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TWO PARTIES RESULT FROM DIFFERENCES

Political Split in Chicago Results in Forming of Two New Parties.

RADICALS ORGANIZE FARMER-LABOR BODY

Old Farmer-Labor Party Goes Its Own Way; Both Will Enter in 1924 Political Field.

CHICAGO, July 7.—The Federated Farmer-Labor party and the Farmer-Labor party of the United States, with individual platforms and candidates are announced as entries in the 1924 political field.

The majority of the Farmer-Labor party Friday refuse to affiliate with the federated organization, a group born in the Farm-Labor convention which decided on a platform and ticket of its own. A minority went over to the federated party, splitting the Farmer-Labor organization.

The national executive committee of the federated party accepted five of the bolting Farmer-Labor members as members of its executive committee and proceeded to the selection of an executive council and an intensive program of activity. Headquarters of the federated party probably will be held here, C. E. Ruthenburg of Cleveland, claimed in Michigan of Communist tendencies, and a leader in the new party, announced.

The Farmer-Labor convention was adjourned after a day of controversy over a motion of M. Joseph Bennett, member of the party's national executive committee, which would have placed five of its members on the federated group's executive committee with reservations. After its defeat Bennett announced he would abide by the decision but the minority faction filed out.

Split From Reds.

Nonparticipation of the Farmer-Labor party with the federated organization which Bennett characterized as "threatening the suicide of the Farmer-Labor party," was not shared by the solid Illinois unit, which is credited by its speakers with having established "a clean break with the extreme radicals; is now unshackled of a possible red menace and is on its feet stronger than ever in the pursuit of independent political satisfaction."

John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who declined the chairmanship of Friday's meeting in favor of Robert M. Buck, Chicago labor leader and editor, sounded the keynote of non-participation on the part of the Farmer-Labor party.

"We want political betterment for the workers and farmers but we want control through the ballot in our own ranks and not from a dictatorship in Russia," Fitzpatrick asserted. "Union men and women will not submit."

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GOLDFIELD IS RAZED BY FIRE

TONOPAH, Nev., July 7.—The business section of Goldfield, with the exception of six buildings, was burned to the ground Friday. One man is dead from causes attributable to the fire, a woman is missing and is believed to have perished, and several persons were treated for burns as the result of the conflagration, now believed to have been of incendiary origin, started as part of a bootlegger's feud.

Fire Chief I. N. Gallie of Goldfield declared that he believed an enemy of a known bootlegger started the blaze in a building in the rear of the Brown-Parker garage.

Van D. McArthur, after carrying furniture from his burning home, was overcome by heart failure and succumbed, according to Dr. Charles R. Blake of the Esmeralda county hospital at Goldfield. The name of the missing woman has not yet been learned.

Residents were returning to the town Friday night from the mountainside, where they fled with their belongings, and telephone connections have been restored. Food has reached there from Tonopah, all of the local supply having been destroyed.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 7.—Unsettled tonight and Sunday with showers in the northwest portion

Court Strikes Volstead Act

HELENA, Mont., July 7.—Congress once having said that alcohol can be used for medical purposes cannot dictate to the physicians as to the number of whiskey prescriptions he shall write or quantity he shall prescribe, Federal Judge George M. Bouquin invalidated the prosecution of Dr. J. B. Freund, a Butte physician who, it was charged, issued more than 100 prescriptions within a 90-day period and prescribed more than one-half pint of alcohol to one patient in 10 days.

The decision in substance held that congress cannot substitute its judgment for that of the physician, ruling similarly to Federal Judge Knox of New York, who on May 9 last granted an order restraining prohibition authorities from interfering with the practice of Dr. Samuel W. Lambert with respect to the amount of whiskey which might be prescribed to one patient.

CLUB MORTGAGE TO BE CREMATED

Country Club, Now Free of Indebtedness, Will Celebrate with Huge Community Festivities July 12.

With appropriate ceremonies the mortgage, that has hovered over the roof of the Country club since formation until recently will be burned on the evening of July 12th, at which time the community will gather at the club house for an evening of festivities.

La Grande's country club is now one of the few similar organizations in the United States that is entirely free from debt. The burning of the mortgage will be held as a sentimental recognition of the clearing up of all indebtedness and also opening up a future period of prosperity.

Speaking, a big dinner, dancing and other forms of amusement will be on the evening's program, the exact hour of which will be announced at a later date.

The entire community is most cordially invited to the affair by the Country club, who will strive in the future to make the club a community affair. Non-members and members will both mix in one of the most enjoyable events of the season and the club members are especially anxious that non-members attend.

The dinner will be furnished by the club members. Further details of the program will be made in the near future.

