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PIONEERS OF COUNTY MEET IN REUNION

Riverside Park Site of Annual Picnic of Union County Pioneers.

EVENT PROVING AN ENJOYABLE ONE

Day is Being Devoted to an Excellent Program and Social Intercourse.

Opening the annual pioneer meeting with a good natured address of welcome, in which he dwelt upon the fact that pioneers are becoming fewer and fewer, but none the less important to the welfare of the country, Judge Thomas H. Crawford, president of the association, pleased everyone with his wit and common sense.

Responding to the address of welcome, Dunham Wright of Medical Springs spoke for a few moments in behalf of the pioneer. He thanked the community for its hospitality, told the pioneers that they should face conditions as they are and be willing to accept the hardships of the pioneer life as a sufficient reward for the sacrifices they had made.

Mr. Wright was of the opinion that kind words are fine, but there is something else needed in this life and he made that plain to the assembly.

Mrs. Edith H. Wright, being a very pretty selection for the pioneer. She was accompanied on the plane by her daughter. She followed a very pretty course.

Bruce Dennis, of the Evening Observer, spoke before the lunch hour. Mr. Carter of Hood River had been scheduled for the address of the day, but he found it was impossible to attend so it became necessary for home talent to supply in his place.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson, with a keen sense of appropriateness sang "We are the Old Time Pioneers," which was highly appreciated by the pioneers.

Mrs. W. W. Perry accompanied her. Then came the lunch hour and the old time pioneer dinner served by the sons and daughters of the pioneers. It was a great dinner and it dispelled any idea of the hardships of the pioneer life following that dinner no one dare complain, so overjoyed were the pioneers with the good things of the country.

In the afternoon a pioneer round table talk was engaged in and the election of officers for the coming year followed.

Many Pioneers Present

Among the pioneers who were in attendance this morning were: H. A. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Slater, Judd Geer, Cove, William Goldsberry, Mr. E. J. Powers, George McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beckersly, Cove, Mrs. Joe Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Pures, Union, who was accompanied by Mrs. T. G. Havenan, formerly Miss Nina Thompson, a daughter of Jerry Thompson, now (Continued on page 5)

MRS. ED FORD TELLS OF INTERESTING TRIP

Mrs. Ed Ford, who has been on an extended trip to California and other points, returned to La Grande yesterday in company with her sister, Mrs. Zoufir, and Mrs. Mary McLean.

On her trip to San Francisco, Mrs. Ford was accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Lyons.

"Three things that stand out as quite unusual on a trip of this length was, that on the entire journey, Mrs. Ford had no trouble, no accidents and was never 'pinched'."

"To say that the roads are wonderful all the way to California is a mistake," stated Mrs. Ford, when interviewed by a reporter. "The road from Redding, California, to the Oregon State Line, a distance of over 150 miles, is in bad shape. From the State Line to San Francisco, the road is fair but very hard on tires."

"The service given tourists all over the country is very good. There are well-posted signs all along the highways so that one cannot go astray. Signs direct tourists to the official garage or service station, where their service is absolute, and tourists are given the best of care and attention."

Although Mrs. Ford did not catch out, she had the opportunity to see many tourists camps in both cities and country, and stated that the camping grounds were entirely complete and well equipped, and many tourists were taking advantage of the splendid accommodations offered them.

Mrs. Ford went as far south as Santa Anna, California, having traveled over two miles on the trip.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 26

— Fair tonight

and Friday.

Debate Soviet Recognition

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 26.—Declaring that Senator Brookhart was "taken in" by "interlopers" of Russia, hired to look after distinguished visitors and that the Senator is delivering to America a message the Communist state of Russia gave him to deliver, Mr. Alexander Schwartz, formerly Colonel Karpensky, of Petrograd in the old Czarist army, has challenged Brookhart to debate on recognition of the Soviet government.

NATION'S CROPS ARE PROMISING

Colon R. Eberhard Returns From Tour of Country and Visit at Elks Grand Lodge.

Senator Colon R. Eberhard returned Wednesday from Atlanta, Georgia, where, as the district deputy grand exalted ruler, he attended the annual grand lodge of the Order of Elks. He reports that this season, from a local standpoint, was very successful, and the entertainment by Atlanta lodge and citizens of the highest order. The parade was one of the largest and best held in any city at an Elks reunion. About twenty bands were in attendance, and every tune extant seemed to have been rendered at one time or another, with the exception of "Marching Through Georgia." People from the north and west were surprised at the truly delightful cool evenings at Atlanta.

Crops Looking Fine.

Mr. Eberhard's trip partook of a business mission as well, and it took him into twenty three states other than Oregon. He reports backward crops, especially corn and cotton, in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, while in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, corn and grain crops are extraordinarily excellent and forward. In Wyoming and Idaho the hills and valleys are yet very green, and all crops good.

