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ENTERPRISE DOKIES COMING

ENTERPRISE, July 24. — Plans for representation at the annual Dokie convention to be held at La Grande the first of September are being made by Wallowa county members of the order, which is a branch of the Knights of Pythias. It is expected that nearly 4,000 visitors will be at the convention which will be a gala affair, rather the hospitality of La Grande to the limit.

A drill team will go from Enterprise, it was decided at a meeting Monday night. The men will wear simple uniforms and will practice sufficiently to go through some evolutions on the street.

A float for the parade will be entered in the contest. It appears that about every town within 200 miles of La Grande will have a float and the competition for first prize will be keen.

An even more ambitious undertaking, the Enterprise contingent will take the philharmonic orchestra which will have a place of honor at the public program to be given one night. The Madrigal club also will contribute to the program.

Elaborate Dokie ceremonial menus in gorgeous uniforms and accompanied by bands and fife and drum corps will attend from Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla and other large cities. For example the Walla Walla lodge has a 20-piece band and 140 drum corps, and Portland's ceremonial team is expected to number about 150 men. Some of these teams will travel in their own Pullman trains, in which they will live at La Grande.

William Miller and A. W. Nelson were at the Lostine picnic of the Knights of Pythias last Sunday selling at the La Grande booth.

STARKEY WHEAT LOOKING GOOD

(Special to The Observer)

STARKEY, July 24. — Although no rain has fallen for many weeks it is dry and dusty, the wheat in this section is not burned. Some of the farmers here are now stacking their hay while many have already finished.

R. L. Sullivan is helping Len Ingham stack hay.

Mrs. R. L. Sullivan took her baby to La Grande last Monday because of illness.

L. L. Burnett sold his fine saddle horse, "Red," to Arthur Smythe. He received an excellent price for it.

Smythe Brothers are separating their lambs from the bands and started on the trail to Meacham today to ship the lambs.

Gus Smythe, president of Smythe Brothers Sheep company and Hugh Van Schoiack, worked in Starkey Friday to superintend the separating of the sheep.

Mrs. Blanche Hylton of New Plymouth, Idaho, a niece of F. S. Rose, and J. R. Hamilton, rider for Smythe Brothers, were married in La Grande July 11. Although all Starkey was ready to receive them with bells and guns they stealed their friends here and sneaked out on the Grande Ronde river trade.

Joel Starrin went to La Grande Thursday for some dental work.

GOLD FISH AND OIL GOOD CURE

NEW YORK, July 24.—Dr. Herman M. Biggs, state health commissioner, says the only known cure for the mosquito pester are gold fish and oil used separately.

If one wishes to patronize the Standard Oil company, or the petroleum industry, he defies to put enough in stagnant water to destroy the eggs of the mosquito and kill the larvae and infant mosquitoes before they grow up. All fish are food of mosquitoes, he says. Tarpon, tuna and fish of salmon will do equally well as gold fish as exterminators of the silver spider.

The mosquito situation, aside from the pacific western region, became of the heavy rains of the last six years, includes the advice that all stagnant pools should be populated with fish and heavy bodies of stagnant water treated with kerosene or other oil. Oil will not do the work.

The New Jersey fish and game commission recommends pickerel, sunfish as destroyers of mosquitoes in their larvae.

MOSQUITOES PUT HOBOES TO ROUT

SUNNY, Nev., July 24.—A dense swarm of hungry mosquitoes mysteriously appeared here with the recent rains and made off with the entire population of the village of Sunny, one night. The men were allowed to accompany the women to the extent that they had to carry their wives for protection.

The last sight in the washed region the population of one hobo was seen to go out to see the commonwealth, and from Gilmore down through Slate county, city, to the nearest stable there was a rush that made by automobile and motorcycle an camp of mystery.

It is hard to say whether the greater amusement was shown by the officials when they first heard the strange tale or by the innocent hobos when they received the attention of the august body of officials.

BERRY CROPS IN THEIR PRIME

CONVE, July 24.—Conve is a busy place these days. The cherry, apricot and prune crops are being picked daily. Loganberries, red raspberries and black caps are just in their prime. The growers of all these fruits are now caring for their crops and every man, woman and child is pressed into service. At the beginning of this season there seemed to be a vast array of workers awaiting the beginning of the packing, but as the season has cracked its height there is a scarcity of help. Not only are the fruit growers looking wistfully for help, but farmers with lots of hay to be stacked are unable to get help anywhere for it. The cherries are fine. The trees are loaded with the best crop fruit. The Royal Anne that are nearly all sold to the canneries are large and firm, with the beautiful pink tinge that distinguishes it from all other cherries. Bings and Lamberts are packing 8-lb. and 5, a large size for even the Bing, most experts.

At market time there looks like a thriving city with the streets filled with pedestrians and equipages of all varieties. There are many strangers in our midst. Gus Gibson is assisting John Dean with the Libby, McNeil and Libby outfit.

J. Archer Hyde represents Schwabacher and Hirz, and has charge of the shipment of cherries and J. S. Dunham is looking after some special express.

Dr. H. C. Kellogg of Los Angeles, California, with his wife and son, is spending his vacation in Conve, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hill. Mr. Kellogg will not return to California this fall, but will be connected with the sanatorium at Walla Walla.

The Epworth League in the name of Deputy Grove, of Island City, came over to Conve Sunday evening.

The Epworth League of Conve are custom mower for a stump in the church. There is already a good little purchase for this worthy cause and they hope to increase it by one more. They are planning for Saturday evening on the lawn of the Geo. Anderson home. Dance and refreshments will be served and it is hoped a bumper crowd will be in attendance to aid in this worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindley of La Grande are visiting in Conve.

The Ladies Guild was entertained by Mrs. E. H. Tobias and Mrs. L. N. Cooley at the home of the latter Thursday afternoon.

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PREMIER SEES RED'S DECLINE

(By Associated Press)

STOCKHOLM, July 24.—Premier Branting of Sweden believes that a permanent peace has settled over eastern Europe, that in Scandinavia and that bolshevism will never make any inroads in this part of the world.

These thoughts appear in an interview in the press. In answer to the question whether bolshevism could successfully invade Scandinavia, Mr. Branting said:

"Certainly not, for, according to my opinion, the bolshevist have already seen their best days, and bolshevism may definitely be said to be on the decline.

Asked whether he believed in lasting peace in the north, the premier said:

"I have reason to believe so. We have no cause here for military adventures."

The premier doubted that the northern nations in the Scandinavian countries would ever direct to open armed conflict.

MEXICAN REBELS SURRENDER

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, July 24.—Gen. Francisco Coloneo, the rebel leader who has been operating for some time in the Huasteca oil region, has received official amnesty and has surrendered to the federal authorities, according to advices received Tuesday from Tampico. Coloneo for some time was allied with General Gorozave, who was killed by federal soldiers under command of Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez.

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