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CROMB WINS SWEEPSTAKES

Stanfield Doctor Owns Finest Pair of Birds on Exhibit at Poultry Show.

SCHOOL TEACHER IS ALSO A CUP WINNER

Principal Young of Milton High School Carries Off Two Orpington Cups—N. A. Humphrey is Only Exhibitor Who Could "Come Back"

Dr. J. R. Cromb of Stanfield wins the sweepstakes prize offered by the Pendleton Woolen Mills company for the best pair of birds on exhibit at the big poultry show now drawing to a close in the armory hall on Court street.

Young Wins Cups. That Principal I. E. Young of the Milton high school can breed chickens as well as teach school is evident from the fact that he carries off two of the handsome trophy cups offered at the local show.

Humphrey Wins Again. N. A. Humphrey of Pendleton bears the unique distinction of being the only exhibitor who was able to "come back." He won the American National bank cup for Black Minorcas last year and came back this year and duplicated the performance, defeating his competitor, Lester Boyd, also of this city, by a narrow margin.

Superintendent Earl Williams found a ground hog in East Pendleton late yesterday afternoon and promptly placed it on exhibition at the poultry show.

Three Drew Prizes. Three valuable prizes were given away last evening and at least four will be given this evening. Numbers are given out at the door to all those purchasing tickets and the drawing is conducted at the close of the musical program.

Words of highest praise are heard on all sides for the concerts given by the United Orchestra. All agree that it is the best series of orchestra concerts ever given in Pendleton.

Tonghi's Program. The program for tonight's concert will be as follows: 1. March—The Charlatan... 2. Selection—William Tell... 3. Morcean Characteristic... 4. Dawn of Love... 5. Waltz—Shadowland... 6. Comic Opera Selection—The Highwayman... 7. March—A Frangese... 8. Flower Song—Hearts and Flowers... 9. March—Gen. Mixup, U. S. A... 10. The following is the list of awards not heretofore published: White Orpingtons, I. E. Young, Milton, Ore.—First, second and third pullet; first and second and third cockerel and first pen. E. F. Averill—Pendleton, Ore., first

CHINA WANTS NO ADVICE FROM U. S.

Pekin, Dec. 16.—The offer of the United States to provide a financial expert to advise the Chinese government regarding the handling of a \$50,000,000 railroad loan now being negotiated by China was flatly turned down by China today. It is understood that China felt that America's offer of a financial mentor was selfish and therefore they don't want him.

MRS. TOTTEN MUST SERVE A LIFE TERM

Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Della Totten was sentenced to a life term today and her mother, Mrs. Beebe, aged 75, was given a sentence from one to two years in the penitentiary because Mrs. Totten shot and killed James Sutton, a rancher who insisted on crossing their farm in August. Neither woman displayed much regret or emotion.

MADISON JONES DIED AT 12:55 TODAY

WAS PIONEER FARMER AND STOCKRAISER

Had Recently Been Treated for Eye Trouble and Health Failed During Last Ten Days—Interment at Pilot Rock.

Madison Jones, a well known retired farmer who has been residing in Pendleton for a number of years, passed away at 12:55 today and thus another of the early pioneers of Umatilla county has crossed the great divide. The cause of Mr. Jones' death were infirmities incident to old age.

Madison Jones came to Oregon in 1867 and settled in this county where for many years he engaged in the wheat growing and stock raising business. In this vocation he prospered and, feeling he had earned a rest, he retired from active work and moved into Pendleton a number of years ago and since that time he has been living at 1101 East Court street. Early last fall he accompanied his son, Frank Jones, to Portland, where he underwent an operation on his eyes as he had been blind for some time. The operation was very successful and he had hopes of recovering his sight.

On Thanksgiving day he came back to his home and enjoyed his usual health until about ten days ago when he began to grow weak. He sank rapidly and death came early this afternoon before all of his children could be summoned.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made but the interment will take place at Pilot Rock.

