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REHEARING IS DENIED PLAINTIFFS

Judge Knowles Denies Application By Cove People.

PLAINTIFFS ARE NOW EXPECTED TO APPEAL

Decision in Mandamus Proceedings Was Given in Favor of County Court Some Time Ago.

Judge J. W. Knowles today denied application for a rehearing of the mandamus proceedings brought by Mayor Joe Tripper, of Cove, and others, demanding that the county court construct and build a hard surfaced paved highway from Island City to Cove and to expend the full sum of \$275,000 on same.

Judge Knowles gave his decision in favor of the county court, composed of U. G. Couch, Judge; J. P. Hutchinson, Union, and John Wells, Albee, commissioners, some time ago. The plaintiffs thereupon filed for a rehearing giving as their reasons that their briefs had not been properly entered before the decision was rendered.

It is believed that the plaintiffs will now carry the appeal to the Oregon Supreme court.

ANNUAL 'MIMIR' IS DISTRIBUTED

"Sign here," "Hey, affix your corner here," and "Why not tack your bundle on mine," were cries that rent the peaceful air at the high school yesterday noon and throughout the afternoon. The occasion was the annual distribution of the Mimir, the L. H. S. official publication.

The Mimir this year is one that the students and the Mimir staff and all who contributed to the publication, should be especially proud of. Beyond all doubt, past publications were outdistanced, not only in entertaining values, in general interest, in their features, but also in the make-up and attractiveness of the annual.

A feature that was added to this year's Mimir that is of especial interest is the "Old Oregon Trail" section, which is devoted to reminiscence of earlier days and descriptive articles of the great homesteading trail.

SOCIETY VICTIMIZED.
(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 12.—The grand jury which indicted George Maxwell, president of the American society of composers, authors and publisher for sending obscene missives through the mails, has evidence against eight other prominent members of the poison pen clique which is alleged to have victimized 140 society people here in Philadelphia. Buffalo, Pittsburgh and other cities, the district attorney, Mr. Stanton, disclosed today.

FIRE STRIKES OREGON TOWN

BEND, Ore., May 12.—While virtually the entire population of the little town of Sisters, Ore., on the east approach to the McKenzie pass, was attending the Annual Central Oregon truck meet in Redmond Friday, fire wiped out half of the Sisters business section. The fire started in a garage from spontaneous combustion, it was said.

MOSCOW WORKERS HOLD PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

MOSCOW, May 12.—All Moscow's factories and government institutions closed this morning to permit their employees to participate in a great demonstration against the British note. Surging crowds early began to fill the streets.

The intent of the demonstration seemed to be peaceful but it appeared to be evident that they meant to make the demonstration impressive.

Weather Forecast

PORTLAND

May 12.—Showers tonight, generally cloudy to-morrow with shower in the west portion.

Alfred Meyers Pledged To the Phi Mu Alpha At University of Oregon

EUGENE, May 12.—Alfred Meyers of La Grande, a freshman in the School of Journalism at the University, has been pledged a member of Phi Mu Alpha, a national musical fraternity for men. Recently the fraternity adopted the practice of pledging third term freshmen who showed exceptional musical ability.

Twenty active members are represented in the Oregon chapter of Phi Mu Alpha. All of the men possess unusual musical ability and most of them are either members of the University Orchestra or the Men's Glee club. Phi Mu Alpha has for its purpose the encouraging of American music in America.

OREGON TRAIL EDITION WILL BE EXCELLENT

Many Special Writers Have Contributed Articles; Good Roads Featured.

Commemorating the finishing of the Old Oregon Trail and the road from La Grande to Joseph, both of which are now on their last lap of construction, the Evening Observer is preparing to issue a souvenir number some time this month carrying views of the highways in Eastern Oregon, pictures of overhead crossings, data of the cost of the roads and special articles pertaining to the great Eastern Oregon country and her highways.

Included in the special writers for this edition are R. O. Johnson, good road editor of the Portland Journal; Mayor George Baker, of Portland; Uncle Billy Hindman, of Elgin; Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs; Dr. W. T. Phyl, of Hot Lake; Representative C. A. Hunter, of Wallawa; County Agent Avery, of La Grande; Karl Stackland, of Cove; Mrs. Ray Duncan, of Cove; Ray Wilson, of George Seibert, of Union; W. E. Meacham, of Baker; A. W. Nelson, of La Grande and many others.

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URGES BANDITS TERMS BE MET

TIENTSIN, China, May 12.—Major Roland Finger, U. S. A., one of the captives passengers of the Suichow bandit train raid, has sent out a letter from the bandits' stronghold urging compliance with the outlaws' terms and imploring that government troops be withdrawn.

It is declared the bandits have refused to treat with the commander of the troops surrounding the stronghold because the chieftain outlaws and the army officer have a blood enemy. The commander is said to have executed the brother of the bandit chief, who himself was a bandit leader.

Negotiations are declared to be proceeding somewhat haltingly with a languid general and, if the brigands' demands for troop withdrawal are carried out, it is believed the prisoners soon will be freed.

