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BLACK FAVORS SOME HOME MAN AS HEAD

Also Believes Salary Paid is Too High Considering Present Conditions

HUMPHREYS WOULD DEMAND RESULTS

Sherwood Williams Stated That He is Taking no Side Relative to Present Manager.

With the city campaign beginning its self along on three cylinders until a few days ago trying to get some attention, suddenly all spark plugs were cleaned and the other cylinder began working, which brought the city back to the front. The action was due probably to the gradual crystallization of sentiment for and against Mr. Kratz, the present city manager.

Mr. Kratz was brought here from Chicago, Oregon, to take the place of George Garritt, who resigned to accept a like position in Grand Junction, Colorado. Since taking the position of opposition to him developed in the community but never reached a climax. With the resignation of President Garritt, the Kratz campaign position had ceased to be, but in this campaign it has been taken up by some of the voters until it is very much of an issue in the city campaign.

Believing that the city charter falls in its original intention of making the manager's office one of the departments to report and be guided by the city commissioners, and that gradually the city has lost that feature of the charter until at present the question of the manager is decided by a factor in the election, the different candidates for city commissioner, with the exception of Mr. Williams, who is in the mountains and could not be located, have been interviewed relative to their opinions regarding the managerial position.

Black is Anti-Kratz.
"I absolutely believe that a head man should be employed for the position of city manager," stated C. J. Black. "I am not attacking Mr. Kratz personally by this statement but I believe that a La Grande taxpayer is better off for the manager's seat than one who is called in from an outside point."

"Another thing that comes to my attention is, as I believe it to be, the over-largeness of Mr. Kratz's salary. Three hundred dollars a month, paid to an official who has the position of city manager and is supervising everything, appears to me as an unreasonably high salary. I believe that the city manager should have no other city duties to attend to and that the supervising should be done by a city auditor."

Not Talking Sides.

Sherwood Williams, present city commissioner, who is running again for the office, stated that he is not taking sides on the home of Kratz or anti-Kratz. S. H. Forsyth, who is interviewed last evening, stated that he was not attacking Kratz and neither was he recommending him. "I believe that if I was making a change, a La Grande man would be more desirable than one from an outside point," he stated. "However, I do not wish anyone to misconstrue my statement. If Mr. Kratz is delivering the goods, I am ready to back him to the hilt, should I be elected, but if he is not, then I would be in favor of hiring another man. It seems to me that \$300 per month is a rather high salary to be paid a city official, unless his work justifies such a salary."

C. M. Humphreys' Opinion.

"I have had no chance to say into either Mr. Kratz or Mr. Garritt's record," stated C. M. Humphreys, and therefore I am not in a position to take sides on the matter. I will say, nevertheless, that if I should be elected to the city commission, that I will strive to give my best efforts to the city and that should I find that any city official is not satisfactory, I will be in favor of immediate dismissal. At the same time, I will support those who are satisfactorily performing their duties to the utmost."

"I have no friends to recommend, nor any enemies to punish," continued Mr. Humphreys, and in the event of my election my only aim will be to do my best for the betterment of the community."

THE WEATHER.
PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—Tonight and Sunday will be generally fair, heavy frost in Eastern portion early morning.

Starvation and Disease Overtakes Thrace People

(By Associated Press.)
DEDEAGATCH, Thrace, Oct. 28.—Exhausted by slow, weary flight toward Macedonia, vast swarms of refugees are crowding the country.

ELKS PLAN BIG SHOW AT ZUBER

New Stunts Along With the Old Frontier Days Features Will Be Included.

"We are going to have some happy surprises for the people who patronize the Forty-Nine show this year, and everyone is going to be there," remarked Claude Mackey of the Elks committee which has been selected to put on the big show.

This year it is to be at Zuber hall and a great white way will be installed from the corner of Washington and Fir streets to the hall.

The committee is busy rigging up every device known in the days of Ezra Meeker. Walter Meacham of Baker who is pushing the Oregon Trail to the front, has been invited to lead the show and Charles Runyan will handle the Twenty-one game just as it was handled in the early days and later at Goldfield and Tonopah.

FLAPPER PANTS CAUSE RUMPUS

PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—Civil war has broken out in the student body of Jefferson high school here. The cause is the advent of flapper pants. A few boys students hitherto noted for their national leadership blossomed forth in the lead, buttoned and sash-mounted, neither parents. They were rewarded with glances plainly registering admiration from the feminine side at assembly, but their joy in this triumph was somewhat dampened by a stalled resolution on the part of maintaining fellow students.

The strain which followed the pact worn. Boys students met and resolved that plain American trousers were good enough for any Jefferson student and that Mexican pants should be taboo.

Nevertheless, two more youths appeared wearing them. One was seized forcibly, carried into a neighboring theater and stripped of what he wore below the waist line. He stayed right where he was until a kindly policeman had taken him. The other was overpowered in a hallway of the school, pinched and thrown. All the peace buttons which adorned his pants from the knees down were cut away and the times became were ridged.

