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TRY TO AVOID PARTY SPLIT

Hunt's Washington Letter

By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The Democratic committee, in preparing for the New York convention, foresaw a long-drawn-out seige. Tickets of admission to the big battle carry coupons for 15 days. This provides for a longer session than that attending the record deadlock in Baltimore in 1912 when Champ Clark, with a majority vote in his favor, was unable to pile up the necessary two-thirds and went down to defeat when the deadlock broke in favor of Woodrow Wilson. McAdoo and Smith likely to row.

Just as Clark held a majority at Baltimore, but lost the nomination, hold a majority at some time during the balloting in New York, only to find the necessary 732 votes still beyond attainment.

The accumulating bitterness in the battle between these two camps each of which will hold a vote at least sufficient to veto the hopes of the other, makes the nomination of either of these first-ballot leaders most improbable.

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Early maneuvering among delegation leaders makes it appear that Ralston may be the first beneficiary of a considerable part of the McAdoo strength if and when the breakup begins.

Ralston is second choice for a very considerable block of McAdoo delegates, particularly from the middle west and south. The first consideration for these delegates will be the incorporation, in the party platform, of a specific and clear-cut plank dealing with agricultural relief. With such a plank adopted, they feel that Ralston,

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GRANGE MEET ON AT UNION

As the Evening Observer goes to press today a large number of visitors and the members of the Union County Pomona Grange are gathered at the Union Experiment Station, west of Union, enjoying an all day meeting.

A noon basket luncheon was scheduled on the program also addresses by C. E. Spence, state market agent, Dr. W. T. Phy and others.

IDAHO SHERIFF UNDER ARREST: EMBEZZLEMENT

CALDWELL, Ida. (Special) — Oscar Y. Mason, sheriff of Canyon county, was placed under arrest here Friday night at shortly after 8 o'clock on a warrant charging him with embezzlement. He was immediately arraigned before D. D. Harger, justice of the peace, and bond of $1000 was furnished by Ralph Scatterday, attorney, and Fred L. Lilly, business man. H. H. Cummins, Melba, Canyon county coroner, was designated to act as sheriff by the county commissioners. Date of the preliminary hearing was scheduled to be set later.

The warrant on Sheriff Mason was served by Coroner Cummins on the street here when Mason hastened to return to Caldwell from Nampa when he was informed by a representative of The Statesman that a warrant had been issued for the arrest. The warrant was sworn to by Henry Beck, chairman; Henry Reimeke and R. S. Brown, county commissioners, and was issued out of the court of E. A. Williams, probate judge. The warrant charges Mason with the embezzlement of $264.75.

Schooner in Distress Off Wrengell Island

NOME, Alaska. (By the Associated Press)—The schooner Herman is in distress today and two plans for relief of the colony on Wrangell Island were in abeyance.

The cutter Bear has been detained north of the Bering strait

EIGHT DEAD AS RESULT OF TORNADO

Twister Strikes Illinois with Ferocious Velocity This Morning

WOMAN AND BABE FOUND IN FIELD

Storm Carried Them Far from Home — Scores Reported Injured in Devastated Area.

PEORIA, Illinois, (By the Associated Press)—Eight are dead and scores injured as the result of a tornado in Peoria and surrounding country early today.

The bodies of a woman and her baby were found in a field far from their home at Cloverdale.

Two are reported killed and many injured at Morton.

CROWDS ATTEND ANNUAL HAINES WILD WEST SHOW

HAINES, Ore., (Special)—Fair weather again favored the Haines stampede management for the second afternoon's performance Friday. While the attendance did not reach that of former years, the grandstand was comfortably filled.

The riding and racing events were run off without an accident. In the pony running races on the quarter-mile track the best time was a little under 21 seconds. Jess Heard and Orville Fisher of this city won first and second in the wild horse race yesterday. Two strings of horses are entered in the pony express which will terminate tomorrow. Exhibition steer riding was introduced yesterday. No roping of cattle is permitted by the management.

