

WOODMEN HOLD INITIATION

(Special to The Observer)
 UNION, May 1.—District Deputy Farley of the Modern Woodmen of America has been in Union for several weeks securing candidates and getting ready for the organization of a M. W. A. camp here. Last Saturday night a team from Baker came over and put on the work. Deputy Hea dConsel for the Pacific Coast H. V. Rees was present and had charge of the meeting. Several auto loads came over from La Grande and there were several visitors from Cove, North Powder and a few from other lodges. The Baker delegation numbered about thirty and altogether there was about as big a crowd as the K. P. Hall could accommodate. Twenty-two young men were initiated by the Baker team. This was finished about eleven o'clock and the next hour was spent in enjoying speeches by the head officers of the various camps represented, and by Walter M. Pierce, who is state lecturer for this fraternity. Next a light lunch was served and afterwards the new members proceeded to organize Oregon Trail Lodge. The following officers were duly elected and installed: Horton, Venerable Consul; Erwin, Worthy Advisor; Paul Cook, Past Consul; Morris, Banker; Harp, Eserot; Mattox, Clerk; Blatt, Watchman, and Gilmore, Sentry. Dr. Gilmore was elected as camp physician. Harris, Tolin and Blacker were selected as trustees for the new lodge. Meetings will be held twice a month, on Friday evenings. Besides the beneficiary candidates there were five who will be only social members of the new lodge. The meeting closed about three o'clock Sunday morning.

At the local try-out at the Stock Show grounds last Friday afternoon, there was some fast work exhibited by several members of the high school track team. It was the senior class against the remainder of the school and the former won the contest by only a few points. Rubin is showing up in his usual form in the high hurdles. The Cook brothers tied for first honors in the vaulting, and all through the entire list of events the boys are showing up real well. Several of the teachers acted as judges and the schools were closed at two o'clock in order to permit the children witnessing the contests.

Mrs. L. A. Cook, who has been at Hot Lake for several weeks for her health, was brought home last week and is slowly improving.

The Missionary society of the M. E. church met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Jess Spencer in South Union. Mrs. E. F. Reuter was leader. A light lunch was served.

Burl Swiger was taken to Hot Lake a few days ago to receive treatment for his heart, which has become affected as a result of the flu. He will probably remain at the sanatorium for some time. At the last report he was a little better.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held next Tuesday afternoon instead of on Wednesday, this latter date conflicting with the county track meet, which is scheduled to

take place here on the latter date. Taking encouragement from the bumper crops and fair price received for their prunes during the past few seasons, many orchardists, and some new venturers, are setting out new prune orchards. Some are putting out several acres of new trees.

The boys of the grade schools ushered in the baseball season last Thursday afternoon, when the sixth grade boys crossed bats with the seventh. The game was well fought and ended in a victory for the upper grade boys, who had the others a little out-classed as to size.

While playing ball on the school ground last week Oscar Snook fell and cut a gash in his knee, requiring the services of a physician. At present the boy is rapidly improving.

The Union Republican has published a list of the committees for his Stock Show. The different departments heads are as follows: Executive, M. S. Levy; finance, Tony Smith; judges, Benson and Withycombe; classification, Cooper; premiums, Benson; admission, Cook; accommodations, Baird; transportation, Cooper; publicity, Cooper; grounds, Withycombe; sports, Benson; music, Wright.

RIVER STEAMER ROUTE PLANNED

Freight Line Will Ply Between The Dalles and Astoria, Announcement Says

ASTORIA, May 1.—Announcement of negotiations which are considered certain to result in the establishment of a river steamer freight route from The Dalles to Astoria and of a subsidiary line of smaller vessels to ply the Columbia east of The Dalles was made at the last meeting of the Port of Astoria commission.

The effect of such a steamboat service would be to overcome the 10 per cent differential in rail freight rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission against Astoria and Puget Sound cities from points in the Columbia basin south of the Snake river. It would also give the wheat growers of this district a better figure on their product because the water-shipped rate has already been arranged at a figure below the best existing rail rate to tidewater. Larger marketing facilities would also be available at the lower transportation rate, not only to the basin south of the Snake but to the whole of the Inland Empire.

The plan, which includes the operation of light draft craft east of The Dalles and the transfer of the freight to larger river boats and to barges at The Dalles, is being projected by Astoria buyers and shipping men and by interested farmers of the Inland Empire.

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FAMOUS WRITER IS A SUICIDE

Creator of Fatous Nick Carter "Dime Novels" Feared Old Age and Ended Life.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Nick Carter, intrepid, lynx-eyed sleuth, has lost his last battle. For 29 years he fought through a thousand grim fights with powerful desperadoes, battling his life against theirs in a relentless war on organized villainy. But fear—fear of old age and becoming a burden on his friends—beat him at last, and he fired his last shot Wednesday, killing himself instantly.

The body of Frederick Van Rensselaer Day was found in the Hotel Brockett at Nyack. Beside it was a note to Deputy Police Commissioner Faurot—the noted Inspector Faurot—telling the inspector why he had thus closed his career. Another note to Major Joseph Carcavajo, a friend of years, told how "things have gone to smash—I am tired out and want to try the long sleep. It is no sudden decision. I cannot stomach the thought of growing old and being a burden."

So Nick Carter died.

MODERN TOURIST HOTEL PLANNED

ASHLAND, May 1.—Plans for a modern hotel, with all contributory attractions, to be located in Ashland and to be the central feature in the development of the scenic and tourist advantages of Southern Oregon, were outlined by A. L. Richmond, Southern California hotel operator, to the citizens' hotel committee, which met in conference with him Wednesday afternoon.

The plan calls for the formation of a company with capital enough to swing a big proposition, no stock to be sold, but with first mortgage bonds bearing 6 per cent interest, of which Richmond said he and his associates would take one-half or more.

HOOCH OWLS HOOTED OUT

NEW YORK, May 1.—Hooch owls shall not hoot their hoots at the members of the Manufacturing Perfumeries association, nor try to hide the radiant odors of the synthetic orange blossom or Bronx behind the delicate perfumes properly belonging in a lady's boudoir. The bootlegger is to be driven out of the toilet water business. This is the decision of perfume manufacturers meeting here in

their twenty-eighth annual convention. As for the perfumer who makes gallons of liquor as against ounces of toilet water, the association has hung the black flag on such evildoers. All in all, the hooch owls can get little comfort from the perfume manufacturers' attitude on the liquor question. What alcohol they get will perfume a handkerchief, perhaps, but never the breath of a rum hound.

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By Order of the Executive Committee,
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