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IS READY FOR TRIAL

APPROACHING EXPERIMENT OF
ELGIN FLYING MACHINE

Grant Kees, the Inventor, Is a Mechanic of Ability and an Experienced Railroad Man.

La Grande, June 30.—The people of Union county are anxiously awaiting the trial trip of the flying machine that is being invented by Grant Kees of Elgin. Mr. Kees has been at work on this aeroplane for some months, and has it now so far put together that he has been able to move it to La Grande and has placed it 100 feet in the air at Morgan lake, three miles from the city. He is waiting his propelling machine which he expects to arrive at any time from Massachusetts, before making the final test.

The propeller is to be a specially constructed oscillating gasoline engine developing 15 horse power and weighing less than 100 pounds, with the propelling arms extending beneath the lower plane. The machine will move through the air with the 40 feet length to the front. The aeroplane has been tested as a kite and in a light wind will raise 100 pounds from the earth, without the engine, and requires five or six men to hold it down in a moderate breeze. It will weigh, complete with the engine, about 550 pounds, and has an area of 1,280 square feet of canvas.

This aeroplane consists of two horizontal planes of 10-ounce canvas 16x40 feet in area, joined together, one above the other at a distance of 10 feet, with a frame work of Oregon fir, made from pieces 1 inch square and solidly braced in every direction with light wire.

Keys is an old railroad man, having fired an engine out of La Grande on the O. R. & N. for a number of years, and is a fine mechanic, and the people of Eastern Oregon have much faith in the success of his aeroplane.

McGraw for Vice-President.

Parkersburg, W. V., June 28.—The West Virginia delegation to the St. Louis convention started from here today occupying several private cars. They will launch a boom at St. Louis for John T. McGraw of West Virginia, as a vice-president candidate.

THE JAPANESE HAVE TAKEN THREE FORTS

After Battle Which Lasted From Day-break Until Late in Afternoon.

Tokio, June 30.—Particulars of the fighting before Port Arthur on Sunday last, during which the Japanese secured possession of the Chikwataban, Chian-san and Sochosan forts, are slow in arriving. General Oku withholding his official account until the complete plans are carried out. From official accounts, however, it is learned that the battle lasted from an early hour in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon, and even after the Russians had been driven out of their works they reformed and attempted to retake the positions whence they had been driven.

The Japanese had been preparing for the attack for a week. Their scouts had penetrated to the very edge of the forts,

so that accurate maps of the intervening ground were in the hands of the chiefs of divisions on Saturday night, when the first forward movement was undertaken. The troops slept in their blankets to the eastward of the Russian position Saturday night and at daybreak the order to advance was given.

The Japanese were formed in three lines, while the artillery had been posted in right angles to the fort so that its fire would prove most effective. The mounted infantry and regular cavalry were posted west of Pionu with orders to guard against any attempted flanking movement and at the same time to be in a position to support the infantry.

The Prohibition Platform

Indianapolis, June 30.—The national prohibition convention today nominated Silas C. Swallow of Pennsylvania for president, and George W. Corroll of Texas for vice-president.

The platform declares the destruction of the present legalized sale of alcoholic beverages to be the most important question in American politics and denounces the lack of statesmanship exhibited by the leaders of both the democratic and republican parties in their refusal to recognize the paramount importance of the subject.

Six planks deal with the prohibition

issue, denouncing all unusual methods of dealing with the liquor traffic.

Venturing into broader fields, the platform declares in favor of the impartial enforcement of all laws safeguarding the people's rights, by a rigid application of the principles of justice to all combinations of capital and labor and wise adaptation of the principles of the initiative and referendum and international arbitration.

Reform in divorce laws, extirpation of polygamy and overthrow of the illegal sanction of the social evil are demanded.

Three Years Term Oxford

Boise City, June 30.—Lawrence Gipson of Caldwell, Idaho, has been notified that he has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship by the faculty of the state university. This means a three years' course at Oxford, including a portion of each year to be devoted to travel in the various countries of Europe. Four thousand five hundred dollars goes

with the scholarship for bearing the expenses of the course. Mr. Gipson is the son of A. E. Gipson, editor of the Gem State Rural, and is a graduate of the College of Idaho, of this place, as well as of the state university. He is receiving congratulations from many friends here. He will probably leave to take up his work at Oxford the latter part of August.

Court Has a Lively Case

Pendleton, July 1.—There was nothing slow, mediocre or drowsy about the Taylor divorce case yesterday. From the beginning until court adjourned for the day the spectators were given a run for their money. Miss Alice Taylor, daughter, testified that she believed her father was a liar, and another daughter, Miss Minnie Taylor, substantiated this evidence. The defense is endeavoring to show that Mrs. Taylor was making all this trouble simply to compel Mr. Taylor to deed her her share of the prop-

erty. Several witnesses were asked concerning this and some of them gave answers favorable to Mr. Taylor and some to Mrs. Taylor.

