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PIERCE NOW LEADS IN EASTERN OREGON COUNTIES IS CLAIM

Hearty applause greeted the announcement at a Pierce-for-Governor meeting at La Grande, that a survey of Eastern Oregon shows all counties in this section of the state will probably return a big majority for Walter M. Pierce at the November election. Four times in the past have gubernatorial candidates from Eastern Oregon been nominated, only to find that the votes in their part of the state rejected them, it was pointed out at the meeting, and therefore shows that the tax reduction stand he is taking meets with great favor.

The rally resulted in a Pierce-for-Governor club being organized, with 75 charter members, prospects being that there will be 500 members from all parts of Union county within a few days. Judge T. H. Crawford, manager of the Pierce campaign, acted as chairman of the meeting.

The membership of the club is composed of Republicans as well as Democrats, all drawn to the Democratic nominee because of the hope he holds out to the people of the state actually to bring about tax reduction.

In addressing the meeting Pierce said amid many interruptions of applause:

"The sentiment is strong for tax reduction in all parts of the state. I will do all in my power to hold down expenses.

"I will veto every bill carrying appropriations that are unnecessary or exorbitant.

"Can we afford it?" will always be uppermost in my mind when considering appropriations. The burden of taxation must be lessened and readjusted."

Continuing, he pointed out how state expenses had grown since the first entered politics.

"Twenty years ago, when I was first elected to the senate, expenses were about \$1,000,000," he said. "When I was again elected to the senate in 1916, this sum had grown to \$2,500,000 and now it is \$14,000,000. Deducting the gasoline and automobile taxes, the expenses are more than \$9,000,000 a year.

"Every unnecessary official will be eliminated if I am elected, and where extravagance is found I will see that this condition is changed."

A resolution was passed by the meeting by unanimous vote, putting the members squarely behind Pierce. The resolution says, in part:

"We, the members of the Union County Pierce-for-Governor club, view with alarm the rapid increase in the rate of taxation for state, county and municipal purposes. Already taxation has almost reached the point of confiscation, and many of our taxpayers are facing bankruptcy.

"We demand an economical business administration of governmental affairs, both state, county and municipal, limited to the necessities of good government. We demand that appropriations by the legislature be cut to the bone and limited to the necessities of the state government.

"We demand that taxes of all kinds be reduced to the lowest possible limit. We believe that Walter Pierce as governor of this state can and would do much to carry out these demands and reduce the tax burdens from which the people are now suffering.

"Be it therefore resolved, that the members of this club will each work and vote for Walter Pierce as governor at the November election, 1922, and that we will do all in our power to promote and further his election."

Reports were received from many parts of Western Ore., showing that the interest in the Pierce campaign is great there and that the candidate's visits there during the campaign will be the occasion of enthusiastic meetings.

HART AT STANDARD

Tomorrow night, the Standard Theatre presents William S. Hart in his splendid picture, "Three Word Brand," in this production Hart is supported by a big cast and the story is a thrilling one. Sunday night First National's big production, "The Cave Girl," will be the feature of the program. International News, Pathe Review and Toonerville comedy will also be screened.

Will Interview Disabled Veterans

For the purpose of interviewing all disabled World War Veterans of this section relative to government compensation, vocational training, hospitalization and war risk insurance, L. H. Wood special contact representative of the United States Veterans' Bureau will arrive in Pendleton Aug. 28, 1922, for a period of 7 days, according to an announcement received here today.

Because of the limited period the government agent has to cover eastern Oregon, he will be unable to visit every small community. An effort is being made, however, to have Mr. Wood reach points of comparatively short distance from every way veteran who may have a grievance against the government.

"The most important thing for the war veteran to remember at this time is that no claim for government compensation may be filed with the Veterans' Bureau after five years from discharge with one exception," said Mr. Wood in an advance communication. "In many instances this period will be over during the coming winter. The only veterans protected after the five-year period in case of aggravated disability are those who secured certificates of injury from the Veterans' Bureau before August 9. The veteran who feels that he has a war disability which may become compensable at a later date should file his claim now. I will have proper forms for claim filing and assist the veteran in the procedure during my stay at Red Cross office, Pendleton, Oregon."

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CAR GOES OVER BLUFF

A new Franklin car owned by a Walla Walla motor concern and driven to Toll Gate Sunday by a party of recreators from that city, dived over the bluff at McIntyre's point, and landing in a clump of trees clinging to the mountain side was smashed into a complete wreck after a sheer drop of more than one hundred feet. The car was one of others driven to McIntyre's point Sunday evening and occupied by people who, after attending the road meeting, wished to view the beautiful scenery from this place of vantage. Parked on the slightly sloping hillside at the top of the canyon, it got away in some inexplicable manner, as the brakes had been set, and rolled rapidly to the edge of the bluff for its destructive plunge, just as the members of the party whom it carried were getting ready to enter it for the homeward drive.

