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HEARING ON SCHEDULES IN PROGRESS

Public Service Commission Meeting With Stage Line Owners Today.

HEARING BEGAN AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

Possible Revision of Stage Line Schedules Between La Grande and Joseph Object of Meeting.

Although the Public Service Commission hearing was scheduled to be held today in the city hall at 10:30 A. M., it was not possible to start the meeting until two o'clock this afternoon, due to the fact that Train No 24, eastbound from Portland, failed to arrive in La Grande until 12:30 o'clock.

H. H. Corey, of the commission, accompanied by his stenographer, is here representing the commission. The object of the meeting now in progress is to determine whether it will be advisable to make changes in the stage line schedules between La Grande and Joseph. Two stage lines are now covering the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway route and some dissatisfaction has been expressed regarding the present arrangement of the schedules.

Early this afternoon, after the hearing was called to order, was devoted to preliminary action. Representatives of both stages were present this afternoon.

Prospectors Rush to Gold Find on Alaskan River. ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Discovery of placer gold, reported to run as high as \$4 to the pan, on the Toklat river, 60 miles from the Alaska railroad, has been the signal for a general stampede from Nenana. Heady and other interior points, according to advices received here, the find was made by Indians.

Plan Is Presented at Farmer-Banker Meet

FARGO, N. D. (AP)—Matching every dollar spent by allied countries on farm products in this country with conclusion of a corresponding amount of their war debt to the United States is contemplated in a plan presented to the farmer-banker conference of six states here today.

George H. Stevenson, farmer, and former president of the Federal Land bank of Baltimore, presented the plan to the conference which was called to decide upon a tangible plan of assisting in being relief to grain growers.

LET NATRON CONTRACTS

SAN FRANCISCO, (A. P.)—The contract for clearing and grading of the first 20 miles of the Natron cutoff from Kirk Northward was let by the Southern Pacific last yesterday to John Humphreys, of Grants Pass. The work will start as soon as permits to cross the Indian lands can be obtained.

E. O. L. AND P. CO. TO IMPROVE PLANT

Work of changing and adding equipment to the electricity-generating steam plant of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company at South Baker, the cost of which will be \$100,000 is rapidly being advanced so that the plant may begin generating current by the time the water supply for the four hydro-electric plants of the company, falls short. The new construction is complete, this plant will be

Well, Look at the Governor!



William S. Flynn is governor of the smallest state in the Union, Rhode Island, but no governor ever collected so large a gathering of beauticians at Atlantic City. You see, he's the youngest governor in the country. The man on his right is Armand T. Nichols, director-general of the Atlantic City Beauty Paracant.

BOOSTERS OFF TO WALLOWA CO.

Caravan of Autos, Filled With Chamber of Commerce Members, Leave for Two-day Trip.

Six or seven cars, carrying about 35 members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, left the Chamber headquarters in the La Grande National Bank building this morning at about 9:15 o'clock bound for points along the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway. By the time the Evening Observer is off the press the first lap of the two-day trip will have been completed and at this time, the Chamber delegates should be arriving at Enterprise, where they will dine with the Enterprise business men this evening.

Providing the itinerary followed the set schedule, the boosters spent one half hour at Island City and Imbler this morning, then arriving at Elgin at about 11:30 o'clock where they had lunch with the Elgin business men and county fair boosters. One of the purposes of the booster trip is to boost the Union County Fair to be held at Elgin September 25-29, inclusive. This afternoon, the caravan of autos arrived at Minam, Wallowa and Lostine, where they spent several minutes bob-nobbing with the commercially inclined residents and saying "Hello" to their old friends and making new acquaintances.

The evening will be spent in Enterprise and tomorrow morning the caravan will resume its journey to the head of Wallowa Lake, stopping en route at Joseph to visit the head lettuce fields, Wednesday afternoon they will return to La Grande stopping at Wallowa for dinner.

The booster trips, of which this (Continued on Page Five)

LOCAL BAND GETS PENDLETON JOB

RICH SAMPLES OF ORE IN MORMON BASIN MINE

BAKER.—Samples of the new discovery of gold ore in the Mormon Basin district at the Bill Phelan property have been received at the Oregon-Idaho Investment company's office in Baker. The better grades of the ore will run \$200 to \$350 per ton, with the average showing in the face at the mine \$40 to \$50 per ton. The values are carried in sulphides and free gold. The strike has the appearance of being the most important made in Eastern Oregon in some time.

Messrs. Bohnenkamp, Harris and Daniels, of La Grande, are interested in the development of the property.

