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LIGHT PLANS ARE LAID OVER UNTIL LATER

Question of Finances Is Uncertain At This Time Of The Year.

SENTIMENT OF BUSINESS MEN FAVORS NEW SYSTEM

Petition to Be Presented to Commission at Next Meeting—If Work is Done This Year it Will Be Done After Tax Money Has Been Received—Costs May Change.

A decision was reached at the meeting of the city commission last evening to postpone action on the proposed ornamental lighting system until next week, partly because of the absence of Commissioner J. D. McKennon and partly because the Chautauqua this week prevented many business men who expected to attend the meeting last evening from being on hand.

The state department officials made no comment on the form of the Japanese reply, the text of which was not made public.

Many Want Lights.

E. E. Bragg, chairman of the civic affairs committee of the Ad Club, told the commission last evening that he had interviewed practically all business men in the section that would be affected and that the sentiment was strongly in favor of installing the ornamental lighting system at this time. He said that N. K. West and Herman Siegrist of the N. K. West company, J. D. Meyers of the Arcade Theatre, Howard K. O'Brien of the Oregon Hardware and Implement company had authorized him to tell the commission that they were heartily in favor of the proposition.

C. C. Pennington, who owns some property on Depot street and who is a director of the La Grande National Bank, stated that speaking both for himself and for the bank, he could approve the proposition. He was also in favor of making Depot street from Jefferson to Fourth a part of the ornamental system instead of only from Jefferson to Washington.

Poles Long Lived.

In explaining the proposed system to the commission and the business men present J. P. Lottridge, general manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, said that the average life of a cedar pole is from fifteen to twenty years and that his company had already made arrangements with the telephone company for a joint installation in the alleys. Because of the long life of the poles his company would resist removal if the city wanted to make the change later and new poles were installed this year on Adams avenue, unless the city stood the expenses connected with the removal.

As the commission was inclined to hold off doing the work until taxes come in again, Mr. Lottridge announced that it would be possible to do the work, which he declared must be done before winter, in October.

He also made a tentative proposition of building the system and charging the city rental thereon, but stated that he could make no promises as he was not in a position to do so and would prefer that the city build its own installation.

Money May Be Plentiful.

City Manager Garrett called attention to the fact that if tax money comes in without too much delinquent money this fall the city will have plenty of money to build the proposed system, but that if there is a great deal of money delinquent it might be impossible.

Commissioner David I. Stoddard suggested that if possible a plan be worked out whereby the work can be done this fall and half of the amount needed to pay for the work be met next year as no provisions were made in this year's budget. Commissioner W. D. Grandy also believed that it would be advantageous to wait until

Heavy Strikes of Gold in Alaska

Prospectors are Rushing to the Newly Opened Areas, Which Run \$100 Per Ton.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 14.—Strikes of gold quartz apparently bearing more than \$100 to the ton, in a district 39 miles south of here, have been reported. The news no sooner had reached here than prospectors stampeded to the area of discovery.

Men returning from there said a dozen big fissures of quartz heavy in gold had been uncovered within a region 12 by 7 miles. The first strike occurred at Girdwood, on the government railroad.

Mining men here who have made a preliminary investigation of the discovery predicted it would prove epochal. Some of the strikes, they said, developed on railroad cuts along Turnagain Arm.

CHAUTAUQUA COMES TO CLOSE THIS EVENING

BEST LECTURE OF ALL SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

Peter Clarke MacFarlane Entertained Audience Last Night With Interesting Episodes

With what is recognized as the banner combination of music and lecture of the year yet to be heard, the 1921 Grande Ronde Chautauqua assembly will come to a close this evening with a little local color added.

"The best lecture number of them all" is the general opinion of those who have heard Captain Upton who is the feature attraction at the chautauqua's closing. After the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association has burned the last note on the park pavilion and held a five minute jubilation over the fact, The Little Symphony will present its prelude.

Not only are these ladies exceptional musicians but they are charming characters besides, as was apparent this afternoon when they presented the whole program.

The closing numbers will therefore be above the average, tonight's music being of a much better type than last evening's prelude.

Captain Upton will talk on "Four square buildings" and his talk has a direct appeal to young and old alike. His talk lasts one hour and no longer.

