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PEACE DOVE HAS ARRIVED

Burgess to Drop Move to Discredit Action of Commercial Club.

LOWELL IS PEACEMAKER

Special Meeting of Commercial Club Monday to Pass Additional Birch Creek Resolution—Action in No Way Rescinds Resolutions Passed

The dove of peace is here and the olive branch now waves over the warring camps that have been astir since the Commercial club meeting Wednesday night.

Along with this announcement comes the following call for a club meeting Monday night:

Meeting Monday Night. There will be a special meeting of the Pendleton Commercial club on Monday evening, December 18, 1911, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of submitting to the club a resolution that shows the good faith of the Pendleton Commercial club to the Water-users' association of this county.

Lowell Does It.

The resolution referred to was written by Judge S. A. Lowell and has been offered as a friendly solution of the controversy. It is entirely satisfactory to local friends of the west extension and has also been officially approved by Messrs. Burgess, Shaw and Guderian, executive committee for the Umatilla county water-users' association.

The call for the special meeting Monday was made by Vice President W. E. Brock in the absence of President Smythe, who left for Portland last night.

The following is the resolution presented by Judge Lowell and which has been endorsed by the Birch creek people, by R. R. Johnson and members of the Commercial club board of managers.

The Resolution.

Whereas, it is a fact demonstrated by long experience that the conditions of soil and climate, and the peculiar contour of the country, touching the upper branches of the Umatilla river, and its tributaries east of Youkum, notably Wild Horse creek, McKay creek, the two branches of Birch creek, and Bear creek, make that region a natural soil reservoir for the lower river in the dry season of the year.

And whereas, it is a further fact that use of the waters of said streams by the residents thereon for irrigation purposes benefits all the users on the lower river including the United States government by retarding the early run-off and holding it back for use in the latter months of the summer;

And whereas, the soils upon said streams is of the same character as the soil of the wheat country and is possessed of remarkable qualities of retention of moisture, and whereas, substantially all the water diverted from said streams for irrigation purposes because of the contour of the country, finally returns to the stream, and ultimately to the Umatilla river for the benefit of lower irrigators thereon.

And whereas, because of these facts the government will be benefited in its present project, and in its proposed west extension thereof, by encouraging the residents along said stream to divert as much of said water as possible.

Therefore be it resolved, that it is

ASYLUM CONCRETE WORK BEGINS SOON

Excavation Work Completed and Footings Are Installed

Large Force of Workmen Rushing Work Before Weather Becomes Bad and Stops Operations.

With thirty-five men on the payroll at the present time, the contractors and sub-contractors who have been commissioned with the task of constructing the eastern Oregon branch insane asylum are pushing their work as fast as possible, while the weather permits them to do so, and the scene at the asylum grounds is one of great activity.

The firm of Olson & Johnson of Missoula, Montana, secured the general contract for the construction of the asylum buildings, but a number of sub-contractors are caring for particular branches of the big job: C. F. Carls of Walla Walla, secured the contract for excavating, the Pacific Fire Extinguisher company of Portland is installing the electrical equipment, the Appaling-Griggs company of Tacoma is looking after the plumbing and Theo. M. Harp of Salem, is the sub-contractor who will put in the heating apparatus.

No eager are the contractors to push work that they have installed electric lights over the gravel pit in order that work there can go on without interruption during the twenty-four hours.

End Durbar Visit.

Delhi, Dec. 14.—King George and the queen ended their Durbar visit to Delhi today when they left the city. The king is off for a two weeks' hunt for tigers in Natal. Queen Mary is bound for Agra where she will visit a few more important princesses until December 20, when the king returns.