Miss Marcella McCullough of Haines, a pupil of the Jane Burns Albert studio of Portland, and Thomas Whited were featured in songs before the grandstand and will appear again today.

Second Pendleton Man Drops Dead in Street

PENDLETON, Ore., (Special)—For the second time within the past three days, a man dropped dead on Pendleton streets yesterday, when Ed Money, aged 70, fell dead while crossing Cottonwood street, carrying his tools as he went to do carpenter work on a local residence. The first death was that of Matthew Keys who dropped dead on Wednesday.

Mr. Money has, apparently been in good health. It is believed he died of heart disease. He is survived by three daughters, one living at Freewater, and two in Walla Walla.

"Dope" Case Held Up Until Monday Morning

Due to the fact that the civil suit of John Allen vs. Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, an action for damages, is still being tried the Wong Sing-Mary Sing narcotics case will not be started in the circuit until Monday.

The attorneys were arguing the civil case this morning, R. J. Kitchen for the plaintiff and Cochran & Eberhard for the defense.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Livestock steady. Eggs one cent higher. Butter steady.

Butterfat (Portland) steady.

Democratic Convention Sidelights

When "Bill" and "Charlie" meet over the teacups (upper), Governor Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska, stages a get-together with "Brother Bill" during the Democratic national convention. William Jennings Bryan has been extremely active in convention affairs and Governor Bryan has been nominated for the presidency. There was more than passing significance in the conference here pictured (lower) between George Brennan, big Democratic boss of Chicago, and Tom Taggert, of Indiana. The "big bosses" have considerable power at this convention just the same as they have had at past ones.

IMPROVEMENT AREA CREATED

Improvement district No. 145 was created last evening at the meeting of the city commissioners, postponed from Wednesday. The hearing of the district, which calls for 20-foot pavement along N from Oak to First and First from N to O streets, will be held on the evening of July 23rd.

Several other matters were attended to before adjournment, including the granting of permission to A. L. Stoddard to erect a retaining wall; the granting of a six-months dance hall license to L. R. Spencer, and the consideration of an estimate furnished by the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company regarding the erecting of colored lights to illuminate the way to the tourist park. Consideration of the latter matter was continued until next week owing to the high cost of such a project.

BOISE VOTERS DEFEAT ISSUE FOR APPROACH

BOISE, Ida. (Special) — Boise's $125,000 bond issue for a straightaway approach to the new main line station of the Union Pacific on the bench southwest of the city was defeated by 232 votes in a special election held Friday.

Sixteen hundred sixteen electors favored the issuance of the bonds and the carrying out of the plan fostered by the city council, while 1156 registered opposition — the proponents lacking 232 votes of the necessary two-thirds. The total vote cast was 2772.

Oscar Berger Winner In Court Civil Suit

Due to difficulty in securing the correct name over the telephone yesterday, an erroneous statement was made in the Evening Observer to the effect that C. W. Bearden was victorious in a civil suit. Oscar Berger won the judgment instead of Mr. Bearden.

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	49	32	.605
Seattle	43	37	.538
Sacramento	41	39	.513
Vernon	42	40	.512
Salt Lake	40	40	.500
Los Angeles	37	45	.451
Portland	36	45	.444
Oakland	36	46	.439

Angels 8, Bees 3.

(By the Associated Press)

At Salt Lake—	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	8	11	0
Salt Lake	3	11	2

Batteries: Payne and Jenkins; Mulcahy, McCabe and Jenkins.

Oaks 3, Senators 1.

At Sacramento—	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	3	12	1
Sacramento	1	7	1

Batteries: Krause and Read; Hughes and Koehler.

Vernon 17, Beavers 3.

At Vernon—	R.	H.	E.
Portland	3	10	5
Vernon	17	21	1

Batteries: Levsrenz, Keefe and Cochrane; Shellenback and Hannah.

Seals 11, Indians 5.

At San Francisco—	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	5	11	3
San Francisco	11	16	2

Batteries: Bagby, Jones and Baldwin; Geary and Agnew.