Judge Fee, attorney for Mrs. Taylor, created a furor when he addressed the court, explaining how and why they had reasons to believe that the plaintiff was trying to evade the law in regard to witness, saying that the defense believed George Bradley of Athena, a witness badly needed by the defense, had been spirited out of the state by the plaintiff. Mr. Peterson refuted this.

White Captured by Officer

Pendleton, June 29.—Grover White, believed by the authorities to be implicated with young Duffy in the theft of three head of cattle from the ranch of Sol Lemery, near Adams, last night was arrested by Deputy Sheriff McNeill at Prosser, Wash., on a description furnished by Sheriff Taylor. News of the

arrest was wired Sheriff Taylor this morning, and Deputy J. A. Blakely. Duffy was arrested in the Blue mountain district by Sheriff Taylor about two weeks ago. The stolen cattle were taken to Walla Walla and two head were sold. Lemery recovered them before they were slaughtered.

Kerr-Gifford Co. Will Build

By the change in the proprietorship of the Athena mill, the Kerr-Gifford Co. dealers in grain, are temporarily without warehouse facilities but the company will not remain in this state long. A site for a new warehouse has been selected on the Gillis spur by the company and workmen will rush the building through to completion in time to take care of this season's crop. Mr. Frank

Rogers, the efficient manager, who had charge of the company's business in this city last year has been retained and he will continue in the employ of the company.

Mr. Rogers was offered the deputyship in the county clerk's office, and in fact was counted on as the man for the place. Since he will not serve, another deputy will be named by the newly elected county clerk.

THE CELEBRATION

ATHENA IS READY FOR HER TWO-DAY JOLLIFICATION.

The Program Completed—Miss Gertie Luna Elected In Contest for Goddess.

Only a bad actor for a weather man can prevent Athena from making her two-day Fourth of July celebration a rousing success. The different committees have their work well in hand and the town is ready to give her visitors a welcome royal and provide plenty of entertainment.

The program is completed and the different parts are in competent hands. Nothing has been left undone that in the least would contribute to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The voting contest closed promptly at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, and when the ballots were counted Miss Gertie Luna had won the contest over Miss Velma Wilkinson by 12 votes, Miss Luna receiving 316 and Miss Wilkinson 304 votes.

The arbor will be made ready tomorrow. The canvas, evergreen trees and seats will be placed in readiness by Mitt Bush, who was given the contract for the work.

Program July 4.

PART I.

Parade—10 a. m.
Music..... Band
Address of Welcome..... Mayor Taylor
"My Country 'Tis of Thee"..... Chorus
Reading Declaration of Independence.....
..... Mrs. R. C. French
Music..... Band
Oration..... Judge S. A. Lowell

PART II.

1:30 p. m.
Music..... Band
"Star Spangled Banner"..... Chorus
Recitation, "Barbara Freitchie".....
..... Gladys Bush
Vocal Solo, "Down in Tennessee," Rider
..... Miss Maud Gholson
Address..... Rev. J. W. Jenkins
Recitation, "Independence Bell".....
..... Cora Davison
"Flag of Freedom"..... Chorus
Recitation, "How They Rose in '76".....
..... Cecile Boyd
Vocal Solo, "Beside the Camp Fire," by
F. K. Root..... Mrs. Anna Foss
Music..... Band
Recitation, "The Angels of Buenavista"
..... Mrs. Florence Alloway
Vocal Solo, Selected.....
..... Mrs. Mary Wright
Address..... Will M. Peterson
Music..... Band
On Main street, 3 p. m.—100 yard hose
race, prize \$7.50.

July 5th.

PART III.

10:30 a. m.
Music..... Band
Address..... M. L. Watts
Vocal Solo, "If I Were a Rose".....
..... Mrs. M. W. Smith
Recitation, selected.....
..... Mrs. A. C. McIntyre
Quartet, Selected..... High School
Music..... Band
Quartet, Selected.....
Mesdames Smith and Foss, Messrs.
Acre and Botkin
Address..... Rev. W. E. Armfield
Vocal Solo, Selected..... Jos. N. Scott
Music..... Band
1:30 p. m.
Music..... Band

Sports.

Tuesday, July 5th, 2:30 p. m. on Main street:
100 yard foot race—First prize \$3, second prize \$2.
100 yard boys' race—First prize \$2, second prize \$1.50.
1/4 mile bicycle race—First prize \$3.50, second prize \$2.50.
Three legged race, 50 yds.—First prize \$3, second prize \$1.50.
Tug of war, single men vs. married men—Prize \$3.
Catching greased pig—Prize \$2.50.
Program to close in evening with music, fireworks display and dancing.

Dies From Heat.

The first death from the excessive heat in the harvest fields reported this season occurred near Walla Walla Tuesday. Michael Scott, who had been working for Hancock Bros. in the northern part of Umatilla county, was overcome and fell from a header box, striking his head on the ground. He was taken to the house, but died a few minutes later, never having recovered consciousness. It is not certain whether his death was due to injuries received from the fall or is directly attributed to heat.