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CREEKS MAY FURNISH NEW WATER SUPPLY

LITTLE BEAVER AND HOODPOO CREEKS BASIS OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

REPORT TO BE PRESENTED SOON

If Meadow Brook Project Can be Secured at Reasonable Cost City Will Probably Use Creeks and Have Fresh Water All the Year Around—Present Water Right Holders to be Protected.

The report of Stevens and Koon, consulting engineers, on the preliminary surveys for a new water system for La Grande, together with an estimate of the probable cost and recommendations as to what would be the most feasible plan of working out the water problem of the city, will be presented to the city commission at its meeting August 3 by R. E. Koon, who had personal charge of the work, according to present plans.

While it was definitely known that Mr. Koon's recommendations will be George Garrett, city manager, this morning announced that probably the Meadow Brook proposition will be recommended, this depending entirely upon whether or not arrangements can be made with the stockholders owning the present rights for taking over their property at a reasonable cost.

Protection Guaranteed
In case this proposition is definitely decided upon those having water rights at present will have their rights protected by being supplied with water impounded with a dam that will be built by the city as part of its water system.

"The necessity of a better water system was shown by extensive hydrant tests made by Mr. Koon while he was here," Garrett said today. "The static pressure, that is, the general pressure while the hydrants were shut off was from eighty to ninety-five pounds and on opening the hydrants the pressure went down to forty-five pounds."

Fire Hazard Great
"On the north side and on a part of the south side the mains are four inch wooden pipe and in case of a bad fire the present system would be inadequate to meet the emergency. Six inch pipe is the smallest that should be used. In some cities the smallest is eight inches, for example in Seattle."

"One of the bad features of the present supply is that stored water must be used. This is treated with blue vitrol in order to kill the algae and even though we are using less than last year the water is not as good as that we will have if the Meadow Brook system is built. Vitrol was put in the water several weeks ago and is being put in again today."

Creeks Are Full
"There is plenty of water coming down Little Beaver, or the West Fork as it is sometimes called, as well as down Hoodpo Creek. Old timers in this section informed us when we made our investigations that these two creeks normally run as full as they are at present. Our measurements determined that each of these creeks are running at the rate of two million gallons a day just about double the consumption per day now. There are many springs supplying these creeks farther down, too, and these springs are never dry. Several other small creeks also contribute to this water supply source, guaranteeing fresh water all the time whereas we must now rely on stored water a large part of the time. There are now about two hundred million gallons of stored water to draw upon and this will be used until February when the fresh water begins to be available again."

"Meadow Brook will be dammed high enough so as to guarantee the proper supply of water to present holders of water rights along the creeks that will furnish the city."

Purity is Certain
"One attractive feature about the proposed supply system is that the creeks that will furnish the city with water, if the voters accept this system, will all be in the confines of the forest reserve and no cattle will contaminate the sources. There is such a heavy mass of under brush along the creeks through which these creeks flow that camping will never be popular, guaranteeing against contamination from that source."

Kiddies Will Romp at Play

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES BEGUN.

All Children Under 16 Are Invited, Without Cost to Them, At Tomorrow's Event.

Tomorrow morning will see the first gathering of the city's children to participate in the municipal playgrounds movement. The plan is the outgrowth of the Junior Chautauqua last week when Miss Mildred Bush instituted what she hopes will be a permanent summer amusement scheme. Mrs. Paul C. Massee, Miss Mabel Osterling and Mrs. Lynn Bohnenkamp were the committee people selected to put the proposition on a permanent basis and these ladies today announced that it is important as many children as possible can attend tomorrow's organization meeting.

Supervised play for the little folks under 16 is the general plan. The Central school playgrounds will be utilized tomorrow, and as there is considerable playground equipment there, the children should have a good time. Mothers may leave their children on the ground knowing that competent and mature supervision will be provided them. The play begins at 9:30. It is free and all children are invited.

NEW PUBLICITY PLAN ADOPTED

Arthur Rudd Exponent of New Plan Adopted by the Roundup Publicity Bureau

Pendleton is trying something new in the way of Roundup publicity this year by staging what they call a "personal publicity campaign," according to Arthur Rudd, of the University of Oregon school of Journalism, who is directing the efforts of the publicity workers.

Rudd passed through La Grande last night on his way to the branch line town, where he plans to spend about two weeks propagating Roundup gospel. He expects to spend the last part of August in and around La Grande in the same work.