ELGIN EVENT PROGRAM OUT

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The complete two-day program for the Fourth of July celebration here next week has been prepared and is according to a local newspaper, as follows:

First Day.

4:00 a. m.—Sunrise salute.

9:00 a. m.—Band concert on street.

Athletic sports on streets.

10:30 a. m.—Patriotic exercises. Speaking and music, city park.

11:30 a. m.—Old settlers get-together meeting.

Picnic dinner.

1:00 p. m.—Baseball game, fair grounds.

2:30 p. m.—Racing program, novelties, wild west sports.

5:00 p. m.—Open air dancing.

Carnival of fun.

7:00 p. m.—Reviving of the Old West. Days of '49 parade.

7:30 p. m.—Days of '49. Town Opens. Games of all kinds. Country stores. Sky the limit. Dancing.

Second Day.

4:00 a. m.—Sunrise salute.

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Screening of Wallowa Lake Is Now Underway

The local Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club has chalked up another successful campaign on its long list of achievements for the bettering of fish and game conditions in eastern Oregon.

After a great deal of effort on the part of the club working in conjunction with the other sportsmen's organizations in this section of the country, the State Fish and Game commission have at last started the work of screening the irrigation ditches leading out of Wallowa lake.

In the last two years thousands of trout have perished through the draining of the irrigation ditches and many more would have been lost this year. The screens will annually save many fish and consequently save the state a considerable amount of money by making things easier on the hatcheries.

PAGEANT END LAST EVENING

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer) — The final showing of "Friends of Mankind," the stock show pageant which was postponed until this week due to rain during the time set for original presentation, occurred here last evening with a large crowd in attendance.

As on the night prior, the pageant delighted the audience with its realistic and beautiful portrayal of the growing dependence of man upon domestic animals, beginning with the time of Adam and Eve and descending to the modern day.

The pageant, with one exception was precisely the same as on Thursday evening. The La Grande Chamber of Commerce quartette was unable to attend and instead, during the Grande Ronde Valley episode a group of cowboys, led by Tony D Smith, of Union, sang.

Chief of Police Meets With Setback in Baker

Even a chief of police is not immune from traffic violation "tags." This was proved decidedly yesterday when Chief Haynes, head of the local sleuths, was pinched in Baker City for violating the parking rule. He was summoned to appear before the municipal court there this morning but he did not do so, inasmuch as he has a firm conviction that the "boys" were merely playing a practical joke on him.

"My car was parked just like the others nearby, and, besides, no signs were up prohibiting my parking," the chief explained. He also asserted that while he was in Baker, the faces of the Baker police were continuously wreathed with smiles.

Anyway, he was a good joke!

Plane Falls, Two Dead.

AKRON O., (AP)—Miss Elwilder Wickersheim, 21, Cuya Falls, Ohio, and Howard R. Calvert, Medina, Ohio, were killed Friday night when an airplane the girl was piloting crashed 1000 feet to the ground at Stow Avin field near here.

TWO BLOCKS BURNED IN RAINIER, ORE.

Eleven Business Houses Wiped Out by Early Morning Blaze

FIRE STARTED IN RESTAURANT

Portland, St. Helens, Astoria, Longview and Kelso Fire Fighters Saved City from Ruin.

RAINIER, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — Two blocks of the business section was swept by fire early today, wiping out eleven business houses.

The conflagration began about three o'clock this morning in the Rosenbrough Clothing store and swept southward.

Help from Portland, St. Helens, Astoria, Longview and the Kelso departments prevented the entire destruction of the town.

The business houses destroyed were: Lineman Department Store, State Bank of Rainier, Commercial Hotel, California Hotel, Rialto Pool Hall, Rainier Bakery, Bungalow Cafe, Rosenbrough's Men's Furnishing store, Fishbacks Men's Furnishing store, Rader Confectionery, Rainier Hardware store, and the offices of Dr. Rockwell, Dr. Welsh and Dr. Peat.

Loss Is Heavy.

The loss was estimated at between $175,000 and $200,000.

SPECIAL TRAIN NOW ARRANGED

A delegation of Baker business men were in La Grande yesterday making final arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration to be held in that city on the big day.

