

## ADMISSION CHARGES AT FETE OUSTED

No Charge Will Be Made to Witness the Old Oregon Trail Pageant.

### ACTION TAKEN ON PRESIDENT'S WISH

Car Parking Concession Let, However, in Order to Defray Expenses of Celebration.

SALEM, June 29.—Governor Walter M. Pierce today proclaimed July 3 a legal holiday on account of Harding's visit at Meacham.

President Warren G. Harding, who will deliver an address at the Old Oregon Trail pageant on the afternoon of July 3, yesterday afternoon communicated with the Old Oregon Trail association, asking them to refrain from charging admission to the pageant and, in the evening, the association met at Baker and agreed to do as the chief executive wished. Absolutely no charge will be made for entrance at the Old Oregon Trail pageant July 3 at Top O' Blue mountains.

However, all those who wish to park their cars in the section provided for and supplied with caretakers and other facilities by the parties having this concession will be charged a parking fee of \$1.00 for roadsters and \$2.50 for touring cars but no charge will be made to any person for admission. This is a change from the original plans of the association which was to charge for admission but to furnish free parking facilities. Now, however, the arrangement is reversed and admission will be free while parking charges will be made as is explained above.

Work at the pageant grounds is now swinging into the last lap of construction and several of the structures are already completed, among them being the dance hall which will be the scene of the opening dance Saturday evening.

The splendid weather experienced during the past week has done wonders with the roads and every indication on the eve of the greatest pageantry the west has ever known, points to a magnificent success.

## XTRA

### Condemnation Suits Won.

PORTLAND, June 29.—Victory for the government in condemnation suits to obtain possession of lands necessary in the development of the McKay Creek unit of the Umatilla irrigation project was registered today when a jury in the federal court returned awards totalling \$60,100 as against claims amounting to \$101,647. The decision opens the way to the \$2,500,000 government expenditure.

### Murderer Hanged.

SAN QUENTIN, June 29.—Maurio Farino was hanged at the state prison here today for the murder of Felix Haladina in Fresno. A delegation of physicians attending the annual convention of the American Medical Association in San Francisco attended. Farino was said by prison officials to have been "the coolest man ever executed here."

### Extends Occupation.

COBLENZ, June 29.—The French today extended their occupation in Mosane Bruchbach to Langen, on the Darmstadt-Frankfurt railroad line eight miles south of Frankfurt and Eschborn, on the Frankfurt-Kronberg line. The extension is a penalty for the recent sabotage on railroads.

### Want Wage Scale Increase.

BIRMINGHAM, June 29.—A demand for a 24 per cent increase in contrast wage scales with an increase of one dollar daily for all men paid by the day was presented to anthracite miners in convention today for their adoption and submission to mine owners next week.

### The Market.

PORTLAND, June 29.—Livestock steady, eggs unsettled, butter weak with an undertone. All are unchanged.

### Weather Forecast

Portland, June 29.—Showers in the west but fair in the east. Cooler in the northwest portion tonight. Saturday showers but cooler in the east portion with moderate south-westerly winds.

## De Haviland After Record

SAN DIEGO, June 29.—An airplane carrying Captain Smith and Lieutenant Richter, crashed into the mud flats between Coronado and North Island at about 4:10 o'clock this morning. It was reported by telephone from Rockwell field that neither of the aviators had been injured. The aviators were trying to make a safe landing, when a sudden, dense fog made further progress impossible.

SAN DIEGO, June 29.—Captain Lowell H. Smith, and Lieutenant John Richter, aviators, who began a second attempt to set an airplane marathon here at 4:45 a. m. this morning refueled while in flight the third time Thursday at 7 a. m. They expect to continue the flight through the night without further fuel.

In Perfect Form. SAN DIEGO, June 29.—With their De Haviland airplane performing in perfect form and with three contacts already made with a supply plane, which twice delivered gasoline and once provided the two aviators with food, Captain Lowell H. Smith and Lieutenant J. B. Richter, late Thursday had completed the first 12 hours of the journey in the air which they have planned to prolong, if possible, for four days and four nights.

## KLAN TAKES CLASS OF 900

Twenty-Six Thousand Members of Ku Klux Klan Are Present at New York Meeting.

