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EL PASO, TEXAS IN WAR TIMES

J. M. Hawkins Writes Daughter of Conditions Along the Mexican Border

MEXICANS COME INTO U. S.

Penniless Refugees Cross Line by the Hundreds

Conditions on the Mexican border leading up to the present crisis are set forth in the following, which is a portion of a letter received by Miss Hermione Hawkins, a music teacher at the University of Oregon, who is visiting one of her pupils, Miss Letta Mast of this city, from her father, J. M. Hawkins of El Paso, Texas.

Talking of heat, eight thousand folks including myself walked for one hour in the flag day preparedness parade. Nobody had a fan, nor umbrella, though 200 women were in line. Nobody minded the heat. Forty thousand lined the streets. Line formed in front of this house. Ashton [Mr. Hawkins' brother] headed the railway section. Wore western garb, brown shirt, cowboy hat and golf stockings, and was as proud of the work as a kid. I was in this section by adoption but palm beach suit was none too cool for me. Everybody was too proud to ride in autos, so horses and machines were not in the line. Millionaires, merchants, laborers and all were mixed side by side and real democracy was in evidence. El Paso has good reason for favoring preparedness. There were more people in line, than any other city has had in proportion to population. There were no soldiers in the line, as this was a civilian parade. Mayor and all the marshals walked. Everyone carried a flag. Civil and military bands, a dozen, gave the music. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

DATE OF CELEBRATION SET

Educational Organization Formed At Gold Beach

The Shadybrook Study Center is the name of a newly organized club at Gold Beach which gives as its purpose the maintaining of a high standard of morals among the young people. Mrs. Della Nichols, president of the club, was in Coquille last week in the interests of the club and Thursday night she delivered a lecture upon its work at Fishtrap.

As outlined by Mrs. Nichols, the club is and plans to be, an institution of learning, instruction being given to all who wish it and who conscientiously desire to increase their efficiency. The instructors in the new organization are public-spirited teachers, who offer their services gratuitously.

The following list of subjects are on the curriculum besides the instruction which is furnished in elementary and secondary schools: music, art, journalism, Bible study, elocution, stenography, domestic science and manual training.

DATE OF CELEBRATION SET

August 24, 25, 26, Chosen by Joint Committee

August 24, 25 and 26 has been definitely decided upon as the date for the railroad celebration to be held on Coos Bay. The joint committee of Marshfield and North Bend have received definite information from Chief Engineer William Hood regarding the completion of the Willamette Pacific bridge across the Umpqua, which states that it will be ready for traffic by the middle of August. By setting the date near the end of the month the committee has allowed for any possible delay.

The three days of the celebration have been apportioned between the two bay towns and the county at large. Thursday August 24, to be North Bend day, Friday, Coos county, and Saturday Marshfield.

The business men of Portland are planning on taking this opportunity to visit Coos county and are coming in great numbers.

A hundred Salem Cherrians expect to be here and there will be many come from all the important Willamette valley and Southern Oregon towns including Eugene, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and others.

Special trains with sleepers will be provided to attend to the unusual traffic according to Southern Pacific officials, and adequate accommodations will not be lacking.

Don't forget Myrtle Point Chattanooga, July 13th to 18th. Season tickets on sale at Coquille Banks.

Elk Pictures Shown

School Supervisor E. R. Peterson, of Jackson county, to whom the Coos county films were sent for exhibition, writes the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce that they were shown in four different places without charge.

The Elks authorized the showings in the Vining theatre at Ashland and in the Page at Medford. At the Cornus in Gold Hill and in Rogue river the pictures were shown by the commercial clubs of each place. Mr. Peterson, who is a Coos county native, accompanied the films and gave lectures as the procession of interesting affairs were shown. Mr. Peterson said there was great interest everywhere in the exhibitions. The films have been returned to Secretary John Motley.—Record.