The departure of his majesty was the occasion for other huge military turnouts. King George will be the guest of the Rajah of Nepal. Sixty elephants, 40 autos and thousands of bushbeaters are rounding up tigers and other big game for the royal sportsman.

the sense of this association that the government filing upon the waters of the Umatilla river and its tributaries, made in March, 1909, be waived as to such tracts upon said streams as any actual settler thereof may desire to irrigate, to-wit, as to any extension of the present irrigated area of residents upon said streams, and that upon application of respective individuals the proper reclamation officials enter into stipulations to that effect, that the same may be filed with the state engineer when application is from time to time made by such settlers for new water rights, and

Whereas, we are of the opinion that the peculiar conditions of soil and topography here require that the board of control of the state shall make special and personal inspection of all watershed covered by the said tributaries of said river to the end that justice may be done in final decree; and whereas, we are convinced that no hard and fast rule as to the duty of water can justly be applied; and whereas, we believe that an adjudication of the Umatilla river system in a manner to meet public approval will be of vast benefit to the whole state, in the adjudication of other stream systems, and of assistance to the board of control in clarifying and simplifying its future work.

STOKES' FAIR SHOOTERS FREE

This Female of Vicious Species at Last Shows Womanly Characteristic.

WINS FIGHT; HAS HYSTERIA

Ethel Conrad, After Proving More Than Match for Prosecutor, Goes to Pieces and Sobbs Lillian Graham Becomes Strong Comforter.

New York, Dec. 15.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned last yesterday, freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor, W. E. D. Stokes. The jury reached its verdict in slightly less than one hour.

When summoned to hear the verdict Miss Conrad appeared unstrung and was assisted into the court room, trembling. The more spirited Miss Conrad, came unassisted, but nervous.

When the girls faced the foreman he announced the words "not guilty." Miss Conrad cried, "Thank God," and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table, then jumped up again, shrieking and tearing her hair and throwing her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two defendants throughout the trial.

On the other hand, Miss Graham, who continually wept during the trial and sobbed the more when she heard the verdict, recovered herself when she saw her companion so affected and acted as the comforter for her younger friend.

It was at first thought that Miss Conrad had misunderstood the verdict and her companion tried to assure her that they were free. "Oh, I know," she said. "Tell mother we are free. Tell her we are coming home."

The girl's hysteria continued ten minutes. The jury arrived at its verdict after four ballots. On three of them the jurors voted each time 11 to 1 for acquittal, the one man dissenting being in favor of a conviction of second degree assault.

Old Cove in Ignorance.

New York, Dec. 15.—Fearing that the news of the acquittal of Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, may seriously affect his health, physicians are keeping the information from Millionaire Stokes, who is still critically ill, as a result of an operation. Miss Graham goes to Europe soon with her sister. Miss Conrad won't talk.

A NEW WAY TO QUIET SOLDIERS; MAKE 'EM FIGHT

Peking, Dec. 15.—Fighting is progressing in the vicinity of Spis Kai Kong today as the result of a ruse by the imperialist commander, to prevent his troops from mutinying. The soldiers wanted their pay, which the commander lacked. He therefore broke the armistice and set them to fighting to keep them quiet.

TAFT'S TARIFF MEANS WAR

Free Trade Issue Gives Way to Duty for Revenue Only Vs. Protection.

BOARD'S REPORT READY

Democrats Are Expected to Ignore Recommendation of Framers While Standpat Senate and President Lineup to Defeat Revision.

Washington, Dec. 15.—With free trade eliminated, as an issue, and protective tariff matched against the theory of tariff for revenue only, a new tariff battle will be precipitated between republicans and democrats when President Taft's message on the issues goes to congress next week.

It is said that while the tariff board's report shows substantial reductions may be made in the wool tariff, the average reduction cannot be great if the protective principle is maintained. The report practically upholds the republican contention that all duties should be estimated on a specific rather than ad valorem basis.

Senate republicans are reported to have decided to prepare a new bill, if the house democrats send a wool bill to them, disregarding the tariff board report.

In the tariff bill fight the republicans expect the insurgents to aid them. If the insurgents don't help it means the democrats will pass their measure and President Taft, who is unalterably opposed to any tariff measure, which disregards the protective principle, probably veto it.