MacFarlane Holds Attention.

Peter Clarke MacFarlane held his audience at the park yesterday evening until nearly 11 o'clock but he had their closest attention all the time. Above all, a student of human nature and even in "The Americans" more than the average man. And he can tell what he sees.

His lecture is primarily a group of episodes that have befitted him in the course of his career as an interviewer, and while he has similar episodes without number that he didn't touch, he left the clean-cut impression of the real character behind "The Americans" that is shaping the country's destiny.

DANCE

BABY SEAL FOLLOWS CAPTORS INTO PORT

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., July 14.—A baby seal, following its rescue from a vicious attack by four eagles, adopted its rescuers, Captain J. McGregor, V. C., and his three companions. The seal was putting up a plucky but losing fight against assailants from the sky when the launch party took it aboard.

On the way to Prince Rupert the seal was put overboard, as it was thought that was where it belonged. But the little fellow thought otherwise and followed the boat right into port. It is now a very indulged pet.



BUDGET MUST BALANCE IF TRADE RESUMES

A. S. Burleson, Former U. S. Postmaster General, Investigates European Conditions

SAYS GERMANY IS IN THE BEST CONDITION

Believes Germany and Other Countries of Europe Would Improve Their Exchange Situation Very Speedily if Issuing of Paper Money Was Stopped.

BERLIN, July 14.—A. S. Burleson, former United States Postmaster General, who has returned to Berlin after investigating the commercial, industrial and financial conditions of Poland, Austria and Czechoslovakia, is of the opinion that there is little hope of selling large quantities of cotton and other raw materials until Germany and other countries of Central Europe balance their budgets and make definite arrangements to discontinue the issuance of paper money and to retire that currency until its volume is only three times that of their gold reserves.

"I can't see any indication that the statesmen of Central Europe are facing their problems frankly and trying to formulate plans which get at the fundamental problems and might insure the resumption of the industries and the renewal of the export trade," said Mr. Burleson. "It is not reasonable to talk about foreign loans to Central Europe as long as the printing presses continue to pour out paper money without any gold guarantee or any prospect that it will be retired."

"Germany is in far better condition than the other countries of Central Europe, and I personally believe Germany could improve its exchange situation very speedily if it would stop issuing paper money and levy a tax over a period of 10 years to guarantee its retirement of and the creation of a larger gold reserve. Foreign bankers want to see definite plans before they take a chance on the countries of Central Europe."

ASSESSED VALUATION OF PHILIPPINES REAL ESTATE IS \$571,600,000

MANILA, P. I., June 10.—The assessed valuation of real estate in the Philippine Islands is \$571,600,000, according to a general revision of property values, which has just been completed by assessors, after nearly eight years work. The collection of land taxes based on the new assessment will be made for the first time this year and are expected to yield a much larger sum, as the new valuations are more than double the old. Before the new valuation became effective, the total assessed valuation of real estate in the islands was \$277,000,000.

Attempt Made to Wreck Fast Train

Spikes Were Pulled and Plates Removed; Train Jumped the Track; Million Dollar Cargo Safe

CLEVELAND, July 14.—An attempt to wreck the American railway express train of fourteen cars, which were carrying one million dollars worth of cargo, was made near Willoughby, Ohio, today, the railroad officials reported. The announcement was made after the discovery of over fifteen spikes pulled and plates removed from the rails. The spikes were pulled with tools stolen from the tool house. The train jumped the track, but no cars were overturned.

WHILE BLAZING TRAIL, PLANE CRASHES DOWN

PILOT AND THREE PASSENGERS ARE KILLED.

"Bud" Coffey Was Driving When Plane Fell 600 Feet, Hitting High Tension Wire, Starting Fire

MODESTO, Calif., July 14.—A six-passenger monoplane, blazing the trail for commercial flying between Oakland and the Yosemite valley, crashed here today, killing Pilot "Bud" Coffey and three passengers. The machine struck a high tension wire in falling and burned the occupants so badly that they could not be recognized.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES FOUND IN BANK

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—Enough nitro-glycerine and dynamite to do great damage was found cached in a safe deposit box in one of the city's largest banks this week. The explosives were discovered by city detectives after Joseph Berger, who is serving a sentence in a Cleveland prison for safe blowing, had admitted in a letter to his wife that he had concealed the material in the bank.

