

CHAUTAUQUA CLOSURES WITH FINE PROGRAM

La Grande Band and Old-Fashioned Wedding Is Featured by Board.

CHAMBER QUARTETTE APPEARS IN SONG

Crowd Was Largest in Attendance During the 1923 Grande Ronde Chautauqua.

The closing of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua, which has been held at Riverside park during the week starting Sunday afternoon, went easily the most entertaining program of any day during the past week.

The La Grande Municipal Band, the pride of all Eastern Oregon, directed by Andrew Loney, Jr., was featured and it is no preparation to state that the program they rendered was by far the best music on the week's circuit.

In addition to the concert by the band, the Union County Chamber of Commerce quartette, composed of G. L. Dutton, Sherwood Williams, Elmer Stoddard and G. S. Birnie, and Stuart Bennett, vocal soloist, contributed to the success of the program.

The Pioneer Wedding Staged. During the intermission in the musical program a pioneer wedding, or rather a pioneer pageant, was presented to the audience.

When the ceremony was complete the guests went to the stage, which was beautifully dressed to represent a wedding room, congratulated the bride and groom, examined the wedding presents, and pantomimed the behavior of guests at an old-fashioned wedding exactly.

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Court To Be At Meacham

Meacham, on July 3 and 4, will not be a city without a court of justice and a force of officers to see that no crimes are committed and that no obnoxious practices are permitted.

Court will be present on the scene in the person of Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes, for whose benefit, since he makes it his summer home, Meacham was a few years ago included in the Pendleton district.

While the judge occasionally transacts some business there for the officers who had theretofore found themselves occasionally without a justice in the neighborhood, it has never been necessary to designate a "court house."

Pioneer Articles Now Seen in Show Windows of Business Concerns in This City.

With the Old Oregon Trail pageant but a few days distant, and all Eastern Oregon arrayed in pioneer garb, considerable interest is being manifested in window displays in La Grande of articles of former days.

To attempt to classify every article and give its history is too big a job, but the Evening Observer below gives a list of practically every article on display.

A slant in Scanton's window is also worthy of mention, along with a melon in the windows of the Eastern Oregon Music company and a photograph in Western's and Gilbert's.

A partial list of the exhibits in the various store windows, compiled yesterday, is as follows: Richardson's Art Store—50 caliber buffalo gun, 2 1/2 pounds, used 60 years ago.

Andrew Brothers—Memorandum, 1852; photo of Portland, 1852; Union County Gazette, a newspaper carrying an item about George Washington's death, with a date of Jan. 4, 1800.

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OREGON RAIL WILL BE MADE DOUBLY SAFE

State Highway Department to Patrol Road in Addition State Traffic Department.

Not only will the State Traffic Department maintain a large force of officials along the Blue mountain section of the Old Oregon Trail during the Old Oregon Trail pageant days, but announcement was made today that the State Highway Department, with R. H. Baldock, division engineer in charge, will patrol all sharp curves and detours along the road day and night.

The wagon train, which left Baker yesterday afternoon bound for Meacham, consisting of approximately 12 prairie schooners and other vehicles, will arrive in Union today and spend the night there en route to La Grande tomorrow.

Every report from Top O' Blue Mountains state that preparations are going smoothly and the pageant is in complete readiness when the pageant opens Tuesday morning with the arrival of President Harding's special train.

WORK EXPLAINS 'RESIGNATION'

ANN ARBOR, June 30.—Politics is responsible for the recent dismissal of A. P. Davis by Secretary Work and the appointment in his place as director of the reclamation service of former Governor Davis, of Idaho, said Dean M. E. Conley, head of the engineering department of the University of Michigan.

On Board: President Harding's Special Train, Helena, Mont., June 29.—Secretary Work of the interior department explained Friday that his reasons for accepting the "resignation" of A. P. Davis, former director of the reclamation service, were to effect a reorganization of that service in a way that would eliminate one of them with a man who could "help the farmers on the reclamation of lands," as the department of agriculture has been adding the farmers of the country for years.