SIEBERT MAY NOT BE DISQUALIFIED

John Siebert, councilman-elect from the third ward, will not be disqualified from taking his seat by reason of his failure to complete his naturalization within seven years after filing his declaration of intention, it being discovered that the law containing such a specification was not enacted until 1902, or eighteen years after Mr. Siebert filed his declaration and is not retroactive. However, the question as to whether or not Mr. Siebert is eligible to take his seat before he becomes a citizen remains still open and will probably have to be settled by the council.

Deputy District Attorney Pruitt, who gave his opinion yesterday that Mr. Siebert was ineligible to become a candidate because of his failure to complete the requirements within seven years, himself discovered his error, but he declares he is still of the belief that the councilman-elect is not entitled to take his seat until the latter part of March because he can not secure his citizenship papers until ninety days after final application, which was made yesterday.

W. W. Wylie, principal of the Athena schools is attending the school meeting today.

STANFIELD MAN NOW HEADS FAIR BOARD

H. E. Bickers Will Be Secretary; Fitz Gerald Resigns

H. Alexander Quits Presidency in Favor of G. L. Hurd—Plans Underway for Permanent Fair Building.

By action of the district fair board taken today G. L. Hurd of Stanfield, was elected as president of the board for the coming year while H. E. Bickers was made secretary in lieu of Thomas FitzGerald who resigned. Other officers elected are Frank Frazier, first vice president; W. R. Walpole, of Irrigon, second vice president and R. M. Mayberry, treasurer.

The resignation of R. Alexander as president of the board was presented and accepted at the meeting. Immediately thereafter Mr. Hurd was chosen to the place and entered upon his duties. He is now at work upon the proposition of a permanent building for the fair and it is the intention to hold a special meeting here on the second Tuesday in January to consider the matter. By that time it is thought a reply will be had to an inquiry made of the O-W. R. & N. Co., as to whether or not a permanent building may be erected on the land now used by the fair.

Strong arguments for a permanent building are found in the fact that each year it costs the fair board about \$2000 to place the canvass roof on the building and to make other needed betterments necessitated by the temporary nature of the structure.

At the meeting today N. T. Manola of the eastern end of the county, was chosen as a member of the board to take the place of F. A. Sykes, resigned. Other out of town members aside from those heretofore named are R. F. Hynd of Heppner and H. M. Sommerer of Hermiston.

SCHOOL SUPPLY AGENTS IN BAD

"Agents, Not Welcome" will probably be the sign displayed by country schools in the future as a result of action taken this morning at the annual meeting of the school directors of the county. During the discussion of equipment and supplies introduced by State School Superintendent L. R. Alderman, it was brought out that the purchasing of supplies through agents is undesirable for the reason that the agents are unreliable and charge exorbitant prices for their wares. The meeting thereupon voted to discourage the practice of securing any needed article for the school room in this manner.

This was the principal matter brought up for discussion at the morning session but a number of other important subjects are occupying the attention of the delegates this afternoon.

This afternoon, Dr. Calvin White, state health officer, is the principal speaker, his subject being "E sanitation of the Schools." Other subjects which will be brought up for discussion are "School Support," "Rural Supervision," "Industrial Work in Schools" and "School Board Meetings." The session will close with a question box in which all directors are permitted to submit certain questions upon which they desire elucidation.

ELKS TO PLAN MID WREATHES OF SMOKE

Pendleton Elks are enthusiastic in their preparations to attend the grand convention to be held in Portland next July and they intend to be in the final reckoning in the competition for the cash prizes given to participants in the parade. In order to devise ways and means for preparing for this competition, the 1312 committee last night decided to hold a smoker in the club rooms next Thursday evening at which all members of the local herd will be expected to be present and join in the deliberations.

