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FRUIT MEN IN HUGE MERGER FOR SELLING

Nation-wide Sales and Distribution Campaign is Announced.

TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY FIRST

One of Concerns in Consolidation Has Been Marketing Agency for Many Co-operative Concerns.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 21.—Consolidation of the North American Fruit Exchange and the Federated Fruit Exchange, Inc., effective January 1, 1922, was announced today by the fruit growers who have completed arrangements for the establishment of a nation-wide sales and distribution service for their members. The North American company has been in operation since 1911 and is now being used by a large number of co-operative associations as a sales agency. Arthur R. Bule, general manager of the North American company, will become general manager of the fruit growers after consolidation.

TOLL GATE ROAD MEETING CALLED

An important road meeting will be held at Weston Saturday, July 8, for the purpose of furthering the construction of the proposed highway connecting northern Union and northern Unmatilla counties, crossing the Blue mountains from Elgin by what is known as the Toll Gate route to connect at Weston with the Oregon-Washington State highway, according to the Weston Leader. Federal aid has been asked for this highway, which passes through the Wenaha National forest.

Delegates will be invited to attend this meeting from Walla Walla, Pendleton, Weston Mountain, Freewater, Athena, Holik, Elgin, Joseph, Enterprise, La Grande, and other points interested in the two-county road connection that will be of great benefit in serving the traffic needs of both counties and in rendering the Wenaha National forest more accessible.

The meeting is called for 11 a. m. At twelve o'clock the delegates will be entertained with a fine dinner at Memorial hall and a program of music. The hall will then be thrown open to the public and short addresses relating to road development, with especial reference to the Union-Unmatilla highway, will be given by a number of prominent speakers. A road organization for the promotion of this proposed highway is planned. At a special meeting of the Weston Commercial club, held Monday evening, Clark Wood, Nelson H. Jones and E. M. Smith were appointed a committee of arrangements with power to appoint sub-committees to look after the various details of the road meeting. It is expected that the local club and the Weston Mountain Community club will co-operate in providing the banquet.

REGATTA TODAY. PORTLAND, June 21.—The regatta with 16 events on the Willamette river is the Rose Festival feature today. Representative Adlee Robertson of Oklahoma is to address a mass meeting this afternoon.

Gale Blows but Band Gives its Concert

A gale blowing across the city last night discommoded the first 1922 outdoor concert to be given by the La Grande band. So hard was the wind that the musicians could not keep their music on the racks in front of them and as a consequence the exceptionally interesting program that had been prepared was changed at the last moment to meet the conditions. Leader Andrew Loney substituted some light music written on sheets that could be controlled on the racks. The versatility of the band is demonstrated in the fact that praise was generous and loud for the splendid impromptu program, few of the audience knowing that the program had been changed at the last moment. The program was well received but those who had appeared at the concert to hear the "Post and Pessant" and other well known classics that had been advertised, were disappointed. Mr. Loney promises the public that some of the pleasing numbers left off the program last night will be presented at a nearby date. The wind was so heavy that those who sat stood to the north and south and

TRAIN LOSTS WHISTLE.

Unof reports state that the res. that No. 24 was late yesterday because, due to excess in the train, the whistle blown in case of the train could not proceed without its whistle. This is stated to have happened on the division.

MOTHERHOOD FLOAT TO BE IN PAGEANT

Ad Club and Committee of Women Work Out Details for La Grande's Participation in Baker.

Definite plans were worked out yesterday afternoon by a committee of women in conjunction with the manager of the Ad club for the appearance in the Baker Pageant of one or possibly two splendid floats. Assurance of the historical float, "Motherhood of the Grande Ronde Valley," has been given because the Ad club was fortunate in obtaining a team and wagon at Baker without transporting an outfit from here. The terrific demand for horses and wagons at Baker had all but eliminated the opportunity for La Grande to obtain a Baker team. At the meeting yesterday afternoon an extremely unique float was devised and is dependent only on the possibilities of getting another team at Baker. This additional float will make an especially unique attraction. If plans mature as worked out yesterday La Grande will have four features in the Baker Pageant, the Motherhood float, the La Grande band, the float that is in doubt, which will feature the old-fashioned family equipment being the exact buggy that was used by A. W. Ryneason and Mollie Sharp the day they were married in 1892. In the buggy will be grandchildren and great grandchildren of the original pair. The "99" committee of the Elks club will make up the fourth feature. Those attending the meeting yesterday and who worked out the plan were: Mrs. George H. Curry, Mrs. Hattie McDonald, Mrs. Ella Ryneason, Mrs. Kate Hanley, and Mrs. Sherwood Williams. The committee is now selecting pioneers and their children who will exemplify the characters on the Motherhood float.