"It's going to be some show," said Rudd in discussing the Roundup. "Up with an Observer reporter last night. Good crop prospects probably mean a bigger crowd than ever and Pendleton is making extra efforts this year to accommodate the crowds as a good host should." The women of the city plan to install rest room for women and the business men are devoting their efforts to making the auto camps better than ever before, he said. The dates of the 1921 Roundup are September 22-24.

Rudd was formerly correspondent for the Observer from Joseph. Since his departure from that place he has been employed on the Portland Journal and with the Ellison-White Chautauqua company during the time he was not at school.

ARMY OFFICERS UNDER A CLOUD

MRS. BERGDOLL IMPLICATES MAJOR CAMPBELL

Five Thousand Spent, She Says, Among Washington Army Officials of High Rank

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, of Philadelphia, and mother of the notorious draft evader, Grover Bergdoll, now residing in Germany, mentioned specific names today in connection with rumors of bribery to obtain her son's release from the army. She told the House committee which is investigating the now famous escape, that she gave \$5000 to Major Bruce Campbell, an army officer stationed at Governors Island, for use "among higher officials at Washington." She gave this money, she said, with the understanding that it was to be used to obtain her son's release from the army.

Asked For \$100,000
Mrs. Bergdoll said Major Campbell first demanded a hundred thousand dollars but she refused. She testified Campbell told her he wanted the money not for himself but for higher ups. Campbell recently told the committee he did not receive one dollar from the Bergdolls. The testimony created a sensation in the committee.

HARVEST FETE PLANS TALKED BY MERCHANTS

GALA DAY WHEN HARVEST IS OVER TOPIC OF DISCUSSION "ON STREET"

MUSIC AND GAMES WOULD ENTERTAIN

Embryonic Stage Still Prevails in What Merchants Feel Would Be Splendid Thing Later in the Year; Evening Festivities Also Wanted; Close Up Town and Ask Neighbors.

Plans are being promulgated in La Grande for a harvest picnic of the old-fashioned kind, at which will gather towns folks and landspeople to make merry for a day. The plan is not ready by any means—has only been discussed in an informal way, but is so popular that it seems certain of ultimate success.

As now discussed and talked of informally, the picnic would be a great, big, good-natured affair. The plans will no doubt crystallize at the next meeting of the Ad club, where the business and professional men can meet to go over the many details and pass on the plan in a general way. Those who gave birth to the idea see a day of good-natured co-mingling of Union county people. The date discussed would be some time at the close of harvest when there would be ample time for farmers to attend and participate.

The embryonic plans, as now under discussion, call for coffee, lemonade and ice cream at the park around which towns people and visitors may bring their basket dinners. Band concerts, two addresses, short, but interesting, song and special programs, band concert on the grounds, races of various kinds, and specialty prizes given by merchants for such classifications as: The farmer coming the longest distance by team to attend the picnic; the largest family, the youngest bride, the oldest family, the fattest man, and a whole list of oddities that would make variety and fun. "That everything should be free to the visitors on the grounds and that something in the way of amusements should be provided up town, that night, are also self-evident facts connected with the plans."

George Hopkins was one of the originators and his idea is to close up the city tight as a drum and move out. "The social intercourse would be beneficial not only to the out of town people and ourselves, but between ourselves as well," he believes. "I know that I am ready to do all that I can for just this sort of a thing, and I know, too, that if it is once started it will be an annual affair. Plenty of time should be given to the proposition to devise a good program, provide a good time, insure plenty of 'bests' and drinks, and be the means by

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Homeseekers' Date Is Set

ENTIRE DAY WILL BE SPENT IN THIS VALLEY.

Train Will Reach Here at Night and Make Twenty-Four-Hour Stop—Wallawa To Be Visited.

According to the new itinerary of the homeseekers' excursion from the middle west to Oregon, just received by C. B. Miller, secretary of the Union county Ad club, the homeseekers' train will reach La Grande at 9:50 on the night of Saturday, September 24. The party leaves again at 9:55 p. m., Sunday, September 25.

At La Grande the party will be placed in charge of the committee of the local realty board and the Ad Club, which is arranging for its entertainment. Those preferring to visit Wallawa county rather than the country surrounding La Grande will take the branch line train to Joseph and return on Monday, September 26, joining the main party again at Hermiston.

The party leaves Kansas City on September 20 and makes stops at Ontario and Baker before coming to La Grande. Monday, September 26, will be spent in Pendleton and the party will leave there in automobiles for Pilot Rock, Echo, Hermiston and the Umatilla project. On Monday night the party entrains at Hermiston for The Dalles, leaving the train there on the mornings of the twenty-seventh, which includes the train trip.

