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Jubilee Queen To Get Attention

It is getting time when we begin to think who is going to be queen of the Second Annual Miners' Jubilee, which is not so far in the distance.

"After much discussion, said President Drews of the Jubilee, "of tall blonds, short brunettes, plump red heads, etc., etc., our bewildered committee have decided to pass the 'buck' to you and let you, the people, select our queen for the coming Jubilee."

Therefore, in the same manner as last year you may nominate and vote for your favorite. Any girl between the ages of 16 and 30 years may be nominated. We expect that every business place in the valley will have the vote coupons. Nominations and voting will begin July 1st, only two weeks away. Pick your winner. We are going to have a great time."

The girl who is elected queen this year is going to have a great time. She is going to have an opportunity to make many trips and it is not at all impossible that she will accompany a delegation of boosters from the Jubilee to the San Francisco fair with all expenses paid next year.

Besides the fair trip, other features will be possible, such as the county fair and visits to Grants Pass and other near by cities.

Girls from all parts of the valley will be entered this year, if reports can be a guide to go by, as there is much interest and comment on who is going to be the queen of the Miners' Jubilee this year.

Coming Attractions at Cave City Theater

"Successful stories make successful motion pictures," is a Hollywood adage with the presentation of "Mannequin" at the Cave City theater, co-starring Joan Crawford and Spencer Tracy for the first time, next Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19.

Perfectly cast, Miss Crawford and Tracy give splendid performances and form a new romantic team that audiences will want to see more of. The film also revealed a leading man discovery in Alan Curtis, who showed great promise in a difficult role.

The story, replete with unusual and surprising situations, gives Miss Crawford opportunity to display her ability as an actress in a part made for her as a shop girl, who starts out in a tenement and winds up in a multimillionaire's penthouse. She wears Adrian-designed gowns stunningly as a mannequin, and sings a new song hit, "Always and Always."

Wednesday, June 22, "Hollywood Hotel" with Dick Powell and Francis Langford and the supporting cast of talented radio artists who broadcast from the Hollywood Hotel weekly. Dramatic critics praise this picture highly.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, June 24—Illinois Valley Garden club, home of Mrs. E. J. Wilber. Election of officers.

Fri.-Sat., Aug 5-6—Third Annual Gladiolus show, Grants Pass.

Sept. 3-4-5—Illinois Valley Miners' Jubilee at Cave Junction.

Monday, Sept. 5—Labor day.

Monday-Sunday, Sept. 5-11—Oregon state fair, Salem.

Wed.-Sat., Sept. 14-17—Josephine County Fair.

Tuesday, Nov. 8—General election.

Friday, Nov. 11—Armistice day.

Registration Bureau Here Third in State

Registering cars out of state automobiles is not as heavy as this time last year, but Cave City is third highest in the state of all registering bureaus for the month of May.

Ashland	2,924
Grants Pass	880
Cave City	844
Portland	817
Brookings	714

The above are the largest registrations in the state. There are 56 places to register in the state. The total for May in the state at large was 10,906. The total from January 1 to May 31 was 31,797.

This month the registration bureau should be kept busy registering cars as the traffic gets larger from now on.

Activities In Mining

Platinum and the Platinum Group of Metals

The first discovery of platinum was in two rivers flowing from the same ridge of hills in Columbia, South America. The first literature on platinum was written in 1600 by Jules Scouler and the first large quantity of platinum to be bought was taken to England from Jamaica in the year 1735. Since that year there has been a growing demand for the metal.

The mother rocks of platinum are basic igneous rocks, peridotites, pyroxenites, and dunites. The peridotites and pyroxenites are dark grey to black heavy rocks composed principally of black or dark green iron-magnesian silicates, pyroxene, augite and hornblende, olivine, plagioclase feldspar, chromite, ilmenite and magnetite. Dunites are composed principally of olivine with some chromite. A characteristic of these rocks is their alteration into serpentine. In searching for platinum, or the platinum group of metals, the first thing to look for is a country rock which is of the above mentioned formations, or for streams that have originated in such formations. In most part, those gravels which do not contain chromite do not have platinum.