RESCUERS SEEK FOR NINE ENTOMBED MEN

Denver, Colo., Dec. 16.—In a desperate effort to rescue ten miners in the Leyden mine, the rescuers headed by Professor Roberts head of the government rescue service and wearing oxygen helmets entered the mine today and started for the lower levels. It is believed that nine miners are still alive. It is shaft number 2 they are exploring. It is filled with gas. It is believed the miners walled themselves in. The cause of the explosion is still unascertained.

Marriage License Issued. A marriage license was today granted to Herman Anderson of Walla Walla county, Wash., and Miss Inez Irena Ridd of this county.

J. O. Kincaid, the well known life insurance man who makes his home at Ione, Morrow county, Oregon, was a Pendleton visitor today.

TAWNEY IS NOT AFRAID OF WAR

Claims War Department Has Joined Plot to Hobsonize Country.

WILL HOLD THE FORT AGAINST EXPENDITURES

Minnesota Man Says Pacific Coast Is Well Fortified—Asserts "Confidential Report" Was Part of Propaganda to Increase Army Expenses.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The war department has joined the jingos in attempting to hobsonize the country, according to Congressman Tawney today. He is chairman of the house committee on appropriations. Tawney cannot believe the country is defenseless and scoffed at the idea that there is any cause for alarm. He is determined to hold the financial fort against Hobson and Congressman McLachlan, who declare the country is poorly equipped as far as the army is concerned and that the Pacific coast could be captured and held for six months by an invading army of two hundred thousand men.

EASTERN OREGON TO NAME THE SPEAKER

Eastern Oregon will name the next speaker of the house. This is the opinion expressed this morning by Representative Henry McKinney of Baker county who was in the city over night and who is himself one of the leading candidates for the honor. He was not ready to assert that he would be elected to wield the gavel nor would he predict victory for Jerry Rusk, joint representative from Union and Walla, who is the only other eastern Oregon candidate who is in the running. He even declined to say that an eastern Oregon man would secure the office, but he was strong in declaring that the eastern Oregon delegation was so united that it rested with it to name the presiding officer.

"Eaton of Lane is a strong bidder for the position," he said, "but he is not nearly as strong as he would lead the people to believe. He is claiming votes that I know for a fact will not be cast for him. Eastern Oregon representatives will go down to Salem believing in the motto 'In union there is strength,' and whoever gets the plum will get it by virtue of the eastern Oregon vote."

May Lose School Tax. Several of the school districts may lose their taxes this year, according to Superintendent Welles, because of the failure of the clerks to notify the county superintendent by December 10 as required by law. County Clerk Saling now has the matter under consideration.

BUY RED CROSS STAMPS AND AID A VERY WORTHY CAUSE

Pendleton people are to be given another opportunity to assist in the nation-wide fight against the dreaded white plague. Under the leadership of the Current Literature club, a vigorous campaign is to be conducted for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals and the proceeds turned over to the American National Red Cross society to be devoted to the war against tuberculosis. These little seals will be on sale at four different places in the city, at the Frazer-Nelson book store, at the Pendleton drug store, at Donaldson's Red Cross drug store and at Koepfen's drug store. Mrs. A. J. McAllister, president of the Current Literature club, is in charge of the work here.

A similar sale was conducted in Pendleton last Christmas season and a considerable sum realized from the little stamps. Because of the worthiness of the cause it is anticipated that this city will again send a considerable sum to the great disease-combating organization which is now devoting a great deal of time and money to the stamping out of one of the greatest scourges with which the people of the country are afflicted.

HOT SHOT FOR REP. TAWNEY

McLachlan and Hobson Grill Minnesota Representative for His Attitude.

TAWNEY TO BLAME FOR PRESENT UNPREPAREDNESS

Supporters of Strong Navy Charge "Watchdog" With Deceiving Public as to Facts—Claim He Knows Nothing of Army or Its Needs—Americans are Fatted Capons; Not Game Cocks.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—In an exclusive statement to the United Press this afternoon Representative McLachlan replied to Tawney and said: "Tawney's charge that there is a conspiracy to stampee congress into adopting large appropriation for military purposes is too childish to be taken seriously." He said it was wicked cowardice to hide our national weaknesses, and it was cowardice of "alleged patriots" to keep the nation in ignorance and then when war was declared to send untrained men in the field with obsolete weapons to uphold the national defense. He said Tawney knows nothing of the army or its needs.

