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PROGRAM OF PAVING GOING AHEAD

Actual Work Has Been Started on Island and Cove Avenues.

TWO AVENUES ARE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

Bids to Be Opened by City Commissioners Tonight on District No. 124.

"We're just getting started," remarked K. A. Sinclair, of the Warren Construction company, who stated to a reporter of the Evening Observer today that it had been necessary to close Cove and Island avenues for a period of about two weeks while preliminary work on paving is being attended to. "We have 15 workmen on the job today and expect to have at least two score workmen within a few days."

Which all sounds especially fine to not only the La Grande people but those who live in the Grande Ronde valley and up the branch line. Because with work actually started on that district which includes the celebrated Island City pavement—Adams avenue stretch, which in the past has been the eye sore in the system of city roads, entrance to La Grande can be made in a smooth, easy manner instead of sliding, bumping and jolting over a series of bumps, ruts and the like.

Mr. Sinclair is closing Cove and Island avenues with barricades properly erected and states that it will be necessary for traffic to follow along Madison avenue after using either the North Fir or Greenwood railroad crossings, both of which remain open.

To Open Bids. Now that the weather has begun to act like summer most of the time, in going ahead in promising shape. Bids have been accepted on two districts and bids will be opened on another this evening when the city commissioners meet in an adjourned session in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock.

The bids to be opened tonight will bear on improvements on District No. 124 which, including the improvements contemplated, is described as follows:

That the said proposed improvement will consist of grading to the proper subgrade and constructing thereon hard surface pavement fifty-two feet in width between curbs on Greenwood street from the north property line of Adams avenue to north property line of Madison avenue (excepting the O. W. company's right of way and Jefferson avenue street intersection) and including one full street intersection at Madison avenue; also by constructing concrete sidewalks where same are not in place, combination curb and gutter where not in place, concrete gutters where curbs are in place, catch basins, etc., and by laying sewer pipes, manholes, frames and covers, on the above named street, all located in Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande. The above named improvements are to be made at the expense of the property of the district that will be especially benefited thereby.

A City of Pavement. And it's safe to say, as one man did recently, that within a short time you "can drive through La Grande all day without seeing a dirt road."

Woman Slashes Throat. TWIN FALLS, Ida., July 3.—Worry over the recent marriage of her daughter is believed to have induced Mrs. William Thompson to slash her throat with a knife, with fatal results. The body was discovered Friday on the P. S. A. Bickel ranch near Hagerman, Idaho, which the dead woman, with her husband, have occupied as tenants since last spring.

Harding Finds Nectars. TACOMA, Wash., July 6.—The president has learned much about the Volstead act since he started on his pilgrimage that ought to have a bearing upon his law-enforcement hypothesis.

Its party found them drinking moonshine made from corn in the Cumberland mountain country, getting beer from Illinois and Indiana in Missouri, revelling in unadorned wine in Kansas, and culminating in Oregon with the ethereal distillation of rose petals. In Oregon they learned the trick from the Chinese. Alaska is still to be heard from.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 6.—Tonight probably showers. Saturday fair.

Shelby Films May Be Shown

CHICAGO, July 6.—Films showing Shelby scenes preceding the Dempsey-Gibbons fight were submitted today to federal authorities for inspection and exhibition may be permitted. Federal agents are watching for the actual fight pictures, the interstate transportation of which is forbidden by law. An airplane carrying them is reported delayed at Minneapolis by adverse weather.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 6. (AP)—Mark Hurd, Minneapolis aviator, hopped off today for New York City with the Dempsey-Gibbons fight films. He planned to stop at Chicago long enough to leave some pictures.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The moving pictures of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight will not be shown outside of Montana if the department of justice can prevent it, said Assistant Attorney General Grim.

WORK ON DAM TO START SOON

McKay Creek Project, Near Pendleton, to Be Scene of Activity in Three Days.

PENDLETON, July 6.—Work on the McKay creek dam job will start next Monday, according to an announcement made here today by R. M. Connor, construction engineer in charge, in a speech before the Rotary club. The department of the interior has accepted the valuations of land made by a jury in federal court in Portland last week when condemnation suits to obtain three farms for the dam site were held. Mr. Connor said. Some uncertainty had been expressed whether the valuations would be accepted by the government and for a time it seemed probable that the big reclamation job might be postponed.

Orders for machinery and equipment costing approximately \$400,000 have already been placed, he said. Lumber with which to construct a camp near the dam has also been ordered. When the Anderson farm will be cut first and fences laid out and other preliminary work done. Between 30 and 40 men will be given employment at first and by August 1 it is expected that 150 men will be at work. Three or four years will be required to build the dam, and the waters stored on the mountain stream will be used to supplement the present supply of irrigation projects in the west end of Umatilla county.

