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PRIMARY PLAN OF NEW YORK IS APPROVED

Union County Republicans Favor Change In Oregon Law.

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Taxation of Notes and Similar Securities is Also Endorsed by Committee at Enthusiastic Meeting.

The best meeting of the Union County Republican central committee ever held, was the way the old time republicans described the gathering Saturday which met in the city hall and organized by electing officers and taking up some of the political problems for discussion, chief of which was a possible improvement on the present direct primary law.

It was agreed by every member present that something should be done to improve the present law, but there was no disposition on the part of anyone to return to the old convention system.

Prof. E. G. Bailey advanced the Iowa plan of holding its working in Iowa parties hold their primaries and if no one candidate receives a certain percentage of the votes cast a convention is held and nominations are made. Mr. Bailey merely offered the plan as a suggestion and something upon which the committee could argue.

The New York primary plan, which was sponsored by the late Theodore Roosevelt, was brought before the meeting. It provides for a state convention for the purpose of writing a party platform and to recommend candidates for the different offices, but does not prohibit others running.

R. J. Green was of the opinion that this would work better in Oregon than the Iowa plan. C. M. Humphreys analyzed both systems and decided for the New York plan. Dr. Wilson of Elgin also expressed his opinion favoring the New York system as did J. A. Matot and a number of others. Finally in order to get the matter in parliamentary shape H. H. Huron, of Imbler, offered a motion to the effect that the state committee from Union county be instructed to urge upon the state committee the need of an improvement in the present primary and ask that organization to work to the end that a campaign of information regarding the New York plan be started in Oregon.

The present law is written into the constitution and it requires a majority vote of the people to change it, hence Mr. Huron's idea of beginning now with a campaign for future improvement of the present primary.

R. J. Green called attention to the economic condition of the state and asked that republican party be the instrument for action in the way of economy. He advocated placing all notes and securities on the tax rolls by denying the holder of a note any standing in the courts of the state unless the note had been listed for assessment and taxation purposes. This would prevent any note being collected by law unless it had paid its share of tax. The committee was unanimous in favor of Mr. Green's idea.

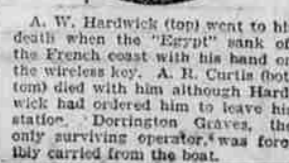
Officers for the coming year were elected by the committee. They are: J. H. Peare, chairman; R. J. Green, secretary; C. M. Humphreys, treasurer; J. A. Matot, congressional committee; Bruce Deana, state committee.

Sunday's Rain a Boom to Formers, Stockmen

The rain of yesterday was reported quite general throughout the valley and as a result the farmers who have spring wheat in the ground have put on a smile again, for the extremely hot weather of the past few days and the lack of rain had begun to show on the crops and if the hot dry spell had continued the spring wheat would have been very poor.

Stockmen report that the range has been greatly benefited and that the rain means a large amount of additional food for the stock that is on the range this summer. The rain was heavier in the mountains than in the valley, the effect in some places being kept busy most of the night.

Sea Wreck Heroes



A. W. Hardwick (top) went to his death when the "Ezra" sank off the French coast with his hand on the wireless key. A. R. Curran (middle) died with him although Hardwick had ordered him to leave his station. Dorrington Graves, the only surviving operator, was forcibly carried from the boat.

AGED WOMAN KILLED TODAY BY HER SON

Portland Youth Admits Slaying Mother Aged 76 While She was Making Breakfast.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 5.—Mrs. Susan B. Weir, 76, was beaten to death this morning while cooking breakfast. Her son, Walter, 34, was arrested and admitted, the police said, that he killed her. They declare that he said he could not endure to see her suffer. Neighbors told the police that the mother had been ailing but not bedfast.

LARGE CHERRY CROP EXPECTED

"We expect the largest cherry crop we have had in seven years," said Chris Stackland, who spent Saturday in La Grande on business, returning to his home in Cove in the late afternoon. "The trees are growing fast, the cherries are rapidly ripening and everything points to a boom year in the Cherry Town."