The party will be driven from The Dalles to Hood River, reaching the latter city in time for luncheon and dinner at six o'clock. After spending the night in Portland, they will be met by delegates from various sections of Western Oregon.

Some will go down the river to Astoria, others south to Tillamook, meeting at Salem on the twenty-ninth. Friday will be spent at Eugene and from there some will go to the Coos Bay district and others to Roseburg, the entire party meeting again at Roseburg on Saturday, October 1.

Other points to be visited will include Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Crater Lake, Bend, Madras and Maupin. The train on the return trip may be taken anywhere between Bend and Ontario. The return to Kansas City is scheduled for Monday, October 10th.

PORTLAND, July 18.—(Special.)—Following the recent announcement that the date of the settlers' excursion from the middle west to Oregon had been postponed from July

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FALSE ALARM ANNOYS DEPARTMENT

A false alarm at about 11:30 last night resulted in the fire department being called to Box 35, at the corner of Second and Z. No trace could be found of the guilty party. An alarm at about 4:30 resulted in the department being called to the corner of Cove and Cherry, where a grass fire got out of control of James McShane. Thirty-five gallons of chemical were used in putting out the fire.

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INQUEST HELD AT ROSEBURG OVER REMAINS

PROPOSALS OF BOTH THEORIES ATTEND AND TESTIFY AT THE INQUEST TODAY

COURTROOM FULL AS WITNESSES TESTIFY

Witnesses Differ in Identification of Articles and the Body Found Under Burned Automobile—Mrs. Brumfield Argues that Husband Did Not Need Money and Was Robbed.

ROSEBURG, July 19.—The circuit court room was crowded this morning when the coroner's inquest over the body found under Dr. Brumfield's automobile, was opened by the coroner. It immediately became apparent that a long and bitter fight has been instituted to determine the identity of the corpse.

The witnesses differed over the identification of the body. A storekeeper told of selling shoes like those on the burned body, to Dennis Russell, whose body the remains are, according to many people. Other articles found were officially identified as Russell's.

But notwithstanding this testimony at the inquest, other witnesses were no hand to claim the body as that of Dr. Brumfield.

Black, gray, hair, a watch, a fountain pen, letters and other articles found on the body were exhibited and identified as the property of Russell's. Points favoring Brumfield's claims which were being brought out at the inquest this afternoon included the wedding ring which was his, the shape of the fingers, the condition of the finger nails and the contour of the body.

Teeth of Victim Sought.
ROSEBURG, July 19.—Officers sought Monday additional evidence to obtain positive identification of the body found under Dr. R. M. Brumfield's wrecked automobile as that of Dennis Russell, the laborer for whose alleged murder a warrant has been issued against Doctor Brumfield, a dentist.

Scattered spots along roads in this vicinity were searched for the teeth and jaw bones of the dead man, whose head was blown off by dynamite. Investigations of the vicinity of the wreck revealed no trace of the teeth, though other parts of the head were found and the officers worked on the theory that the dentist had removed the teeth and jawbones before blowing off the head, to obliterate an easy means of identification.

Mystery concerning the well kept fingernails on the dead body in the morgue was believed cleared when it became known that Russell on the day prior to his death found a fingernail clipper on the highway near his cabin—the same clipper which was found in the automobile wreckage at the time the letters and other articles be-

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Experts Will Inspect Seed

CERTIFICATION OF WHEAT TO BE MADE THIS WEEK.

Cove Section Will Send Numerous Samples to Prof. Hyslop for Inspection and Tests.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, of the farm crops department at O. A. C., will probably be in La Grande some time this week for the purpose of inspecting wheat and potato fields for approval of seed grain. The wheat after threshing will be inspected for purity and if it passes the test 99 per cent pure it will be certified for seed purposes. The grain to be inspected is forty-fold, which is a variety the seed of which is in great demand, Union county having some exceptionally pure strains of that variety. Several farmers in the Cove section have already notified Harry Avery, county agent, that they want their fields inspected.

The potato fields will be inspected for disease. Later another inspection of the potato fields will be made for disease. Later the potatoes are inspected in the bins. In this inspection many factors enter into the determination of whether or not the potatoes will be certified. Disease is looked for and true type is taken into consideration. Purity of variety and conformity to seed size are also factors entering the inspection. All potatoes passing these final tests reasonably are recommended for seed purposes.

WAS IN HURRY —BREAKS LAWS

C. D. Jones Speeds Down Viaduct With City Manager At His Heels—Forgets Bail

C. D. Jones has been away for many months and returned to say hello to his relatives here. He drove in from Pendleton and was in a hurry to get home. George Garrett, city manager, was coming into town from the Country Club and when Jones' car whizzed by he followed it and took its number and also noted the fact that it came down the viaduct on the east side at a twenty-five mile per hour gait.