Three Days to Mobilize

In a little less than three days after the order had been received by him, Adjutant General George A. White telegraphed the war department that the Oregon national guard had completed mobilization at the Clackamas range. The order for mobilization was received at 10:20 o'clock on the night of June 18 and the telegram was sent at 6 o'clock on the evening of June 21. It is thought that Oregon led all other states in the matter of mobilizing the national guard.

COQUILLE CREAMERY GOES UP IN FLAMES

Fire Starts in Engine Room and Gains Such Headway before Being Discovered that Nothing Can be Done to Save Plant or Contents

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$9600 AND INSURANCE \$6000

Stockholders Meet While Ruins Still Smoke and Determine to Rebuild the Plant Without Delay

The plant of the Coquille Valley Creamery Co. was totally destroyed Saturday night by a fire that is said to have originated in the boiler room and which raged unchecked until the building and its contents were reduced to a mass of smoking ruins. The fire was discovered by Fred Eversden, who was returning to his home on the other side of the river, about 11:30. He saw a light in the engine room and supposed that some one was working there, but presently he heard a crackling and saw the sparks coming from the elevator shaft, when he turned in an alarm as quickly as possible.

The alarm was responded to by the fire boys and citizens with their usual promptness; but the start obtained by the flames made any thought of saving the plant out of the question, and a few minutes after the alarm sounded the southern end of the building was a solid mass of flames which rose a hundred feet or more into the air.

The large quantity of cream, butter and cheese in the building fed the flames until they lit up the whole surrounding country and made any approach to the building impossible.

For nearly an hour this immense and expensive bonfire rose fierce and high, before the material that fed it so generously was consumed and it began to go down. Fortunately, there was no wind except a slight drift to the east. The smoke and sparks rose nearly straight up, and the isolated position of the plant, which stood on the bank of the river, left little danger of a spread of the conflagration to other buildings.

The powder house of the Coquille Hardware Company stood 125 feet from the creamery, across a small creek and protected by a row of trees. To avert the danger which they saw here, some of the first arrivals broke open the door and carried the stock of dynamite and powder to a safe distance.

This was accomplished before the arrival of Mr. Medley, of the hardware company, and was a useless labor, as the sandfilled walls and tarred roof of the powder house made it perfectly safe at the distance.

Nearly every one in town watched the fire, either from their homes or other points of vantage, and hundreds stood near the depot while Coquille's most profitable manufacturing plant went up in smoke.

The wild beauty of the spectacle could not counteract the universal regret felt by the citizens, and heart-felt expressions of "too bad," were heard on all sides.

At a meeting of the directors of the creamery yesterday forenoon it was decided to rebuild at once, on the same location. No details as to the size or cost of the new building were determined. Until the new plant is ready for operation the cream which the company receives will be sent to the Coos Bay Ice and Cold Storage Company of Marshfield.

The total valuation of the property is given out by Manager Chas. Skeels as \$9600. Insurance to the amount of \$6000 was carried. The officers of the Coquille Valley Creamery Company are: president, C. E. McCurdy; Secretary, Fred Belloni; Manager, Chas. Skeels; directors, W. G. Mehl and Frank Williard. Mr. Skeels is also a director.

Made-in-Oregon Is Good Slogan for Textbooks

One and forever inseparable have seemed the textbook and its attendant petty graft. Shifting, sliding, changing, textbooks come, go, and are replaced by others of different authority or publication.

An entire American generation recalls the ruin of its penmanship by the abrupt and despotic order for a change from the "spencerian" to the "vertical" system, at a formative period in school. The main idea seems to be that the presses of the school book trust should never slacken—more speed to them!

The state of California prints its own textbooks. It prints them for an average of 22 cents apiece. The State of Oregon buys its textbooks from the trust. They cost the parents or pupils an average of 43 cents apiece. How do you like it?

The saving of one system over the other, in Oregon, would amount to \$50,000 annually, with a like amount paid at home for home labor.