OKANOGAN IN THE LEAD

The crops produced per acre on the Okanogan irrigation project are worth nearly four times as much as those produced per acre under government irrigation in any part of the United States, according to recent data. The Okanogan crops average \$385 an acre in value. Yakima, the nearest competitor in Washington, produced in 1921 a crop worth \$100 per acre.

WORK TO BE RUSHED

As a result of a recent meeting of the Walla Walla city water commission the new diversion dam goes back to the original site within the Wenaha forest reserve, and work on the waterworks improvement is to be rushed in an effort to complete it before January 1.

ROUND-UP QUEEN

Thelma Thompson, Pendleton young woman, has been selected queen of the 1922 Round-Up. Miss Thompson who was an attendant of Queen Helen, her cousin, last year, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Thompson and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Blakeley, Umatilla county pioneers. Her father is arena director of the show.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Fred Blake, arrested by deputy sheriff Marin is suspected of being one of the men who sometime ago held up a soft drink establishment in Portland, and shot and killed one man. Blake tallies with the Portland description of the holdup man.

Motorcycle Kills One, Hurts One

Earnest Todhunter of Tacoma died at St. Anthony's hospital early Monday morning as the result of an accident when a motorcycle driven by Douglas McDonald of Pendleton, his companion, left the highway while going at a terrific rate of speed and crashed into a house in Freewater Sunday morning.

Todhunter's scalp was almost completely torn off and he suffered other serious injuries. Both were rushed to Pendleton.

It was reported that when the cycle hit a ditch by the side of the road that it hurtled 80 feet through the air before striking the house. Two girls were asleep in the room into which the machine crashed but they escaped injuries.

McDonald was reported to be recovering.

MAN IS KILLED WHEN COMBINE TURNS OVER

E. H. Riggs, No. 2178 North Third street, Salem, Ore., about 45 years old, was killed and Howard Riggles of Prescott, Wash., was badly bruised and shaken up when the combine thrasher on which they were working on the Frank Benson ranch, 12 miles west of Prescott, turned turtle on a side hill. The machine was wrecked.

Riggs, the separator man of the outfit, suffered a crushed chest. He lived about five minutes, dying from internal injuries. The cause of the accident was attributed to the fact that the leveling device of the machine could not function on the steep hill. Riggs leaves his wife and children living in Salem.

600 CARS OF ONIONS

Onions grown in the Walla Walla section of Washington are reputed locally to have been developed from Spanish seed, according to a federal report. They are sometimes termed "French" onions or "Washington Yellow Globe," but since only one kind is raised in the immediate vicinity of Walla Walla they are called commercially "Walla Walla Yellow Globe." The Walla Walla crop will amount this year to about 600 cars, according to the district horticultural inspector.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Helix has voted for a new Union high school building, and Architect Hatch of Pendleton is drawing up the plans. The new building will cost approximately \$50,000 and will be constructed with brick, stone trimmed. The plans call for a joint auditorium and gymnasium, five class rooms, principal's office, locker, shower and toilet rooms. It will be steam heated.

GEORGE MALE DEAD

George Male, aged 90, a native of England and a resident of Birch creek, near Pendleton, for the last 25 years, was found dead in bed Monday morning. He is survived by six children.

MYSTERY VEILS THE MURDER OF A MAN ON STATE HIGHWAY

A man with his neck broken and abrasions on the head, was found in the bushes on the highway ten miles west of Pendleton, Wednesday morning. The only means of identification was a woman's handkerchief picked up near the body by officers bearing the laundry mark, "092." The label on the inside of the stranger's blue serge suit was marked San Diego. He was evidently in the early thirties, was about five feet nine inches tall, had dark hair and was slightly bald above the row. His front upper teeth contained bridgework, and his eyes were light grey. He wore blue socks, tan shoes and grey flannel shirt.

That he was murdered and thrown or dragged into the bushes along the river bank is the theory of officers for his pockets were turned out and absolutely nothing left in them, that would lead to identification.

The theory of the case held by some of the officials is that the man had just come in off of some ranch and had considerable money in his pockets, and that someone, knowing this, either drugged him and broke his neck in throwing his body down the precipice, or killed him at some other place and tried to hide the body at the bend of the river.

From appearances the officers believe the man had been dead about 36 hours before the body was discovered by a couple of men on the highway.

BLUE MOUNTAIN OIL

The Blue Mountain Oil company whose outfits have been prospecting for several months, have finally struck what they believe to be a very important oil strata, says the Redmond Spokesman. The find was made about 30 miles from Prineville. Neil Bertrandis, geologist and local manager, and Professor Parker, a geologist from New York, led immediately after making the find for Los Angeles to turn in a report and to arrange for the shipment of standard equipment to develop the property.