ETHEL BARRYMORE IS GRANTED A DIVORCE

FROVIDENCE, R. I., July 6.—Ethel Barrymore, the actress, was Thursday granted a divorce from Russell G. Colt, son of the late Col. Samuel P. Colt of Bristol, on the ground of neglect to provide. Under the decision she is granted custody of three children. It is understood that an interlocutory decree will be entered whereby Mr. Colt will have the children with him at stated times. The testimony was taken by depositions. Mrs. Colt, in her deposition, stated she was married on March 14, 1909. She said that in 1914, while at a New York hotel, Mr. Colt struck her several times, and that she had been subjected to assaults on other occasions. She said she had supported herself and children since her marriage.

Interrupts Tourist Travel BASEL, Switzerland, July 6. (AP)—Swiss tourist traffic has been hard hit by the French occupation along the Rhine, and the consequent upsetting of through travel from Scandinavia, Holland, Poland and France which formerly drained through the Rhine valley. Trains still run, but they are slow and irregular as compared with the service which formerly connected Oesend, Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam and Copenhagen with the German waiting-places along the Rhine and in Switzerland. The public has accustomed to the old route and is slow to start on other lines which are not affected by the French occupation, but cannot offer the old-line de luxe service.

PIRATE LINE-UP IS YET UNANNOUNCED

The line-up for the La Grande baseball team members of the Intermountain league, for Sunday when they meet the Baker Colts here, has not yet been announced and will not be until tomorrow, according to word received from Manager W. C. Crews. Manager Crews has about a dozen men to select the list from including Garity, the Knight brothers, Vete, Martin, Maffee, White, Melnie, Roserbaum, Johnson, Crews, B. Garity, Carroll and several others. The game will be played at the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon at about 2:30 o'clock. All children under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

RUHR PROBLEM AT STANDSTILL PENDING REPLY

Curzon Still Hopes That the French Will Acquiesce to Demands; Italy and Vatican May Assist.

LONDON, July 6.—No fresh development in the Ruhr embargo is expected before next week; the negotiations are supposed to be at a temporary standstill, but will likely be resumed at the week end and it is still hoped that the French government will acquiesce in Lord Curzon's desire and give some sort of written reply to the British questionnaire. There is no hope, however, that the reply will be satisfactory to Great Britain; the utmost expected being an actual rupture of negotiations will be avoided. In the meantime some amelioration of the situation may be achieved through the mediatory tactics of the Italian government and the Vatican.

War Debt Issue. Because of the composition of the British cabinet, Premier Baldwin, even if he so desired, would find it difficult to initiate any separate action aimed against France. Nevertheless, the premier's view is believed to be that the problem, so far as England is concerned, turns largely on the question of the allied debt and the necessity of securing through reparations agreement, such payment from Germany as would cover the amount of Great Britain's yearly payments to the United States.

In this connection, importance is attributed to Mr. Baldwin's statement in the house of commons, Wednesday, indicating that he regards Great Britain still free to propose some settlement of the allied indebtedness which would be based upon some reparations agreement, whereby Germany would agree to pay sufficient to cover Great Britain's yearly indebtedness to the United States, or, in other words, to trade French indebtedness to France.

This supposed predilection on the part of the prime minister, is said to be shared by Reginald McKenna, who is generally supposed, will enter the British cabinet soon as Chancellor of the exchequer. But it is quite certain that Mr. Baldwin would meet with strong opposition among his own colleagues such as Lord Derby, should he propose to negotiate directly with Germany.

MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED WIFE

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 6.—Valentine Osina, 40, was alleged to have shot and instantly killed his wife Johanna, 40, in the kitchen of their home one mile east of McCleary this morning at 9 o'clock. Osina fled to the woods behind his house and a posse headed by Sheriff Timor Gibson is searching for him. In the excitement immediately following the murder some one reported hearing a shot from the woods near the Osina house. A theory that Osina took his own life with the revolver with which he slew his wife was entertained. If he did, the density of the undergrowth nearby would make the search for the body extremely difficult.

Fire Threatened Goldfield. GOLDFIELD, Nev., July 6.—Fire this morning threatened the destruction of several blocks, several buildings were dismantled. A high southwest wind swept the flames along Main Street.

Wheat Quotations. PORTLAND, July 6.—Soft White \$1.08; Hard Winter \$1.05.

Guy Fallow Shoots Self; May Be Fatal

World Court Is Approved

WINONA LAKE, Indiana, July 6.—Qualified approval of the world court was unanimously voted by the World Christian citizens conference in session here today. They adopted a resolution urging American participation in the World court.

UNKNOWN DEAD LAID AT REST

Bodies, Thought Those of Some of the Meachams or Early Pioneers, Interred at Top of Blue Mountains.