Tourist Travel Slackens

Tourist travel seems to be slackening a trifle, he reports, but the Union Pacific and all other transcontinental lines south of it are busy hauling loads of many solid trainloads of California and Northwestern cherries, peaches, oranges and other deciduous fruits to markets at Omaha, Chicago and New York City. While at the latter city, Mr. Eberhard witnessed the sale of several trainloads of fruit, including some cherries from Cove, at auction on the wharves, which is practically the only method of sale. The prices then realized were good.

Comments on Market

Lowering wheat prices are creating consternation in business and political circles everywhere, as well as in the agricultural states. In Iowa, Mr. Eberhard found corn selling for more by the bushel than wheat. Despite the wonderful yield and acreage of corn in the great corn belt, producers feel that the speculation, who they feel have ruined the wheat market, will also do the same with corn by market time. Belief by producers that speculators and middlemen are robbing them, whether true or false, in fact, is the principal cause of political unrest in the agricultural states. Nothing but relief by a better market for grains through national channels or by stimulation through Federal legislation, such as is proposed by Senator Gooding of Idaho, will stop the upheaval. Mr. Eberhard thinks, indeed, he believes other states than Iowa and Minnesota are likely to overturn existing political conditions if some change for the better does not occur soon.

Elsie Ferguson Given Divorce In Paris Today

PARIS, July 26.—Elsie Ferguson, American actress, was granted a divorce today from Thomas Benedict Clarke. The grounds for the petition for divorce was desertion.

BAND DANCE AND CONCERT TONIGHT

Band music, music rendered from instrumentation consisting of brass and reed instruments, is considered by many critics as one of the most beautiful and harmonious produced today.

La Grande citizens will again have a chance to hear their own musical organization, the La Grande Municipal Band, in concert this evening—an impromptu concert—preliminary to the dance to be given in the Zuber hall, the proceeds to be used to aid in defraying expenses incurred by the necessary purchase of equipment.

Dancing will begin at nine o'clock and will continue until the midnight hour.

Preparing for Grid Season.

CORVALLIS, July 26.—With the football season less than two months away, Coach R. B. Rutherford, O. A. C. is getting a line on his men and on prospects. Material in prospect is no better and no worse than last year at the same time, Coach Rutherford thinks.

PLAN TO HAVE TWO DISTRICTS IN SHORT TIME

City Commission Creates Two New Improvement Districts at Meeting Last Night.

While work is merely going forward on two improvement districts in La Grande, in preparation for the installation of pavement and curbing, sidewalks, etc., arrangements are being made to pave more sections of the city.

Last evening at the regular weekly meeting of the city commission, resolutions were passed creating two improvement districts, in portions of the city where the lack of paving is felt. Districts 125 and 126 were created and advanced for further action.

District No. 125 covers Pennsylvania from Cedar to Washington, Second street from O to Spring, and Fifth street from Depot to N. Pavement will be installed.

District No. 126 (which is not yet completed) will include parts of Washington from First street to Alder street and a part of Walnut, Oak and Cedar streets.

Petition Granted.

In addition to the above matters the commission received and accepted a petition for the paving of the alley in Block 198, (the alley behind the Julius Roesch building which houses the new Buick home, the Union Motor Company and the Evening Observer). A district was ordered created.

Several other matters among them authorizing the city manager to purchase four and six inch iron pipe for the water system where needed, and the granting of licenses for soft drink establishments to the Zuber Hall and to Mrs. Margaret Adler, corner Hemlock and Jefferson, and by every portion of the valley, of course excepting the Cove and Union vineyards, each day.

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The greater share of cherries shipped to outside points by this company are from Elgin and the Pumpkin Ridge district.

MRS. WAGONER IS CLAIMED BY REAPER

Mrs. Wagoner, a former resident of La Grande, passed away at Corvallis yesterday according to advices received here today. Her death proved unexpected and left a large circle of friends sorrowing with the deceased relative in their bereavement. Mrs. Wagoner is the mother of Mrs. Robert Clark, who makes her home north of Island City.

The body will be forwarded to La Grande tomorrow morning and the funeral will be held at Island City Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, under the direction of the Reynolds and Zimmerman funeral service parlors.

Rhea Luper Here

Rhea Luper, formerly a La Grande resident but now assistant state engineer, with headquarters in Salem, is spending a few days in La Grande.

Wheat Quotations—

PORTLAND, July 26.—Hard White \$1.03; Western Red \$0.95.

Revolution Is Held Possible

ST. PAUL, July 26.—Revolution—political, industrial or even a resort to arms—faces the United States "if conditions confronting the laboring man and farmer are not changed," said Magnus Johnson, senator-elect.

"Many think the same thing that happened in Russia cannot happen here, but don't fool yourself—it could happen here before you knew what was going on."

SHIPPING UNION CHERRIES OUT

Smith and Frees Packing Company Ships Out Fourth Carload of Royal Annes.