Move to Aid Settlers. "I have Mr. Davis' resignation," Mr. Work said. "We don't need two engineers in charge of the reclamation service. In the future the service head will be known as the chief of the bureau of reclamation and will be qualified first to aid the farmers rather than supervise engineering works on the project." W. W. Davis, former governor of Idaho, is such a man and I have appointed him as the bureau chief, have abolished the office of director and placed F. E. Weymouth, former assistant chief of the service, in the position of chief engineer of the bureau.

FIRST CARLOAD OF BUTTER IS SHIPPED TO LOS ANGELES

The Union Creamery company of La Grande today shipped out a carload of butter to Los Angeles, the "first carload of La Grande made butter to be shipped to a point outside of Oregon, according to information I have received," stated Mr. Anderson, manager of the Union Creamery.

FOUR KILLED, 13 INJURED IN NAVY

NEW PORT, R. I., June 29.—Four men were killed and four injured when they were trapped in escaping steam and hot water in the fire room of the destroyer Williamson in Narragansett Bay today. All were members of the fire room squad.

Nine Sailors Burned. PHILADELPHIA, June 30.—Nine sailors were injured today in an explosion on the boat cruiser Richmond at the Philadelphia navy yard. They were taken to the navy hospital. All of the sailors were badly burned.

250 Soldiers Escape Death

(By Associated Press) SYDNEY, N. S. W., June 30.—An attempt to wreck a railway train which early today brought troops from Halifax to prevent recurrences of last night's rioting among the striking employees of the British Steel corporation was discovered half an hour before the train arrived with 250 soldiers.

REALTORS TO MEET IN JULY

Local Realty Board Receives Announcement of Convention at Portland July 18-21.

Decisions of far reaching importance and policies that will affect Western Realtors individually will be laid down at the Northwest Realty Association's annual convention in Portland, July 18-21, according to advice just received by Sherwood Williams, president of the La Grande Realty Board.

Two of the most important matters that will come to the attention of the realtors will revolve about the proposed multiple listing system and discussion of means of making the realty license laws more effective.

Tighter provisions governing the operations of the real estate license laws likewise will be discussed with the idea of further elevating the respectability of the profession. The law which compels every real estate man to take out a license with the state was originated by the realtors and is doing a wonderful work.

President Sherwood Williams is notifying local realtors who plan on attending the convention to make hotel reservations immediately. Tourists traveling coupled with another big convention in Portland will over-crowd the larger hotels and it is either a case of reserve now and be sure or take chances on inferior accommodations later.

On Friday afternoon, July 29th, an immense salmon barbecue will be staged in a great outdoor park on the famous Columbia River highway. Indications are that the convention will be one of the largest in the association's history and one of the most interesting.

HERE ATTENDING L. D. S. MEETING

Elder Melvin J. Ballard, of the Council of Twelve, and J. Golden Kimball, first Council of Seventy, arrived in the city this morning from Salt Lake City, Utah, to be present at the L. D. S. quarterly conference. Elder Ballard, a very eloquent speaker and those attending the Sunday afternoon services are assured of a very interesting discussion. Elder Kimball is also a speaker of ability.

A large delegation is coming from Baker and under the direction of Miss Ida Foxson, will furnish the singing Sunday morning. Very interesting services were held this morning and this afternoon and will be held tomorrow. The public is invited to all sessions. Fair weather and good roads assures a good representation from all churches in this section.

Tornado Hits Kansas HUTCHINSON, Kan., June 30.—According to a meager telegraphic report reaching here at midnight, a tornado struck the town of Wright, just east of Dodge City, in Ford county, Friday night. No report of damage could be obtained, as all wires are down, according to local officials.

MOUNTAIN ROAD IN EXCELLENT SHAPE, REPORT

Highway Department Advises Motorists as to Condition of Old Oregon Trail over Blue Mountains.

The Blue Mountain roads, according to an announcement by the state highway department here today, will be in first class condition by Sunday evening unless heavy rains are experienced—which doesn't appear very likely from the weather outlook today.