The unknown dead, the remains of whom were found recently near Meacham, presumably the skeletons of members of migrating trains, approximately 50 years deceased, were interred Wednesday afternoon at the Old Oregon Trail celebration week observance services. Ceremonies due the sacrifice these pioneers made marked the funeral services. Authorities believe that the bodies are some of the Meachams, or at least those who came in the first wagon train in 1842. The state militia fired three volleys and the bugler sounded taps. At a date in the near future a monument will be erected at the graves.

SOUVENIR SALE WAS A SUCCESS

The recent Old Oregon Trail Pageant souvenir sale conducted by the La Grande Post and Auxiliary of the American Legion was a very satisfactory one, over 4,000 being sold which netted them over \$100.

However, there are several hundred of these souvenirs left to be disposed of and the boys are selling them at 2 for 25c. They are very anxious to raise their total to over \$1,700 which will make their Post the largest single contributors in the world to the Graves Endowment fund of the American Legion.

Any person wishing to secure some of these very appropriate souvenirs to send to their friends, may do so, by inquiring of Otis Palmer, adjutant of the local Post.

Lady Post Laureate. (By the Associated Press) BOISE, Ida., July 6.—Mrs. Irene Welch Grimsom of Idaho Falls has been designated Idaho's poet laureate by Governor Moore. One of her best known works is "The Passing of the Sagebrush."

Perfect Harmony. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 6.—Determination of the winner of the Thirtieth Annual Balloon Race which today started from here July fourth today awaited the reply from only one ship, the United States navy number A 6585, in charge of Lieutenant Roth. An army balloon piloted by Lieutenant Olfendick, leads the 12 craft already reported having traveled 443 miles. The St. Louis, piloted by H. S. Honeywell, of St. Louis, stands second, with 454 miles.

Gives Up Pole Flight. NOME, Alaska, July 6.—Captain Amundsen has definitely abandoned his proposed flight across the North Pole from Wainwright, Alaska, to Spitsbergen, because of damage to the engine in a recent attempted flight, according to word received here.

Fruitmen in Grande Ronde Valley See Large Yields

The cherry harvest is very near. Throughout the county orchardists are making preparations for picking and packing, especially in the vicinity of Cove where the raising of cherries is one of the chief industries. Hundreds of boxes have already been made and the efforts of the cherry-men are now being turned to procuring labor sufficient to glean their fruit. The cherry crop this year is very promising. Cherries are the principal early fruit in the Grande Ronde Valley and from reports are developing very satisfactorily with no serious pests appearing at the present time. Heavy tonnage and large fruit are indicated by abundant moisture during the growing period. Apples Looking Fine. Fruitmen are not only anticipating a profitable yield of cherries but apples are also confidently expected to bring a bumper harvest. The apple crop has quite a period yet to run before time for picking but reports state that the apples have practically doubled in size during the last few weeks. The large amount of fruit hanging on the trees has been practically thinned by the natural drop, but some growers in the timber and La Grande sections are thinning in order to increase the size of their fruit. Although it is still very early to make more than a prophecy on the bearing of other fruits, that mature later, fruitmen, no matter what their chief crop, are looking forward to harvest this year with optimism.

Motive for Act Is Mystery, Turned Gun on Self After Reading Letter Which He Burned.

Reports from the Grande Ronde Hospital received this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, just before the paper went to press, stated that Guy Fallow was still alive but that his condition was very grave.

Guy Fallow, 25, who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fallow, at 2901 North Second street, shot himself, probably fatally, today at noon at home after reading a letter addressed to him which he tore up after reading it through.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon reports from the hospital state that he is still alive although hopes of his recovery are exceedingly slim. The bullet, fired from a newly purchased .32 Colt automatic revolver, entered his head on the right side about one inch above the temple plowing through his skull to the left side. Absolutely no motive, with the exception of the mysterious letter, for his act is known. His parents and friends are at loss to piece the cause. Despondency was unnoticed and he was in good health.

According to his parents, he came home at 11:30 o'clock from work, being employed with Ulrich Lotter, where he had held a position for the past two years since coming home from the navy, ate luncheon and then read a letter that was awaiting him. He burned the letter, made no comment, went upstairs and in a few minutes a shot was heard. Rushing to his room, his parents found him shot through the head.

A peculiar incident is the fact that the .32 automatic, which he shot himself with, was purchased very recently. The sale tag had not been removed from the gun as yet. Whether he was expecting such a letter is unknown.

Praise Gibbons' Ability GREENVILLE, S. C., July 6.—Delegates to the annual convention of the department of South Carolina of the American Legion Thursday voted unanimously to send a telegram of congratulations to Tom Gibbons of St. Paul for his showing against Jack Dempsey in their heavy-weight championship fight at Shelby, Mont., Wednesday.

