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OLD OREGON TRAIL TO BE ADVERTISED

Meeting in Baker Yesterday for Purpose of Making Plans

TOURIST TRAVEL TO BE DIVERTED

California's Efforts to Keep Tourists for Herself To Be Opposed Strongly.

Every town and hamlet along the Old Oregon Trail between Salt Lake and Portland is to be impressed into a fight to swing tourist travel over the Oregon Trail instead of allowing it to take other routes to the west, and to prevent the traffic that comes from Chicago to Salt Lake from being diverted to California instead of over the Oregon Trail. This condition exists today, following a meeting in Baker yesterday afternoon, when many of the leading towns of Eastern Oregon were represented, and the creation of the Old Oregon Trail association was perfected.

The association will be extended into Idaho points touching all the towns along the way.

Big Problem.

The big problem before the association is the admission that probably no organization in Oregon devoted to exploitation has a bigger problem on its hands. The tourist bureau at Salt Lake are reported to practice persistently the habit of diverting traffic to California at every opportunity. Oregon is losing a great number of tourists this way. Other transcontinental routes are pulling traffic away from the Oregon Trail road. It is to offset these things that the organization was perfected.

While many problems were discussed at the main meeting it was not until a later meeting of the newly elected vice-presidents of the association that definite plans were begun. One of the very first things to be done is to erect graphic signboards at Salt Lake calling the attention of the tourist to the wonders of the Oregon Trail. These signboards will talk in spite of the disposition in Salt Lake to have tourists go to California. Other equally effective means to bring tourists this way will be worked out at the earliest opportunity, and another meeting of the vice-presidents will be held shortly.

W. E. Meacham of Baker was named president and James Caldwell of Union, Pat Foley of The Dalles, C. L. Barr of Pendleton, A. W. Nelson of La Grande, W. H. Doolittle of Ontario, James Kyle of Stanfield, Sidney Vincent and Phil Metcalf of Portland and C. N. Ravlin of Hood River were elected vice-presidents.

At the meeting Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, of Portland, reviewed the history of the Old Oregon Trail and emphasized the sentimental value of the name. Others speaking were: Bruce Dennis of the La Grande Observer; Donald Sterling of the Oregon Journal, L. R. Wheeler of the Portland Telegram, Phil Metcalf of the Northwest Tourist association and Sidney Vincent, of the Tourists' Information bureau, all of Portland. Mr. Vincent presented the two resolutions adopted by the meeting.

Legion Members Favor Loan Feature of Aid

About ninety per cent of the members of the American Legion here, according to reliable information, are taking advantage of the soldier's loan to either build homes or to apply the loan upon improvements in buildings they already own. Only about ten per cent of the Legion members are asking for the cash bonus.

On the contrary, outside of the Legion, the greater majority of the ex-service men are asking for the cash bonus. Most of the ex-service men who are working in the O. W. shops, and are not members of the Legion, are taking out the loan.

Very few of the men in La Grande are asking for home on farm acreage. Practically all of them are either building or improving their properties. In the outlying districts of the county the tendency is toward the loan for farming acreage.

One of the best Legion members

SEVERE COLD COVERS FOOD FOR COYOTES

Hungry Animals in Walla Walla County are Feeding On Deer Who Cannot Escape.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24. — Unless weather conditions moderate in Walla Walla county that section will lose a great number of deer this winter by coyotes, which are extremely hungry and ferocious because of the severity of the cold and heavy snow falls.

This report was received today by Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, from George Rogers, district deputy game warden of Walla Walla county.

Rogers said from personal investigation he has found conditions very bad. A heavy snow fall has been crusted over, making hard traveling for deer, but easy stalking ground for predatory animals. At one place Rogers reported two deer were chased over a 60-foot bluff by coyotes and at another a big buck fell into a water hole and was drowned under the river ice. He reports the river to be covered with a thick layer of ice so that the deer can find no escape from coyotes by taking to the water.

DAN M'WATERS PASSED AWAY

Hermit of Blue Mountains Fails to Survive Suffering In Lonely Cabin.

Dan McWaters, who was brought to the hospital here last Saturday in a serious condition, passed on at two o'clock this morning. McWaters was an aged man and for many years had lived near Hilgard, where he had been known as the hermit of the Blue Mountains.

He refused to spend the winter away from his home and when several weeks passed without his making a weekly trip to Hilgard friends from there went to his cabin and found him suffering from partial paralysis and cold. He had been without matches to kindle a fire for some time.