"I'll not be out of here for many years," the convict wrote, according to the police, "and I have been working every day for fear something might happen to explode that nitro-glycerine."

The nitro-glycerine and the dynamite were in a lady's handbag. Somebody might get careless and if they do there's enough high explosive to wreck a whole city block. Thousands of innocent people would be killed.

"Please do something at once before I have the deaths of God knows how many people to account for," he wrote.

BRITAIN FEELS ERIN'S TRAGEDY NEARING END

Eamonn De Valera Arrived at No. 10 Downing Street at 4:30 This Afternoon

PUBLIC EAGERLY WAITS FOR CONFERENCE RESULT

The Outlook For a Lasting Peace in Ireland Is Brighter Than It Has Ever Been in the History of the Nation; De Valera Says Must Get Down to Rock Bottom.

LONDON, July 14.—Eamonn De Valera arrived at number Ten Downing street at 4:30 this afternoon, for the conference with Premier Lloyd George. "The outlook for a lasting peace in Ireland is brighter than it has ever been in the history of Ireland," De Valera said earlier in the day. "I am sure that the atmosphere in England and Ireland is right for peace. The only thing necessary now is for us to get down to rock bottom."

After a conference, one of De Valera's aides expressed satisfaction with the results of the initial conference, which will be resumed tomorrow. Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, has been summoned to London from Belfast.

A conversation, which it is hoped, may mark the last act of one phase of Ireland's troubled history and serve as a prelude to the long sought peace in the island is taking place in the dingy old cabinet room in Downing street. The British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and the Irish republican leader, Eamonn De Valera, are meeting in an effort to clear the stage for holding a "three party" peace conference, in which Great Britain, Sinn Fein and Ulster will endeavor to compose their differences.

One of the most convincing indications of the reality of the hope that the meeting will result successfully is the reluctance before hand of both sides had "propaganda mills" fully organized. Both sides were silent. Yet, both sides had "propaganda mills" fully organized.

To what extent the public will be permitted to know what transpires within the conference chamber will be determined soon. Both camps manifest the belief that the purposes of the conference would be best served by withholding the details until a conclusive result is attained.

Rioting Starts Again

BELFAST, July 14.—Rioting broke out again in the Cork street area today. A bomb damaged a grocery store, which was looted, and another building was set afire. Several persons were injured by snipers, before the police restored order.

Seed Wheat Is In Demand

Harry G. Avery, county agent, has received an inquiry for 300 bushels of certified forty-fold seed wheat from Northern Idaho. In order that the grain will command the higher price seed wheat always commands farmers having clean fields of fortyfold should notify Mr. Avery so that their fields may be inspected and certified.

The fortyfold wheat grown in the Grande Ronde valley is recognized by several Oregon counties of being of excellent strain. Robert Withycombe, director of the Eastern Oregon experiment station at Union, is largely responsible for the introduction of purestrain forty-fold in the county.

Mr. Avery also announces that this is the time at which potato fields should be inspected for certification.

TREE-TRIMMING ORDINANCE IS TO BE PASSED

SEVEN FEET FROM WALK IS TO BE THE LIMIT.

Good Old Days When Boys Had to Keep Family Home Grounds in Shape Have Passed.

An ordinance requiring trees overhanging sidewalks to be trimmed within seven feet of the ground was passed to its third reading at last night's meeting of the city commission. The ordinance was drawn up following many objections on the part of people using the sidewalks to having their harts torn off by falling to dodge the low branches.

Considerable discussion of the ordinance preceded its passage to third reading as the commissioners were not entirely certain whether the ordinance was the best thing. "It might discourage the planting of trees," was the remark made by one of the commissioners.

Attention was also called to the fact that there are awnings in the downtown section that hang so low that tall men must continually stoop while walking close to the buildings. One visitor at the meeting remarked that if residents in the outlying districts are required to trim their trees the business houses should be required to keep their awnings hung high enough to allow people to pass under.