EAST ISLIP, L. I., June 29.—In an open field about nine miles north of this village, the Ku Klux Klan recently held the largest meeting it has ever staged in New York state. Accepting the Klansmen's own estimate, the number in the mass that blackened acres of farmland, 25,000 adherents of the order were assembled. Reporters who surveyed the throng with eyes somewhat more accustomed to appraising numbers thought there were a few thousand fewer than the number the Klansmen boasted. At all events, the crowd was many times that which on May 26 last assembled at Eastport, L. I., for a similar ceremony, which was then the biggest of its kind the masked men had achieved within the state's confines.

Although manifestly held in the open as a dramatic gesture of strength, the avowed purpose of the meeting was to administer the new famous Klan oath to a large class to be taken into the order. Before the meeting began, it was official announced that 2,000 men would become members of the order and the hooded fraternity before morning should dawn. Information which filtered beyond the confines of the assemblage early this morning, however, put the number actually initiated at 900.

Reporters are invited. An invitation to newspapermen to be present, instructed reporters who wished to attend to get off Long Island Railroad trains at the Bayshore station and ask for "Mr. John Johnson." A group of reporters who arrived shortly before the meeting was scheduled to begin found two young men in a small automobile waiting at the station. The reporters asked for the mysterious Mr. Johnson, and the man in the automobile said they would be conducted to him. At the same time they were warned that once they had penetrated the lines they would not be allowed to leave until the ceremony was completed.

### Souvenirs for Pageant Received by the Legion

Souvenirs for the Old Oregon Trail pageant to be staged at the Top O' Blue mountains July 3 and 4 have been received by the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43 and are being sold on the streets today. The souvenirs, in the form of army identification tags attached to red, white and blue ribbons. They may be obtained from any Legionnaire.

### MEACHAM DANCE TO BE SATURDAY

The Oregon Trail Association Dance Hall committee has been working strenuously to be in readiness with its big 84x104 dance floor at the pageant grounds in Meacham. The work is now finished and the committee announces a dancing party Saturday evening of this week. The roads from both directions are now passable and it is expected that a big delegation will be present from all points along the line. Loney's orchestra will play.

## CURZON NOT IN ACCORD WITH A 12 MILE LIMIT

British Foreign Secretary Issues Important Statement on Liquor Dispute With U. S.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 29.—Great Britain's flat rejection of the American proposal for a prohibition 12-mile limit has left the administration officials no alternative, it was said authoritatively today, but to await the will of congress as to revisions of the law and meanwhile refuse admittance to ship liquor stores under the penalty of seizure.

LONDON, June 29.—Harquies Curzon, secretary for foreign affairs, made a long and important statement in the house of lords Thursday, in reply to Lord Birkenhead, who called attention to the seizure by the United States of liquor on British vessels.

The secretary declared there was no chance of Great Britain agreeing in any circumstances whatever to the proposal that the United States authorities be given the right to search vessels for liquor within the 12-mile limit. The government, he added, was fully alive to the importance of the acts, and all channels of diplomacy were being utilized to find an exit from a situation which was undoubtedly disagreeable and ought not to be allowed to continue.

Lord Curzon explained that it was a difficult and delicate matter, raising grave issues in both international law and policy. The British government was not concerned with American prohibition, which was a matter of domestic policy, in which the British government was not interested in expressing an opinion; neither would he discuss the interpretation of the United States supreme court on that country's laws. But it was concerned with the treatment meted out to British ships in United States territorial waters and the degree in which that treatment conformed to or departed from international practice.

It would be premature for him to say, indeed, he did not know what would be the result of their labors.

### Women Form Auxiliary.

PENDLETON, June 29.—Mrs. A. C. Koepfen of Pendleton, wife of the president of the Oregon State Pharmacists' association, was elected president of the Umatilla county chapter of the women's auxiliary organization which was perfected at a meeting held here Tuesday night. Other officers were: Mrs. M. D. Orange, Pilot Rock, vice-president, and Mrs. J. V. Tallman, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Victor H. Chastain of Milton, vice-president of the state auxiliary organization, explained the purposes of the organization.

Plans for the entertainment of wives of druggists expected to come to Pendleton for the state meeting in the third week of September are being made by the women.

## Masked Men Raid Plants

SYDNEY, N. S. W., June 29.—Bands of masked men today made several raids on steel plants here where the strike is in progress.

The raids followed several clashes with police last night and the stoning of a magistrate who attempted to read the riot action of the Whitney pier.

Company officials expressed the fear that the raiders might accidentally set off stills containing high explosive chemicals.