He has one uncle, so far as is known, E. P. Mahaffey, of Portland. Funeral arrangements are indefinite. Pending funeral arrangements the remains are at the Bohlenkamp chapel.

Hands of Executive Tied on Reparation

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — Declaring that congress had tied the administration's hands in dealing with the reparation commission, the president in a letter to Senator Frelinghuysen suggested legislative action to permit the United States to get its quota of reparation dues.

Mabel Normand Said To Be Seriously Ill

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24. — The condition of Mabel Normand, critically ill with influenza following her collapse after the murder of William Desmond Taylor, remained unchanged this morning.

Miss Normand's secretary told inquirers today that while her condition is serious her recovery is almost certain.

Smallpox increased on the Pacific Coast in the five years ending 1920.

GIRL SLAYS ACCUSED MAN DURING TRIAL

Dead Man Had Once Been Convicted of Crime; Retrial Granted

TRAGEDY ENACTED IN COURT ROOM

"He Will Never Ruin Another Girl" Seventeen Year-Old Lass Says After Pulling the Trigger.

(By Associated Press)

WACO, Texas, Feb. 24. — Miss Marine Mitthwa, seventeen, shot and instantly killed J. S. Crosslin today in court during the second trial of Crosslin for criminally attacking the girl two years ago.

Crosslin had obtained a new trial after being convicted and sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary. Miss Mitthwa had been called to the stand when she fired "He disgraced me, ruined my health and deprived me of school privileges," she stated after killing him. "But he will never ruin another girl."

Wong Sing on Trial in Bootlegging Case

The case of the State of Oregon against Wong Sing, who is accused of selling intoxicating liquors, that was appealed from the justice court is before the circuit court today. The case was commenced yesterday morning and is expected to be closed late this afternoon.

Wong Sing, who owns a restaurant, was tried before the justice court last August and found guilty of the above charge. He appealed the case to the circuit court.

Home Charity Fund Drive Meets It's First Hard Day

The first day of hard sledding for the home charity fund drive occurred yesterday when only \$100 was collected by the various teams at work in various parts of the city. In spite of the task of securing subscriptions of \$500 in two days confronting them the workers set out today determined not to give up hope.

Rats weighing three pounds have been known.

Heiress to Wed Horseman



The engagement of Mathilde McCormick, 16, daughter of Harold McCormick (shown above), president of the International Harvester Co. and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, to Max Oser, 45, owner of a livery stable at Zurich, Switzerland, has been formally announced.

Romantic Match Has Not Yet Been Consented To By John D. Rockefeller

DAYTONA, Fla., Feb. 24. — John D. Rockefeller Sr., grandfather of 16-year-old Mathilde McCormick, whose engagement to Max Oser, Swiss riding academy proprietor, has been announced by members of the McCormick family, has not given his consent to the match, according to close friends here of Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller is now at the Casements, his winter home at Ormond Beach, near here.

According to the Swiss marriage law, the fiancée will be obliged to go through the same civil marriage process as Mrs. William B. Linds, who married Prince Christopher of Greece, and other prominent Americans who have been wed in Switzerland. The bride-to-be must reside in the country at least three weeks before marriage.

The couple must have their full names, ages, professions and residences placed in large print on the wall of the town hall facing the street for three weeks before the ceremony. The Swiss law, which allowed marriages at foreign consulates was repealed by the federal government in 1911.

"He is one of the finest horsemen in the Swiss army," said an officer friend today.

Oser lost his father and mother long ago, and he lives alone. He has one younger brother who is in South America. He has no relatives whatever in the United States. He is of studious and artistic character, and neither has nor seeks many friends. Some of his friends here, still in unconscious and in a critical condition, had a year ago concerning his condition.

AMERICAN CAPTURED.

(By Associated Press)

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 24. — Capt. Theodore Marburg, son of a former minister to Belgium, accidentally shot in the head last Friday at Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mexico, according to reports from that place received here.

DAMOCLES AND THE HANGING SWORD



LOOK! 'GOT TWO CUTTIN' EDGES

SALES TAX PLAN DOOMED IS INDICATED

Two Committees Said To Have Rejected Proposed Bonus Financing Plan.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — The proposal to finance the bonus by a sales tax is understood to have been rejected by the special subcommittee of republican members of the house ways and means committee.

The proposition is said to have been supported by only three members. The proposal is to be submitted again late today at a meeting of the majority members of the ways and means committee.

Many Speak at the Baker Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Directors Elected; Several Editors Speak; Spirit of Good Fellowship Is Shown by All Present.

