his audience sing this afternoon, and for the time he will do the singing act tonight.

FRUITGROWERS ARE IN SESSION

PORTLAND, July 10.—The northwestern fruit growers and marketing experts are in session here and were today working on a plan for the affiliation of all local co-operative organizations in the territory, with a central organization. The elimination of a local sales manager was discussed. It has been decided that an annual fruit marketing conference of the northwest will be held.

Depression is a godsend to the big profiteers of yesterday. They plead poverty now, and get away with it, spending the year in gloom instead of in jail.

—IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

FARMERS OIL UP HARVESTERS

MANY FIELDS WILL YIELD 40 BUSHELS OR MORE.

Harvesting of Wheat Has Been Under Way in Unatilla County for the Past Several Days.

Numerous Grande Ronde valley farmers who bind their grain are oiling up their outfits. By the end of the week as much as half a dozen farms will be the scenes of binding. Heading will, of course, follow later. Speculation on the yields of winter wheat are rife and in several large field 40 bushels are expected per acre. One of the Leadbetter ranches of hybrid 128 is the subject of heavy wagers among farmers, 40 bushels being the point of difference.

Pendleton Harvest Starts.

PENDLETON, July 12.—(Special.)—Harvesting of wheat, which has been under way to a certain extent for a few days, started on a larger scale this morning, most of the operations being confined to the western and northern part of the county. Indications are that the yields will be heavier than in many years and farmers are expecting to harvest a bumper crop.

Several carloads of wheat have been shipped from Nalla already. At present a combine is running on the Henry Hill farm, which formerly was the old Van Donge place. Herman Rosenberg and Lee Caldwell are other farmers who are busily engaged in harvesting.

R. F. Kirkpatrick, who farms on the reservation, started his outfit this morning near Mission. North of town Elmer Moore has also started. Quite a lot of grain will be started in the county this week but information from the heavier lands is to the effect that work there will not start in earnest before the first of the coming week.

In the southern part of the county, near Pilot Rock, recent rains have had the effect of keeping the straw tough, and it will not be possible to thresh for several days.

The price offered locally is about 95 cents now. That was the price paid Saturday but this morning the market reports showed that demand was less steady.

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First Time in History



At 10:00 a.m. today the Panama Canal opened for the first time in history. The ship shown in the picture is the first to pass through the canal.

We Have the Genuine Crushed Hawaiian Pineapple for your Pies

This is the most convenient form for Pies, Cakes, Sherbets and other dainty desserts.

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