Crude platinum, as is occurs in placer concentrates, is ordinarily a silvery white metal which could be confused only with silver, or possibly pieces of iron or steel. It can be distinguished from both these metals, as they are soluble in dilute nitric acid; crude platinum can only be dissolved in concentrated aqua-regia (a mixture of three parts of hydrochloric acid and one part of nitric acid.)

In some deposits the grains of platinum are coated with some sulphides or oxides and resemble chromite, ilmenite or magnetite. However it can be separated from these by careful panning as it is of much greater specific gravity than any of them.

The commercial recovery of platinum, so far, has been limited to alluvial deposits. The metal has been found in-situ in the Ural mountains of Russia, in Africa and in two or three places in the United States; however mining it from the hard rock has never proven successful.

There are six metals and two combinations of metals, generally, in the platinum group; platinum, palladium, iridium, osmium, rhodium and ruthenium are the metals; then there is osmiridium and platiridium the two metallic combinations. Also there are two minerals that concentrate in the sands carrying platinum; these are sperrylite and cooperite which are sulphurets and arsenides of the metal.

Two groups of metals exist in the platinum group as far as weight is concerned. There is the lighter group consisting of palladium, ruthenium, and rhodium whose specific gravities run from 14 to 16 and the other group which runs from 20 to 23 specific gravity.

Some data concerning each of the commercial metals of this group will be given at a later date.

Convention To Be Held At Corvallis

Next Sunday at Corvallis there will be a convention starting at 10 a. m. for the Townsend National Recovery Plan Inc., of Oregon.

A letter from James Logan of Portland, vice-president explains the call for the convention and all Townsends who can are asked to attend.

The letter follows

Dear Mr. Athey :

We have called for a convention of Townsends to meet in Corvallis, at 10 a. m. on June 19th.

Some little official business connected with the organization will be put over by the voting delegates, perhaps in the morning session, after which the meeting will be merged into a mass convention composed of as many Townsend plan representatives as it is possible to assemble in which every one present will have a voice in the deliberations to follow.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Oregon corporation, held in Corvallis, June 3rd attended by all of the board except two, and attended also by Mr. Moore, Mr. Wade and M. C. Martin, the three late Dist. Mgr's. the matter of a suitable state pension was thoroughly gone into and some 4 or five initiative measures, now in the offing, were considered and discussed and the board passed a resolution favoring such bills as embody the principles of the Townsend plan.

It was decided that the best way to unite all three districts in a state-wide drive to secure a suitable state pension, was through a mass convention, such as mentioned above. I am sure you will join forces with us in this all important job of taking care of our Oregon folks, both young and old, while the national plan is pending, by passing a decent state pension, through the initiative, you know we can, if we all pull together, and just got to do it, that's all.

Again, let me urge you to come to the convention and bring as many Townsends as possible with you, for this is our chance to do some real effective work for Oregon, let's not miff the chance. We can put over a decent pension measure if we can pull together, just once. If we can get enough of our old leaders out and show some old time pep, I'm sure we can go places. Meet us at Corvallis, June 19th.

Very truly yours,

JAS. LOGAN.

Surprise Party Given For Phil Snort Tuesday

A group of friends surprised Lew Webb (Phil Snort) last Tuesday evening at the State Line Rendezvous. Dancing was enjoyed by those who like to trip the light fantastic and all congratulated him on his recovery.

A mix up on dates accounted for several not getting to the party. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lew Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Abrams, J. W. Carl, Guilford Cook, Chuck Melton, Arnold Junghans, Charles McAnally, Edward Fay, Tom McCarter, David Alexander, Frank Schiska, Ted Athey, Ed Scherffins, Herb Owen and Bob Schneider.

Open House Tuesday State Line Rendezvous

W. J. Carl and V. L. Wyman of the State Line Rendezvous announce they will hold open house next Tuesday night, when they will have moved everything into the large building. There will be booths for those who care to eat and all will be under one roof. There will be barbecued meats and the trimmings, music and all that goes to help the guests have a good time.

First Ocean Going Boat To The Dalles

July 9, 1938, will be a date ringed with red in the history of Pacific Northwest transportation. On that day the first ocean ship will move inland through two mountain ranges for a distance of 200 miles from the Pacific ocean to The Dalles. Indeed, it will be an event of climax for the nation, for it will be in dedication of the Mid Columbia-Bonneville Seaway, the longest river ship channel in the Union of States.