A special train was promised by the O.-W. R. & N. company to leave La Grande at 7:30 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth and will leave Baker for the return trip at 12 o'clock in the evening. Reduced rates for the train will amount to a fare and a third for the round trip.

The National Guard, Company E, of La Grande will be present fo

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Country Club "Tank" To Be Opened Sunday

Members of the La Grande country club are preparing to rescue their bathing suits from the cellar or the garret or whatever other place they happened to have been stored over the winter, for the opening of the tank has been announced for tomorrow.

Water is being pumped in today and early swimmers will find the tank full of fresh water for their morning's plunge. Although the weather is still far from hot it is quite warm and the age-old cry, "the water's fine" will undoubtedly be heard all day tomorrow.

The picnic grounds adjoining the tank are being cleaned up and will be in good shape for the summer outings in a few days, officers of the club report.

Officers Watching for Murderer of F. Mills

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ida., (Special)—Idaho peace officers Friday night were watching all roads and combing the country for a Star automobile, Washington state license number 215-428, thought to bear the slayer of Faraby Mills, 45 of 1428 1-2 West Forty-Eighth street, Seattle, whose still warm body was found by the roadside three miles west of Mountain Home Friday morning at 10:15 o'clock. Passing tourists found the body and reported at once to Sheriff Arthur Stevens of Elmore county, who brought the body to Mountain Home. He had been shot twice, one bullet just grazing the head, the other, which apparently caused death, entering the right temple and crashing through the brain. Blood was still flowing from the wound when the body was found.

Chances For Victory Are Much Better

Changes in Line-Up of Pirates Will Increase Their Strength in the Walla Walla Game.

(By Scoop)

La Grande's chances of defeating Walla Walla here tomorrow afternoon improved greatly with the altered lineup that Spec Keene, Pirate manager, announced yesterday.

The changes were: benching Theison, left fielder; placing Clifford, center fielder, at second and moving Davis to the outfield.

The alteration will strengthen the garden to a great extent and with Alexander, Goldman and Davis in the field, little in the way of balls driven past the infield will get away. All three men are sure catches and in addition, the trio has been hitting about .300 all season. Goldman and Davis are hitting over the .300 mark and Reu is not far under it.

Faster Infield.

Clifford will fill the place left vacant by Davis at second base in fine shape. Clifford is faster than Davis and is probably surer in receiving. He is naturally an infield player, anyhow, and should be perfectly at home at second base.

Bench will pitch and Peterson will catch and, if the writer's views are worth anything, Bench will hurl an excellent game. A good share of the fault for Bench's slump has been due to lack of support and besides, who can blame a good pitcher for easing up when he is perpetually afraid that if the batter does touch his offering, someone may muff it. With better support he should turn in a game Sun-

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BULLETINS

FOUR MEN BURNED.

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Four men were severely burned when the shell guard cutter Arcata, seeking rum smugglers, pierced a gasoline tank of a 36-foot launch, the M-775, 18 miles north of here. Three of the four were wounded also by bullets from rifles. The gasoline tank in the pursued craft blew up when a shot from the Arcata's one-pound gun went through it and the motor boat took fire. Revenue officers said there was liquor on board and that the presence of two Chinese on board would be investigated.

Ralph O'Leary, the least injured of the four persons, said the party was on a hunting trip but was running without lights. He asserted the Arcata opened fire without warning, with her one-pound gun, and four or five rifles. He was struck by a bullet when at the wheel. Two of the men jumped into the bay when the tank blew up and set the boat afire. The Arcata went alongside and O'Leary, wounded in the leg, dragged Ernie Jackson, who had been hit in the hand by a bullet and was unconscious, aboard the cutter. The Arcata picked up Moy Sing and Moy Yik, Chinese, from the water.

POSTOFFICE FIRST-CLASS

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The annual readjustment of postmaster's salaries, effective July 1, found 59 offices advanced to first class from second class and 236 offices advanced to second class.