Chinese prisoners who have escaped are said to have recognized among the bandit leaders former officers of Gen. Chang Ching Yao, governor of the province of Hunan in 1920 when the Rev. W. A. Reimart, an American missionary, was murdered by troops there. At that time the American legation demanded that Chang be held responsible for the crime.

The outlaws, it is reported, have demanded the withdrawal of the surrounding troops to Tientsin and also the restoration of their former army status. Communication is being maintained with the bandits through peddlers who belong to the gang. No others are allowed to approach the stronghold.

Entrenched in a castle-like retreat on the top of a mountain, which is surrounded and capable of resisting a siege, the outlaws virtually have the upper hand. It is said, however, they are somewhat short of water. It is estimated there are 8000 bandits within a radius of 50 miles.

Prisoners Held.
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—State department advices from the American legation at Peking today said that the bandits are believed to be still holding 16 foreigners, including five Americans and two women.

G. H. QUIGLEY HONORED AT A RECEPTION

La Grande Ministerial Association Gives Farewell Reception in Honor of Local Methodist Preacher

Reverend G. H. Quigley, pastor of the Methodist church of La Grande, who will leave Thursday for Boise, Idaho, accompanied by his wife, there to take the pulpit in the Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal church, was the guest of honor at a farewell reception given him last evening at the home of Mrs. Ed Kiddle, of Island City, by the La Grande Ministerial association.

All the members and their wives were present. A delightful evening was spent. Refreshments were served.

Addresses were made by Reverend O. W. Jones, representing the La Grande Ministerial association; Reverend Ira H. Aldrich, district superintendent, representing La Grande district; Reverend Hall Kellogg, pastor of Island City, representing the churches of La Grande and Island City. Reverend Quigley responded with a very interesting speech, expressing his sentiments in an eloquent manner.

Resolution Adopted.
The following resolution was adopted by the association and was officially signed by O. W. Jones, president:

"Because of that larger fellowship wherein all ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ hold communion with one another in the stewardship of

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SCRIBER PILOTS LAUNDRY MEN

Takes Guests to Wallawa County, Hot Lake and Union; All Went to Baker.

Lloyd Scriber, manager of the Modern Laundry, has been acting as host and pilot for a bunch of laundrymen the past few days who congregated here prior to attending a meeting at Baker. Lloyd saw his opportunity and took the laundrymen into Wallawa county where they were deeply impressed with the scenery and the lake. Then he showed them Hot Lake and took them to dinner at the Union hotel. From there they all went to Baker where Burke Brothers and Carl Sylvan, local laundrymen of that city, entertained them during the meeting of their organization.

In the party were V. A. Spear, secretary of the Oregon Laundry Association from Portland, Jack Wiese, of The Dalles, Mr. Olsen, of Pendleton, Vice President Glenn Fabrice, of Medford and Lloyd Scriber of La Grande. The boys all speak in high terms of the Baker meeting both in a social way and relative to business matters that came before the association.

Miss Lucy T. Aldrich Captured by Brigands



—Photo by Bert Horton Studio, Providence

Miss Lucy T. Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and daughter of the late United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, captured by Chinese bandits who held up a Shanghai-Pekin express train near the Shantung border and carried off more than 100 passengers, many of them Americans; later released, with other women passengers, and suffering from exposure at Pin Cheng, near the scene of the hold-up.

OPERETTA WAS ONE OF MERIT

"Rumpelstiltskin," an operetta presented by the grade school children of the Greenwood and Riveria schools last evening in the high school auditorium before an appreciative audience, is pronounced by many critics as being one of the most entertaining and beautiful dramatic productions of that nature given in La Grande for many years.

Vividly interesting and artistically presented the operetta proved itself one that the play-loving public of La Grande should not miss.

One hundred and eighty grammar school children took part in "Rumpelstiltskin" and to them and their director, Mrs. Dallas Green, goes much credit.

The operetta will again be shown this evening, the performance beginning at eight o'clock.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 12.—Livestock steady, eggs unsettled and butter firm.

FLY-SWATTING TIME



Ukiah Men Decide To Call Off Their July 4 Celebration This Year

PENDLETON, May 12.—A decision not to hold the annual Canamas Prairie Cowboys' convention this year at Ukiah has been reached by officials of the old frontier show of the mountain town. The decision is made by the Ukiah men to show a spirit of co-operation with the rest of the towns on or near the Old Oregon Trail which are participating in holding the celebration on the top of Blue Mountains July 4.

The move on the part of the Ukiah men entails quite a lot of sacrifice on their part, as the convention has the same standing in Ukiah that the Round-Up has in Pendleton, and by passing up their usual date, July 4th, it is expected that the show will be given up for this year entirely.

STAGE DRIVING PROWESS TOLD

Felix Warren Was Considered By Old-Timers As One of the Greatest of Drivers.