"Washington pleaded against the Tawneys of his time. In the struggle for independence he needed trained troops. After the end of the struggle came he charged such men with prolongation of the war. Tawney says it is cowardice to make known our admitted weaknesses either to our people or to the world. He admits that we are like fatted capons and he would have us pose as game-cocks. The appalling pension lists and thousands of scarred hearts show there have been Tawneys in the councils of the nation before."

Hobson in the Fray. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Declaring that Tawney is the man responsible for the present lack of preparedness to repel an invasion, Congressman Hobson of Alabama assailed the Minnesota representative today. He asserted Tawney misrepresented affairs in public utterances and was now preparing to fight the fortification of the Panama canal. "The truth is," said Hobson, "Tawney has been misleading the public in stating that over sixty per cent of the total revenues of the government are devoted to war purposes. He knows the public would think he meant current appropriations for the maintenance of the army and navy while as a matter of fact the enormous total of the pensions was part of the sixty per cent."

Humphrey Against Tawney. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Congressman Humphrey of Washington, took a radically opposite view from Tawney. He said: "A foreign foe could land an invading force at Bellingham for instance, without coming within fifteen miles of a gun. They could establish an impregnable position there and have a whole section of country at their mercy. The report of the secretary of war expresses the opinion of a condition which every man on the Pacific coast has known for years. The people of the coast are crying for defense but have been absolutely unheeded."

LEE CHUNG MUST OFF WITH PIGTAIL

Pekin, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 102 to 28 the Chinese senate today passed an act removing the traditional queue from the heads of all residents of the empire. Every Chinese subject is ordered forthwith to cut off pigtails. This applies to Chinese in America also.

WANT CABLE FROM SEATTLE TO CORDOVA

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—Plans for the laying of a cable from Seattle to Cordova have been forwarded to Secretary of War Dickinson by citizens who complain of the high present tolls of the cable company to Sitka. It is proposed to make direct connections and the cost is estimated at \$2,000,000.

CANADA'S PREMIER WANTS TO REGULATE BANKING

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Sir Wilfred Laurier introduced in the house today a bill which goes into operation in July, for the regulation of banks. One feature is to have the banks audited by shareholders. Another is a provision for an annual statement signed by the president and directors of banks, making them criminally liable for false statements.

DR. COOK WOULD CLEAR HIS RECORD

NOT MOST INTREPID FAKER IN HISTORY

In Magazine Article Discredited Explorer Claims He Would Have Undergone Less Hardships Had He Been Intending to Fake.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Pleading that no one should discredit him until they know what he endured in the Arctic, Dr. Cook, in today's issue of Hampton's magazine opens his own story and lays the ground work for his defense, not of his alleged discovery of the pole, but of his honesty in believing that he accomplished the feat. All through the story Cook refers to a heavy mental and physical strain and to the possibility that the hardships may be have affected his mind so he could not make scientifically correct observations. He said he would not have suffered as he did if he was premeditating to lie about the pole.

"Cook says that he finally reached the place where the sun cast as had equal lengths at six and twelve. This he said led him to believe that he had reached the world's apex."

"BADGER GAME" WOMAN WILL STAY BY HUSBAND

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Determined to stick to her husband even if it means a penitentiary sentence, Mrs. Knott appeared with Knott and Armstrong today for a preliminary hearing. They were arrested yesterday for attempting to work a badger game on Henry Rosenthal, a wealthy business man here. Nine photographs of the couple in compromising positions which were taken by Knott through a hole in the wall were found.