Bings and Royal Ann cherries are contracted this year at seven cents a pound, according to Mr. Stackland. "However, it is very doubtful if we have our usual Cherry Fair this year," he states. The cherries are expected to ripen about July 20.

SUPREME COURT HOLDS UNIONS NOT EXEMPT

Coal Case Decision Rendered Today and makes Organizations Liable for Damages.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 5.—Labor organizations are not exempt from prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law, the U. S. supreme court announced today in deciding the Colorado coal case. It held that organizations can be held liable for property and other damages caused by acts of its members during strikes.

WILL TAKE A LONG VACATION

Misses Janet Jones and Nell Grimmett to make Tour of Three Months.

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From the Grand Canyon they are going to eastern points, planning to visit at Pittsburgh, New York, Washington, D. C. They will return to La Grande by way of Buffalo, New York, and over the Canadian Rockies.

IMBLER TO HAVE AN OIL STATION

The Standard Oil Company (California) have announced that they will, within a very short period, begin the erection of a distributing station at Imbler.

It is expected that the new station will be open for business within six weeks.

In the past Imbler, and the surrounding community have been served from the station located at La Grande but the increase in the amount of business done and the demands for more thorough service in the country tributary to this city has been one of the reasons why this station is to be built.

The station which the Standard Oil Company will build will consist of the necessary large storage tanks and warehouse facilities for handling the principal products of the company.

Evelyn Meets Her Granddad



Wm. Jennings Bryan recently met Evelyn Hargreaves, seven months old, his tenth grandchild, for the first time. Here they are with her big sister, Margaret.

Valentino Is Given Freedom

Justice of Peace Clears Actor of Bigamy Charges Today.

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AGED PIONEER LAID TO REST

The funeral of Aris Ryssdam, a pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, was held in Elgin yesterday afternoon, the body being interred in the Elgin cemetery. Mrs. Ryssdam passed away Saturday and was embalmed by the Snodgrass and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlor, who forwarded the remains to Elgin yesterday morning on the branch line train.

Aviators Complete Trans-Atlantic Trip

(By Associated Press) PERNAMBUCO, Brazil, June 5.—The Portuguese naval aviators, Captains Saendara and Coutinho, arrived here today, having flown in their hydroplanes from Fernando Noronha, completing the trans-Atlantic flight from Lisbon, interrupted by accidents in April and early in May.

SCENIC WONDERS OPENED BY NEW HIGHWAY GRADE

Old Oregon Trail Between Hilgard and Kamela One Of Columbia's Beauty Spots.

With the announcement from the division engineer's office that the State Highway Commission will direct traffic over the new grade between Hilgard and Kamela by June 15th much local interest is stirred up. Yesterday afternoon a great number of La Grande people drove over portions of the new grade and were introduced for the first time to the scenic features that prevail along the route. It is the agreement of everybody that has seen it that the Columbia River gorge alone exceeds in beauty and charm of this new highway.

The State Highway commission, through its local engineer, R. H. Baldoek, has decided on building a temporary overhead at Glover between Hilgard and Kamela. This will be done by about June 15th, at which time traffic can use the new grade with perfect safety and avoid the condition that exists between Hilgard and Kamela over the Pelican-Prairie route. People interested in tourist traffic are indeed pleased that these temporary provisions have been made at Glover because the old route has called down more condemnation and bitter feeling against Eastern Oregon than any other item concerned with tourist traffic. It was reported that the building of the temporary overhead is cheaper than the construction of a detour at Glover and certainly less expensive than to repair the old grade. The jam of traffic going over the mountains demanded that something be done along this way and it appears to all who have investigated it that the best solution has been reached. While no definite count was made yesterday it is estimated that 200 cars crossed the mountains, creating a traffic condition that naturally requires immediate attention to the roads.

The new grade is a little rough in places and will not be the best of going until the mired mud has been put on some time later this summer. Contractors are now preparing the way for this project. The crowning bit of scenery on the whole grade is at the junction of the grade with the Grande Ronde river where the road drops out of the mountains down the river grade. People who want to familiarize themselves with the beauty of Union county should make the trip.