Swimming Tank to Open.

The swimming tank at the Country club will open tomorrow, and will remain open the rest of the summer. On account of the cold weather, it has not been opened at an earlier date.

Pageant Committee Said To Be Facing a Deficit

The executive committee of the Old Oregon Trail association, sponsoring the pageant at Meacham which was held July 3 and 4, report a deficit will be faced. The exact amount will probably not be known for several days.

A check made by state traffic officers relative to the number of autos at Top O' Blue Mountains July 3 showed that 3,200 came into the camp. Although this was not an official count it is presumed to be practically correct.

Hundreds of cars were not subject to this check.

CROPS DAMAGED BY WEST OREGON RAINS

Washington Gets Rain.

SPOKANE, July 7.—Rainfall of about 1.2 inch reported in Central and Eastern Washington. The wheat is reported damaged in the Eastern Big Bend Country.

PORTLAND, July 7.—The rainfall is heavier than any record here for July in the past 21 years. Reports today state that they have damaged fruit and grains throughout Oregon.

During the hours ending this morning 1.23 inches of rain fell in Portland making a total for the month of 2.08 inches.

The normal rainfall for Portland of the entire month of July is .54 inch.

Everything O. K. Here.

While the remainder of the state and portions of the northwest are experiencing extremely heavy rains for this part of the year, La Grande has had practically no rains to mention during the past week. Cloudy weather and very slight rains have been prevalent but no damage to crops have yet been reported.

Train Hits Auto.

ALBANY, July 7.—Five are injured, one possibly fatally, as a result of the Southern Pacific Southbound train striking the Portland-San Francisco southbound passenger stage one mile north of Shedd this afternoon. The injured were taken to Eugene.

The Market.

PORTLAND, July 7. (AP)—Live-stock steady; eggs steady; butter slow and weak.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMPANY BUYS TIMBER LAND

Tract containing Approximately 125,000,000 Feet of Choice Timber, Purchased From Scott Concern.

A few months ago the Blue Mountain Lumber Company acquired the holdings of the Catherine Creek Lumber Company, comprising over 9,000 acres; now comes the announcement that the next largest block of timber in the belt—the Scott Timber, Company holdings of 8,000 acres—has been purchased by the Blue Mountain Lumber Company through Standahl & Davis of Union, steps the Union Weekly Republican.

These lands were selected by the veteran Pennsylvania lumber man, Asa W. Scott, several years ago, and are estimated to contain 125 million feet of the choicest timber on the belt. There have been other important purchases by the Blue Mountain Company and they now own in fee over 20,000 acres.

Controls Railroad.

This company also controls the Central Railroad of Oregon operating between Union and the main line of the Union Pacific, and from Union to Cove, and it has recently secured the right of way and will presently construct a line from Union along Catherine Creek to and into the timber.

As none of the timber on Catherine Creek and its tributaries can be economically logged except through the Blue Mountain Company's properties and facilities, it is presumable that the entire timber belt will shortly be purchased by this company, and finally manufactured into lumber at the great mill that they are planning to build at Union.

Timber Stand Huge.

There is an estimated stand of 650,000,000 feet of timber which can be logged to advantage, and manufactured in Union, sufficient importance over a period of years and establishing Union as a lumber center second to none in Eastern Oregon.

A. W. Middleton, the company's president, has been past for several (Continued on page 5)

INJURED MAN STILL LIVES AT 1:30 P. M.

Just before the Evening Observer went to press word was received that Guy Fallow's condition remained the same as early this afternoon.

Reports received from the Grande Blende hospital this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, stated that Guy Fallow, who attempted to end his life yesterday noon by shooting himself through the train, is in practically the same condition as yesterday. His pulse is weak and his condition is such that physicians will not state whether he has a chance for life or not.

Very little light has been thrown on the motive for his act although it is generally conceded that despondency, resulting from disappointment was the cause.

It is also believed that Fallow had planned the act several days in advance.

It's Time To Cut The Grass

"In some sections of the city," City Manager F. R. Hayes stated today, "property holders are allowing grass and weeds to grow unmolested contrary to the rulings on this matter. Weeds and grass, when allowed to grow to a sufficient height are not only unsightly but are more or less of a nuisance."

With this in mind, city officials ask that all citizens and property holders clear up their premises, curbing plots adjacent to their properties and in general, "get rid of rank grasses, weeds, etc., that has grown sufficiently to prove unsightly or become a nuisance."

Failure to comply will result in the proper penalty.

BALLOONISTS STILL MISSING

WASHINGTON, July 7.—A report has reached the navy bureau of aeronautics late today that two tugs located Lieutenant Roth's missing navy balloon in Lake Erie and started maneuvering about the big bag to establish whether the basket was still occupied when she fell.

