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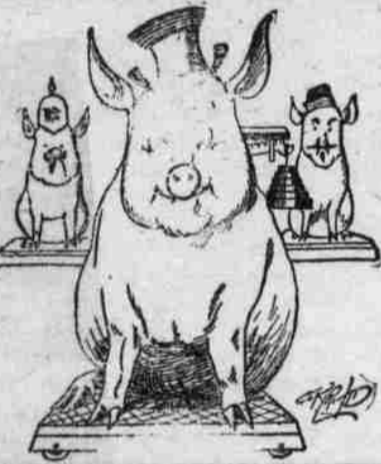
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A MASONIC MEETING

Dolph Lodge No. 80 Entertains Visitors Saturday Night With a Grand Banquet.

Dolph Lodge No. 80, A. F. & A. M. held an interesting meeting Saturday night. A number of visiting Masons were present, including members of Weston, Pendleton, Helix and Walla Walla lodges.

The master Mason degree was conferred on three candidates, after which a banquet supper was served.

Dolph Lodge is steadily increasing in membership and much interest is taken by the members in its meetings. The lodge owns one of the finest furnished halls in the state.

Riflemen Entertained.

Henry Barrett was host to a party of riflemen Sunday. He took the shooters to his Pine Creek ranch and after loading them down with cartridges, turned them loose among the squirrel family, with the injunction to shoot until 3 p. m. when dinner would be ready. The hunters were ready for dinner at the appointed time and it is doubtful if Mrs. Stammer ever wants to cook for a hungry crowd of squirrel shooters again. The lady served a splendid dinner and that it received ample justice from those present goes without saying. Fortunately, squirrels only were killed, no fatalities happening to Mr. Barrett's fine herd of cattle.

Wood Visits Athena.

Colonel Wood of the Leader was in town for a couple of hours Saturday. His services were required in adjusting a press that wickedly pinched the right hand of the Press man. The colonel did the work quickly and well, became swelled up over his mechanical ability and said it would have been better for the community had Boyd's head landed in the press instead of his hand.

WHEAT LURED THEM

Tide Has Turned From the Touted Lands of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

A special correspondent writing from Regina, Saskatchewan province, Canada, says of the situation in the Northwest Territory:

A grain famine in Alberta and Saskatchewan!

Only yesterday the widespread provinces of the Canadian northwest were touted as the greatest wheat producing districts of the world.

Yet the Canadian government is spending today \$4,000,000 in furnishing seed grain to the farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan, because the late spring last year froze so much of the grain that it is unfit for seeding purposes.

The two provinces produced about 100,000,000 bushels of wheat and oats, but the loss has been enormous because of the frost bitten grain and many farmers are on the verge of destitution this winter.

Regina is the headquarters for the disposition of seed grain, which is the most stupendous governmental distribution since the settlers of Kansas appealed to the eastern states to aid them in tiding over the grasshopper panic and drought of 1889-90.

Forty per cent of the settlers of the Canadian northwest are Americans from the states of Iowa, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas. How many they number is almost beyond calculation. Probably 50,000 families in Alberta and Saskatchewan is a low estimate. More than 60,000 Americans emigrated to Canada in 1906 alone, carrying belongings valued at some \$50,000,000, and it is believed that more than 100,000 settled there during the past year. Thousands spent their last dollar there.

The lure was wheat.

The Canadian government has been spending \$700,000 yearly in encouraging immigration. It advertised its wheat lands in 7000 newspapers. It told farmers that 75,000,000 acres were waiting for them free.

There were stories and pictures and advertisements about it. Settlers wrote home to their friends. Their friends' friends heard about it. Poems were written about this marvelous wheat and this marvelous country.

So the hordes poured in. In 1906 the grain of Alberta and Saskatchewan was as fine as any in the world, and as far north as the very edge of the arctic circle the wheat crop was prodigious.

Then the frost came.

It was either government aid or a crash.

If the settlers could not pay their bills and replant their lands, it was the end. The tide would have turned away. The newness of the land and the unpreparedness of the settlers made the government aid imperative.

