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PIONEERS OF WALLOWA CO. HOLD MEETING

WALTER PIERCE OF UNION COUNTY GIVES ADDRESS OF THE DAY.

LOSTINE WILL BE NEXT MEETING PLACE

Three of First Five Settlers Still Living—New Officers are J. B. Olmstead, President; Mrs. W. W. White, Vice-President, and John McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer.

WALLOWA, Ore., July 25.—In ample time the pioneers of Wallowa county left their homes Friday in the various parts of the county and started for Wallowa. At noon a large family, both old-timers and new, sat down to the big basket lunch. An oil stove had been placed in a secluded spot and coffee was served by the Wallowa Woman's Club. Some of those present came by rail, but for the most part they came in autos. One sturdy old-timer said, "No auto for me. I'm going in true pioneer style." So old Dobbin was harnessed up and off he drove. No cow fastened to the rear of the buggy, however.

On the platform beside the chairman was the president of the association, J. B. Olmstead of Enterprise. Besides him was the secretary-treasurer, John McDonald of Wallowa.

In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Olmstead opened the afternoon program. He said in part that pioneer associations needed no program as the reminiscences of other days formed a program in itself. However, a setting for the address of the afternoon had been planned, which would mark the opening of the tenth annual reunion of the Wallowa Pioneers association.

The first number was singing by a male quartet, unaccompanied. They were Messrs. D. R. White, Jesse Tully, Kenneth McKenzie and T. E. Mitchell. They gave the old favorites, "Juanita" and "My Old Kentucky Home," to an appreciative audience. Little Miss Virginia Pearson very pleasingly and dramatically recited the story of "Denji Bruin." The laughter as she told the simple tale from nature showed that the audience heard and appreciated it.

Pierce Gives Address.
Hon. Walter Pierce, the farmer-politician of Union county, was next called and he made the address of the afternoon. He felt it was no place for a politician nor an ex., but really the duty of a pioneer. He spoke in his usual happy vein, weaving in amusing stories to cause laughter, but ever clinging to the subject in hand. Said he would not make a political speech, couldn't as he was an ex.

After calling attention to the reason for the naming of Whiskey creek, telling of the prompt action of the men of those early days in getting the whiskey from the illicit seller before trouble came, and disposing of the firewater in the waters of the mountain creek, he said in part:

"His cry has no parallel to the tremendous energy, the strength of character evidenced by these men of old who laid the foundations of this western country. Time passed from 1492 to 1607, before the slow-moving mind of the European people took advantage of the discovery of Columbus to make settlements in Virginia. How slow these people moved. Look back during the past 115 years and

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Prominent Union County Citizen Passes Away

Death claimed Samuel Purcell, one of Union county's most prominent citizens yesterday afternoon at his home in Union. He was apparently in very good health yesterday morning but before the shades of evening came he had passed on. He was past eighty years of age but had retained activity to a marked degree and no one thought of him as being near the end.

Samuel Purcell was vice-president of the First National Bank of Union and also vice-president of the Union Hotel company. He had resided in the city for many years and was recognized as one of the foremost men of the county.

He was born on West Brownsville, the old Keystone state, in 1840. When ten years of age, the family removed to Iowa, where the parents lived until their death. When the call of patriotism was sounded, he enlisted in Company E of the Fourth Iowa

HORSE-AGE PLEASURES MUST CEASE SAY POLICE

SCENIC ROAD IS NOW DISCUSSED

PEOPLE DID NOT GENERALLY UNDERSTAND ROUTE

Observer's Editorial Saturday Clarified Opinion and Many Express Themselves

For the "Scenth" time the scenic road to Oro Dell has been settled and for the same number of times the subject has been re-opened. Just when ardent supporters of the highway relax and think all is well there is a new curve and everything has to again be adjusted.