(By Associated Press)

PORT STANLEY, Ont., July 7.

A balloon with a basket partly submerged was sighted 25 miles southwest of here last night by the steamer Colonial. No occupants were visible.

To Conduct Search

(By Associated Press)

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 7.—An airplane with two officers was ordered from Selfridge field here for Port Stanley, Ont., to assist in the search for Lieutenants Roth and Null, believed lost over Lake Erie.

Their balloon is the only one so far unreported in the race which started at Indianapolis July 4.

Former Congresswoman Lays Down Law to Girls

MUSKOGEE, Okla., July 7.—Office girls employed at the federal soldiers' hospital must go back to coiffes, quit bobbing their hair, roll up their hose and adopt neck dresses, according to an ultimatum laid down by Miss Alice Robertson, former congresswoman, new welfare chief at the institution.

Dam Dedicated

GROVELAND, Cal., July 7. (AP)—The Hetch-Hetchy dam, one of the outstanding units of San Francisco's water supply in the Sierra Nevada mountains, was formally dedicated today.

Eight Acquitted.

LOS ANGELES, July 7. (AP)—Two army officers, and six civilians were acquitted in the federal court today of having conspired to defraud the government in connection with the sales of army goods at Camp Kearney.

BIDS OPENED FOR WORK ON DISTRICT 124

Warren Construction Company Has No Opposition; Their Bid Accepted; Consideration Set at \$8,786.75

One bid, that by the Warren Construction company, for the improvement of district No. 124, was received by the city commissioners in adjourned meeting last evening in the city hall. The bid, being within the preliminary estimate, was accepted and an ordinance was passed authorizing the commission to make a contract with the company. The consideration was \$8,786.75.

The district to be improved is described as follows:

That the said proposed improvement will consist of grading to the proper subgrade and constructing thereon hard surface pavement fifty-six feet in width between curb lines 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, monument frames and covers, on the above named street, all located in Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande.

Monthly Reports Received.

The monthly report of the fire department and the recorder were received last evening, along with the weekly report of the city manager, were read and accepted.

A communication was received from the state fire marshal's office stating that a plan to standardize the threads on couplings and hydrants throughout the state was being worked out and asking if the city of La Grande would co-operate with the workings of the plan. City Manager Hayes notified the state fire marshal's department that they would co-operate.

Commissioner C. J. Black called the meeting's attention to the fact that weeds and grass, permitted to grow to a height at which they became unsightly and a nuisance, should be cut within the city.

Dr. Brownson in Charge.

Due to the fact that President Sherwood Williams, presiding officer of the commission, has left the city for a few weeks, Dr. H. S. Brownson was last night elected to serve in that capacity until Mr. Williams's return.

BARNEY HARRIS IS CALLED BY DEATH

Barney Harris, brother of Sam Harris of this city, died today at Enterprise, Oregon, at the conclusion of a short illness. The deceased was 32 years of age and leaves to mourn his demise a wife.

The remains will arrive in La Grande this evening on the branch line train. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Ratification Debate Is On

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, July 7.—Open debate in the French Chamber of Deputies on the ratification of the Washington naval treaties began today with the discussion of those parts of the treaties dealing with the limitation of naval armaments and capital ships.

PARIS, July 7.—The French Chamber of Deputies tonight ratified the Washington treaty for the limitation of naval armaments and capital ships. The chamber is to discuss Monday, Washington treaties relating to the Pacific, the use of gases in war and protection of neutrals.

LIQUOR PERMIT RULE CHANGED

Ship Allowances Based on Laws of Country in Which Boat Is Operating.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Liquor allowances to foreign ships in American waters under a decision Friday by the treasury will be based hereafter on the requirements of laws of the country in whose trade the vessels are operating, regardless of the nationality of the owners.

By this addition to the ship liquor regulations, a British owned ship engaged exclusively in Italian trade, will receive allowances of intoxicants sufficient to comply with the laws of Italy. If a vessel's passenger list and cargo come from several countries, each of which has laws requiring liquor stores, the general medical supply will be granted and specific provisions of the several laws will be met in addition.

Representations Made.

The decision resulted from representations made by the owners of the Cunard lined Tuscania and the White Star liner Arabic through the British embassy. Each ship came in conflict with the laws of Italy requiring wine stores for steamer passengers and their owners appealed to this government for relief.

Public health service doctors, in passing on the liquor applications of the two vessels, apparently have determined to permit only the quantities prescribed for medicinal uses by British law inasmuch as both were flying the British flag. The Italians among the steamer passengers demanded the wine which the laws of their home land said they should have, and the decision of the treasury makes it possible for them to have it in the future.