An Anti-Poon society was organized.

KU KLUX KLAN MAN TO BE ON

Fight to Keep Mayfield's Name Off Ballot in State of Texas is Failure.

(By Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 28.—On advice of the attorney general, Secretary of State Staples today certified by telegram to all county clerks the name of Karl B. Mayfield as Democratic candidate for United States senator.

The state supreme court last night granted a motion to stay the action of Navarre county court in an injunction suit seeking to prevent certification of Mayfield's name as a candidate at a court hearing. Recently Mayfield testified he had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan but had resigned before becoming a candidate for the office of senator.

W. H. Williams, One of Valley's Older Citizens, Passes On

Death claimed W. H. Williams, aged 74 and one of the valley's senior citizens, this morning. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Roger Deal. The funeral will be held from the Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Sliton delivering the funeral service. The body is at the new chapel of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company.

FILIPINO BURIED

Roman Cabanela who passed away recently as a result of a paralytic wound received while attempting to resist arrest, was interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral was held from the Bohnenkamp chapel.

INQUEST WILL BE HELD OVER THOSE KILLED

Montana Tragedy Not to Rest Until Official Cause of Deaths are Recorded.

(By Associated Press.)

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Oct. 28.—That Mrs. Carleton, who killed her son, Christopher, and then committed suicide, threatened her life was the statement of Mrs. Carleton today. Chief Moran of the Great Falls Police Department today told the Leader that Mrs. Carleton did not accompany him home following the restaurant supper as was reported yesterday. Mrs. Carleton, mother of Mrs. Carleton, has arrived at Havre.

(By Associated Press.)

HAVRE, Mont., Oct. 28.—An inquest is to be held to determine officially the cause of the deaths of Rev. Mr. Leonard Jacob Christler and Mrs. Marguerite Christler, whose bodies were found in the Christler home early Friday by Mrs. Christler, wife of the slain rector.

Chief of Police Moran said today that relatives of the dead woman demanded an inquest and had retained United States Senator Walsh as their attorney.

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT.

When G. S. Brien announced to the people of La Grande that he was authorized to offer \$1800 for titles for the Adair-Pearl Picture, he started something.

Youth and age—men and women—girls and boys, and the kiddies, are all thinking of a title suggestive of pearls.

As there are no restrictions on entry—no cost of any kind—the Brien jewelry store is crowded with seekers after entry blanks.

The local prize winners of Adair-Pearl Necklaces of genuine Oriental pearls will be announced November 2nd. The winners of the Grand National Prize of \$11000 Pearl Necklace, a \$200 Pearl Necklace and \$250 Adair-Pearl Necklace of genuine Oriental pearls will be announced as soon thereafter as the judges can decide.

DENIES CHARGE OF POISONING

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Admiral Batehlor, under arrest here on telegraphic warrant from Portland, where he is wanted on charges preferred by his mother-in-law, Mrs. C. H. Pettibone, said today that his arrest was due to a mistake. Referring to the suspected attempt of poisoning Mrs. Pettibone he said he had some sleeping powders in a cup intending to take the powders himself and Mrs. Pettibone not seeing the powders in the cup poured coffee in it and drank the contents.

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ITALIANS NOW IN DANGER OF A BIG REVOLT

Martial Law Ordered but Improvement Causes Cancellation.

ROME CABINET IS IN GREAT STRAIN

Call for People to Maintain Order Throughout the Country Has Been Sent Out and Some Response is Noticed.

(By the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Martial law was proclaimed in Italy to take effect at noon today but the proclamation was later rescinded as a result of improvement in the situation, said dispatches from the Italian agency at Rome, which is the semi-official Italian news organization.

Florence, Pisa, Cremona and other cities are reported under control of the Fascist.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cabinet in Session.
The cabinet has been in session since midnight receiving reports from the provinces where the Fascist movement has taken a subversive direction.

The cabinet decided first to issue a proclamation declaring a state of siege in all provinces beginning at noon today, but later this was modified and a proclamation was issued urging the people to maintain order in the face of the insurrectionary attempts.

Reports from Central Italy show the Fascist extending their movements with a view to exerting possible pressure for formation of Fascist cabinet.

The Fascist ministry despite its resignation is acting with energy to re-establish order.

FRANCE RAISES ANTI-PROHIBITION FUND

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Oct. 28.—A fund reaching many millions francs has been pledged by wire by interested in France for a campaign against prohibition in the United States and other countries.

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FLOWER STORE OPENING HELD LAST EVENING

Cherry Florists Entertain Their Friends for Several Hours in Newly Furnished Home.

That La Grande is right up with the large cities of the coast both in the way of growing beautiful flowers and also retailing them in the most modern manner, was demonstrated last night when the Cherry Florists held their opening.