The latest feature in the plan is to leave the foothills at the Humelhart barn and beat it down the flat, thus making the scenic road nothing more nor less than a road crossing the "hump" and dropping at once into the flat below, destroying a great portion of the intended value of the highway and in the opinion of many, falling completely to justify the heavy expense of overhead crossings and the bridge across the river.

Many argue that if the city decides to follow the plans now talked of the road had as well come in on its present course, thus saving heavy expense.

A protest will likely be made and an endeavor put forth to get the highway placed back on or nearly on the McEllan survey which would bring it out just below the hospital, intersecting Adams avenue at a point well up the foothill thus giving the tourists an opportunity to view the city and valley as they drive in or out on the highway.

RECALL ELECTION IN DOUGLASS CO. SET FOR AUGUST 12

ROSEBURG, July 25.—The first recall election ever held in Douglas county has been set for Friday, August 12, at which time the voters of the Port of Umpqua will vote upon the recall of Joseph R. Butler and J. R. Browne as Port Commissioners. Warren Reed was named for recall in the petitions filed but prior to filing of these petitions he tendered his resignation, and A. L. Butler, of Scottsburg, was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Butler being newly appointed cannot be recalled, even should the voters desire to take such action, until after he has served six months in office.

TOURIST BOOKLET OF AD CLUB IS OFF THE PRESS TODAY

The new edition of the Union County Ad Club's booklet on Union county is off the press. The new booklet contains detailed information regarding the county and its resources and industries. Statistics showing that the term "The Banner County of Eastern Oregon" is not an exaggerated slogan are also found in the booklet. One of the new features of the booklet is the map of La Grande. This map, drawn by C. B. Miller, architect, shows the roads used in entering and leaving the city and also gives the location of the principal garages and hotels. The temporary auto park at Riverside Park and the road leading to it is also given.

PEACE PROPOSALS DISCUSSED.

DUBLIN, July 25.—The peace proposals of Premier Lloyd George were taken up by DeValera and his cabinet today.

PRESENCE OF MIND SAVES TOWERY'S LIFE

G. E. Towery, manager of the La Grande Brick company, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon, when he caught his left leg in a kneading machine. The foot was drawn into the machine and crushed between the rollers, making it impossible to save the foot. The lower end of his leg was also crushed so that amputation was necessary about six inches below the knee.

The accident happened at about four o'clock and the limb was amputated at about six o'clock by Dr. R. P. Landis. This afternoon Mr. Towery was reported to be getting along well and it is believed that he will recover rapidly from his injuries.

The accident happened while Mr. Towery was working in his brick factory. The kneading machine is used in mixing the ingredients used in making bricks and the heavy rollers caught Mr. Towery's foot. His life would have been crushed out had it not been for his presence of mind. Realizing his dangerous position he threw off the belt that was turning the rollers.

FUNERAL TO BE TUESDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson, who died here Friday at the age of 97, will be held from the Bohunkamp chapel at two thirty tomorrow afternoon.

J. O. McCoy, of Echo, a grandson, who is one of her few surviving relatives, is here from his home to attend the funeral.

Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

GRANGE MASTER SUSPENDED

FREDONIA, N. Y., July 25.—S. J. Lowell, master of the national grange, has announced that he has written William Bouck, master of the Washington State Grange, suspending him from office for his alleged radical utterances at the June meeting.

Annual Fish Banquet Of Club Is Tonight

At eight o'clock this evening in the Foley hotel 150 members of the Fish, Wing and Fleets club will sit down to their annual fish banquet.

Members of the club in large numbers left for the streams and lakes of Union and Wallowa counties Saturday and Sunday to supply the fish for the affair. All fish must be at the hotel by six o'clock this evening.

Before finding their final resting place in the stomachs of the club members the victims of the sportsmen will take part in a contest to determine which of the members are to be allotted the many prizes which have been donated by dealers in sporting goods.