## NO SLEEPER FOR LA GRANDE FOLK

Coaches in Northwest Needed for Longer Hauls Than From This City to Meacham.

La Grande people who had contemplated using Pullman cars on the trip to Meacham, thus having the cars on side track for use during the two days will have to brush off the tin Lizzie or hitch up Old Dobbin, for there will be no Pullman cars for La Grande.

The reason for this decision is that equipment is in such strong demand from all parts of the northwest that the man who directs the destinies of Pullman cars decided La Grande was almost within walking distance of Meacham therefore the cars would have to be allotted to communities much further away.

This will be a slight disappointment to those who have already made arrangements to use Pullmans but it comes in plenty of time to permit other arrangements.

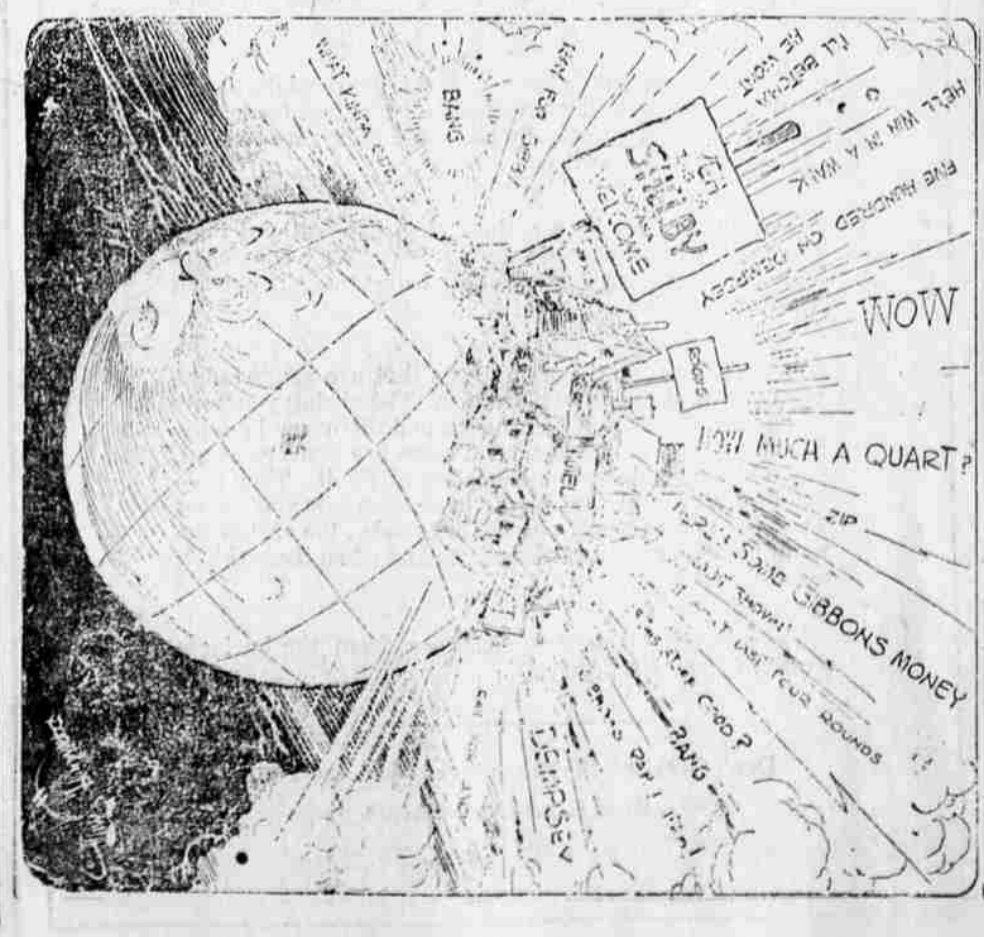
### \$8,000 Grade School Building

BEAVERTON, Ore., June 29.—The school board is erecting an \$8000 four-room addition to the present grade school building to accommodate the increasing school population. The rooms will be ready for the fall term. Beaverton schools rank third in population of the 116 school districts of Washington county.