More evidence that La Grande is proving a cherry packing and shipping center was manifested today when the Smith and Frees Packing company sent their fourth carload of Royal Anne cherries to the Libby, McNeal and Libby company, packers located at The Dalles, Ore.

"The white cherries are very much in demand," stated Mr. Frees, "and we expect to send several more cars of this variety before Saturday when we will come to handle the white type and turn our attention to the fancy packing of the Bing and Lambert states where western fruits are much in demand." Mr. Frees states that white cherries are being contracted as rapidly as possible by the larger packing concerns.

About 200 packers and workers are busy at the above mentioned plant and cherries are coming in from nearly every portion of the valley, of course excepting the Cove and Union vineyards, each day.

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HIRAM JOHNSON HOTLY OPPOSES WORLD COURT

Californian Discusses European Question; America's Gold and Manpower Sought by Old World.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 26.—Denunciation of Harding's plan for America's entry into the world court, which was emphasized last night by Senator Hiram Johnson, was studied closely by political observers today, many seeing in it a forecast of a sharp division in the Republican party ranks.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Senator Hiram Johnson of California was cheered by 1000 persons Wednesday night when at a dinner in his honor, he denounced America's proposed entry into the world court and declared America's gold and manpower and not her wisdom were wanted by European nations in the settlement of European affairs.

The dinner which had been heralded by the senator's friends as the occasion for launching him on the political seas as a candidate for president in 1924, did not materialize as much although there were those at the table who, when the applause from some of the emphatic notes in his address was at its height, gave vent to their enthusiasm by shouting "Hiram in 1924!"

It was repeatedly declared, however, by both Senator Johnson himself and by George Henry Payne, treasurer and leader in state Republican politics, that the dinner was without political significance. Mr. Payne pointed out that guests were present from all sections of the country, representing divergent political faiths and beliefs and varying lines of thought. The sole object of the dinner, he said, was to honor the senator, who was to deliver a few points on the situation in Europe.

Among the guests whose name was not on the printed list was Col. Geo. Harvey, ambassador to Great Britain, staunch supporter of President Harding's plan for America's joining the world court. Ambassador Harvey refused to comment on Senator Johnson's attack on the court however, and contented himself with remarking, "Yes, I have nothing to say."

Clashes With Harding.

Many friends of the senator have been disappointed for a presidential candidate next year, and it was noted with interest that his views on America's entrance into the world court directly clashed with those set forth by President Harding.

BANDIT VICTIM IS EXPECTED TO DIE

EVERETT, Wash., July 26.—Finley McFee, of Hamilton, who with his wife was wounded by bandits north of here Monday night, is still alive today, but little hope is held for his recovery.

His wife is recovering.

According to latest reports no clues to the whereabouts of the bandits have been found.

Prisoner Digs Out Of Jail

ALBANY, July 26.—By digging out of a bricked up hole in the jail wall used by Rute Johnson to escape three weeks ago, Carl Silva, held to the grand jury on a charge of attempted automobile theft, escaped from jail last night.

He used the table leg to pry off a bar on the iron ceiling of the corridor and then with the broken bar, dug out the bricks and made his getaway.

NEW TIME CARD IS ANNOUNCED

O-W. Schedule Altered, Becomes Effective July 29; No. 17 Connects with Branch Line Train.

A new time card will go into effect on the O-W. R. & N. Sunday at 12:01 a. m., July 29, according to official announcement today by Joe Keeney, local official of the company.

Several important changes have been made in the new schedule, chief being the arrival of Train No. 17, west bound, in La Grande at 7:35 o'clock, the morning instead of shortly before nine o'clock. The branch line train will leave La Grande at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and will return at five o'clock in the afternoon on the new schedule.

Passengers from No. 17 can now make connections for the Joseph branch line train when No. 17 is on time or arrives not later than 8:30 o'clock in the morning," Mr. Keeney announced.

The new schedule, complete, is as follows:

West Bound	East Bound
Train 17 arrives La Grande 7:35 a. m.; departs 7:40 a. m.	Train 23 arrives La Grande 6:40 p. m.; departs 6:50 p. m.
Train 23 arrives La Grande 6:40 p. m.; departs 6:50 p. m.	Train 19 arrives La Grande 9:50 p. m.; departs 9:55 p. m.
Train 5 arrives La Grande 9:20 p. m.; departs 9:25 p. m.	Train 4 arrives La Grande 3:30 a. m.; departs 3:35 a. m.
Train 24 arrives La Grande 10:20 a. m.; departs 10:30 a. m.	Train 6 arrives La Grande 7:17 a. m.; departs 7:25 a. m.
Train 18 arrives La Grande 8:05 p. m.; departs 8:10 p. m.	Train 41 arrives La Grande 5:00 p. m.; departs 5:05 p. m.
Arrives Island City 4:51 p. m.; departs 4:56 p. m.	Arrives Elgin 4:43 p. m.; departs 4:48 p. m.
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Arrives Vincent 3:15 p. m.; departs 3:20 p. m.	Arrives Minam 2:57 p. m.; departs 3:02 p. m.
Arrives Wallawa 2:35 p. m.; departs 2:40 p. m.	Arrives Lostine 2:05 p. m.; departs 2:10 p. m.
Arrives Enterprise 1:40 p. m.; departs 1:45 p. m.	Leaves Joseph 1:25 p. m.; arrives 12:25 p. m.