Through arrangements of the Port of The Dalles with the McCormick Steamship company, the S. S. Charles L. Wheeler will leave Los Angeles harbor June 29, and San Francisco July 2 with an allocation of 1,500 tons of cargo to be delivered at The Dalles at rates identical with those applying to Portland. When she discharges at The Dalles the steamship will sail for the California ports with cargo bearing the same rate as applying from Portland to these California ports.

Every effort is being made by the Port of The Dalles and the McCormick Line to get as large a spread as possible of this cargo space among inland Empire shippers, in order that the maximum number of business institutions may participate in writing this chapter in national transportation history.

July 9, will be the day of jubilation for all the Inland Empire of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, with the celebration extending from Vancouver, Wash., to The Dalles, Ore., both historic cities.

The S. S. Charles L. Wheeler, with Captain Arthur H. Riggs, master of the Oregon Steamboat Men's association and veteran member of the Columbia River Pilot's association, on the bridge, will leave Vancouver July 9 at 3 a. m. A naval escort will be furnished by the Coast Guard Cutter Onondaga, Commander Higbee, and U. S. S. Eagle, Commander Sass. The army will be represented by the Corps of Engineer boats, Robert Gray and Feather.

The first center of celebration will be at Bonneville dam, where the marine cortege will arrive at 9:30 a. m. and initiate activities of a program, which will be broadcast over a coast-to-coast radio network. At 10:30, the merchant, naval and army craft, followed by an argosy of river boats and barges will move toward The Dalles, arriving at 3 p. m. At 4, a parade will be held. This will be followed by a ceremony, the program of which will be broadcast.

High national and Oregon, Washington and Idaho officials will participate in the ceremonies. At Bonneville a plaque commemorating opening of the ship lock and inland seaway will be dedicated. J. D. Ross power administrator will start operation of one of the huge generators which will supply lights along the first transmission line built to Cascade locks.

In anticipation of the greatest motor traffic in the history of either of the transcontinental highway links the Columbia river and north Bank highways state police are busy setting in motion plans to handle the movement of the thousands who are expected to line every vantage point of the scenic gorge as they watch ships steam their way upstream on a seaway that threads its way beside the precipitous chasms of a major mountain range.

TALL GRAIN GROWN ON DRYLAND HERE

The first of the week George H. Shade brought into The News office a sample of grains grown on his place on non-irrigated soil. It consisted of wheat, barley and oats and was over seven feet tall. The samples are on display at the Chamber of Commerce building in Cave Junction.

OFF IN THE CORNER WITH PHIL SNORT

Dear Ed:

Didja ever hear of a city called Todelope, or some name or other what sounds that-a-way? Ya didn't, heh? neider did I. I comes derned near 'gittin' sued fer not knowin' it, fer they tells me it's the greatest slander in the world not to know about Todelope. They tells me what makes Todelope famous is it's the only city in the world that is longer crossways than 'tiz lengthways. Todelope joins onto Cave City on the north and onto Kerby on the south and everything east and west. Todelope's chief industry is making faces at Kerby and thumbing it's nose at Cave City. 'Nuther thing what makes Todelope important is it's where you turn off to git into the woods right smart quick. They is one draw back to Todelope and the folks there are kickin' like tar-nation thunder about it: they has to go thru Cave City and Cave Junction to git to Hussey's Rough-and-Ready to fish.

Jack Hout is mayor, chief of police, judge and constable. They hain't got no jails, poor houses nor poor farms, no chamber of converse or Tuesday forum lunch; no theater, church or school. They don't want any school cause if they learned something they'd always have it to fergit; and they gits plenty amusement a readin' what Phil Snort writes fer The Illinois Valley News. Yeah, they been takin' The News a leetle mite over a year and they tells me a few more doses and they'll be cured—beg pardon, Mornay, I meant they'd keep on takin' it so's to stay cured.

You know I believe I'm gonto learn to love Todelope. They's a lot more I could write about Todelope and I'm gonto do it as soon as I find out what it is. What worries me most is to think how as every time I think of Todelope I gottor stop and pity Medford.