The usual procedure for giving notice to occupants or property owners, posting notice following failure to trim the trees and having the work done by the city, the cost becoming a lien upon the property, is included in the ordinance. This section of the ordinance caused the most discussion as it appeared that some might lose their homes for failing to trim their trees.

City Manager George Garrett became reminiscent of his boyhood days in Ohio, and remarked that he does not reason why property owners and occupants should not be expected to buy a saw and keep their trees trimmed. When he was a lad he learned to keep the family place in shape and everybody had a saw and sickle and scythe and the boys learned to use them. "Everybody was doing it in those days," he said.

During the discussion it was also recalled that buried somewhere in the book of ordinances is one regulating the height of awnings.

Objection faded away rapidly after the commissioners saw that it would be very unlikely that any hardship would be caused by the new law and after City Attorney J. D. Slater read the last paragraph, the discussion having interrupted the complete reading of the ordinance, which provided for a fine of not to exceed \$25 for failure to comply with the law.

JAPANESE ACCEPTANCE IS GUARDED

Reply is Received from Japan, But No Reference is Made To the Far East.

STATE OFFICIALS MAKE NO COMMENT ON REPLY

It is Understood that No Advice of An Adverse Nature Has Been Received By Any of the Nations Not Included in the Conference; Want Meeting in Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The Japanese acceptance of President Harding's suggestion for a conference on the limitation of armaments was received at the state department today, but made no reference to the discussion of the far eastern question.

The unqualified acceptance by the Chinese government has also been received.

In order to have an expression of opinion at the next meeting that will cover the business interests thoroughly, even though all interested are not able to attend, a petition is to be circulated by Al Andrews, appointed some months ago by the Ad Club for the purpose of sounding the sentiment of the business men on this proposition.

Want Meeting in America.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—It is understood that no advice of an adverse nature has reached the state department from powers not asked to participate. Sentiment abroad seems to have the membership of the conference limited to the big five powers and China.

Press dispatches indicating that some British statesmen desired to have the preliminaries of the conference held in London were not taken seriously either in British quarters here or by officials of the administration. It was pointed out that the British government had accepted definitely the president's proposal for holding the meeting here.

Among high American officials there was manifested a strong sentiment that the whole conference should be held here, both on account of the facility of business such a plan would make possible, and because of a feeling that America will be entitled to be host, since she had initiated the movement and issued the invitations. It was apparent also that convening of the meeting on American soil would be reckoned here as giving the administration an opportunity better to keep in touch with the pulse of American public opinion and more easily to marshal public sympathy and support for the efforts of the negotiators.

NORTH POWDER BOY IN BAKER HOSPITAL WITH FRACTURED BONE

BAKER, July 14 (Special).—Harvey Meltrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Meltrum of North Powder, is in the St. Elizabeth hospital suffering with a fractured bone in the left hip. Young Meltrum was logging at North Powder, when the team which he was driving ran away and he, jumping from the load, rolled under the wagon, one wheel running over his leg. He is reported to be resting as well as could be expected at the hospital. The accident happened a couple of days ago.

OIL HOPES OF MT. GLENN ARE DASHED TO PIECES

Cold water was dashed on the hopes of the Mt. Glenn residents who had hoped that samples of discolored water which they had thought contained oil, when the samples were examined by J. Francis Cramer, teacher of chemistry in the La Grande high school. Cramer's verdict on the samples after making numerous tests was that there wasn't even a trace of oil to be found.

Samples were brought in from the Lovelace ranch and several other places where it was thought by the owners that oil would be found because of the indications in the water and the dark sediment. Mr. Cramer did not make an examination into the exact nature of the contents of the water and sand but declared positively no oil reaction was found.

The community of Mt. Glenn has been considerably excited over the rumors of oil being found and certainly has led a number of local men to give the "oil" farms the once-over.

Mr. Cramer's only chiding word for the disappointed farmers is that there is but one way to determine whether they live over an ocean of oil and that is to drill deep into the ground. The geological formation would have to be encountered at a lower depth to lead plausibility to the possibility of this section being converted into an oil producing section, seems to be the general belief of those who claim to know something of the kind of formations that are most likely to yield oil.