GOOD ROADS MEN MEET TOMORROW

Tomorrow afternoon the Umatilla County Good Roads association will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Pendleton Commercial association and Secretary Sam Thompson issues a general invitation to all people interested in securing better highways to be present and join in the discussion. The legislative representation of the county will be in attendance and the matter of securing suitable good roads legislation by the state will be thoroughly gone over. That they may act intelligently when they attend the legislature at Salem, these men are desirous that they may be acquainted with the views of the people they represent. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 o'clock.

"Literary America" is a taking title, and we are surprised to find that some of it is outside the state of Indiana.—Atlanta Constitution.

ROUGH RIDER IS NOW HERE

"Girl From Wyoming" Tells of Long, Hard Ride Made on Wager.

PLUCKY ALBERTA CLAIRE CROSSED BLUE MOUNTAINS

For Three Days She Rode Through Snow Between La Grande and This City—It Making Cross Continent Ride Upon Wager.

Miss Alberta Claire, the "Girl from Wyoming" who is attempting the remarkable feat of riding horseback from ocean to ocean, is in Pendleton and will remain here until Monday morning, when she will resume her long journey. She rode into town yesterday afternoon from La Grande, having consumed three days in forcing her way across the Blue mountains. She found the snow very deep on the summit and the trails all obliterated so that it was with the greatest difficulty and only after experiencing many hardships that she succeeded in beating her way through. On Wednesday she made only ten miles, so great were the obstacles in her path.

Miss Claire left her home in Buffalo, Wyoming, on April 2, and has been riding continuously ever since with only a few days' intermission occasionally to enable her to make funds with which to continue her trip. This she generally does by appearing at a theater in a vaudeville sketch and while in Pendleton she will be featured by the Grand theater for the next three nights. If she succeeds in completing her journey to New York by way of San Francisco and New Orleans, she will receive one of the best farms in her home state and in addition \$1000 in cash.

Miss Claire is rather diminutive in size but she has an unlimited amount of pluck and goes on her way without the least fear or hesitation. That she encounters many hardships and dangers goes without saying but she accepts them all as a part of her task and meets them as they come. She tells of many exciting experiences but her nerve, her dog, and her revolver have always carried her through them safely. Frequently she says she is forced to put up at the camps of cowboys, woodchoppers or loggers but generally, she says, they treat her with every respect. Only once a tough cowboy insulted her at a shot from her revolver which clipped off a part of one ear reminded that a woman who is ready to undertake such a trip is also prepared to defend herself.

Miss Claire likes to talk of her experiences. To an East Oregonian representative she said:

"All my life I have loved the mountains, the forests and the wild and beautiful things of nature. "When I was 10 years old I read everything I could find out about mountains, and when my grandmother, whom I was visiting in England, asked why, to her great amusement I answered: 'Some day I'm going up in the Rocky mountains.' She said she hoped I'd enjoy the walk. At 15 I visited Cripple Creek, Colo., and mailed my grandmother a postal, saying: 'I'm up in the Rockies, and I didn't walk.'"

"Riding horseback has always been my favorite occupation from fox hunting in England to riding the range in this greatest of all countries. I left Buffalo, Wyoming, last spring, going through the 'Hole in the Wall,' the greatest cattle country of old Wyoming days, where many horse and cattle rustlers found a hiding place. "I started on this trip with \$2 and my pony. The dog was given to me a week or so later.

"During this time I have earned my living. In towns I give a vaudeville act, sometimes I get a hall and give an entertainment alone. Out in the country I often ride in the roundup with the cowboys.

"I have covered 2434 miles, as far as Pendleton, using the same pony all the way." Miss Claire says one of the results of her present feat is a number of proposals of marriage, but she declares the men only look on her as a money making proposition and not as a girl who would make a desirable wife. She leaves for Portland Monday but thinks she will probably have to ship through the Cascades.

Pays Tribute to Poultry Show. Alva A. McDonald, one of the editors of the Oregon Agriculturalist of Portland, is in the city today to attend the annual Umatilla-Morrow county poultry show. He is highly pleased with the birds on exhibition and expresses his opinion that they would compare favorably with any poultry exhibits in the United States. He declares the people of the city are not awake to the excellence of the show now being held.

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