NAVAL FORCE FOR YEAR ANNOUNCED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The United States will maintain at full efficiency during the next fiscal year a maximum naval force of eighteen first line battleships, fourteen cruisers, eighty four submarines under a decision by the general board, approved by Secretary of the Navy Denby.

Unity is School Secret.

OAKLAND, Calif., July 7. (AP)—One of the most pronounced advances made in public school leadership during the last decade has been made by the elementary school principals, according to Thomas R. Cole, superintendent of schools, Seattle, Wash., in an address before the department of elementary education, National Education Association annual convention, here today. Organized, constructive, professional work by the Seattle principals was practically unknown ten years ago, he declared, and today those same principals form the backbone of school progress.

STENOGRAPHERS LAG IN SCHOOL

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Current methods of teaching typing have not kept pace with results in experimental psychology, according to Dr. J. E. Coover, professor of psychology, Stanford University, who spoke before the department of business education, National Educational Association at the annual convention here today. Dr. Coover said:

"Science has long employed laboratory investigation, but commercial typing should equally employ this method. Too great a gap stands between the professional, with a 140, and higher, word rate, and the high class commercial typist who seldom exceeds ninety words per minute."

Joshua Hopper Passed On At Baker Today At Noon

Joshua Hopper, a pioneer of La Grande, died today at noon at Baker at the close of an illness of long standing, according to announcements that were received here early this afternoon. The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Baptist church in La Grande with Rev. A. R. Sitton officiating.

The deceased was 81 years of age at the time of his demise and leaves a host of friends in Eastern Oregon, especially in La Grande where he formerly made his home for a period of over 50 years, to mourn his demise and extend their sympathies to his sorrowful relatives.

Mr. Hopper, who is reported to have not smiled for a long period before the end came, died with a smile on his face.

WILL BOOST M'ADOO FOR PRESIDENT

Friends of William G. McAdoo Perfect Detailed Plans in New York

McADOO NOT YET IN RING OFFICIALLY

Instigators of the Campaign Planned Last Night Are Confident, However, That He Will Be a Candidate.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, July 7.—Detailed plans for the launching of a William G. McAdoo for president boom—has been worked out at a dinner of one dozen of his most intimate friends here, the New York Evening Post said today.

Although McAdoo has not formally announced his candidacy, his supporters were declared to be confident that his hat would be in the ring.

REGULATIONS MADE FOR BOYS

The following instructions and regulations were issued today by A. E. Pryke for the boys who will attend the Boy Scout camp:

All boys going to camp must have their goods at the Fire Department in the city hall sometime before Monday morning. The boys will leave Monday morning at 6:00 o'clock from the city hall. They will be taken by car and will camp at the foot of Fly creek. The trip is being paid for by their earnings from the sale of ice cream at Meacham which amounts to over \$200.00. To make absolutely sure there will be no deficit on the camp the boys will stay in camp until the time that the \$200.00 covers. All boys are hoping that it covers the full two weeks. The boys decided to each bring a little food stuff from home to help out on the finances of the proposition. To make sure that all boys have complete instructions a meeting has been called for all boys who wish to go to meet in front of the city hall Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. All boys are urged to be at this meeting promptly on time. Up to the time of this going to press a number of cars are still needed to take the boys to Starkey and any citizens who wish to do a good turn and help the boys by taking some of them to Starkey may leave word at Glass Street store.

Fight Against Striped Beetle Will Be Made

PENDLETON, July 7.—Potato growers in Umatilla county will cooperate with growers in other sections in the Northwest, particularly in Washington, in a campaign to eradicate the old striped potato beetle, according to assurances given J. P. Hill and Wendell P. Brown, district horticultural inspectors, by Fred Bennion, county agent in a conference held here last night.

The old beetle has made its appearance this year in some of the districts, and experience has demonstrated that the control of the pest calls for thorough work early in the season. To make the eradication as nearly perfect as possible, all districts are expected to co-operate and either spray or dust. The bugs were routed last year on Weston mountain by growers who destroyed the adult bugs while roguing out diseased plants.

One adult female bug lays 1800 and 1900 eggs in the course of a season, and three generations are produced in the year. Growers in the county are expected to be on the alert for the appearance of the pest.

Bandits Hold Up Train.

HONGKONG, July 7. (AP)—Bandits today held up a train on the Canton-Kowloon railway, 15 miles from Canton, killing a Chinese military officer and one soldier, carrying about ninety upper class Chinese who are being held for ransom. The booty taken is valued at about \$50,000.