2 LOSE LIVES IN WYOMING FLOODS

RIVERTON, Wyo., July 26.—W. C. Whitaker, well known Wyoming stockman, and Lloyd Jennings, an employe, lost their lives in a flood Tuesday when the waters wiped away the house near here, it became known today.

Earl Allen, 13, was found by searchers today, after being carried more than a mile in the flood.

All of the Whitaker ranch buildings were destroyed.

Knights of Ku Klux Klan Held Open Air Initiation

Several Thousand People Witness Class of About Seventy-Five Take Oath Of Allegiance Before Flaming Cross.

On the identical ground where about one year ago the D. O. K. K. K. held a northwest district convention which brought indignation from several states to La Grande, last night the local order of the Ku Klux Klan staged an open air initiation that was attended by several thousand spectators, who more than filled the grand stand and stood along the lines, where ropes indicated the distance the general public could go so as not to conflict with the ceremony of the secret order as it gave the obligations and lectures to a class of approximately seventy-five candidates.

The initiation was preceded by a parade through the business section of La Grande by about 225 Klansmen, many in white. The parade was headed by La Grande's Municipal Band. Then came five horsemen, clad in white robes. The lead horseman carried a large American flag, and he was followed by the second horseman who carried the lighted cross of the K. K. K. order. Members of the order then marched by four wearing their white masks and robes, with occasionally five abreast instead of two.

After marching to the Federal building the parade counter-marched back down Adams avenue and there to the old fair grounds where the ceremonial took place.

The crowds of spectators were very large for it was the first time La Grande has had the opportunity of witnessing a K. K. K. open air initiation which the entire country has been talking about and which newspapers from coast to coast have had mention of.

The ceremonial of the order as given last evening was very largely composed of lectures on patriotism and citizenship.

It would have been difficult to estimate the number of people in the old fair grounds during the initiation, but the grand stand was well filled and many used their automobiles as a place to view the work while others stood along the lines.

HARDING IS GREETED BY CANADIANS

President and Party Arrive on Dominion Soil Early Today.

NATION'S CHIEF WORKS ON TALKS

Heavy Schedule is Outlined for California visit—most strenuous of his journey.

(By Associated Press.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 26.—President Harding in an address during his visit here today, the first made by an American president to Canada, pointed to the century old friendship between Canada and the United States as proof to European nations that the public will rather than the public force, is the key to international peace.

"Is it not gratifying that it has fallen to the lot of us North Americans living amicably for more than a century under different flags, to present to them the most striking example yet produced of that basic fact?" Harding said.

The president advised Canadians to guard against giving encouragement to any enterprise looking to Canada's annexation to the United States, and said, "Let us go our own paths along parallel roads, you helping us and we helping you."

(By Associated Press.)

ABOARD TRANSPORT HENDERSON, July 26.—After a speedy run from Seattle, the last Alaskan port visited by President Harding and members of his party, the transport Henderson anchored off Campbell river, about 30 miles from Vancouver. It will continue its voyage there Wednesday night in time to arrive at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, when the chief executive will make a preliminary visit marking the first time an American president, during his term of office, has stepped on Dominion soil.

The layover here made it possible for the fishermen in the party to go out in small boats for sport with the salmon, a number of which were brought aboard for dinner. Secretary of Commerce Hoover, charged with fishing regulations of the United States, brought in the best string taken from Canadian waters. Other members of the party thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Warm Greeting Planned.

The president will be met at Vancouver by provincial and civil government authorities, and welcomed by them to the Dominion. He will stand later in an address at Stanley park, after which a luncheon and rest period will be allowed before the golf game commences at Shaughnessy Heights club.

The president will be the honor guest of the Dominion government at dinner in the evening, and after a public reception, will embark for Seattle, arriving there at the municipal dock at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The president continued to work on addresses he will deliver on the Pacific coast. He has completed his San Francisco address, which will be devoted to discussion of foreign relations, including the world court and the accomplishments of the Trip Itinerary Heavy.

The detailed itinerary of the remainder of the trip from the time the president lands in Vancouver at 11 a. m. Thursday until he arrives in New York on the morning of August 28, was made public Wednesday, and shows the chief executive's All of the Whitaker ranch buildings were destroyed.

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