EXAMINATION FOR CARRIER

The United States Civil Service Commission announces in postoffice clerk-carrier examination, to be held on July 15, 1922, for the purpose of establishing an eligible register from which selections may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of Clerk or Carrier, Postoffice Service, La Grande, Ore. Salary, \$1400 per annum. All citizens of the United States who meet the requirements, both men and women, may enter this examination; appointing officers, however, have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Age limits, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination. Age limits do not apply to persons entitled to preference on account of military or naval service. For further information and application blank apply to Claude L. Mackay, local secretary, board of civil service examiners, at La Grande, Ore., or to the Secretary, Seventh U. S. Civil Service District, 303 Postoffice Building, Seattle, Washington.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP NOT ASKED

Union Official Declares This Question Will Not Be Raised

LABOR BOARD HEAD MAKES STATEMENT

Many Indications Seem to Point to a Strike of Shop Craft Workers.

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, June 21.—Government ownership and operation of the railroads will not be an issue in the threatened strike of 1,500,000 shop workers and others, spokesmen for the rail unions Tuesday told the American Federation of Labor convention, which responded to their request by withholding a reaffirmation of the federation's stand on the questions of such a policy. "The rail unions have not abandoned their public ownership or indifference," declared William D. Johnston, president of the machinists' union, in explaining the request. "We ask no declaration, however, because we have a most unfriendly and unsympathetic administration at this time. Our enemies would say, if the strike occurs in the very near future, that the fight was for government ownership. I believe the strike is inevitable, for there is no other way out, and we want the issue clear cut. The issue is the amelioration of the wage cuts by the railroad labor board."

Similar pleas by others who are the prospective leaders in the threatened walkout, led Max Hayes of Cleveland to withdraw his motion for a re-declaration of the government ownership policy. The discussion was injected into the convention's work when it for a second time during the day went on record as favoring repeal of the transportation act in which connection it denounced the railroad labor board for its orders, especially those reducing wages and changing working conditions. Consideration of the strike threat in connection with the resolution for repeal of the transportation act provoked the only long discussion of the day's business, which was crowded with business.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 21.—Disaster for the striking railway unions and unfortunate results to their membership were predicted to follow the threatened walkout, on which a strike vote is now being taken by nine railroad labor organizations, in a letter from Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the railroad labor board, to the union leaders Tuesday. Answering a letter from the union chiefs to the board, which declared the executives would authorize a strike if the employees demand it, Chairman Hooper made categorical reply to the "effers, assaults" on the board, for which he declared there was no ground.

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BABE RUTH IS IN BAD AGAIN WITH UMPIRE

Talks Back When Told of Decision and as Result is Given Another "Lay-off" by President Johnson.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 21.—Babe Ruth's argument with Umpire Dimmen yesterday will keep him out of the game two days in addition to the three-day suspension imposed yesterday. He will not be able to play until Monday. President Ben Johnson increased the suspension to five days when he received a report from the umpire to-day detailing Ruth's remarks when ordered off the field yesterday in compliance with Johnson's three-day suspension order which was imposed for disputing Dimmen's decision in a game Monday.

Johnson announced that Ruth was suspended without pay and that the decision will cost Babe \$1500, or \$300 a day, which Johnson said was Ruth's salary.

"Babe Ruth is going to behave himself or keep out of the game all summer," said Johnson.

ODD FELLOWS TO CONVENE

The annual convention of the Union County Odd Fellows association will be held in Coos Friday night, Saturday afternoon and evening of this week. The La Grande Odd Fellows degree team will compete with the degree team from Union Friday night for the Union county association banner.

Saturday afternoon a business session will be held and Saturday night the Rebekah degree team will compete with the Elgin Rebekahs, and possibly several others, for the Rebekah banner.

A large number of Odd Fellows from La Grande will attend.

Two Robberies in Portland

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 21.—Knocking off the combination knobs of fire proof safe cabinets burglars last night stole about \$300 from the Knight shoe store and between \$15 and \$20 from the J. C. English electric store. No explosives were used. The police claim these "punch jobs." They believe both jobs were done by the same robbers.

STEAMERS COLLIDE. PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—The steamer Thomas F. Beal from Pacific coast ports, via Baltimore, collided with the Norwegian steamer Vieto off Cramps shipyard today. The Vieto was damaged, while the Beal escaped with slight damage to her stern. The Vieto was at anchor.

HILL DECORATED.

PASADENA, June 21.—Marshal Joffre, in the name of the French government, today decorated with the insignia of officer of the Legion of Honor, Samuel Hill of Seattle, who escorted the marshal across the United States on his recent trip. Marshal Joffre alluded to the happiness which had been afforded him by his reception in America.

NOMINATE WOMAN FOR U. S. SENATE

Democratic Party in Minnesota Names Mrs. Olesen at Primaries

FIRST TIME IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY

State of Maine Republicans Re-Nominate Senator Hale for the Senate; Made no Personal Canvass.

(By Associated Press) ST. PAUL, Minn., June 21.—A woman has been nominated for United States senator by a major political party for the first time in the history of the country. This became apparent when returns from half the precincts participating in Monday's primary election showed Mrs. Anna Dickie Olesen had captured the senatorial nomination of the democratic party from two male opponents.

With the outcome of the major republican contests apparently determined, interest turned today to the race Mrs. Olesen made.

Renomination of Frank B. Kellogg, senator; J. A. O. Pears, governor, and other republican state officers, with the possible exception of clerk of the supreme court, was indicated.