This money will be considered as a loan. The farmers who take advantage of it will get seed grain at cost, and will pay 5 per cent interest on the loan, while the government will hold the land on which the seed grain is used as security.

PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER

Without a Tremor Orchard Says He Killed Steunenberg.

Harry Orchard stood up in the district court at Caldwell, Idaho, Tuesday and pleaded guilty to the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg.

He did so with the full understanding that this act would compel the court to impose a sentence of death upon him. When the court finished this explanation he was asked "And now what is your plea, Mr. Orchard?" "Guilty, your honor," answered Orchard, without a tremor.

Judge Wood, who presided in place of Judge Ryan, because the latter was disqualified, having at one time acted as Orchard's attorney, set the date for the passing of sentence as March 18. Orchard was then returned to the Boise penitentiary.

Orchard pleaded guilty to the Steunenberg murder within sight of the spot where the act was committed. The Steunenberg home is but a short distance from the court house.

Two years ago, when Orchard was first called to answer to the charge of murdering Steunenberg, he refused to plead and the court entered a plea of not guilty for him at that time.

The proceedings were purely formal and when Orchard had completed the change in his plea, were complete.

BUT LITTLE INTEREST

Jonathan Has Change of Heart in Support of Senator Fulton's Resolution.

Jonathan Bourne Jr., United States senator for Oregon, has a personal interest in the fate of Senator Fulton's resolution authorizing the department of justice to begin suits to determine the title of lands held by present owners under purchase from the Oregon & California land grant, says the Portland Journal. He is the owner of 560 acres of land near Holbrook in Multnomah county purchased from the Oregon & California Railroad company May 8, 1893, for which land he paid a total of \$2,240 or \$4 per acre.

Intimations that have come from Washington recently lead to the belief that while Senator Bourne at the first was a supporter of the Fulton resolution, now he is less than lukewarm in his favorable attitude towards the piece of legislation. The question is now being asked whether or not the senator's ownership of 560 acres of grant land in Multnomah county does not have something to do with his apparent change of heart.

Senator Fulton's resolution is for the purpose of giving the department of justice authority to start suits against the Harriman interests, especially in Oregon, to determine whether or no the titles to land sold by them out of the grants given by the government should not be set aside. Opposition has developed to the resolution by men who contend that the prosecution of these suits would work great hardship and perhaps loss of title to innocent purchasers of these lands throughout the state and in fact the northwest. Attorney-general Boneparte has assured the committee having the resolution in charge, however, that it is not the intention of the department to attack the titles of those known or proven to be bona fide homestead purchasers.

It is further contended by Senator Fulton's resolution that the railroad company has violated its agreement with the government under which it was to sell the grant land to homestead applicants at the uniform rate of \$2.50 an acre; that it has sold some of the land for sums far in excess of this amount and that it now refuses to sell to homestead applicants. Because of this it is desired that power be given the department of justice to begin suits to adjudicate the titles to these sales that have been made.

NEWSPAPERS TIED UP IN STRIKE

Union Printers at Walla Walla Quit Work Sunday Night.

Union printers employed in the Washington Printing and Book Manufacturing company, at Walla Walla, the concern printing the Union and Statesman, went on strike Sunday night and as a result both the Union and Statesman are tied up. Alleged violations of the local and international typographical laws are given as the cause for the strike order which was following a meeting of the local typographical union Sunday afternoon.

One of the principal bones of contention, it is claimed, is the action of the company, of which P. C. Holland is manager, in consolidating the three mechanical departments under one head, the printers contending that this is not allowed under their laws.

Following the meeting of the union Sunday, L. F. Clarke, president of the union, was authorized to present the matter to P. C. Holland. No agreement could be reached and the men were ordered out. Notification of the action was immediately sent to President Lynch of the International union, but no further word has been received from him and the men will remain out until he decides the matter through a representative.

September at Spokane.

Twenty-five hundred delegates, representing between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 members of the Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union in all parts of the United States, will meet in national convention in Spokane, Wash., the early part of September, 1909, if the preliminary plans, arranged by A. A. Elmore, organizer for Washington, are carried out. In this Mr. Elmore has the hearty support of the Spokane chamber of commerce and the 150,000 Club, as well as that of commercial organizations all over the Inland Empire of the Pacific Northwest.