On complaint of Mr. Garrett, Jones was ordered to report to the police and he deposited \$350 bail when he appeared at the station on Monday morning. Failure to appear in court at the appointed time resulted in the bail money being forfeited.

AUTO CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

MEETING THIS EVENING IN THE CITY HALL

Fight Expected to be Made Against High Price of Gasoline—Six-Million to be Taught

This evening at seven-thirty all owners of automobiles are asked to meet in the council room of the city hall for the purpose of reorganizing the Union County Automobile association. The purpose of the reorganization is to work in the interest of automobile owners in every respect.

One of the first questions to be taken up by the new organization will be the high price of gasoline, and teaching the members the proper signals in turning and stopping.

In order that all at the meeting will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the motor vehicle laws copies of the state laws will be distributed at the meeting.

At Andrews, secretary of the old organization, will act in that capacity until officers are elected in the regular organization. F. L. Meyers is president of the old organization.

GOVERNMENT EXPENSES LESS

Nine Billions Less Money Required to Run Government Than Last Year

WASHINGTON, July 19.—That there is a tendency to effect reduction in governmental expenses, is seen in the statement issued today by the government which shows that the fiscal year just ended dropped off by nine billion dollars as compared with the expenses of operating the government last year.

HOPE LINGERS FOR PEACE IN IRISH CRISIS

RETURN TO BELFAST BY SIR JAMES CRAIG NOT TO BE TAKEN TOO DOLEFULLY

SIR JAMES PUTS NEXT MOVE TO DEVALERA

"Too Visionary For Us to Continue Discussion" Is Story Given Out by Ulster Delegation in Regard to De Valera—Delegation May Return to London Next Week Admits Spokesman.

BELFAST, July 19.—Return to Belfast from London of Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, and members of his cabinet, must not be taken as a rupture of negotiations, said Colonel Spender, secretary of the peace delegation on arrival here this morning. The delegation left London last evening, but may be recalled next week. The first news of the departure of the Ulsterites was taken as a foreboding of peace failure.

"President De Valera of the Irish Republic is visionary," said the speaker, "and the Unionists feel no discussion is possible until he modifies his views regarding the Irish Republic."

London is Discouraged
LONDON, July 18.—The Irish negotiations took an unexpected development late Monday night. Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, on leaving for Belfast made an important statement, which appears to forbid any hope of assembling a conference such as Premier Lloyd George proposed between himself, Mr. DeValera and the Ulster premier.

The Ulster leader maintains that the Sinn Feiners, by contending the elections for the northern parliament, on a platform of "no partition," in which they were defeated, have recognized Ulster's claim to self-determination, and he seems to wash his hands of further participation in peace negotiations.

Sir James said: "I return home well satisfied with the efforts being made toward peace. Mr. DeValera has broken his silence and cleared the ground by his statement to the press that he proposes to found his claim of recognition on the right of self-determination."

He contended that the people of northern Ireland, in a recent election "determined" their own parliament by an overwhelming majority. "No partition" was the only issue placed before the electorate, said Sir James, and it was rejected by the largest majority ever secured in any general election.

Northern Ireland "Out of It"
"Such being the true facts," he continued, "it now only remains for Mr. DeValera and the British people to come to terms regarding the area outside of that of which I am premier. The people of northern Ireland make no claim to 'determine' the terms of settlement which Great Britain shall make with southern Ireland."

"When this is accomplished I can promise cordial co-operation on equal terms with southern Ireland in any matters affecting our common interest."

The official announcement, issued at the close of a long conference between the premier and Mr. DeValera Monday, says:

"The conversations between Mr. DeValera and Mr. Lloyd George will be resumed Thursday."

This ordinarily would permit the British public and Ireland still to indulge in confident hope that a satisfactory settlement would ultimately be reached. But Sir James Craig's statement has put a damper on the hopeful spirit.

SUB-COMMITTEE ALSO FLAYS

Daniels and Assistant Target for Majority Report Attack

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Former Secretary Daniels and his assistant secretary, Roosevelt, were denounced for methods used in investigating the war-time scandal among enlisted men at Newport Training Station, in a majority report of the senate subcommittee today. At the same time the former assistant secretary issued a statement that two republicans, constituting a majority of the committee, had failed to give him a hearing after promising to do so.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday, fair and cooler in east portion, warmer Wednesday except near coast.