The new grade along the five-mile stretch northeast of Meacham will be entirely completed and will be open to traffic at that time. The grade is 22 feet wide and it will be possible to make a speed of 30 miles per hour in high over the entire section.

Deadman's Pass-Pendleton: Excellent macadam. Pendleton-Umatilla-Arlington-The Dalles: Macadamized entire distance. La Grande-Wallowa Lake: Excellent. La Grande-Island City: Paved. Island City-Allen: Excellent macadam. Allen-Imbler: New grade in fair condition. Imbler-Elgin: Old road over hill very rough but passable.

Plan Auto Caravan. BOISE, June 30.—Southwestern Idaho citizens attending the Oregon Trail dedication at Meacham, Ore., July 3 and 4, will form a long auto caravan, starting Monday, at 1 p. m., if plans of Ralph Welch, field secretary of the Idaho State Automobile association do not miscarry.

Cherries Will Be Ready To Harvest in Few Days. Cherries are turning red and are fast ripening and from all reports from growers from over the county the crop this year will surpass the crops for many years past.

Three Score Killed. BERTON, June 30.—Between 30 and 60 persons were killed by the explosion of a mine bomb on the Great Rhine Bridge at Bercy, crossing the structure, according to the correspondent of the Acha-hrahsenblatt.

Called "Dereet In Duty." SPRINGFIELD, June 30.—Adjutant General Black, of the Illinois National guard, is declared "dereet in duty and primarily to blame" for not leading troops to Williamson county at the time of the Herrin riots, in a report of the legislative investigation committee to legislature this afternoon.

2,500 Whipping Parties. OKLAHOMA CITY, June 30.—There has been at least 2,500 whipping parties in Oklahoma in the last year, according to official records received by the governor's office.

The Market. PORTLAND, June 30. (AP)—Livestock and eggs steady. Butter unsettled. All unchanged.

President In Yellowstone

(By Associated Press) Gardiner Gateway, Mont., June 30.—Arriving in Gardiner about seven o'clock this morning, President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding and their party immediately went into the Yellowstone National park for a two day visit. They went in by the northern entrance and had breakfast inside the playground. The program for the day called for an inspection of buffalo and elk herds and a visit to the Mammoth hot springs and the upper geyser basin.

When President Harding descended the steps of his car he received a pleasant surprise in a copy this morning's edition of the Livingston, Montana Enterprise, containing on the first page a duplicate of the first page of yesterday's Marion, O., Star, the president's own paper for many years.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR WALLOWANS

Branch Line to Be Served July 3 and 4 by Special Train to Connect With Meacham - Baker Train Here.

Due to the Old Oregon Trail celebration at Meacham July 3rd and 4th, William McMurray, of the Union Pacific, announces that the O-W will operate a special train from Joseph to La Grande on the branch line both days, to make connections with the special that passes through here with Meacham and Baker as its terminal points.

Agents at Joseph, Enterprise, Lostine and Wallowa have been advised of the plans and all who wish to make the trip on the special are urged to notify them. The special will leave Joseph at 4:30 a. m.; Enterprise at 4:45; Lostine 5:05; Wallowa 5:25; Elgin 7:10; and will arrive at La Grande at 8:15 a. m., several minutes before the Baker-Meacham special arrives here. In the evening the branch line special will return, leaving La Grande at 8:15 p. m., arriving at Elgin 9:05; Wallowa 11:01; Lostine 11:25 and Joseph 12:15 a. m.

Present indications points to a large crowd in attendance at the pageant from Wallowa county points.

NEED SCOUTS TO SELL ICE CREAM

A. E. Pryke, Boy Scout commissioner, who has just returned from a few days' visit at Meacham, states that pageant preparations are now nearly completed and that Top O' Blue Mountains is rapidly taking on a frontier aspect making ready for the Old Oregon Trail pageant July 3 and 4.

