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ODD FELLOWS HOLD JINKS LAST NIGHT

Pengra Encampment Confers Royal Purple Degree on Candidates.

Last night there was something doing in Pengra Encampment at the Odd Fellows Temple. There was so much doing that an S. O. S. call was sent to Wimahala Encampment of Eugene to lend first aid when emergency clamored. And it was some contingent that Wimahala sent over here. Rankin and Zimmerman headed the bunch. We won't mention the other names in the galaxy of visiting team artists because they are highly respected citizens of Eugene, Lane County, Oregon.

But Rankin and Zimmerman? Two scapgraces!

They lie awake nights to concoct devilish jokes to put over on their Brothers at home and abroad and both have been doing it for over sixty years. Frank Rankin is past 80 and wears a college boy's hat to camouflage the tracks of time. Zimmerman is about the same age but isn't as ashamed of it. The older they get the odder they get. They aim to live up to a literal interpretation of Odd Fellowship. They behave odd, and by golly, they look odd. There is no record apparently of either one ever having been "elected" as Odd Fellows—they wouldn't stand a chance at the ballot box—they presumably got in as "charter members" sixty years ago and there are no other survivors left now to tell the tale.

But if there is any out-of-town visiting to be done, they are strong Johnny-on-the-spot. They are strong on team work and know the ritual backward and forward and allemand left.

Whenever their names appear in print as holding some office in the lodge, it always reads:

"Frank Rankin, N. G., or J. W. Zimmerman, N. G."

We don't know what the N. G. stands for—it may be a high function in some branch of the Order—but it sounds peculiar to a rank outsider.

Anyway they helped last night to confer the Royal Purple degree upon a number of promising candidates in Pengra Encampment in a neat and artistic manner, which, by the way swelled the membership to a tidy increase of 50 per cent for the past year.

After conducting the candidates through the mysteries of this degree, Messrs. Rankin and Zimmerman and the rest of the Eugene Brothers were led to the banquet hall and there permitted to gorge themselves with ice cream and cake. The "F. H. B." sign was hung out until it was a cinch the visitors could hold no more.

What? Again? Saturday?

We say so!

It's time they go to Junction City. Big doings at usual.

The officers of Lane County Odd Fellows' Association, with a number of Brothers from nearby lodges.

And Rankin and Zimmerman, of course.

"Blessed is he who sticketh closer than a cootie."

Incidentally they will confer the initiatory degree on several candidates in the Junction lodge. Specifically they go to boost for the program that is to mark the Century Anniversary celebration to be held in Eugene, April 28.

100 years of Odd Fellowship!

Three links to span the stretch of Time and to reach Eternity.

Call For Warrants.

I will pay at my office at the City Hall, School Warrants for District No. 19, Nos. 1640 to 1659, inclusive. Warrants previously called: 1332 to 1640, inclusive.

JOHN E. EDWARDS,
Clerk, Dist. No. 19.

Born.

HUNTER—Sunday evening, March 2, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, a daughter.

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BOOTH MAY RESIGN FROM COMMISSION

Lane County Lumberman Will No Longer Serve On State Highway Board.

Robert A. Booth will tender his resignation as a member of the state highway commission to Governor Ben W. Olcott. This announcement was made yesterday by Commissioner Booth while in Portland. The resignation has nothing to do with the succession of Mr. Olcott to the place made vacant by the death of Dr. James Withycombe, but is based on private grounds.

"I shall tender Mr. Olcott my resignation," said Mr. Booth. "I tendered my resignation to Governor Withycombe last December, but at the time he requested me to withhold it until after the session of the legislature."

"For a long time I have had plans which will culminate this year and that is the reason for my resignation. It is not for myself alone but because I am interested with other people and I have to carry out the programme which was adopted. Personally, I am intensely interested in road building and I like the work. Since becoming a member of the commission I have devoted about two-thirds of my time to the subject."

Presumably there will be an array of candidates for the vacancy if Commissioner Booth's resignation is accepted. Mr. Booth comes from Eugene, and succeeded Commissioner Adams, who also came from Eugene and who, by the way, was recommended to the late Governor Withycombe by Mr. Booth in 1917.

Commissioner W. L. Thompson's term will soon expire, but it is a foregone conclusion that Governor Olcott will retain his services, if Mr. Thompson will consent, and Mr. Thompson probably will if he listens to the voice of Eastern Oregon.

Will Urge Booth To Remain.

One of the first official acts that Governor Olcott will perform after he has taken the oath of office will be to sire Mr. Booth to reconsider his determination to resign from the Commission and remain a member. It is not learned whether Mr. Booth will decide to remain or not.

