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NEW TOURIST PARK ASKED BY AD CLUB

Suggestions Presented To City Commissioners Last Evening.

COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER MATTER

W. C. Perkins, Spokesman of Ad Club Committee, Declares Present Camping Grounds Inadequate.

A committee from the Union County Ad Club, with W. C. Perkins as spokesman, appeared before the city commission last night with the suggestion that some steps be taken to inaugurate a new city tourist park.

Mr. Perkins, in a short speech to the commissioners, called their attention to the fact that the tourist park grounds are not sufficiently large to take care of tourist traffic, and told of the coming flood of tourists, "that would, unless finding a park centrally located, pass La Grande's tourist park by and go on, either to Union or in the Blue mountains, to camp over night."

He cited the building by both Baker and Pendleton last year of modern, ample tourist camping grounds and stated that in both cities they proved self-supporting.

In concluding Mr. Perkins said, "La Grande will be but a whitening post as far as the tourists are concerned unless active steps are taken to start work on such a project."

Would Underwrite Work.

The Ad Club committee presented an estimate of expenditures that would be necessary to construct such a park, naming as a possible site, sections along Adams avenue and adjacent that the city has title to. They announced that they were not suggesting the complete construction immediately but were anxious to see the project started under the best of conditions, which would underwrite the expenditure, which was placed at about \$2,000, as a protection to the city until they could place the amount in their next annual budget.

President Sherwood Williams and Commissioner C. J. H. H. and Dr. J. S. Brown expressed their opinion that the matter was not one "that could be decided in five minutes time," and declared that the matter would be taken under consideration, probably to be threshed out next week, or at an event, at the earliest possible moment.

Resigns from Library Board.

A communication was received from Mrs. Stella Ingis, stating that she is resigning from the city library board, the resignation to take effect as soon as the commissioners were able to secure a successor. She gave as her reason for resigning the fact that other duties did not permit her giving the time to the duty that the position warranted. It was decided to lay the matter over until next meeting.

Petition for Sidewalks.

A petition was received, read, discussed and granted that asked for the construction of concrete sidewalks and curbs on both sides of 8 avenue from Spruce street, both sides of Spruce street from 8 to 2 avenues and along the west side of Spruce street from 2 avenue to the north city limits. The petition was signed by a majority of the citizens of the districts concerned.

Church Building Announced.

Reverend William Crosby Ross, representing the Presbyterian church, entered a communication stating that as the Presbyterian congregation was

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Michigan Halts Cult Weddings, Bride Jailed

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Apr. 26.—The state grand jury investigation charges of immorality against Benjamin Purnell, head of the House of David colony took a new turn Wednesday when six members of the sect were denied marriage licenses by order of Attorney General Andrew Dougherty. Later it was discovered, another couple from the colony had obtained license without the knowledge of the attorney general and were married Tuesday night.

Weather Forecast

Portland, Apr. 26.—Showers tonight and Friday warmer tonight in the east portion, and cooler Friday in the east portion.

Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon Wed In London Today

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Apr. 26.—Albert, Duke of York, and Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon, were married in Westminster Abbey today with pomp reminiscent of mid-Victorian days.

Tumultuous demonstrations were portrayed by the throngs gathered under threatening skies to witness the wedding pageant.

GERMANY IS EXPECTED TO MAKE TERMS

British Officials Confident of Early Action by Berlin But Form of Solution Is Unknown.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Apr. 26.—While no definite satisfaction has been reached regarding the character of the proposals which the German government is understood to be considering with regard to the settlement of the Ruhr question, a feeling of expectancy and confidence is manifest in British official circles, where it is believed Berlin, before long, will advance certain concrete terms for a solution of this vexed problem.

The fact that the German foreign office asked Downing street for a verbatim copy of the speech in which Foreign Secretary Curzon emphasized the necessity for such proposals, is interpreted as a good augury that Germany soon will take definite action in this direction.