The opening was to mark the taking off the old and putting on of the new in retailing flowers to the public, for Mr. and Mrs. Cherry had just finished installation of the new refrigerator cases, new oak shelving, mirrors on every wall, elegant tables, desks and stands, all blending in perfect harmony and each article filling a need to better care for the customers who have long since learned that the floral business in La Grande has developed into a first class institution with excellent service under the present ownership.

The refrigerator cases are fitted with coils revealing the refrigerator from the Grande Rondo Meat company's plant on Jefferson avenue. A certain temperature is kept permanently, which is indicated by the fresh appearance of the flowers as seen through the glass doors of these cases.

In the rear is the work room where orders for flowers are filled and made ready for delivery.

Acting as a centerpiece for last night's opening, the large "William Turner" chrysanthemums, which Mr. Cherry has developed in his greenhouse, stood forth prominently in the new cases. Many chrysanthemums were in abundance, as were roses and other flowers. The Holden Floral company of Portland remembered the "Cherry Florists" opening by sending them a rather unusual thing in flowers—two orchids growing on the same stem.

Each lady was presented with a carnation last evening as a token of the opening, and Mr. and Mrs. Cherry entertained the large number who attended in a most pleasant manner by explaining every feature of the floral business to them.

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BOLL WEEVIL HITTING THE COTTON CROP

Supply of Cotton Promises to Be Cut Very Short, Says Babson.

SOUTH TO INCREASE COTTON FACTORIES

South Realizes Need of Effort in Order to Hold Economic Position in the Country.

(By Associated Press.)

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass., Oct. 28.—In view of the sensational reports relative to conditions in the south, especially due to the boll-weevil, Roger W. Babson has been asked to make an analysis of the Southern situation as it now appears from the viewpoint of a statistician. Mr. Babson's statement is as follows:

"In the so-called 'cotton belt,' which stretches across many of the Southern states, is produced 60% of the world's supply of cotton. In fact, this cotton crop has been so important that the South has practically given its entire attention to cotton and thus become a 'one crop' country. The boll-weevil is now destroying a large percentage of this cotton crop, so that in many sections only one bale of cotton is gathered where two were originally produced. Of course, great efforts are being made to control the boll-weevil, and science will ultimately find a solution to this problem. In the meantime, however, there are several factors to be considered.

"First, our supply of cotton will be greatly reduced until this weevil is controlled. The amount produced for the next few years may not be more than half of the requirements of former years. This means that high prices may be expected both for raw cotton and for all manufactured cotton goods for some time to come.

"Secondly, the South, which has been a 'one crop' country, will be forced to raise other crops and become at least self-supporting. In previous years the South has imported from the Middle West nearly all the corn and a large portion of the meat which it has consumed. This year the South has raised sufficient corn for its own use. It is also successfully riding itself of the 'tick' which has been detrimental to raising good cattle. Herds of fine stock are rapidly increasing, and the South, which has an ideal climate for all-year cotton grazing, should soon be one of the most important stock raising sections of the country. This means that the Middle West will have a serious competitor in corn and stock raising.

"The third factor to consider is that the South will steadily improve its manufacture of cotton into finished goods. Already it is shipping large quantities of these manufactured cotton goods into the northern states. These southern mills can produce very economically and are at the source of the raw materials. This means that the cotton mills of the northern states will have serious competition. Owing to the present immigration restrictions, these northern mills will soon be greatly handicapped as to labor supply which fact should also aid the South.

"A fourth factor is that the southern farmers are employing less labor on their farms than under previous conditions. Many of them are doing labor one-half. The reason is that the farmers are planting a larger acreage in corn, hay, and other crops and less acreage in cotton. These other crops require less labor to work than cotton does. Today there is a very considerable unemployment of farm labor in the South. This means that there will be ample labor for cotton mills and other forms of manufacturing, and for the development of natural resources.

"Fifth, and finally, the South is realizing its need of effort and struggle in order to hold its economic position. The boll-weevil is forcing upon it a new economic condition which it is now bravely struggling to meet. I believe it has the will to meet these new conditions, but it needs capital. The South has large undeveloped resources. It has coal, mineral deposits, and water powers. Its seaport cities have good harbors which are strategically located for commerce with Latin America and Southern Europe. Thus, as the South more fully realizes and grasps the opportunities which it holds, it will grow and develop rapidly into commercial importance. This means that during the next few years the South will offer many very attractive opportunities for the investor. Just at present the South is hard hit by the boll-weevil; but this very fact is bringing it to a realization of its needs and opportunities. Within a few years, a new economic condition should be established, the South should be more prosperous than at any time in its history."

FOOTBALL GAMES.

Four Eastern Oregon interscholastic football games are being played this afternoon. The game between Baker and Elgin that was to have been played was postponed.