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PIONEER REUNION

AT OLALLA SEPTEMBER 2, 3 AND 4.

EVERY CITIZEN OF DOUGLAS COUNTY SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

County Treasurer Dimmick has received a letter from J. A. Byron, secretary of the executive committee of the Olalla Pioneer Reunion Encampment notifying him that he, in connection with Harry McClallen, Mrs. W. H. Jamieson, and Mrs. H. C. Stanton, has been appointed a committee in Roseburg to solicit funds to make the reunion encampment at Olalla on September 2, 3 and 4 a grand success.

The PLAINDEALER learns that similar committees have been appointed in every community with the same object in view, as it is the intention of the management to make this reunion the grandest and most successful event in the history of Douglas county.

There will be public speakers of renown and visitors from all parts of the state; and as there has not been a general gathering of the old settlers and new comers in this county for months past, it is proposed to make a regular gala day time wherein the old will welcome the new settlers and extend to them the glad hand.

Every arrangement will be made for camping on the grounds and when there is no public speaking the time will be devoted to getting acquainted and having a right royal time.

The Roseburg committee will wait on our citizens some time this week and ask for contributions to the general fund and it is to be hoped that the total amount subscribed will be large and liberal. The fact that the encampment is to be held on the Indian battle field so full of momentous memories to all of the old settlers should cause a general desire to attend the meeting of which further notice will be given from time to time.

WHO STOLE ST. PETER'S RING?

Last Saturday before the body of the pope was laid away to rest and when the cardinals in attendance went to take off St. Peter's ring from the hand of the corpse, it was found that somebody had stolen the ring. It is stated that this ring, which the devout claim was worn by St. Peter and by him transmitted down through the popes of Rome, has been lost, strayed or stolen many times before. The last time it was found the finder received \$3 for the priceless gem. This was about four years ago.

Race War in Illinois.

At Danville, Illinois, on Saturday night a race war broke out. While a mob of 600 men was on its way to the county jail to lynch James Wilson, a Bloomington negro, who had confessed to assaulting Mrs. Thomas Burgess, wife of a farmer, an unknown negro shot and killed Henry Gatterman, white, a member of the mob. The murderous negro, a refugee from Evansville, Ind., by the name of J. W. Mayfield, was later taken from the city jail and lynched by the

mob, and three other negroes who attacked the white were beaten badly. The mob finally resumed its march to the county jail, determined to lynch Wilson. When the mob reached the jail, it was fired upon by the Sheriff. Nine persons were wounded and the crowd scattered.

Mayfield met his fate while the mob was on the way to lynch Wilson. The angry throng was passing down East Main street when the negro became involved in an altercation with some of its members. They started after him, and he drew a revolver, firing into the crowd. Henry Gatterman, a young butcher, fell mortally wounded and expired within a few minutes. The negro fled, but was caught by officers within a block of the scene, and hurried to the police station with the mob in hot pursuit, temporarily diverted from their march to the county jail. The officers, with their prisoner, took refuge in the city building, barricading themselves behind the doors of one of the offices. They could not check the mob, however, for it secured a long pole and battered down a section of the wall and the door, both of which were frail.

On account of the overwhelming numbers of the mob, it was useless for the officers to resist. The negro was seized and rushed to the spot where he had shot down Gatterman. It was the work of an instant to throw a rope around his neck and swing him up to a telephone pole. After his lie had been slowly strangled out, he was left hanging while the mob proceeded to the county jail.

After going a short distance, however, the mob changed its mind, faced about, and returning to the scene of the lynching, cut Mayfield's body down. They rushed it to the principal square, built a bonfire, and hacking the body to pieces with knives, pitched it in the midst of the flames. For a while they watched it burn, and then coming to a realization of their first mission to lynch Wilson, they once more resumed their march to the county jail.

The Sheriff and his deputies had expected an attack and were prepared. The Sheriff refused them admission and threatened to shoot if the mob committed an over act. The mob, now worked up to an intense state of excitement, became frenzied in its determination to reach Wilson, and in its fury threatened to lynch the Sheriff, his deputies and a negro turkey. Finally they charged the jail, and the Sheriff and his deputies fired, wounding three members of the mob, one fatally. The mob, being repulsed, sent to an adjoining mining camp for dynamite, and threatened to again attack the jail when it arrived.

Murder Near Marshfield.

A dispatch from Marshfield on Saturday evening says: Henry Keller, of Langlois, today killed his wife, nee Appleby, and then shot himself. Keller was extremely jealous of his wife and suspected undue intimacy between her and a young man named Adolphson.