The local Elks have practically adopted the cowboy idea for their make-up in the parade and believe that if it is properly developed, it will languish for the local lodge a slice of the \$10,000 which the Portland lodge is putting up for prizes. The idea is significant because Pendleton is the home of the Round-Up and will be a boost for the city and the institution as well as for the lodge.

Ferguson Stands Operation

While still in a critical state J. M. Ferguson, whose left arm was amputated yesterday, stood the operation so well that hope has been revived that his life will be saved. It will be several days before the success of the surgical treatment can be determined.

U. S. INSULTS RUSSIAN BEAR

Abrogation Talk Taken Seriously to Heart By Czar's Government.

DIPLOMATIC PARLEY ENDS

Resolution Under Consideration May Mean War Between Uncle Sam and Nicholas' Empire, If Passport Matter Is Pushed by This Country.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—That the Sulzer resolution, to abrogate the 1832 treaty with Russia would be considered an "insult to Russia" if enacted into law, is the substance of a message conveyed to President Taft by Secretary of the State Department Knox today. Knox had previously conferred with Ambassador Bakhmeteff of Russia.

Diplomatic negotiations, seeking the settlement of the passport question have been broken off as a result of Russia's dissatisfaction over the house's action.

Russia's message was not a threat. It does not object to the abrogation of the treaty but don't like the language used by Congressman Sulzer in his resolution, which flatly charges Russia with bad faith.

Congressman Sulzer consulted with President Taft and Secretary Knox, saying that Russia's talk of insult is unfounded.

The white house says that the entire situation is now in the hands of the senate foreign relations committee and that it is up to them.

Congressman Sulzer said he believed the resolution would pass the senate whether Russia protested or not. Congressman Mann, of Illinois, minority leader, who opposed the working of the resolution, said:

"If the resolution passes the senate, Russia can, if she desires, shut out all Americans, if the treaty is abrogated. If we are then determined that Americans shall go into Russia, that country can only force its exclusion by conquering us at the end of a war."

President Taft called a special session of the cabinet this afternoon to consider the Sulzer resolution. An executive session began at 4 o'clock.

JOSEFFY, MAGICIAN TO APPEAR TUESDAY

Pendleton people will enjoy an evening of music, magic and mystery next Tuesday when Joseffy, the neoromancer, presents the second entertainment of the high school lecture course. He is credited with being one of the best entertainers of the Lyceum Bureau and the school people assure the public of a most enjoyable evening. The entertainment will take place in the Christian church.

In announcing his appearance, the Pacific Lyceum Bureau says: "Joseffy is an innovator in the field of magic. Educated in the best technical schools of Europe, a life-long student of music and the sciences, he has had that training of the head and hand that is so necessary to success in his profession. Taking up the threads of original investigation and invention where the great French magician, Robert Houdin, dropped them, he has carried forward the work that the great Houdin began, applying himself to the task of putting magic on a scientific basis, with gratifying results."

OREGON WOMAN'S LOVE SPURNED, SUICIDES

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Telephoning Frank Cockerell, from her room in a hotel here today, Mrs. Edna Robinson, reported as a wealthy divorcee of Portland, Ore., shot herself while talking to him. "She is dying. She told the authorities she did it because life without Cockerell's love was worthless to her."

Known in Portland.

Portland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Robinson was the daughter of James Smith, who committed suicide at Ross Island a dozen years ago. She has a brother Bert Smith, a rancher in eastern Oregon. Her sister, Mrs. Clark, wife of a druggist, lives here. She was divorced from Harry Robinson, a telegraph operator, five years ago.

15 TACOMA CENSUS TAKERS PLEADED GUILTY TO FRAUD

Tacoma, Dec. 15.—Fifteen census enumerators, indicted for census frauds here, pleaded guilty today before United States Judge Reddin and were fined \$50 each and costs. The prosecutor asked leniency because the enumerators added other names on the orders of census officials. The higher-ups will be tried Monday.

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