Wage Hearing Scheduled CHICAGO, July 6.—The United States Labor board Thursday set July 23 for beginning hearing of the dispute involving wages, inequalities in rates and working rules of the clerical and station employes on 42 railroads in the United States.

President E. H. Fitzgerald of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks and Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employes, has filed the necessary submissions, all requiring an increase in wages. Most of the carriers involved are short line railroads.

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12-Hour Day Looks Bright

NEW YORK, July 6.—Entrance into the United States of a labor supply from Mexico, the Philippines, Canada and a few European countries soon will make possible the establishment of the 12-hour day in the steel corporation, it was announced today following President Harding's announcement yesterday at Tacoma of correspondence in which the steel directors pledged themselves to abolish the 12-hour day when sufficient labor supply was assured.

TARIFF BOARD ORDERS PROBE

Investigation Bearing on Import Duties on Fir, Spruce and Other Timbers to Start August 3.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The tariff commission today ordered an investigation into the production costs and other data bearing on import duties on logs of fir, spruce, cedar, western hemlock, setting August 3 for the preliminary hearing.

The investigation will go into the phase of import rates which provoked considerable debate when the tariff act was before Congress. The commission's experts have been engaged at gathering facts surrounding the rates for several weeks, and the commission declined to disclose the source of complaints resulting in order for the investigation.

Expect Ratification Of American Treaties

PARIS, July 6.—Premier Poincaré expects the ratification of all of the Washington treaties by parliament before the midsummer recess next week. A large majority for the ratification is expected.

Logging Plans Formed. ABERDEEN, Wash., July 6.—Harbor logging operations are to be increased by the addition of two newly formed companies, the W. J. Argent of Andrews creek, and the W. J. Logging company of John river, which will open up south log areas which probably will scale over a quarter of a million feet. The Ward-Sargeant company will start work by October 1 and the M. B. company by the first of the year. The logs will come by way of south bay to harbor mills from the Ward-Sargeant holdings and by way of John river from the M. B. tract.

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HARDING NOW ON THE WAY TO ALASKA

President and Party Sail From Tacoma for the Far North.

THOUSANDS CHEER AS HE EMBARKS

Large Crowd Hears Address Made in Drizzling Rain; Harding Is First President to Visit Alaska.

ABOARD USS HENDERSON, July 6.—President Harding is beyond American boundaries today en route to Alaska enjoying life at sea on a transport. Two destroyers are escorting the Henderson with depth finders commanded by officers who recently charted the Pacific shore water depths.

TACOMA, Wash., July 6.—In the midst of the blaring of bands and the farewell cheers of thousands of Tacoma citizens President Harding sailed Thursday for Alaska, the first chief executive of the nation to visit that territory since it came under the American flag.

A few minutes after 2 p. m., the scheduled hour of departure, the United States naval transport Henderson, which for the next 20 days will be in reality the White House, got under way, circled the harbor and steamed past the Tacoma stadium where a few minutes before the president and Mrs. Harding had received the Godspeed of Governor Hart of Washington, and where the president had declared for an American merchant marine second to none.

As the big transport swung by the stadium those who assembled there to hear the president speak, stood and cheered. Mr. and Mrs. Harding acknowledged the cheers and waved farewell from the bridge until distance made them only indistinct figures to those on shore. President happy.

The president, as he boarded the vessel, was in an unusually happy frame of mind, pleased by the reception given him in Tacoma, and to obtain a few days of rest after the 15-day transcontinental trip, and overjoyed by the prospect realizing the ambition he has held almost ever since he entered the White House—an ambition to visit the great northern territory and obtain first-hand information with respect to its problems.

Two days of steady sailing lay ahead of the party when it left here, up through the inside passage of British Columbia and Alaska. It will not be a monotonous voyage by any means, for the boat will pass thru narrow winding channels with mountains rising directly from the water's edge.

The first stop will be made at Ketchikan either on Friday or Saturday and after a stay there the Henderson will go on to Wrangell, arriving there to spend Sunday, according to the tentative schedule.

The arrival at Juneau, the territorial capital, has been fixed for July 10 and three days later the party will reach Seward. Four days then will be devoted to the trip up the Alaskan railroad to Fairbanks, Chickalson, Nema, and Anchorage, within 200 miles of the Arctic circle. At the Tanana river bridge at Nena, the president will drive the golden spike symbolizing completion of the railroad constructed by the government to provide an outlet for the rich interior district. The return trip outward will be made by motor over the Richardson trail connecting with the Copper river and Northwestern railroad at Chitina with arrival at Coshocta, scheduled for July 19. Sitka will be reached two days later and then the chief executive will bid farewell to the territory and sail for Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding had a busy four hours in Tacoma before they sailed. Arriving here about 10 o'clock they held a public reception (Continued on Page Five)

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