Shoe Plants Close Down.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Seventy thousand Swedish shoe workers will be thrown out of employment April 15 by suspension of operation in all shoe factories of the country.

Dispatches to the state department today said manufacturers had decided to close their plants because of overproduction during the war and "unsound speculation" since the armistice.

Fred Meats Dies in France.

Fred Meats, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meats of West Springfield, died in France on January 30 from pneumonia. No intimation that he was ill had been received here and news of his death came as a shock to many. Besides his parents he is survived by several sisters and three brothers. He was a member of the Field Artillery.

Cable the Peace Conference.

America's prestige is at stake in the coming Victory Liberty Loan. The eyes of the world are fixed upon us. The nations of the world are going to rate us on this last effort. It is right that they should judge us, not by what we do in the heat of the struggle, but by our condition after the fight.

One of the best guarantees of world peace for years to come would be the successful flotation of the Victory Liberty Loan for five or six billion dollars. Even a combination of powers inclined to start another war would hesitate in the face of such a display of tremendous national strength.

Every man who buys a Victory Liberty Bond next April, moreover, will be adding to the determination with which America speaks at the Peace Conference. There are undoubtedly going to be many moments during that Conference when every whit of the power of the United States will be needed to shape into actualities those ideals for which we entered the world struggle.

Let the cables carry into the Quai d'Orsay this message:
"America has oversubscribed her Fifth Liberty Loan by more than a billion dollars."

WILL ENTERTAIN RETURNING BOYS

Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen Planning Big Doings.

Springfield will honor her returning warriors at an early future day. Those of the 65th—the first contingent to arrive home—and another bunch of "honoradicators" identified with the 69th that reached Portland Wednesday. From Portland they go to Camp Lewis to receive their discharge, and from there—home—no doubt they will be as glad to reach home as we are to have them.

They have served their country well and reflected in their devotion to duty pride and honor upon the city from which they hail.

Monday evening the L. L. L. L. (give 'em plenty of 'em) met and appointed a committee of arrangements consisting of J. B. Weldon, H. J. Cox and J. W. Coffin, to stage an affair in a manner that our returning boys are not apt to forget in a hurry.

Chow!

Sure—the best sort—but that isn't all. There will be other features besides the eats.

The committee is planning to set a date about two weeks hence to

JAMES FULLERTON IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Last Night Renders Verdict Against Editor of Hornet.

After a trial lasting four days, James Fullerton, of Eugene, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court last night of the charge of libel against the University of Oregon, its president, P. L. Campbell, and the students.

Mr. Fullerton had been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of libel for utterances in the Oregon Hornet, a small monthly publication printed by him, in which he charged that immorality was rampant on the campus of the university and that President Campbell condoned it. There are four other indictments against Mr. Fullerton, but it is probable that he will not be tried on any of them. The defendant's attorneys were granted until Saturday to file a motion for a new trial.

stage the big noise. The first night will be in the form of a reception and banquet, and a sub-committee has been appointed by the general committee to arrange for a dance on the night following.

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U. S. WARNS ITALY TO END BLOCKADE

American Relief Work in Balkan States Greatly Hindered.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Italy has been warned by the American government that unless she puts an end to delays in movements of relief supplies to the newly-established Jugo-Slavic and Czecho-Slavic states, steps will be taken to cut off the flow of American food stuffs to Italy.

It was stated today in an authoritative quarter that the Italian government had caused intolerable conditions by the blockade she has imposed against the Jugo-Slavic countries and which operates also against the Czecho-Slavs.

The blockade has not been wholly effective, but many delays have been caused, resulting often in holding up supplies, the need of which was desperate. No reply has yet been made by the Italian government.

British and French Are Bitter.

PARIS, March 6.—The British and French delegates here have been bitterly outspoken in the supreme war council and the supreme economic council in criticism of the food blockade which the Italian government is maintaining against Dalmatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia. The new democracies built out of the old Austrian empire are relied upon by the entente as a protection against the bolshevik wave and the food shortage in them is creating chaos.

While the American delegates are less outspoken than the British and French, they are concerned over the situation, which is stopping all American relief work.

Italy is entirely dependent upon the United States for food staples, receiving credits through the American treasury with which to make purchases. The persistence of the Italian blockade and what is charged as the efforts of Italy to obtain political advantages are creating such bitterness that some of the European representatives are suggesting the possibility of the discontinuance of American relief for Italy.

FOOD SHORTAGE SERIOUS

Deficiency in Most Staples Prevails Throughout Germany.