Whether her proposals, however, will take the form of a collective note to the powers or a communication to France alone, or will be expressed in a public declaration, is not known. Neither can Downing street say whether Berlin will stipulate any specific sum as the basis for a reparations settlement or whether she will be disposed to negotiate before the French evacuate the Ruhr.

British officials admit the matter is still only in an informative state, but say there are good grounds for hoping it will ultimately bear fruit.

FREIGHTER IS ON THE ROCKS

(By Associated Press)

MARSHFIELD, Apr. 26.—The steel freighter Brush, of the New York line, is stranded five miles south of the Coos bay entrance, where she struck last night.

The vessel is on the north side of a reef one half mile from the mainland. It was necessary to abandon the vessel, but she may not go to pieces immediately. A coast guard crew and the tug Oregon sent from Coos bay and the tug Klipsyram went from Bandon to assist.

Crew Rescued

MARSHFIELD, Apr. 26.—All on board the Brush were rescued and are being brought to North Bend this afternoon. The Brush is a total loss.

CONSULATE CLOSED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—The United States consulate at Vladivostok through which the United States maintained representations in Russia, has been ordered closed.

THE MARKET

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—Cattle and hog steady; spring lambs 50 cents lower. Hens, eggs firm general undertone; eggs weak; butter firm.

OREGON WILL BENEFIT BY TIMBER SALE

(By Associated Press)

BOISE, Idaho, Apr. 26.—Southeastern Oregon is likely to witness the greatest lumbering activity in its history through the recent sale by the government to Fred Herick, of St. Maries, Idaho, of 57,400 acres of land containing 800,000,000 feet of fine saw timber in the Malheur national forest. The timber constitutes some of the finest in the entire state. It will take many years in which to cut and saw it into lumber and before these operations can start Mr. Herick will have to build 50 miles of railroad.

This road, under his contract with the government, is to be standard gauge. The road will be built from Crane, the present terminus of the Oregon Eastern to Seneca, where the timber lands will be tapped. In addition he will build a large sawmill and go extensively into logging operations. Present indications point to Burns for the location of the mill.

Ontario Expects to Benefit.
Ontario, Oregon, is directly interested in this big project from the fact that the traffic resulting therefrom, which will be large, will practically all pass through that place, while all of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho will be benefitted by the business.

The plan is to begin the construction of a railroad from Crane to Burns within the next three weeks and to complete the distance of 50 miles next year. Mr. Herick is expected until April 1, 1925 to begin actual logging operations. It is stated on good authority that Mr. Herick has filed his bond for the faithful fulfillment of the contract he entered into when he purchased the land. His bid for the timber represents \$4,000,000.

Cost to Be \$1,000,000.

The cost of building the railroad will be \$1,000,000. Mr. Herick paid \$2.50 per 1000 feet for 75,000,000 feet of yellow pine; \$1.50 per 1000 feet for Douglas fir, and 55 cents per 1000 feet for white fir, larch and lodge pole pine, which make up the balance of the timber.

The purchaser plans to cut 25,000,000 feet annually and run this amount through his mills, which will be among the largest in the west. It will take him more than 20 years, it is estimated, to cut and mill the timber.

The plans of Mr. Herick also include the erection of a big box factory capable of using 25 to 40 per cent of the mill.

Howard Stoddard Plans

On Attending Week-End

CORVALLIS, Apr. 26.—From Liverpool, England, comes word that Howard Stoddard, a former O. A. C. student, is sailing for America in time to reach the college for the junior week-end, May 10-12. Stoddard, whose home is in La Grande, has been doing missionary work in England for the last two and a half years.

GAME LAW GRABS SEVERAL MEN

The game law of Oregon enmeshed Victor and Frank Huffmire and Ben Wainstaff when Game Warden Walden produced evidence in Judge Couch's court that they were guilty of killing female deer. Each got a fine of \$50.00.