TRACTION COMPANY COMES UP PINE CREEK

The Walla Walla Traction Company has engineers and surveyors at work running a grade line up Pine Creek as far as Weston. It is said that right-of-way privileges have been obtained and that ties and rails for the new road have been purchased. The Walla

Walla Traction Co. is composed of Walla Walla business men, the Drumhellers being the principal stockholders. The promoters are reticent in regard to their intentions, but that they mean business is evident in the fact that right-of-way has been practically secured along Pine Creek.

LODGE BURIED HIM

No Relatives Could Be Found to Claim Daniel Avery, the City Jail Suicide.

After holding the body of Dan Avery, the man who committed suicide in the Athena city jail by cutting his throat with the sharp edge of a broken whiskey bottle, in the hope that some relative could be found, the remains were given decent burial in the Athena cemetery Friday last.

It developed that Avery at one time had been a member of the order of Redmen. While he was not a member in good standing of any lodge of that order at the time of his death, the Pendleton lodge of Redmen, rather than have the body interred in a potter's grave at the expense of the county, generously gave \$50 from its treasury, and the suicide was given a burial that conformed with the desires of the lodge.

Coroner Folsom and Undertaker Miller made every effort to locate relatives of the dead man, but were unsuccessful. The only clue they had to work on was the report that Avery had once said that his folks resided in Wisconsin. Telegrams to different parts of that state failed to elicit any information.

Weston Has Market Day.

The Weston Commercial Club has taken up the Market day proposition, and Saturday March 21, is the date selected on which the first sales day in that town will be inaugurated. The fact that the market day will be under the auspices of the Commercial Association guarantees its success. Horses, cattle, hogs, farm machinery, household goods, etc., will be auctioned to the highest bidder, and merchants will make special reductions in prices for goods sold on that day.

ARNOLD WOOD-GERTIE BERDEN

Well Known Young People Married at Walla Walla, Tuesday.

Mr. Arnold Wood and Miss Gertie Berden, a popular young couple well known in Athena were united in marriage at the Dacres hotel in Walla Walla, Tuesday. Rev. M. L. Sanders, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, was the officiating minister.

Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present at the wedding. The bride and groom returned to this city on the evening train.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, pioneers of this county and who reside on a farm south of this city. He is a young man of sterling qualities and is well liked by all who know him. He went through the Athena high school with splendid record and steps on the threshold of manhood with bright prospects. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Della Berden, and spent her girlhood in this city. She was also a pupil in the Athena school for a number of years, and is a young lady whom everybody likes. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will reside on a farm near Athena.

Office Seeks an Editor.

The friends of Lee B. Tuttle, editor of the Elgin Recorder, are urging him to accept the nomination for the office of representative for Union county. If Mr. Tuttle accepts it may be set down as a clear case of the "office seeking the man," as Mr. Tuttle would not for an instant make a fight for the place, and in fact would not countenance such a thing as an acceptance of the nomination unless urged to do so. From the best information the Star can secure on the subject this demand is likely to be made, as Mr. Tuttle is considered an ideal man for the place, and his stand on statement No. 1 is open and without equivocation. —La Grande Star.

Harriman Pays Tax.

That the Harriman system is able to pay its taxes in time to secure the 3 per cent rebate for prompt payment in spite of the financial flurry, was shown at the sheriff's office this morning when a voucher for \$60,058.99 arrived through the mail, says the East Oregonian. The amount was in payment of the company's annual tax for Umatilla county and by making the payment promptly the railroad people saved \$1,858.26 through the rebate. The payment just made by the railroad company is the largest tax payment ever received at the sheriff's office for the railroad is now assessed at a higher figure than ever before, and there are more school district levies than usual.

Whitman Glee Club Coming.

The pupils of the Athena high school are interested in the appearance in this city of the Whitman Glee Club, which if sufficient patronage is assured, will appear in concert here on the evening of March 19. The pupils have been given tickets to sell, and if a sufficient number are sold the concert will be given.