EXTRA SEATS FOR ROUND-UP EXPECTED

PENDLETON, (INS)—It is estimated 1,000 extra seats will be available for Round-Up this year as a result of improvements being made in preparation for the big show September 20, 21 and 22. The Happy Canyon organization is particularly active. Announcements have been made that the great pavilion will be opened for a dance on the night of September 1 to usher in the season of two-quart hats and round-up regalia.

Omaha Water Clear.

OMAHA, Neb., (AP)—The Omaha water supply is now as clear as ever was, according to a statement by A. B. Hunt, waterworks superintendent, Monday morning.

That the La Grande Municipal band will play at the Pendleton Round-Up as chief musical organization was definitely decided in Pendleton yesterday, according to word received here, stating that the contracts for the job were in the mail. With the announcement, came added realization to the people of La Grande that their band is not only ranked by them as one of the leading bands of the northwest, but is also given that distinction by the people of the northwest.

Every year the local band has sought to obtain the leading role as dispenser of music at the round-up, but not until this year have they been successful. No doubt their contract to play at the Oregon state fair at Salem the week following the round-up carried considerable weight with the Pendletonians, who were, as in the past, besieged by bands from Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the contract.

Prestige Augmented. In order to rent the La Grande band the job, it was necessary for round-up officials to cancel contracts with one of the leading bands of the northwest—the army band at Vancouver barracks. The Vancouver organization was the chief competitor for the job as they are recognized as being of a high order in the northwest—but team indications, not as elevated up the ladder of excellence as is the local band, led by Andrew Loney, Jr.

Play at Happy Canyon. Not only does the contract call for music at Round-up Park, but the band will also play at Happy Canyon, that scenic pleasure haven throughout the west, during the evening. The trip will be made to Pendleton (Continued on Page Five)

BAND FUND IS PROGRESSING BUT SLOWLY

Total in Appreciation Fund Now \$368.50; Seven-Dollar Gain Over Yesterday.

Only a slight increase is noted in the funds pledged to the La Grande Municipal Band appreciation fund since yesterday. Today, at one o'clock the total amount pledged stands at \$368.50 a gain of seven dollars in the past 24 hours. Personal donations, the salvation of the success of band fund, have not been coming in as rapidly as was at first expected.

With the announcement today that the Pendleton Round-Up job is cinched, which will put La Grande's band to the forefront among Oregon musical organizations, added impetus should result in swelling the fund. Donations may be recorded by calling Main 37.

Personal Donations.—Personal donations received for the band appreciation fund prior to one o'clock today are as follows: Charles Harris \$1; Mrs. Metzler \$1; John Neiderer \$2; Floyd McKennon \$5; Miss Newlin \$1; E. Marks \$5; F. E. Divens \$1; Robt Zweifel \$1.50; Bus Barrie \$1; H. Knapp \$1; Nolan Skiff, Jr. \$2; J. E. Stearns \$1; Oran Brandt \$1; B. A. Benham \$2; W. S. Markers \$1; Herman Roesech \$5; R. R. Huron \$5; Dr. Harry Bouvy \$5; Fred Schilke \$1; J. G. Snodgrass \$5; Reverend William Crosby Ross, \$2; J. J. Foley \$5.

Business Donations.—Donations received from business concerns of La Grande prior to one o'clock today are as follows: Playis (Continued on Page Five)

UNION HATCHERY IS SUPPLYING FISH TO TWO COUNTIES

UNION, (Special)—The Union fish hatchery, the only supply point for Union, Baker and Wallowa counties, is in a period of activity at this season. Trout are being distributed to the lakes and streams of Union and Wallowa counties every few days, truck loads leaving the hatchery here for various points at regular periods.

The albino Rainbow trout, hatched this spring, are attracting widespread attention. They are kept in a trough in the front of the hatchery building and are growing rapidly.

The new cottage is being painted and with the installing of a furnace and electric lights, it will be a thoroughly modern home.

The State Game and Fish commission has decided to run a line to the hatchery grounds and light not only the cottage but also wire the hatchery and other buildings.

British Get Belgian Note; Backs France

PARIS, (A. P.)—The Belgian government, replying to the latest British reparations note, stands with France in the principal points of contention, maintaining the legality of the Ruhr valley occupation has been established by previous action of the Allies, including Great Britain, and that the evacuation of Ruhr is impossible on Germany's simple promises.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK PLANNED

Various Organizations in La Grande to Combine with Bar Association to Observe Constitution Week, Sept. 22-26, Inclusive.