Complaints by German business men are becoming more bitter about the scarcity of coal and raw materials and the lack of adequate shipping facilities, says the official bulletin of the American army of occupation. These conditions force many factories to shut down, besides leaving hesitancy in placing orders and a rise in prices. An increasing number of complaints are noted also about the shortage of food.

Fats, potatoes and milk are extremely scarce in many places. The resisting power of the people is undermined. According to the Cologne Gazette, food conditions in Mainz have almost reached bottom. The milk supply there was sunk below 10,000 quarts daily as against 40,000 quarts in peace times, and the present supply is insufficient for mothers, children and the sick.

General Maugin has announced that the French authorities will intervene if the Germans do not succeed in increasing Mainz's milk supply. According to the Dusseldorf Nachrichten, "Germany's 1919 grain deficit is 2,000,000 tons. The considerable supplies still in government control centers will be exhausted by the end of May, the supply of potatoes will be completely exhausted by the middle of May. The fat supply has sunk 33 per cent as against last year, and milk is dangerously scarce."

"The situation is worse in the Rhineland, we think. The potato shortage is estimated at 2,500,000 tons, equivalent to a ten week's supply. Dried and salt vegetables will supplement the present rations in the main. The sugar supply is very inadequate; likewise that of fish. Cattle deliveries have been very good, but the survivors must be spared for agricultural purposes. Fertilizers cannot be obtained. To cover the deficit in the next harvest, we must import 3,500,000 tons of grain and 1,000,000 tons of fat. Five billion marks in cash is necessary for the purposes."

WHEN WILL PRICES START DOWNWARD

Federal Statistics Show Enormous Surplus of Frozen and Cured Meats.

The Portland Livestock Reporter gives some interesting statistics about the present meat supply of the nation and the maintenance of the same prices that prevailed during the war period.

Any way you look at the situation, either from the standpoint of the consumer or the producer, there is much food for reflection and red hot argument. The Reporter's resume reads:

"General concern over the reduction of foodstuffs is pertinent, in view of such statistics as the Federal report which shows that holdings of meat in refrigerators are sixty-five to eighty-five per cent higher than in 1914; in other words, there are 900,000,000 pounds of frozen pork, 350,000,000 of frozen beef, and 106,000,000 of frozen poultry.

"The winter has been an open one and has permitted unimpeded transportation of foodstuffs; avoiding losses from freezing suffered last year. The supply of vegetables from the south has caused a switching from meat to vegetables and lessening the demand for meat and lowering meat prices. The export demand for meat is also lessening. The open winter has caused early harvest of eggs.

"Writers in 'The Sun' show an impatient and nettlesome attitude of the consumer on paying high prices in ante-bellum days, when they say, 'everything in its power to hold food supplies back from our own consumers in peace so that it may continue to jack prices high above their reach.' 'The Sun' calls attention to a specific example in the case of one commodity:

"The United States government again fixes the price of hogs for February, as for January, \$17.50 a hundred pounds. A war price! A starvation price! And on January 1 there were at terminal points such stocks as 295,000,000 pounds of frozen meats; of cured beef, 36,000,000 pounds; 12,000,000 pounds of lamb and mutton; 600,000,000 of frozen pork, 351,000,000 of dry salt pork, 295,000,000 of pickled pork, 100,000,000 of lard. Virtually every day since the first of the year those stocks of surplus meat-products have been piling up. Furthermore, not in years and years has there been back on the range and the farm anything like the superabundance of live stock on the hoof there now is, waiting to go to the slaughter houses, the packing plants, and then into cold storage where there is room for it."

"A week ago the Agricultural Department reported on the farms 44,399,000 cattle, an increase of 287,000 over last year; it reported 49,863,000 sheep, an increase of 1,260,000; and 75,587,000 hogs, an increase of more than 4,600,000.

"All the while the American consumer pays 60 cents a pound for ham, as if there weren't a hog on earth. Stockmen of the Northwest are following conditions very closely, and are generally agreed that a reasonable stability of prices will maintain in beef for at least several months to come."

Advertised Letters.

Springfield, Oregon, March 4, 1919.
Mrs. Antone Enzler, Mrs. J. W. Frazer, Mr. C. B. Patrick, Mrs. Edith Herads, J. L. Waldrup, Mrs. Levia Wilson, Miss Dola Vincent, Mr. Joe Morrow, Mrs. John McLachlan, Jess Willard, Mrs. R. B. Winkinson, Mr. Harry Thompson, Mr. Bud Gattard, Mrs. H. F. Warman.

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