### Fire Puts End to Suit.

ASTORIA, Ore., June 29.—As a direct result of the big fire in Astoria December 8 last the appeal to the supreme court in the case of E. Norgaard and about 70 other against the city of Astoria has been automatically quashed. This action was brought to set aside assessments amounting to about \$75,000, levied to defray the expense of improving Seventh street. The case was tried in the local circuit court, which held against the plaintiffs. An appeal was taken to the supreme court, but had not been perfected. At the time of the conflagration the documents were in the office of Norbaad & Hesse, attorney for the plaintiffs, and all were destroyed. These cannot be replaced, so the case ended in the city's favor.

### THE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD



## DISMISSAL OF DAVIS CAUSES STIR IN EAST

New York World Charges Big Power Interests Behind Action of Secretary Work.

BOISE, June 29.—A special dispatch to the Idaho Statesman from the Washington Bureau states: The New York World Thursday editorially calls upon Secretary Work to give "some good or at least a plausible reason" for dismissing Director A. P. Davis of the reclamation service, adding:

"Back of the Davis dismissal there appears to have been a concerted movement by big power interests opposed to the government's policy of reclamation and the manner in which Mr. Davis executed it. So out he goes summarily to make room for a man whose first qualification is that of experience in western politics. His place has been filled by former Governor D. W. Davis of Idaho, who, from grocer, turned banker and politician, strange preparation for a government post calling for a thorough knowledge of engineering."

The World hints at a congressional investigation to disclose the facts behind Davis' dismissal and asks if the reclamation service is to be kept in politics to oblige influential interests.

### Engineers Investigating.

Several New York papers Thursday carried stories to the effect that the American Society of Civil Engineers has started an investigation to determine why Director Davis was ousted. The secretary of the society announced in New York that if the society finds Secretary Work's action was not justified "it will make known its findings in the most definite possible way. The society is not only conferring with officials of the interior department but has instituted an investigation over the west to find out what the sentiment is among settlers and employees of the reclamation service."

### UNION ROSE SHOW BEING HELD TODAY

UNION, June 29.—(Special)—At six o'clock this evening the judges will review and judge the many beautiful roses that are on display at the Union Annual Rose show. There are many beautiful specimens of the wonderful American flower on display and the judges have come to the conclusion that it is going to be a difficult job to make decisions for the prize flowers.

### Miner Loses Life.

BAKER, June 29.—Herman Zimmerman, a miner well known among the miners of the various camps in the county, was instantly killed in the underground workings of the Homestead-Iron-Dyke mine at Homestead last Friday by being struck on the head by a falling 75-pound boulder. He was buried at Homestead.

## Court Attends Chautauqua

With the Marine Maids, a musical organization who feature lighter selections, as the chief attraction, the fifth day of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua came to a close yesterday. Many in the audience were disappointed with the performance of the orchestra.

A little touch of comedy preceded the evening entertainment when the Kangaroo Court, with Judge Birnie in command and Deputy Claud Scranton as peace officer, went into session. Two in the pavilion who were attired in white collars and both receiving sentence, having to carry a banner, advertising the Meacham dance Saturday evening, through the crowd.

The Marine Maids also furnished the music in the afternoon. The attendance was very good both in the afternoon and evening but the largest crowd of the week is anticipated tonight with the La Grande Municipal Band and a pioneer pageant to be the star attractions.

## WAGON TRAIN IS READY FOR TREK

Ten Wagons to Leave Baker Tomorrow for Top O' Blue Mountains — Others to Join Train.

Reports from Baker today state that the wagon train led by Meacham, wagon trains from other points are also either already en route or are preparing to make the trip immediately.

BAKER, June 29.—Late this afternoon or early tomorrow morning hardy pioneers of this city, with Joe Axford as train master, will depart over the Old Oregon Trail on their trek to Top O' Blue mountains where they will participate in the celebration to be held there on July 3 and 4. Ten covered wagons comprise the train and it is expected that in three days will be consumed in the journey.

Fun Promised. The venturers are prepared to thwart attacks of any kind. For amusement, wherever the train stops at night, "Pat" Paulsen will rattle out some old time tunes on his fiddle and a mouth organ artist has also promised to commit to memory some of the tunes of long ago so that the party may enjoy dancing. Oxen to be used in the pageant will be shipped Sunday morning to the pageant site. Covered wagons from Haines, North Powder, Union and La Grande will join the party en route.

Local Manager Leo J. Conlin, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, advises the public that his company has established a toll service station one-half mile from Meacham, which will be known as Grant Gap, headquarters, Old Oregon Trail association, giving those who attend the Pageant the best of service.