Oregon City Publisher Visits News Office

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brodie, who had just returned from the Oregon Caves, which they had not seen for nearly 10 years passed through the city today, Thursday, and stopped long enough to pay a friendly fraternal visit in The News office. Mr. Brodie is the publisher of the Daily Oregon City Enterprise, and was formerly United States Ambassador to Siam and Finland, but is now back in Oregon City at the head of the Enterprise.

Mr. Brodie said he was indeed surprised to see such a lively, growing city as we have here, and was impressed with the growth of the valley.

CCC Boys Soon to Leave for Crater Lake

An advance cadre of 15 men left Camp Oregon Caves Monday for the Crater Lake National Park where they are engaged this week in the reconditioning of Camp Annie Springs, preparatory to the movement of the company to that location next week. With the exception of 25 men who will be left in the camp here for the summer under Foreman John A. Ulrich, the rest of the men will go to Crater Lake. Some equipment has already been moved and more is being sent each day. The company, which is under the command of Lieut. Joseph W. Scobey expects to return to the local camp next fall.

Ice Plant Running at Full Capacity Now

The Illinois Valley Ice company owned by Phil Sawyer, has started the summer season and is now running full capacity to fulfill orders night and day.

Phil can now supply the entire valley with all their ice needs. Just phone on the Holland exchange and place your order ahead. During the summer months he will take orders up to 10 a. m. Sunday. No deliveries will be made on Sunday, so order your ice needs before then.

District Improvement Company

A meeting of the Cave City District Improvement company, Inc., a corporation formed to supply domestic water, held a meeting last Monday evening in the Art Drews residence to transact business. The incorporators elected the following officers:

Elwood Hussey, president of the board of directors; Art Drews, secretary; C. Y. Arnold, treasurer; Minnie Cosson, William H. Darger and Floyd Fagnant, directors.

Corporation papers have been received from the secretary of state and the county clerk and now the corporation is ready to go ahead with the operations of drilling a well and they will make application to the Emergency Finance Corporation for a loan to complete the well.

It is hoped to have the well started within 10 days. Present plans are to drill the well near Caves avenue behind the Drews garage. The corporation hopes to have water before the dry season gets too far advanced.

ELECTIONS AT 44 SCHOOLS MONDAY

The annual school meetings for election of school directors, adoption of budgets, and other business will be held in the 44 school districts of Josephine county on June 20, the third Monday of June, as according to state law.

All grade school districts in the county are of the third-class with the exception of Grants Pass, which is first class, and will each elect one director and a school clerk for a three-year term. Kerby Union high school district will elect one director for a five-year term, and will vote on its proposed 1938-39 budget, of \$9,800. Those qualified as taxpayers will also vote by secret ballot on the question of issuing \$5,000 worth of negotiable interest bearing warrants which would be used in adding rooms and equipment to the present building.

The call for the Kerby High school is Monday, June 27 at 2 p. m. The grade school however, is next Monday, June 20 at 2 p. m.

All parents and taxpayers are requested to attend their district meeting and to take an interest in school affairs.

Departing CCC Boys Party at Ritz Tavern

Among those who helped sponsor a party at the Ritz Tavern, Monday evening, honoring a group of CCC boys were Adelaide and Norma McCrady, Lucy and Eileen Whitehead, Nell-Hayden, Evelyn Boyd, Faye McLean, Myrtice and Doris Jones, Virginia Thrasher, Alice and Dorothy Hogue, Bertha Houck, Edda Burke, Winnifred Hassler, Bud McLean, Harry Messenger, Roy Branham, Jack Wilson, George Mellow, J. Lenardo, Cliff Phillips, Lonnie Dixon, George Koller, Shorty Phillips, Nat Wooley, Vivian Taylor, Mrs. Irene McCasland, Milt Akerill, Mrs. Art Kellert, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogue, William McLean, Mrs. im Whitehead, Mabel Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Sauer, George Peterson, Maurice Sauer and Mrs. Polle Duncan.

Over twenty of the honored guests were present, the first part of the evening was spent dancing and playing various games, at midnight the group adjourned to the Odd Fellows hall dining room, where they partook of refreshments. More dancing and games followed at the Ritz. All pronounced it a most enjoyable party. The CCC boys of Grayback camp are leaving for Crater Lake camp and will be greatly missed.

Lieut. Marsh, Medford district dentist is stationed at Oregon Caves camp this week.