SHOOTS FINE BUCK

Bert White and son Jack, shot a fine big buck on Coyote creek in the Blue Mountains, east of Athena, Tuesday. The antlers, a splendid set comprising four main points, are in the velvet, and Chance Rogers, to whom Mr. White gave the head, will have it mounted. Mr. White reports deer sign plentiful in the territory where he bagged his trophy. Mr. White's party included besides himself and son, Chance Rogers, Lee Dennis, Dr. C. H. Smith, O. O. Stephens, Ralph Haynie, Alex McIntyre and Norman McIntyre. Lloyd Michener.

Super Kick In a Zinc-Made Brand

The moonshine drinker's dreams has been realized by George Ruple, of La Grande. He has discovered the drink with the superkick. His formula is simple and the reaction resulted in a riot call being turned in to get sufficient officers to his home to subdue him. Ruple filled a zinc tub with cherries, raisins, lemons and fruit juices of various kinds. The mass began to ferment but other action also began to take place. The acid from the fruits started a chemical action that resulted in the mass boiling.

When the prospective moonshine was in this condition Ruple drank of it. Furniture valued at \$750 had been destroyed by Ruple when the police arrived in response to calls from the neighbors. Ruple resisted arrest, kicked, bit and hit at Chief of Police Clint Haynes, but Haynes managed to get him down, and then two others helped get him into a machine. It is expected that he will be in condition to go on trial one of these days.

CLUB PROGRAMS CHANGED

Announcement is made by the head of the Civic Club that the meetings scheduled in the year book to be held in September will be postponed to a later date, no meetings to occur next month on account of a number of the principal participants in the programs for September being away on vacation. The meeting for the fifth scheduled as "Dickens Day," will be held on October 17 to take the place of "Thimble Bee," and "Library Day," September 19, will be given on November 21, which appears on the year book as "Recess." This arrangement has been deemed necessary, and it is hoped all interested will consider it satisfactory. Mrs. F. B. Boyd has Dickens Day, and Mrs. F. S. LeGrow has Library Day in charge.

COUNTY BOYS TO EXHIBIT

Four Umatilla county boys are feeding and caring for pigs to be exhibited at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland in the fall, says the Tribune. Wayne Swaggart of Athena and Tilford Stille of Hermiston will enter Poland Chinas, and James and Billy Waugeman of Hermiston will enter Durocs. Last year Swaggart won the first prize of \$40 and Billy Waugeman won the second prize of \$33 by the judgment on the appearance and gain of their pigs. The pigs are sold at auction and the boys frequently get more than market price for their charges. Each boy enters four pigs.

WOUNDED; FINED \$100

J. C. Wilson of Walla Walla, who was arrested at Baker July 31 with 110 quarts of whiskey and who was shot in the leg when he resisted arrest, through his attorney Monday afternoon pleaded guilty before Judge Wolverton to violation of the prohibition law. He was fined \$100. An order for the destruction of the liquor was also issued. Wilson is now in the hospital at Baker.

Weston Potatoes Show At Ontario

The First Annual Snake River Valley Potato show will be held at Ontario September 20, 21 and 22, and Oregon and Idaho growers are eligible to compete. Liberal prizes are offered in four classes. Fred Benning, Umatilla county agent, is endeavoring to interest Weston Mountain growers in making an exhibit at this show. He says in a letter to the county agent at Ontario:

"I think you can count on our having a number of entries in Class 4 (certified seed.) We had about 500 acres pass the first inspection on Weston Mountain this year.

"I believe that the Blue Mountain sections of this county are as well adapted to potato seed growing as any place in the Northwest. Jackman declares that we have the largest acreage of disease free seed of any place that he knows of. I do not think there will be much difficulty in getting some of our growers to show their spuds at your fair, although it comes rather early. You see, our seed potatoes are not planted until about the 15th of June, which makes them rather immature by the middle of September and difficult to handle without skinning."

INDIAN FIGHTER RETURNS TO OLD BATTLE SCENES

Remembrances of the Indian wars of 1877 and 1882 were recounted at Walla Walla Friday by Major John Stafford, U. S. A., retired, after he had walked over the old parade grounds at the U. S. Veteran's hospital, into which Fort Walla Walla, where he served as private and officer, has been converted. Major Stafford served at Fort Walla Walla when it was located in the center of the business district on the banks of Mill creek.

He had just completed a visit, in company with his son, C. E. Stafford, now on furlough from Camp Lewis, to Hangman creek, near Spokane, where he parleyed with the Indians under the leadership of Chief Spokane Jerry for a section of land, now the site of the city of Spokane. He also visited the battlefields of the Nez Perce war in 1877, near Lewiston, and in Umatilla county, where he fought the Bannocks and Plutes under the leadership of Chief Egan, in 1878. He also visited a point on Birch creek, where he and his comrades put to flight a party of Bannocks in the act of looting farm houses and a grocery. He captured 2000 of the Indian's ponies, he said, as a result of that engagement.