A decision was reached last evening by the Union County Bar Association to observe September 17th, Constitution day, in La Grande with appropriate exercises. Governor Walter M. Pierce has proclaimed the day a legal holiday in Oregon and as plans now stand, as they discussed at the meeting last evening in the city hall, presided over by Judge T. H. Crawford, dean of Union county attorneys, and attended by nearly 20 members of the association, not only will a program and other observance of the day be held September 17th, but all during the week, under the auspices of the Union County Bar Association, convocations will be held in the high school and grammar schools of La Grande.

A committee, consisting of Hugh Brady, H. E. Bacon, and Robert Eakin, met with E. R. Hagar and also met with the committee, who appointed last night to make arrangements for the week. The various lodges in La Grande and other organizations will arrange for their own particular part in the week's program also.

Co-operation of the civic, fraternal and religious organizations, in addition to the success of Constitution Week and Constitution day was assured last evening.

BULLETINS

Jeff Baldwin Captured. SALRAL, (A. P.)—Jeff Baldwin, sought since May, 1918, as an escaped convict, has been captured in New York. He was originally sentenced to prison from Clatsop county but escaped in 1917, was recaptured and escaped again in 1918.

Lightning Damages. SAN FRANCISCO, (A. P.)—Lightning fired two large Standard Oil tanks at San Pablo today. Lightning struck a church at Berkeley, the Oakland city hall destroyed and did other damage.

Invited to Court. TOKIO, (AP)—Count Goro Ito Yamamoto has been summoned to court by Crown Prince Hirohito, out of San Pablo today. Invited to form a cabinet succeeding that of the late Premier Kato.

Portrait Painter Dies. CHICAGO, (AP)—Alonso Kimball, 48, widely known illustrator and portrait painter, died in Evanston, Ill., Monday.

RECORDS ARE SMASHED BY AVIATORS

Captain Smith and Lieutenant Richter May Set Even More Marks.

RISKED LIVES FOR BLACKBERRY PIES

Three World Records for Speed Shattered by Intrepid Airmen; Gas and Oil Transferred in Mid-Air.

SAN DIEGO, (AP)—With their airplane's mechanism apparently functioning perfectly, and with three world records for speed having already been shattered, Captain Smith and Lieutenant Richter this morning gave every indication of hanging up several more marks before the end of an epoch making flight which began early yesterday.

Gas and oil were transferred from the sister airplane this morning just as Smith and Richter were about forced to make a landing.

SAN DIEGO, (AP)—At 8:30 o'clock Monday night Capt. Lowell H. Smith and Lieut. John Richter had completed the forty-fifth 50-kilometer lap in an attempt to break the world's record for endurance flight by refueling in the air.

They were flying at 800-foot altitude, and had slung down from 32 miles an hour at the start to 84 miles. Elapsed time for the forty-fifth lap was given as 21 minutes 19 seconds. The aviators reported having sufficient gasoline to carry them until 7:30 Tuesday morning.

Risk Lives for Pies. SAN DIEGO, (AP)—Two blackberry pies in a metal-lined bucket, to which were attached 50 pounds of lead, wrecked the hopes of Captain Lowell H. Smith and Lieutenant John Richter, who were winging their way to world record laurels here today. The incident occurred at 11:50 o'clock this morning when the fliers, after going aloft at 5:04 o'clock and covering 750 miles at an average speed of 92.44 miles an hour, signalled for some lunch.

Another plane at ages went aloft (Continued on Page Five)

FIRE HITS ASTORIA

ASTORIA, (A. P.)—The Columbia planing mill and the Wilson Shipyards here were completely destroyed by fire today.

The blaze is believed to be incendiary, according to S. Wiley, one of the mill owners.

The fire started in or near a dry room which had not had steam turned on since noon yesterday.

The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

IRISH ELECTION IS QUIET; LIGHT VOTE

DUBLIN, (AP)—President Cosgrave has been elected to the Dail Eireann from Kilkenny.

DUBLIN (By Associated Press).—The electorate of the Irish Free state went to the polls Monday 29 candidates for the election of the 150 members of the new Dail Eireann and up to the last the elections maintained the unique character of the previous campaign and were quiet and orderly almost to dullness. This was particularly the case in Dublin, where reports from the provinces tell a similar tale, with trifling exceptions, in a few cases where enthusiasm outran discretion and caused slight disturbances.