Born in Minnesota 26 years ago, Mrs. Olesen lived on a farm in the southern part of the state until she was married to Peter Olesen, now superintendent of city schools at Cloquet. They have one child, Mary, 14 years old, who has taken an active interest in her mother's entry into politics.

Grain Bill is Reported on

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 21.—The house rules committee voted today to give the right of way to the Capper-Tincher grain exchange bill which would supplant the future trading act to meet the recent supreme court decision. The measure will be taken up by the house this week.

NEW FACTORY BEING BUILT

The erection of the new one-story brick factory for the La Grande Construction Co. is progressing at a rapid pace. The work, which is in charge of C. E. Harris and H. P. Neilson, the members of the firm, was commenced about ten days ago and the building is expected to be complete within two weeks. The new factory is being built on the site of the former building at the corner of Greenwood and Madison.

WASTE IS URGED.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—A conference of the public utility commissioners from far-western states to discuss the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific separation question closed today with a telegraphic appeal by the commissions of California, Arizona and New Mexico to the interstate commerce commission to expedite its proposed consolidation scheme for the two railroads under authority of the transportation act of 1920.

Man May Have Drowned in Grande Ronde River

Whether Harvey Warner or Warner was drowned in the Grande Ronde river or not is a question that is puzzling the sheriff's office this week. Yesterday Frank Wright and Mr. Chennault reported the finding of a tool chest attached to a spiked two by four timber, on the banks of the Grande Ronde about six miles below La Grande on the Choquait place, which contained a pair of shoes, possibly size 11, clothing, about a dozen loaves of bread, a hip saw, a banjo and a French harp and numerous other minor articles. In the clothes was found a paid statement from the B. McCallum Lumber company of Wheeland, Wyoming, dated February 13, 1921, amounting to \$120. On the bill was articles such as nails, paint, fir sheathing, etc., indicating that

PAY FOR LOBBYIST.

EUGENE, June 21.—A circuit court jury last night awarded former Governor Oswald West \$12,681 dollars for lobbying for Coos county for the land grant bill in congress in 1919.

J. P. JACKSON PASSED AWAY AT RIPE AGE

Had Lived Here Since the Year 1896 and Was Over Four Score Years of Age.

The death of J. P. Jackson occurred Monday evening at the family home, 1208 First street. Mr. Jackson was over 81 years of age at the time of his death and had lived in the Grande Ronde valley since the year 1896.

Deceased was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, on May 24, 1841. He was married to Laura Jane Baker at Des Moines, Iowa, on June 23, 1875, and moved from Iowa to Nohraska in the year 1877. In the fall of 1896 he came to the Grande Ronde valley and has resided here ever since.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his widow, two children, Elton Jackson of San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Della E. Parkinson of La Grande. One son, William, died in 1901. Mr. Jackson was the last of a large family of brothers and sisters.

Besides his wife and children he leaves many other relatives. Those of Island City is a brother-in-law and George and Wayne Wade are nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the family home, 1208 First street, at 1 p. m. Friday.

HOVERIZED IS BRANCHING OUT

BAKER, June 21.—Articles of incorporation of the Baker Hooverized Grocery company have been filed with the county clerk and the concern has negotiated the purchase of the business and lease of building of the Baker Mercantile company and will commence business July 1.

W. H. Graves of La Grande will be the active manager of the new company. The Baker Hooverized Grocery company is one of several stores operated by the company in the northwest. They have two stores at Yakima, Wash., two in La Grande and one in Enterprise.

MORE OIL UNCOVERED

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, June 21.—Oil explorations from Mexico during the year 1921 totalled approximately 195,000,000 barrels as against 153,000,000 barrels in 1920, according to figures published recently by the department of finance. Taxes from this exploration netted the Mexican government more than 50,000,000 pesos.

PEKING, June 21.—Sun Yat Sen, formerly president of the South China republic, was captured by the United China forces and is being held a captive on a Chinese cruiser near Canton, according to advices to foreign legations.

LONDON, June 21.—The government was defeated today in the house of lords when a motion condemning the Palestine mandate was adopted 69 to 29.

BODY OF MAN WEIGHTED BY BARS FOUND

Sailors Searching for Drowned Boatswain Locate Other Body.

HAD BEEN IN THE WATER 3 MONTHS

Sailor Fell off Boat Yesterday and Although Good Swimmer Failed to Come to Surface.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 21.—Sailors searching the Willamette river for the body of Boatswain Conroy, drowned yesterday, found this morning the body of an unidentified man about 50 years old, bound with rope and weighted down with two iron bars. He apparently had been in the river for three months and officers were unable to determine whether the man was a suicide or a victim of foul play.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 21.—S. B. Conroy, 35, boatswain's mate on the Battleship Connecticut, here for the Rose Festival, was drowned during the pageant attending the arrival of the festival queen. He fell from a high position on a barge decorated as a sailing vessel. A chair fell with him and it is believed it hit him on the head, rendering him unconscious for he sank immediately and patrol boats were quickly on the spot. They failed to find a trace of him. He has been in the navy 16 years and was a good swimmer and had rescued several persons from drowning.

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Weather

Tonight and Thursday fair.