This home printing plan is fostered by prominent educators and supported by the Typographical Union. It is not only feasible, it is an assured success. Ask California. Certain citizens of our State, always to the fore with the "Made in Oregon" slogan, will prove themselves and their sincerity by the quality of the support given this excellent proposal.—Gold Hill News.

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Normal School Up Again

Once more is the question of normal schools to come up before the voters of Oregon. Petitions are being circulated in Coquille this week which, should the requisite number of names be secured, will again place the question of whether Oregon shall have one normal school or three.

The measure also provides for the validation of the location of the University of Oregon at Eugene and the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis.

At present the state of Oregon has one normal school in operation, and this is located at Monmouth,

Polk county. The new bill, if passed, will reopen the normal school at Ashland, Jackson county, and will provide for the location of a third school at Pendleton.

Officers Bylesby & Co. Here

Jas. A. Green, vice-president of the Bylesby & Co. of Chicago, owners of the Oregon Power Co. of Coquille and the two Bay cities, was in the county last week accompanied by F. F. Martin, general auditor of the company. The two officials are making an inspection tour of the company's properties in this section.

F. E. McKenna, manager of the Oregon Power Co. of this city, spent a couple of days in Marshfield conferring with Mr. Green and Mr. Martin.

MISS ANNA TURLEY IS COMING

O. A. C. Woman to Demonstrate in Coquille

On June 30 and July 2 and 3, Miss Anna Turley, of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College will carry on in Coquille a demonstration covering three phases of the problems of farm women in this community.

As planned these phases are: labor saving devices and home conveniences, food preparation and house decoration.

In Coquille Miss Turley will work under the auspices of the Women's Study Club. The demonstrations will be given in the basement of the M. E. church South. Both afternoon and evening sessions will be held.

While in this county Miss Turley will hold similar meetings at various places and her schedule is as follows: Arago, June 27, 28 and 29; Coquille, June 30 and July 2 and 3; Norway, July 5, 6 and 7; Coos River, July 8, 10 and 11; Sumner, July 12, 13 and 14.

This will be the second year Miss Turley has been in Coos county engaged in this kind of work. The United States Department of Agriculture is cooperating with the State Agricultural College in this work and they are making a strong plea for the added cooperation of women in the rural districts, as these in particular are the people they wish to reach.

A home conveniently located, in each community will be used as a demonstration house and the needed supplies for the demonstration are to be supplied by the local people; but as most of these are found in the supply of any country home, little expense will be attached to it.

While the program extends over three days, it will occupy only part of the time each day, and the work will be so arranged as to not seriously interfere with the conduct of the work of the women concerned.

Marshfield Talent Show Up Well in "The Mikado"

"The Mikado," a comic opera in two acts, by Gilbert and Sullivan, which was put on at the Masonic opera house last Thursday night by Wilson and Andrews with a home talent cast from Marshfield, for the benefit of the Coquille Library, might be likened to a splendid picture artistically framed.

Ed Andrews, of Medford, in the role of "Ko Ko" would represent the central figure in such a simile, while the splendour of his performance by every other member of the cast would furnish the harmonic setting. Very little that was amateurish appeared anywhere in the performance and its appeal to the audience was apparent from the first by the many encores which were given throughout the two acts.

"The Mikado" is perhaps the greatest of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas among which are "Pinafore," "Patience," and others. At the time when it was written, about 35 years ago, it was a burlesque of the political situation of the time in England, and much of its early popularity was due to this fact.

With the passing of years, however, its original note has been lost and the audience of today regards it as merely an interesting plot.

A fairly large audience witnessed the performance, despite the fact that the Beeson Bros. were holding forth at the scenic, across the street. Many of the people attending "The Mikado" were from neighboring towns. The scenic show was also well attended.