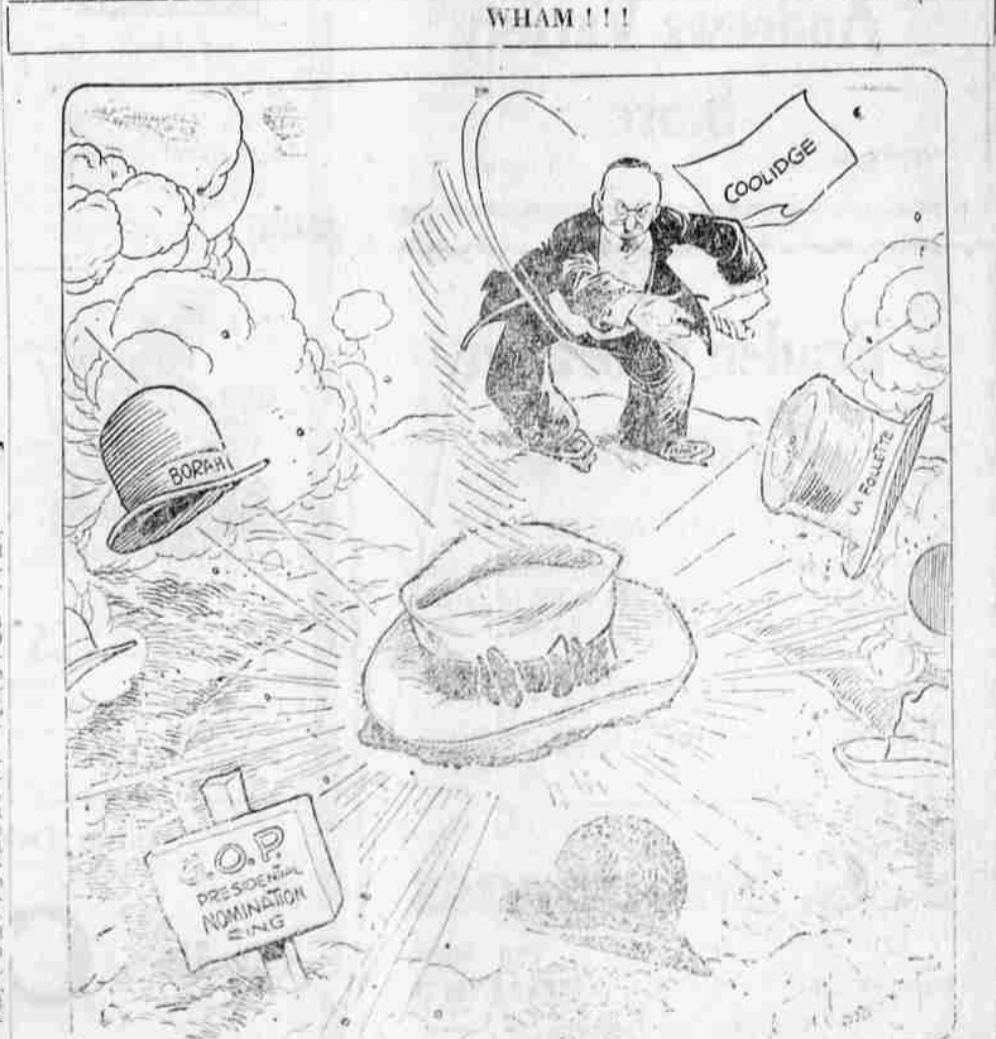
The universal verdict is that this has been the quietest election in Irish history. There was no excitement, no laughter at the polling booths in Dublin nor in any of the waiting lines of voters. Judging from appearances, the public is taking only a small interest in the affair, and the polling has not been heavy. Civil guards and others responsible for keeping order were at their posts

but were not required in this model election, and seemingly there has been only the very smallest amount of intimidation or attempts at persuasion, this being due to the heavy penalties provided.

According to some reports Monday night, there has been a poll throughout the state of about 60 per cent of the electors. The only places where any briskness or excitement was shown were Cork, Waterford and Kilkenny, where the balloting is said to have been heavy; reports from all other places indicate a certain amount of apathy.

Firearms Discharged. The discharge of firearms in the early hours of the morning, in Dublin, led many citizens to wonder whether the Republicans had abandoned their plan of standing as "the law and order" party, but there is still an explanation of the firing and military headquarters has made no report.

The return from the polling booth will be secret for three, possibly four days, but some indications may be forthcoming Tuesday, when the first preferences may be known.



Weather Forecast

Portland, (A. P.)—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Continued warmer in the eastern portion.