POSTMASTERS TO ORGANIZE

The postmasters and rural carriers in Union county will meet in La Grande Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall for the purpose of forming a Postmasters' and Rural Carriers' County Council. Postmaster Ralph Huron, of La Grande, will take charge of the meeting as temporary chairman.

The business of the meeting will be to adopt a constitution, organize and hold an election of officers. The purpose of the council, which is endorsed by the Postoffice Department, is to meet matters of local interest, and to facilitate the efficiency and co-operation of the postal service in the local section. Replies have been received from practically all postmasters and rural carriers in the county and they are enthusiastic as to the formation of the council.

STUCK TO HIS POTS.—John Cooper, a dishwasher, refused to leave when told by the Steam Packet Inn was collapsing. He was buried under the walls, but firemen dug him out alive.

AMMUNITION SEIZED BY THE BRITISH

Ship From New York Had Barrels Of War Supplies For Ireland.

ULSTER BORDER IS NOW BATTLE FRONT

Village Of Pettigoe On The Donegal Border The Center Of Sunday's Hostilities.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, June 5.—A steamer from New York, bound for Fenit, County Kerry, with corn and a mixed cargo, has been held up in Tralee Bay by a British sloop. A large quantity of ammunition in barrels was seized. British troops have driven the Sinn Fein invaders from their main positions in Ulster territory and a large part of the border between northern and southern Ireland now virtually is a battle front.

The village of Pettigoe, on the Donegal border, was recaptured from the Sinn Fein invaders yesterday and the southern forces are also reported to have evacuated Belleek, 10 miles to the southwest.

Swarms of Soldiers. Reports from Belfast describe the border countryside as swarming with khaki, while the British general directs the operations from headquarters on a hill outside the town.

When it became evident that the British were moving in force against Pettigoe, the republicans began to withdraw, consequently there was little resistance to parties of soldiers in motor and on foot who dashed through the town shortly after noon.

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, June 5.—Military forces Sunday captured Pettigoe and captured republican prisoners, as well as a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

One Killed. One account says that after a heavy bombardment the British troops stormed Pettigoe in the afternoon. A hot machine gun fire was poured on the attacking forces but the only casualty was an automobile driver who was shot dead.

The commander of the Irish republican army and his staff are reported to have been captured.

A semi-official version of the fighting is quoted by the correspondent of the Belfast Telegraph, who says: "The military entered Pettigoe shortly after 1 o'clock and were fired on by the republicans. The artillery came into action and the republicans are believed to have suffered fairly heavy losses. The military have changed their position."

\$75-A-WEEK COOKS SHY. EDINBURGH.—Unable to get a cook, Mrs. Henry Alexander sent out a sandwich man bearing a sign offering \$75 a week to a capable woman. Only three applicants appeared.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) OAKLAND, Calif., June 5.—Five men are dead and three badly injured and the dryer wrecked at the Trojan Powder company plant at San Lorenzo, 11 miles from here, today, as the result of an explosion.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 5.—The federal trade commission issued a formal complaint against the Bethlehem Steel corporation and the Lackawanna Steel company, charging unfair competition. The complaint is the outgrowth of the recent steel merger.

Mistreat Their Car and Land in the City Prison

Three men, Frank Dugovic, Joe Banton and A. Barner, are residing in the city jail today, having been arrested yesterday charged with larceny of a car. Frank Dugovic, who claims to be the owner of the car, a 1917 model Maxwell, is in possession of a bill of sale and the police and sheriff's office are investigating the authenticity of the document.

The men are alleged to have stolen the car in King County, Washington. They drove from there to three miles west of Aberdeen, where they signed the car over and changed the engine with new. They state that the engine they damaged the car was stolen.

to the fact that it would not run. After trying to sell the remains for \$25 they walked to La Grande, where they were arrested. Dugovic said he didn't want the car and gave the bill of sale to the police department. Three tires were stolen from the car after it had been abandoned.