The prizes will be allotted for the best fish in the various classes—rainbow trout, eastern brook, bass, etc. Then there will be prizes for the best catches. These prizes will be given to parties of three, four and five members. In order that the smaller parties be dealt with fairly in awarding these prizes, the biggest catch of a five-man team will be used as a basis for determining the prize-winner.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



REMOTE LAKES STOCKED FROM UNION HATCHERY

Superintendent Bonney and L. A. Wright Supervise Work When Enjoyable Trip Is Made Into Mountains at the Source of the Minam River.

Believing that the headwaters of the Minam should be stocked with trout and being anxious to plant some Union hatchery's product where it would have a good chance to mature and develop, Superintendent R. H. Bonney, and L. A. Wright, of Union, planned a trip that has few parallels in Union county's history.

They left Union hatchery with their fish and traveled by truck to Minam, where they were joined by Rev. Fees, of Wallowa, and Game Warden George Rogers of Wallowa county. Charles Parcell acted as packer for the party and included in the number who took the trip was Sam Branton, of Bellingham, a guest of Mr. Bonney.

Packing into the mountains, it found easy going until they got well up the Minam when the country experienced was exceedingly rough. Heavy snows were encountered and these had not been expected. So deep was the snow that they found it impossible to go to the exact lakes they had planned on stocking but they freed their fish in Chimney lake on the Wallowa side of the slope and then went on to the Minam side, where they stocked the John Henry lake, neither of which had ever been stocked before.

The party started on the trip Tuesday and arrived at the lakes Thursday. On the return trip they fished some with exceedingly good luck and landed home in Union last night knowing they had done a good job for the sportsmen and for the state of Oregon.

TELEGRAPH NEWS SCARCE

Trouble on the Western Union wires this afternoon held up the regular telegraph news for the Observer beyond the usual time, with the result that the news which comes over the wires is this evening much curtailed.

RAISING OF MONEY BILLS ON CALENDAR

COMMITTEES OPEN HEARINGS ON THE TARIFF AT THE MORNING SESSION

TAX REVISION IS ON IN THE HOUSE

Interest Was Somewhat Subordinated From the Fordney Tariff Bill to the Tax Measure, Which Must Produce Seven Times as Much; Committee Schedule Is Not Set.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Money-raising legislation will occupy the attention of the congressional committees at each end of the capitol this week, with the senate finance committee opening hearings today on the Fordney tariff bill and the house ways and means committee ready for decision on the new tax bill Tuesday.

Although the tariff bill passed by the house Tuesday and designed to raise about half a billion dollars in revenue annually, was going into its second stage, interest was somewhat subordinated to the tax measure, which must produce more than seven times as much.

The senate finance committee has under consideration a plan to establish a clearing house of experts who would sift out suggestions regarded as worth while from the tax revision basket. The plan was understood to have the approval of most members of the committee and the experts probably will begin work while the committee itself is listening to tariff talk.

Fight on Tariff.
American valuation provisions of the Fordney bill will be first taken up by the senate committee Monday and Tuesday. The chemical schedule will next be given attention, because of the demand from some quarters for a dye embargo, a provision which was stricken out by the house after a long fight.

Proponents of a tariff on petroleum appeared Sunday night to have given up their fight, although they will ask for such a duty.
The house ways and means committee is going into its hearings on the tax measure without any set schedule. Chief among the tax bills which have passed through the house hopper is a bill by Representative Longworth, Republican, Ohio, who would repeal the excess profits, transportation and fountain drink taxes and reduce the higher brackets on personal incomes. The Longworth bill also proposes, as additional revenues, repeal of the exemption of \$2000 for corporations and the application of a 15 per cent tax on their earnings, in the hope that this will bring around half a billion dollars annually into the treasury.

LOST BOY SEES MAN ACROSS RIVER, WADES IN, DEAD

EUGENE, July 25.—George Emerson, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, who has been lost in the MacKenzie river district near Ballou's Rapids since Friday sudden. It appeared on the river bank Sunday afternoon, waded in and was drowned in sight of a fisherman, whose cries of warning the boy disregarded. The body was recovered later, several miles below the accident. It is supposed that the boy was frantic from hunger, and seeing the fisherman across the stream, tried to reach him.