This morning he started out after Adolphson, armed with a revolver, but being unable to find him, Keller went home, where he committed the terrible deed. Two children, small boys, survive the couple.

Keller was of a retiring disposition and kind to his family and his friends can only attribute the crime to a state of mind bordering on insanity.

The citizens of Parker, almost to a man, are protesting against the commutation of the hanging sentence of W. P. Peacock, the cold blooded murderer of Alexander H. Kerr. The plan is to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment and then prove that Peacock was insane when he committed the deed and has been insane ever since. This is a plan to cheat the gallows and turn a murderer loose. A pile of cash and secret societies can work wonders in many directions.

Harriman will fight Hill for the possession of the Northern Pacific Railway.

During the past two weeks over fifty cases of highway robbery have been reported in Portland. No arrests have been made.

HIGHWAYMEN IN PORTLAND

FIFTY HOLDUPS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

TALK OF ORGANIZING A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE TO RID THE CITY.

At Portland the city is overrun by thugs and thieves; and if reports are true regarding citizens appealing to the police and being refused assistance to capture the scoundrels, the police force is standing in with such outrageous proceedings. When for any cause the law of the land cannot be enforced, and practically there is no law, the people not having law are a law unto themselves and when they organize vigilance committees and capture burglars, murderers and their supporters and the people try the prisoners before new courts and execute the men law is enforced according to the claims put forth by prominent Portlanders. We can expect at any time to hear of Portland citizens rising in mass and hanging a number of the favored and protected criminals and driving out several hundred more. Since the State of Washington has shut her doors to the vicious element, the northern part of Oregon has been overrun by an army of desperate characters. The enforcement of laws in favor of a higher civilization has been a blessing to Washington but a curse to Oregon. What Portland needs is a few bundles of three-quarter inch rope and men with patriotism who know how to use it.

Myrtle Creek Mail News.

The oil well people were hung up for several days while the steel drill stem that had been broken was undergoing repairs. Everything was fixed so that drilling began again Monday. The well is down about 600 feet.

Harry Rice is in from his rich mining property and says the showing is improving right along. Harry's friends had to take a close squint at him to recognize him, as he was wearing his whiskers a la Sanders.

Rev. and Mrs. Cotton are spending the week with their friends Mr. and Mrs. Muer over in Elk Creek valley.

Sam Bayless and family, Phillip Rice and Rev. Bennett are out in the mountains for a little sport and recreation.

Uncle John Weaver and family returned Monday from a week's outing at their place on Weaver and South Myrtle creeks.

W. V. Hurst has his threshing machine at work out on Ed. Weaver's farm. Grain is turning out very good considering the season.

F. P. Hermann, brother of Congressman-elect Hermann, is in town taking orders for having photos developed on the new and popular celluloid process.

Mrs. James Bailey and children are down from the ranch for a short time while Mrs. Bailey receives medical aid. They are out at Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bailey's home.

Charley Rice acted as salesman in the hardware store during Merchant Hunsaker's absence in Portland. Mr. Rice expects to leave for Portland next week, although the family will not go down for a few weeks yet.

Mrs. McCormick arrived from Roseburg yesterday and proceeded up to the Yellow Jewell mine, where her husband is employed.

Mrs. Maud Glover, of Glenbrook Farm, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. A. Fenton returned home with her for a few week's visit.

Pearl Hall, a daughter of Mrs. John Hall, is here on a month's visit to her people and old friends. She has been teaching in the city schools at Lakeview, and expects to be engaged in the same position the coming year. Dr. Hall, a brother who is also located at Lakeview, will soon be here on a short visit.

George H. Pitts was in town this week, the first time since their accident, and his friends were glad to greet him once more. Mrs. Trepagen has had her arm reset and is getting along nicely.

The local order of Woodmen of the World and Women of Woodcraft held a joint installation meeting Thursday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. After the regular work of election of new officers a pleasant social time was had with friends of the order. Refreshments were served. The new Woodmen officers are: S. H. Pratt, C. C.; M. B. Smith, A. L.; T. A. Lane, escort; G. T. Ledgerwood, watchman. J. Brown, sentry; W. V. Hurst, manager. The Circle's new officers are C. J. Armitage, G. N.; Rosa Pratt, a visitor; May Smith, manager, Hattie Sherman, attendant; C. B. White, musician; George Frask, O. S.; Maud Willis, I. S.

WILL NOT CHANGE RATES IN OREGON.