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HAVING AN ENDURANCE TEST OF HIS OWN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—The executive of the world court membership was continued to whole-hearted approval and endorsement, with a mid-ground suggestion of compromise.

Some leaders went to the White House during the day to give the president their views, others let the reaction to the executive's address be made known in formal public statements, and still others refused to go further than to discuss privately the impression made upon them by Mr. Harding's unequivocal commitment to the world court proposal.

EXTRA

JOSEPH MAN KILLED

(By Associated Press)
LONGVIEW, Wash., Apr. 26.—Five bricklayers were killed this afternoon when a scaffold fell from the roof of the Hotel Monticello under construction at this place.

The dead are George Mills, Frank Woschnick, Portland; Harvey Petrum, Spokane; Fred Patrick, Kelsa, Wash., and C. J. Holst, of Joseph, Oregon.

OPTION ON FAIR GROUNDS TAKEN

Is First Step In Tentative Plan for Probable Location of Another Lumber Plant.

Following an advisory meeting of taxpayers of Union county held yesterday afternoon in the city hall the city commission of La Grande and the county court of Union county executed an option on the piece of land known as the old fair grounds, which is owned by the city and county jointly, to the Mt. Emily Timber company for a period of ninety days.

The timber company contemplates purchase of a site in some suitable location for the manufacture into lumber of several billion feet of timber, which it controls in Union and Umatilla counties.

La Grande is one of the localities that is being favorably considered and the old fair grounds together with adjoining property, is the most suitable site in La Grande, hence its decision by the company in gathering its data for consideration.

It is understood that the board of directors will hold a meeting in the east in the near future when the decision will be made as to what locality will be chosen for point of operation, along with other matters pertaining to the manufacture of this timber.

Should La Grande be selected by the company as its base of operation it is believed a plant of considerable size, employing several hundred men, will be erected within a reasonable time.

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INCENDIARISM ADMITTED BY YOUTH TODAY

(By Associated Press)

PENDELTON, April 26.—Lewis Nixon, 16-year-old student of Columbia college at Milton, confessed late last night to the firing of the Seventh Day Adventist school house, which was burned on election morning last November at Milton, H. H. Pomeroy, state fire marshal, announced today.

In addition the written confession obtained by Fire Marshal Pomeroy and district Attorney Keator, set forth that the youth stole merchandise from the Peoples Mercantile store of Milton, and also entered the house of a Milton resident, ransacking it. Young Nixon gave as reasons for his acts, that he had trouble with the principal of the school which he burned, and that he did not want longer to attend that school. The lad was the janitor of the building at the time, and his parents are members of the denomination which supported the school.

On the night when the school was burned, the young man stole from home and rode on horseback to the school. He entered and spread oil on the woodwork, lit the fire and sped back home, according to his confession.

The case has been referred to the juvenile court. The boy was arrested on a bench subpoena issued by the district attorney.

APPROPRIATION IS TO BE UNUSED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—An appropriation by Congress in the last session for the elevating of guns of the American fleet, will not be used for that purpose, Secretary Denby announced today, because of unintended erroneous statements by navy representatives in recommending the appropriation.

The secretary intimated that the department would go before next Congress with a new program so that the record might be kept straight.

Denby said that the course had the president's approval.

Harding To Permit Russ Refugees To Enter U. S.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—President Harding decided today to permit transportation to the United States of 300 Russian refugees recently landed in the Philippines after a stormy voyage in their own ships from Vladivostok.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—Hard White \$1.35; Western Red \$1.23

Recall of Ambassador Harvey Is Asked In A Resolution To Harding

(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, Apr. 26.—The recall of Col. George Harvey, ambassador to Great Britain, would be called for under a resolution to President Harding, proposed in the legislature Wednesday by Representative Coleman E. Kelly of Boston.

The resolution said: "Whereas, the American ambassador to England, George Harvey, boasts more of his English ancestry than of his Americanism, * * * be it

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the Massachusetts house and senate George Harvey should be recalled."