Fishermen Lose Light

Keith Leslie, Hugh Harlocker, Perry Lawrence, Joe Winsor, J. P. Michels and Donald Brown composed a fishing party which made a fishing trip into Brewster valley Sunday. They left Coquille Saturday evening stopping at Lee to take in the barn dance and went on to Brewster Sunday morning. While the boys were at the dance some practical joker, whose name has not been ascertained, removed the storage batteries and headlight from the truck belonging to Joe Winsor in which they were making the trip. It is rumored that other valuable property was also taken. The battery and light were found Sunday, but the other property is still missing.

Survey Siuslaw Bar

Junior Engineer James Polhemus and his crew of five men, including Andrew Koerner, Joseph Reese, Walton Hayden, Dan Miller and R. J. Maegenn left Monday morning for the Siuslaw river where they will make a quick survey of the bar and entrance to the harbor. It is believed that they can finish in two days, and in three days at the outside, unless conditions should interfere. The survey is being made to become a part of the annual report which Mr. Polhemus makes. The gas schooner Relief will be used in the work. The survey of the Coquille river which has been under way for some time, is being finished this week under the supervision of engineer D. M. Charleston.—Western World.

New Crew at Radio Station

The U. S. naval radio station at Cape Blanco is now in charge of an entirely new force. The chief is C. A. Stumpf who came here from an Asiatic station. He has four men under him. On account of the rule which specifies that men shall serve only two years on shore duty the men who were at the station a few months ago have all been ordered away.

Chief Stumpf and his present crew will have charge of the station when it is moved to Marshfield which is expected will be this fall.—Bandon Recorder.

Riverton Miner Injured

Chas. Peterson, while working in a coal mine at Riverton, was severely injured Saturday by a rock falling upon him. Two ribs were broken loose from the backbone and he was otherwise injured. Dr. Richmond and Dr. Cullitt attended the injured man who is being taken care of at the home of J. R. McGee and it is reported that he is getting along very well considering the circumstances. Mr. Peterson has a wife and three children living at Riverton.

United we stand for a whole lot.—Columbia State.

PYTHIANS TO VISIT PORTLAND

Plan Excursion to Convention of Supreme Lodge

Arrangements are being made by the Knights of Pythias lodge of Coos county for a large excursion to the convention of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Supreme Lodge of Oregon in the United States which will be held in Portland August 1 to 10. It is the desire of the Pythians that 300 people will make the trip from here.

Committees from each of the five lodges in the county met here last Saturday for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements. Edgar McDaniels, J. F. Grubbs and C. H. Worrel formed the committee from North Bend Fred Moore, L. A. Whereat and Geo. Ross from Marshfield; Thomas D. White, Samuel Johnson and Geo. R. McNair from Bandon; C. R. Roberts, Wm. Weekly and J. C. Stemmler from Myrtle Point and A. T. Morrison, Frank Burkholder and W. C. Chase from Coquille. Mr. Chase was elected chairman of the general committee and he appointed Messrs. White, McDaniels, Moore, Roberts and Morrison as an executive committee.

The matter of securing transportation accommodations was taken up with the Southern Pacific officials at Portland and the committee hopes either to secure a special train or to get an excursion rate.

According to Mr. Chase, the lodges have two objects in view; one is to run the excursion to Portland, in this way advertising Coos county, and the second is to secure the 1917 convention of the grand lodge of the state for Coos county and have it held at Marshfield.

The Coos Pythians expect to play a conspicuous part in the large parade that will be held on the afternoon of August 1 and are planning on costumes of such a nature that they will aid in the purpose of advertising Coos county.

The excursion will not be limited to Pythians and any one who wishes may take advantage of the rates which will undoubtedly be in force.

Portland will be decorated from the water front to the hills in red, yellow and blue, not the least portion of which will consist of flowers.

It is expected that 25,000 Knights of Pythias will attend the convention. The large portion of visitors will be subordinate lodge members who will be taking their vacations from business. For the entire crowd an elaborate entertainment has been prepared.