A. O. U. W. Supreme Lodge Has a Deficit of \$1,000,000.

At the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. held in Portland last week after much debate, the general impression is that there will be no change made in Oregon jurisdiction at this time. Oregon as a state is all right, the deficit being caused by other states. Oregon's apportionment of the deficit is \$40,000 which will be raised by a few extra assessments. The older members who have their assessments raised will not have to pay much longer and it will amount to little in consideration of the value of their policies.

The election held last week in Portland resulted as follows:

Grand master workman—George H. Durham, of Portland.

Grand foreman—F. Berchtold, of Corvallis.

Grand overseer—W. J. Clarke, of Gervais.

Grand recorder—Newton Clark, of Portland.

Grand receiver—R. L. Durham, of Portland.

Grand inside watchman—W. H. Warner, of Albany.

Grand outside watchman—S. A. Roake, of Oregon City.

Grand trustee—F. L. Cown, of Grants Pass.

Representatives to the supreme lodge—D. Dollis Cohen, Ralph Feeney and William Smith.

DEGREE OF HONOR ELECTS.

The new officers elected by the grand lodge, Degree of Honor, last, Friday are:

Grand chief of honor—Mrs. Addie Colvig, Jacksonville.

Grand lady of honor—Mrs. Sarah Fastland, Astoria.

Grand chief of ceremonies—Mrs. Hattie McCormick, Marshfield.

Grand usher—Mrs. Hattie Mooney, Jefferson.

Grand inside watch—Mrs. Harriet Davis, Tillamook.

Grand outer watch—Mrs. Matthe Smeed, Heppner.

Grand recorder—Mrs. Ollie Stephens, Portland.

Grand receiver—Mrs. Mary Randall, Portland.

Representatives to superior lodge—Mrs. Laura A. Smith, Baker City; Mrs. Ollie Stephens and Mrs. Margaret Herin, of Portland.

G. A. R. Meeting.

The National Encampment of the G. A. R. will meet in San Francisco, Aug 17 to 22 and for this occasion the railroads have issued round trip excursion rates from every city in the United States.

The time of sale commences August 1 and the final limit is October 15. During this period the holder of any such ticket will be allowed to purchase excursion rate tickets to any point reached by the Southern Pacific lines in California.

EXPELLED FROM FRANCE

TWELVE NUNS NOW IN A PORTLAND CONVENT

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT DEMANDS ENTIRE CONTROL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The Portland Telegram of last Saturday says:

"Exiled from home, driven from France by the government that would not allow them to teach the principles and doctrines they love, 12 sisters of the Catholic church are now in Portland, where they will make their future home. They arrived here yesterday from South Bend, Ind., accompanied by Father Quinlin, of the Columbia University, who went there to escort them to Portland.

Some months ago the French government made it a criminal offense to teach Catholicism in that republic, and as a consequence these sisters, in company with hundreds of others all over the country, were forced to leave their native homes and seek a place in foreign countries where they could teach in peace. They were scattered into every section of the world where the Catholic religion is known, and it fell to the lot of these 12 to traverse the broad Atlantic and the great American continent to take up a home on the other side of the world.

About three weeks ago they arrived in South Bend, Ind., and there rested for their trip across the American desert. Their trip across the ocean and to the Pacific Coast was uneventful. No incidents happened to mar the pleasure of the trip, but after all there was no pleasure to them, driven from home and fatherland, other than that they were going to teach principles they cherished.

Those who come to Portland are Sisters Therese, St. Ursula, Mary Adene Ubal, Mary Adrainne, Mary Julie, Constance, Annine, Denise, Albertine, Markine, and Gilberte. They all speak French and have no understanding of the English language. They are now at St. Mary's Academy and college, and will remain here to teach in the Catholic schools of this city. They are all well educated, having devoted their lives to study.

The Telegram makes a mistake in the article. It is not "a criminal offense to teach Catholicism in that republic." It is a criminal offense to teach Catholicism or any other religion in the public schools. The various orders have been required to close their schools until they would obey the law of the country to allow a public examination into the course of study and to see that the buildings were in a sanitary condition and all necessary conveniences were provided. The French republic has found out the same as all progressive staple governments have, that there cannot be a dual government; and hence has prohibited the teaching of any religion in public schools whose first duty is obedience to spiritual power instead of the temporal power. The Telegram shows in the article either a vast chunk of dense ignorance or what is worse, prejudice and bias against the French republic.

In electing Editor Scott of the Oregonian to the President of the Lewis and Clark fair, the directors made a good selection. We believe that Mr. Scott will do his utmost to make the fair a success with credit to himself and honor to the State of Oregon.