Immigration Quota Filled. NEW YORK, June 30.—The July immigration quota of two continents Asia and Africa, and five countries, Albania, Greece, Palestine, Serbia and Syria, will be more than filled tomorrow when immigrants aboard 16 ships are landed at Ellis Island, the deputy commissioner of the immigration board announced.

Town Wiped Out By Fire. HELENA, Mont., June 30.—When a pressing machine in a tailor shop blazed up suddenly an employe picked up a bucket of gasoline, and believing it to be water, poured the oil on the machine which started a fire which virtually wiped out Orangefield with an estimated loss of \$50,000.

8,000 Whipping Parties. OKLAHOMA CITY, June 30.—There has been at least 8,000 whipping parties in Oklahoma in the last year, according to official records received by the governor's office.

LABORER AND EMPLOYER IS SPEECH TOPIC

Harding Stands Between Two Factions Mentioned in Address.

PRESIDENT TALKS OF WOMEN'S WORK

Chief Executive at Helena Tells of Efforts to Lessen Conflicts in Interest of Public.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Statements made by President Harding in his labor speech at Helena yesterday, which were assailed today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who declared that "labor requires more than a speech to balance against acts that have gone before."

HELENA, Mont., June 29.—President Harding declared here Friday, that those who indulged his administration would sympathize with projects for the deflation of labor and the overthrow of labor organizations have come "to realize their error."

"The president said what his administration had 'earnestly sought' is to lessen the occasion for conflict between capital and labor and to bring to both a realization of the obligation the yoke 'to the great public interest.'"

"Nothing has been further from the purpose of the present administration," he said in the tenth prepared address of his western trip, an address devoted to the discussion of labor, social justice and women in industry. To Hold Scales Even. Quite frankly the executive stated that he knew there were some elements which had for "a great and decisive conflict" between organized employers and organized labor, and that these elements were not all on either side of the "imaginary line" between capital and labor.

"On the capital side of the line," he said, "were those who hoped that the administration would lend itself to their program of breaking down organized labor and sending it back to the era of individual bargaining for the individual job. On the labor side of the line were those who hoped, by exorbitant demands and an attitude of uncompromising insistence, to force the nationalization of some of our most important industries and services. Between these two extreme groups we have tried to hold the scales even."

"How well have we succeeded? At least, we have saved the nation from the extremes of both sides. I believe our policy, and its results, have reflected the sound judgment of the overwhelming majority of the American people. I believe this people is firmly and finally committed to the ideal of preserving the fullest rights of private initiative and private enterprise, together with the right of organization on both sides of the line between capital and labor, and always consistent with the right of the public to be served efficiently and at a reasonable cost."

"We have come thus far, and thus fortunately, through the most difficult period of reconstruction that we have ever known. We have been sheltered against the world storm of tendency to social revolution. The best test of policy is by results. By that test, we ask no more than a fair and seasoned verdict on our program. We look that its results be compared with the showing in times after years that can be presented by any other country on the face of the earth."

"For our vindication, we point to a great nation, its credit preserved, its industries crowded to the point of capacity production, its people employed, its value scales high beyond all comparison with any other in the world, its banking system standing as the Great Bank of sound money and the gold standard, and its average level of comfort and prosperity unexampled among the races of men."

"If I could make the fortunate picture stand out by offering contrast, I would speak of Russia in the colossal failure of its most experiment. The dissatisfied working forces of America, where there are such, and the pastor theorists who have yet to create a single thing useful to uplifting human kind, will find there loss of freedom, much loss of reward, and little hope in much proclaimed emancipation."

"Apart from the tragedy of it all, I am glad Russia is making the experiment. If 20 centuries of the Christian era and its great story of human progress, and the countless centuries before the light of Christianity flared, have been lived and recorded upon imitation theories of a righteous social order, then everything is wrong, Christianity a failure, and all of civilization a failure. I think Russia is going to rivet our belief in established social order. Meanwhile, we know ours is the best the world has revealed, and I preach the gospel of holding fast to that which has proven good, ever trying to find something to make it better, and consider and treat as an enemy every man who (Continued on page 4)