Felix Warren, whose home is now in Spokane, is credited by "old timers" of the Pacific Northwest as being the most skilled and daring stage coach driver that the west has ever produced. This information comes to the headquarters of the Old Oregon Trail Association following the publication recently in a Spokane paper that Mr. Warren had offered his services to give an exhibition drive in the payment to be held on the top of the Blue Mountains in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the coming of the first immigrant train to the Pacific Northwest. Officers of the Old Oregon Trail Association began an investigation to establish the truth of the honor bestowed in Spokane on Felix Warren. Incidentally they discovered a man in La Grande who knew some of the wonderful feats performed by Mr. Warren. This man is J. Taylor, who remembers vividly the prowess of this man Warren. The officers also found in Joe Warren, an experienced stage coach driver who lives in La Grande, further proof. Mr. Woods has in his possession a clipping 32 years old taken from a Walla Walla paper. Mr. Taylor corroborates the episode set out in the clipping inasmuch as he was an eye-witness to the drive. The chief item mentioned in the clipping. The old newspaper goes on to say, in speaking of Mr. Warren:

Newspaper Account.
Driving horses is rapidly becoming, or has already become, another of the lost arts. Plenty of horses work in harness yet, but it took the old stage-driving days to develop the art of handling the reins. The stage had to make about 15 miles an hour in the mountains or across the sagebrush on roads that merely happened instead of being constructed. To do that required horses that had spirit and speed. The kind that heavy harness would hardly hold naturally made the best time and all the pioneer stage driver needed was to get them into harness. With such horses crazy with fear and wilder than deer by nature he would draw a streak of dust as straight across the plain as a ship's sail at sea, and take his coach down mountain trails just wide enough for his wheel tracks without spilling a passenger.

Spokane had one of the great whip and line artists of those days in Felix Warren, brother of Joe Warren, celebrated town marshal of frontier days. Plenty of old-timers will contend that Felix in reality owned the place at that time.

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UNION MAKES READY FOR STOCK SHOW

Week to Be One Full of Interest to Entire Northwest.

COMMITTEES NOW MAKING READY

Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association to Meet in Union During Stock Show Week.

All eyes in Eastern Oregon, and in fact, a great portion of the northwest will be turned toward Union, Oregon, on June 4-8, inclusive. The Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon will convene at Union Monday and Tuesday of that week and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Union Livestock show will be in full swing. The slogans adopted, which are "All roads lead to Union June 4th and 5th," and "Bigger and better than ever," the latter referring to the stock show, are truly representative of the spirit that will be present.

Union is one of the biggest little cities in the entire northwest. Her annual stock show is an event that is exceedingly meritorious, one that invariably attracts large crowds and always favorable comment when the curtain rings down on the show each year.

Preparations On.
Preparations were begun for the stock show and the convention many months ago, and at the present time they have practically come to a head. Cattle, horses and other exhibition stock, are already steadily streaming into the city. The stock show grounds are a constant scene of activity and the committees, in charge of advance work, are driving ahead relentlessly. Everything points to an exceedingly successful show.

More Racing.
More racing than heretofore will be one of the features. The afternoon races have always been an enjoyable part of the show, especially from an entertaining standpoint, and many who plan to attend are delighted to hear of the promised increase.

Loren Trickey, the champion lady trick rider of the world, will be present. She was at the show last year and later rode in New York, making a tremendous hit with the citizens of the metropolis. Walters' string, Byers' string, and several other strings of racing stock are already at the grounds or on their way. Keen competition is promised in the races from start to finish.

Fine Exhibitions.
The livestock exhibitions this year will be as great as last year and very probably greater. The stock show is considered one of the most important of its kind in the west and many horse and cattle breeders will proudly display their stock at Union. Mr. Gardiner, of Walla Walla, Washington, who was at Union last year with a wonderful herd of Short-horns, has signified his intentions of returning. Many others have also made arrangements to exhibit their stock.

Officials for the stock judging and

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BROTHER OF SENATOR DEAD

(By Associated Press)
BOISE, Ida., May 12.—Plunging 75 feet into an irrigation ditch when his car hit another at a curve near Payette last night, Sidney Stanfield, the eldest brother of Senator Stanfield, of Oregon, was killed. W. B. Miller, of Ontario, was seriously injured.

America's Mothers, Living And Dead, Honored Sunday

Tomorrow is Mothers' Day. Sunday, May 13, 1923, will be observed throughout the entire states in the Union as it has been since the year of 1908, when the United States began observing a day set aside in memorial to the mothers of the nation.

In La Grande, special services in the various churches will be held. White carnations or other flowers will be worn by citizens to honor their mothers. White should be worn if their mother is living and if not, red flowers are correct.

Mothers, in this city, are being honored at dinners and in many other ways by the younger generation.

The history of Mothers' Day is one of interest. The credit for the inauguration of the day goes to Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, Penn., who launched a movement to com-

memorate some day each year as sacred to the memory of mothers, either living or dead. Many other points of interest, too lengthy to be mentioned, all added to the early history of the inauguration of the day.

Plan Mothers' Memorial.
PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—The building of a permanent mothers' memorial at Washington is the goal announced by the Mothers' Day International association, of which Miss Anna Jarvis, of this city, is founder and president. Mothers' Day falls this year on May 13.

Miss Jarvis quotes from Abraham Lincoln: "All I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother," and continues: "The Lincoln memorial honors the great omniscient. Should not his mother, as well as every mother in this country, be honored in some equal measure?"