BAKER, Feb. 24. — At the annual meeting of the Baker Chamber of Commerce yesterday the following directors were elected: Two-year term—F. A. Phillips, Joseph Stoddard, N. N. Elliott, H. B. Ryder, John Schmitt; one-year term—J. P. Lott, Frank McCulloch, Charles Palmer, Charles K. DeNeffe, W. A. Southard.

Three hundred fifty members and invited guests were present, among the latter being representatives from many sections of Oregon, many of whom addressed the gathering.

A. A. Smith welcomed the visitors to the meeting, stating that it was indeed an occasion for gratification that following many years of effort to bring Baker to the attention of Portland and other cities of the northwest, success has at last been obtained as evidenced by the strong delegation present.

Days that have passed in Baker were related by Bruce Dennis, of La Grande, who urged complete harmony and unity of action throughout the state. The necessity of joining issues and fighting a united fight to save the state from socialism was brought home by the speaker, who also assured the Portland delegation that the people of Eastern Oregon are strongly for the 1925 fair and that when the proper time arrives residents of the state's metropolis will be surprised at the splendid support which will come from east of the Cascades.

"You'll get nowhere if you feel that any other community is holding you back. Insist upon the metropolis understanding that in Baker county is an enterprising, determined community that is bound to find some place in the sun." Such was the advice given by Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Portland Oregonian and dean of Oregon newspapermen. Mr. Piper stated that he had wondered whether the residents of Baker had any monument of memorial to that man who memorialized them by his deeds for his country. He urged that the city itself could be made a better monument to the name that man than could any monument of stone or architectural creation which might be erected and that the deeds of Colonel Edwin Baker be instilled into the mind of every boy and girl in the community. "Baker is given an opportunity to memorialize this soldier, statesman and orator as no other community," he added. Mr. Piper outlined the duty of the city toward the completion and maintenance of the Old Oregon Trail and he stated that he recognized no differences as existing between the various sections of the state.

ELIGIBILITY CONTESTED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — Senator Walsh contested the eligibility of Senator Smoot, and Representative Burton on the allied debt commission.

Last Number on Lycam Course to be on Monday

The last number of the present Lycam course will be given Monday, February 27, when the famous entertainer Cope will speak at the high school auditorium. Mr. Cope will give a wonderful record of entertaining and instructing is the foremost number on the course. While he will say much that has real meat in it, he will also entertain outright for he has that faculty, having won national distinction as an entertainer among soldier boys in France during the war.

of an audience soldier boys is obviously "more certain." It is said a man who has been in the army for a long time.

Weather

RESERVATION SATISFIES MR. HARDING

Majority Members of Committee Also Said To Be In Harmony

BRANDEGEE OFFERS STILL ANOTHER ONE

Johnson and Borah Said To Be Team Opposing Reservations to Four-power Pacific Treaty.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — The modified blanket reservation to the four-power Pacific treaty was reported satisfactory to the president and the majority members of the senate foreign relations committee and was debated by the committee today and an agreement reached to vote on the treaty and the proposed reservations tomorrow.

A new reservation was offered by Brandegee after a conference with the president. It reads "The United States understands that under the statement in the preamble, or under the terms of this treaty there is no commitment to armed force, no alliance, and no obligation to join any defense."

Johnson and Borah are understood to be opposed to this reservation.

Stoddards Lose In Close Game At Baker

The strong Stoddard Brothers' basketball team journeyed to Baker last night and lost to the Water Front Five by the score of 24 to 27.

The game was close throughout and until the last five minutes the Stoddards were well in the lead. The Baker quintette rallied and succeeded in hooping three baskets and winning the game.

The outstanding star of the contest was Red Blakely, who played center for the home team. The Stoddards were unable to fathom his style until late in the game.

CONFERENCE ARRANGED

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 24. — Signatories to the Anglo-Irish treaty were invited to London by Secretary of Colonies Churchill for conference.

BULLETINS

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Feb. 24. — Luis Guillen, Mexican, was hanged at the state prison today for the murder of two deputy sheriffs in Riverside county last November.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 24. — Henry Lafourcade, the "Bluebeard of Gambais," will be executed on the guillotine at Versailles tomorrow at daybreak. President Millerand today refused a petition to commute the death sentences for the murder of two women and a youth with which he is charged.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. — The U. S. shipping board announced that the steamship Columbia, the liner passenger vessel Great Northern, which has been the flag ship of the Atlantic fleet, will be sold, bids to close March 3. Resident Alexander of the Admiralty line is ready to submit a bid intending to put the vessel on a Seattle-Los Angeles run.