SPANISH VETS CELEBRATE AT UNION HOTEL

Baker and Union County Soldiers Enjoy Campfire, Banquet and Dance.

The city of Union acted as host last evening to nearly a hundred guests which included members of the Spanish-American War Veterans organization and their ladies, along with a few outside guests.

At 8 o'clock a delightful banquet was served by Patzy Clark at the Union hotel, after which the guests assembled in the hotel parlors and the campfire program was carried out in a most interesting manner.

H. E. Coolidge presided with ease and cleverness, introducing every speaker with a few remarks that fit the individual. The first speaker was Colonel Clarence Hotchkiss, past commander of the organization, soldier of both the Spanish and World wars and now United States marshal for the state of Oregon. The colonel made a talk that went to the heart of all the boys who went out as volunteers in 1898 against the crown of Spain.

A male chorus of Union children, the evening with several selections which were well rendered and brought forth justifiable applause from the gathering.

Veteran Heater, a Spanish war veteran of Baker, spoke with considerable feeling relative to the old battle ship Oregon, which played such a conspicuous part in the war with Spain, for Mr. Heater was a member of the crew and sailed the Pacific several times.

Mrs. W. T. Phy increased her popularity as a vocalist by singing two selections especially appropriate for the occasion. She was accompanied by her daughter at thimble and piano.

Senator W. H. Strayer of Baker county delivered an entertaining address in which he reviewed the battle legislation in Oregon, paid a high tribute to the boys who volunteered in 1898, and gave considerable information relative to the Oregon legislature which was of interest.

Miss Flavia Rifter, one of La Grande's coming young singers, gave two selections, each of which surprised the audience because of the young lady's remarkable voice, which is as yet not generally known to the public.

Mrs. W. T. Phy accompanied her. Representative A. B. Hunter, of Union county, paid a high tribute to the soldiers of Eastern Oregon in his address and stressed the fact that in his several terms as a legislator he

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237 Passengers Reported Lost

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Apr. 26.—Capitown dispatches say that the Portuguese mail steamer Mossamedes, which grounded several days ago at Cape Frio, southwest of Africa, has been found abandoned with no trace of 237 passengers.

Harding Faces Threat in C

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—The reflex upon Republican leaders in Washington of President Harding's New York pronouncement on American membership in the world court became clearly noticeable Wednesday, soon after the return of the executive to the capital.

It ranged from open opposition, with warnings of a party split if advocacy of the world court membership was continued, to whole-hearted approval and endorsement, with a mid-ground suggestion of compromise.

Some leaders went to the White House during the day to give the president their views, others let the reaction to the executive's address be made known in formal public statements, and still others refused to go further than to discuss privately the impression made upon them by Mr. Harding's unequivocal commitment to the world court proposal.

MILLS SAID UNAFFECTED BY STRIKE

Oregon Mills Running As Usual With No Serious Walk Outs Reported

QUIET STILL MARKS NORTHWESTERN AREA

Strike is Gradually Spreading Throughout Washington Today; About 10,000 I. W. W. Are Out.

(By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Apr. 26.—The strike called by the Industrial Workers of the World on the behalf of prisoners convicted of offense of wartime law is gradually spreading throughout Washington today.

Between 7,000 and 10,000 are estimated as out.

The general influx of strikers coming here from logging camps is on. The situation in general is quiet with no Seattle ships delayed by the walk-out.

Mills Unaffected

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—Mongre reports from Oregon timber centers today indicated that mills and camps were operating as usual.

The waterfront here showed no strike effects.

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen received reports indicating between 30 and 40 per cent of the men have quit lumbering camps in Washington between Centralia and the Canadian line. Mills in that section may have to curtail their production.

Accept Wage Scale

SEATTLE, Apr. 26.—Union coal miners of Washington today voted to accept the operators' proposal establishing a new wage scale in Roslyn, Cleelum and Tono fields.

Fight To Finish

(By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Apr. 26.—The fight to finish