Special trains will begin arriving in Portland about July 30. These will be carrying Eastern people. Other sections of the Northwest will arrive by special trains in the following two days. Headquarters for the officers of the Supreme Lodge will be at the Hotel Portland, while sessions of that body will be held in the Masonic Temple. The great State Army, where 1000 men march and counter-march in comfort, will be the scene of the public receptions.

Special committees will meet all trains and secure hotel accommodations for all visitors.

Auto owners are being urged to drive through to Portland. The trip will be delightful, and the machine will be handy in making trips over the wonderful scenic boulevards which Portland has just completed.

STRANG'S SHOAL HINDERS TRAFFIC

Gas Schooner Ahwaneda to Quit Coming to Coquille Until Channel is Deepened

SPENDS ENTIRE DAY ON SAND

Will Continue to Run Between Portland and Bandon

The Ahwaneda, of Newport, which has for several months past, been plying between Portland and Coquille, left here Saturday for the last time, at least until the port commission takes steps to deepen the channel at Strang's shoal, about three miles below town.

With a cargo of sixty odd tons of freight the Ahwaneda started up the River early Friday morning. They reached Strang's shoal at high tide and found only eight feet of water, while there was necessary for them to pass without coming in contact with the sand of the shoal.

All day, according to Capt. R. D. Morse, the Ahwaneda endeavored to make the passage by digging and plowing their way through. This they finally succeeded in doing at high tide in the evening, this tide being somewhat higher than the morning one had been.

Capt. Morse says that until the channel is sufficiently deepened to insure a safe passage, without loss of time, he will not attempt to make the trip to Coquille again. He expressed regret that the condition of the river was such as to necessitate the discontinuance of service to this place and says he hopes that the trouble will soon be remedied.

According to Capt. Morse the shoal itself is not wide, perhaps two hundred feet, and a small amount of work would again make it passable.

While at Portland this trip the Ahwaneda was laid up for ten days for repairs which cost about \$400. She sailed from there Monday night bringing all freight on the Portland dock consigned to Coquille river towns with the exception of two tons for Bandon which she could not carry.

She left here late Saturday afternoon with a cargo composed mostly of household goods.

The Ahwaneda will continue to ply between Portland and Bandon and will handle freight for Coquille and up-river points; but this will make it necessary to ship from Bandon on the river boats.

Rural Credit Would Lower Interest One-Third

Petitions are being circulated this week for placing a rural credit measure on the state ballot this fall which, it is claimed, would lower interest rates on farm loans one-third. Points in favor of the measure are set forth by C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon state grange, as follows:

It harmonizes with the proposed federal legislation for rural credits, which it would supplement.

It is self-operating, requiring no additional administrative expense, going into the hands of the State land board consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, which has handled successfully the state school funds of \$5,000,000.

It adds nothing to the taxpayers' burden, since all operating costs are to be borne by the borrower.

Bonds for obtaining the loan funds can be marketed at lower rates than farm mortgages, while at the same time the state merely "goes security" for which it is simply protected by mortgages on land at double the value of the loan.

Farmers of Oregon are compelled to compete in world markets with farmers having a much lower credit rate, and until this condition is remedied the state will not advance as it should.

It is necessary to get 25,000 signatures on the petitions within the present month. Since no funds are available for circulating them reliance is to be placed on volunteer help. Those wishing petitions to circulate may secure them by writing to C. E. Spence, Oregon City, or J. D. Brown, Arlington, Oregon.

Dairy Authority Here

Prof. R. R. Graves, chief of the dairy department at the Oregon Agricultural college, is to be one of the speakers at the meetings which will be held in Coos county from July 11 to 15 as part of the extension work of that institution. County Agriculturist J. L. Smith says that the farmers of Coos are exceedingly fortunate in securing so eminent an authority on dairy problems. The several places at which the meetings will be held and the names of the other speakers will be announced later. According to Mr. Smith some very interesting programs are being arranged.