Among the second class offices advanced to first class is La Grande, Oregon.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Mrs. C. W. Bunting was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital today for a minor operation.

DEMOCRATS AT SEA ON KLAN PLANK

Resolutions Committee Failed to Reach Agreement Last Night

W. J. BRYAN TO SEEK SOLUTION

League of Nations Plank Disposed of; National Referendum Is Suggested.

NEW YORK, (By the Associated Press)—Democratic leaders failed to reconcile their differences over the Ku Klux Klan and to avoid an open fight on the floor. Bainbridge Colby, former secretary of state, has been selected to conduct the floor fight for the plank condemning the klan by name. William Jennings Bryan appeared the likely leader of the element that wants only to put in the platform a general reaffirmation of the principles of religious liberty.

In the committee debate, Bryan said he did not believe the klan was a necessary or a permanent organization and that if inclusion of the name of the Invisible Empire in the platform occurred it would result in wrecking the Democratic party. He declared if the klan was named the Democratic party would cease to exist as a political entity and would leave the country with religion a chief issue.

George Brennan, chief of the Illinois delegation, one of the larg-

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GET PHOTOS BY AIRPLANE

No doubt the greater share of the readers of the Evening Observer derive much enjoyment and news value from the NEA service photographs which are featured by this newspaper. Recently, several scoops have been printed in picture form due to the service—including pictures of candidates and views of the big political conventions—both at Cleveland and New York.

Now comes the report, from the NEA service, that an air route will be started July 1 from the east to Salt Lake City, which will speed up the arrival in La Grande of the news art 44 hours. Which means that pictures from the east will be received here in nearly half the time ordinarily required.

The NEA aviators will place the pictures in the mail at Salt Lake City and from that point to La Grande, the United States mail will transport them.

Sugar Magnate Dead In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Adolph B. Spreckes, sugar magnate, died at his home here today.

Chautauqua Will Begin At City Park Tomorrow

With everything in readiness, good weather predicted and a fine program of lectures and music the Grande Ronde Chautauqua will open tomorrow at 4 o'clock at the Riverside Park for a week of what promises to be the highest class entertainment that the Pacific Northwest can produce. Some of the high lights of tomorrow's program are:

Opening at 4 o'clock.

Prelude by Philharmonic Orchestra of Enterprise with Mrs. Mack Parker as soloist. Mrs. Parker is one of the outstanding sopranos of Eastern Oregon.

Address on "Conservation of Anglo-Saxon Civilization" by Roy R. Hewitt who has lectured both in Europe and in America extensively and has been called on sixty times the past year by cities outside of the home school, and who is a head liner on the Gladstone Chautauqua program.

Community Dinner.

At 6:30 the community dinner will be served whereat free coffee will be furnished and the country side is invited to attend whether or not they have tickets to the performance.

At 8 o'clock the Protestant

Serious Forest Fire Season Is Forecast

PORTLAND, Ore., (Special) — "All signs point to an extremely serious forest fire season in Oregon and Washington," is the statement of A. O. Waha, assistant district forester, of the Portland office. "The precipitation is away below normal and the relatively high temperatures that have prevailed since the latter part of April, together with periods of low humidity, have thoroughly dried out the forest cover. The situation now, especially at [illegible] altitudes, presents conditions like those during [illegible] our worst month for fires."

The Forest Service asks for the support and cooperation of the public in preventing man caused fires. "Even with such restrictive measures as may be adopted, the cooperation of all people who travel in the forests is essential. With limited fire protective forces, and the forests swarming with travelers, it is impracticable to caution personally all of these travelers about care with their camp fires and in smoking."

Must Have Permits.

Mr. Waha announced that camp fire permits will be required on all National Forests in Oregon and Washington during this season. The requirement has been effective in restricting the number of fires caused by campers, forest officers report.

"When fires caused by smokers represent approximately 25 per cent of the total number of forest fires that occurred in Oregon and Washington in 1923, it is time not only to urge the people who go into the woods to be careful with their cigarettes, cigars, matches and pipe ashes, but to prohibit all-

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