SOME BUSINESS MEN DOUBT WISDOM OF EXPENSE NOW

Replacing of Poles Deemed a Matter For the Light Company To Determine

One of the topics of conversation on the main thoroughfare of La Grande this pleasant stormy Monday is the new plan for changing light poles, erecting fancy standards along Adams avenue, agreement of merchants to pay a minimum of fifty dollars each to have the lights connected from the alleys to their store's interiors, rather than from the front as is now done.

Behind the whole matter rests the financial condition of affairs and the probability of depressed business conditions for a period of time, all of which brings many business men to the conclusion that the old town is pretty good the way she is, that she has been mighty kind to every man in business who has worked and tried to make good, and that now is a poor time to begin driving with twelve cylinders when the old boat has been hitting along with four in a very satisfactory manner.

"It only costs about \$8,000," said one merchant, "but" he added "that is just \$8,000 that we can very nicely get along without spending at the present time. The railroad is cutting out every expense possible; the saw mills are doing likewise; every merchant is running with as little help as he can and cutting every corner to save expense. With this as a criterion is it coming out for the city to expend \$8,000 on a street lighting system which is wholly for show?"

"I understand the light company says if we don't do it now it will be years before we can have the opportunity again for they have poles standing now that are not safe and they propose to replace these poles. That is up to the company and if they will take care of their end of their business, the company will not let poles stand long that are unsafe, neither will it go to needless expense under present conditions. And besides, I am not a stickler on this pole in the street talk. These poles don't look so bad to me. It might be better to have the poles in the alleys and have beautiful standards along the main street, but some towns that have done this look mighty bare and they don't have the business La Grande has."

"Why would it not be a good idea to get over some of these flimsy ideas right now and settle down to paddle along until things get better. Every other town and city and every business institution in the country is doing that very thing and why should La Grande break the rule?"

"Another merchant objects to digging up fifty dollars to electricians to change his connections from the front to the rear. It has been estimated that a fifty dollar minimum will be necessary for this work, and this man who has been in business a good many years objects. Should the change be made he said, and else will be forced to make this expenditure."

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight fair, cloudy in the eastern portion Tuesday. Fair to moderate westerly winds.

Committees Are All Busy Working For Grange Fair

The plans for the fourth annual grange fair to be held October 6 and 7, are well under way, according to W. R. Gekeler. Committees are at work in each grange in the county and a large number of exhibits are already arranged for. A number of interesting features have been added to the program.

R. W. Ward, of the Wool and Mohair Growers' Association, will be present and will speak on wool growing and grading. He is also to arrange an interesting exhibit of different grades of wool. H. H. Weather, of the state board of horticulture, will speak on potato growing, taking up the various forms of potato disease, potato cultivation and the best varieties for this district.

County Agent Harry G. Avery is arranging special exhibits showing the best varieties of wheat, alfalfa, and potatoes grown in Union county. He will also arrange for a demonstration of culling poultry for laying.

Mrs. Mary E. Jones, chairman of

the home economics committee of the Oregon State Grange, will attend and hold special conferences for the women. Mrs. Charles Spencer and Mrs. Alex Robertson are arranging for special musical numbers.

The publicity committee is composed of E. D. Jasper, of Alico; E. L. Eckley, of La Grande; Mrs. Lynn Hill, of Elgin; Mrs. J. K. Lantz, of Cove; W. V. Ruggan, of Union; R. W. Briggs, of Tolawest; and J. A. Nice, of North Powder.

The program committee has as its members M. L. Carter, Durie Standley, Mable Arson, June Chadwick and Eunice Parks.

The county fair committee is made up of the chairman of each local grange, grange fair committee, who works with the fair manager, and secretary elected by the Pomona Grange. This committee is composed of W. R. Gekeler, manager; Ray Snider, J. K. Lantz, Mattie H. Golden, Harry G. Avery, J. A. Nice and Robert Withycombe.