### Loganberries To Decay.

SALEM, Ore., June 29.—Hundreds of tons of rapidly ripening loganberries in this district hang weightily and glistening under the glare of the hot sun and will probably be left to decay unless market conditions are improved.

The Bruce Cunningham yard, the largest in the world, has more than 125 tons of loganberries which in past years have returned a large sum of money. This year the yard is of little value.

In Salem, the heart of the berry district, it is almost impossible to get fresh berries in restaurants.

### Tells Robbery Story

PORTLAND, June 29. (AP)—Police are investigating a story told by Oliver Clever, 19 year old messenger of the Broxway bank here, who claims that he was attacked in a downtown room by two strangers, bound, gagged and robbed of \$2,700.

### Wheat Quotations.

PORTLAND, June 29 (AP)—Hard White \$1.10; Western Red \$1.03.

## Old Oregon Trail Highway In Better Shape, Report

PENDLETON, June 29.—Summer weather, appearing after a season of rain and mud, coming with peaceful sunshine, is drying up the unfinished road on Top O' Blue mountains and the Old Oregon Trail highway should be in very good condition by the first of the week, states L. M. Schanep, county judge, and L. J. Shannon, county roadmaster, who recently conducted an inspection of the highway.

The road, although filled with ruts is pretty well dried out now with the exception of a hole or two, the men declare, and a force of state workers are busy hauling crushed rock into these bad places, so they are expected to be repaired by this evening or tomorrow evening.

Two temporary bridges that were made in a narrow width are also being widened so that two-way traffic can be accommodated. This work is expected to be completed by this evening.

Seven trucks are now being used by the state in an effort to get the road into condition. Several teams are being used to do grading work. If the weather is fair from now on until after the Fourth, the road will be in very good condition and will not bother drivers at all. If another heavy rain should come, however, Mr. Schanep said the road undoubtedly would be practically impassable. Whether to drive or make the trip by rail will be decided for many people by the offerings of the weather man between now and the celebration date.

## CONSUMER, GROWER MUST CO-OPERATE

President Harding Says Co-Operation Is the Greatest Need.

### ADDRESSES LARGE IDAHO FALLS CROWD

Harding Discusses Matters of Vital Interest; Expects to Recommend Measure of Aid to Congress.

(By Associated Press.) BUTTE, Mont., June 29.—Presenting here today a report on post war revival of business, President Harding declared that national mobilization by the business interests, labor and government forces to overcome a depression "was no less accomplished than a great corporation to win the war."

Outlining the steps taken under governmental directions to wipe out unemployment and to restore confidence in business, the president asserted "if our procedures have been rather plain and old fashioned, they have yet produced results that justify pride and require to apology."

IDAHO FALLS, Ida., June 29.—One of the largest, if not the largest, audiences that have heard President Harding give an observation platform address, listened to the chief executive in Idaho Falls late Thursday.

Governor Moore introduced the president here, as at Pocatello earlier in the day. The governor's introductory address at Pocatello had been a matter of comment among some members of the party en route here, as he told the president in the course of his remarks that "we (the people of Idaho) are with you in your refusal to recognize foreign nations until they recognize right from wrong."

This declaration was interrupted by some as having reference to Russia, and in that connection Senator Borah's advocacy of the Russian recognition was recalled.

Stops at Blackfoot. The presidential special train stopped for a few minutes en route here at Blackfoot, where the president reiterated previously expressed assertions that the reception accorded him had given him a renewed faith in the republic and a revived desire to discharge faithfully the duties of his office.

The president and Mrs. Harding were kept busy during their three-hour stay here. One of the features of their visit was an inspection trip to a new irrigation project. The presidential train left soon after 6 o'clock for Montana, where Friday the president will make two addresses.

## L. D. S. MEETING IS TOMORROW

Two representatives of the General Authorities of the church from Salt Lake City will be in attendance at the sessions of the L. D. S. conference which convenes here tomorrow and Sunday. The first session will be at ten o'clock, followed by meetings at two p. m. Sunday morning at ten and afternoon at two o'clock. The choir from Union will supply the music Saturday afternoon. Baker choir Sunday morning, and combined La Grande, Baker and Union choirs Sunday afternoon. While all sessions are open to the general public a special invitation is extended for the Sunday afternoon meeting. Saturday evening the State Primary Associations will give a demonstration of their social work in the Amusement hall at eight o'clock. Many interesting numbers will be presented, some in costume. All are invited. Free admission.

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