Following the Indian wars, Major Stafford helped with the survey of government lands in this section and later served in the Spanish-American war, both in the Philippines and in Cuba.

BURNED IN HOT SPRING

As a result of falling into a hot spring known as the Devil's Tea Kettle, on the outskirts of Klamath Falls Sunday, while attempting to dip water, Frank Albert, 50, was so badly scalded that he died in a hospital later in the day. Four years ago the body of a sheepherder was found in the Devil's Tea Kettle, and last year during the presence of a circus, several people were badly scalded when in the darkness they stepped into the stream running from this spring.

SOME MERIT IN SUGGESTION

World Would Certainly Be More Colorful if Women Would Dress as This Article Desires.

"If some women are so anxious to dress like men why don't they imitate the masculine styles of a lovelier day and age than the present one?" asked an elderly artist the other day.

He pointed out the lack of beauty of the existent garb for man and then he recalled the silken dandies of Shakespeare's day.

"And wouldn't the women of today look nice in those attires?" he asked. "The imitation skirts and the stiff collars that the women flaunt set me crazy, let alone the cuffs and tortoise shell glasses, and now I even hear they're thinking of wearing bloomers and trousers.

"Well, let them revive the fashions of old when a tailor knew how to dress a man. Let them wear the silken knee-breeches and the silken coats, hooped high in the front with frilly stocks and fringed with lacy cuffs. And when the accompanying white silk stockings would be rather delightful. And that would solve the short-skirt controversy."

MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY GETS BIG BOOST AT TOLL GATE MEETING

The Weston-Elgin road meeting held Sunday at Toll Gate was largely attended by people from Elgin, Walla Walla, Pendleton, Weston, Weston Mountain and other points, and was marked by an earnestness and enthusiasm which augurs well for the success of the road project. This calls for a highway forty-four miles in length, crossing the Blue mountains from Weston to Elgin, traversing part of the Umatilla National forest and to cost approximately nine thousand dollar a mile. It will be twelve feet wide, cleared to a width of forty feet and grubbed to a width of twenty-five feet, if the report made by B. F. Beezley, government engineer, embodying his findings from the preliminary investigation, is followed. It will open up a wonderfully fertile mountain farming district, make the national forest more accessible and provide a recreational route through a region of rare scenic beauty.

The meeting was held in the shade of the trees on a lovely woodland spot made historic by the first booster road meeting seven years ago.

Col. Paul H. Weyrauch, president of the Blue Mountain Highway association, presided. Secretary Smith's minutes of the Weston meeting were read, as was also Engineer Beezley's report. Deeply interesting addresses were made by John W. Langdon, Walla Walla orchardist and man of affairs; Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman college; John G. Kelly, editor and publisher of the Walla Walla Bulletin; Roy W. Ritter of Pendleton, president of the Oregon senate; Lee B. Tuttle of Elgin, first vice president of the association; A. F. Alexander of Walla Walla, originator of the movement for better roads across the Blues, and Dr. John W. Summers, representative in congress from the fourth Washington district. The address of Congressman Summers was highly informative and related to road and other development in the nation's 149 forests embracing 156,000,000 acres. Dr. Summers is the only member of the public roads committee hailing from west of the Mississippi. He showed where getting so large an appropriation from the forestry service would be a difficult matter, entailing earnest and persistent effort, but pledged his hearty support. A letter from Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon was read, expressing his regret at not being able to attend, because of duties that keep him in Washington.

At the close of the public meeting President Weyrauch called the executive committee together, and a plan of action was adopted which calls for furnishing a large amount of statistical and other information to congressmen and the forestry service concerning the Weston-Elgin project. County agents of Union and Umatilla counties will be enlisted to assemble data with relation to agricultural resources and possibilities in the region served. John W. Langdon was appointed official road photographer to present the recreational value of the road by picturing the magnificent scenery along its route. Mr. Kelly of the Bulletin agreed to take care of the descriptive matter accompanying the photographs.

Toll Gate visitors were much interested in the plans to convert this picturesque spot into one of the finest mountain resorts in the United States. The principal feature will be a lake covering fifty acres and occupying the bed of what the geological formation indicates was once a prehistoric lake. Construction of the dam has been begun. There will be boating, fishing, hunting, dancing and other pastimes for the recreationists who camp along the lake's shores or put up at the charming hotel embraced in the plans.

INTERVENES IN CASE

Charging Public Service Commissioners McCoy and Kerrigan with conspiracy, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today intervened in the circuit court in the suit instituted by Robert G. Duncan and others to set aside the new telephone rates. Judge Evans allowed the company's motion to intervene.

Still Green

