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CIVIC RIVALRY NEEDED TO AID STATE ADVANCE

(By Judge Stephen A. Lowell)
PENDLETON, Ore., May 5.—Roughly speaking, two-thirds of the area of Oregon is either arid or semi-arid in character, yet the soil is generally of remarkable fertility, the climate equable, and productivity abundant whenever and wherever sufficient water for irrigation is available.

The state is not among the younger commonwealths of the union. More than sixty years have elapsed since it entered the sisterhood of states. Nevertheless the population is numerically small and its vast natural resources, outside timber and fisheries, remain substantially undeveloped. It possesses but a single large city, and the promise of compensation on that score is not brilliant until some comprehensive plan is adopted whereby our spacious unoccupied acreage may be redeveloped from wilderness and become populated. Some day, perhaps, along the coast, either at Marshfield, Newport or Astoria, another entrepot of trade may be developed. No city of any considerable magnitude seems likely soon to appear in the interior.

Therefore consideration of internal improvements in this state must always be approached with reference to the current status. With the exception of possibly Lake Klamath and Curry counties, which appear upon occasion to be natural tributaries to San Francisco as a commercial center, all of Oregon is securely tied to Portland for another generation, perhaps for another half century.

Rivalry is Needed

This is not presented as the best possible condition. Indeed it is very probable that the state, and its metropolises as well, would both be better off were there established rival commercial towns, restraining political centers and collaborating financial and social influences, such as exist in the state to the north of us, where Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham, Yakima and Spokane hold the balance even with the potent and aggressive Seattle.

The foregoing suggestions are advanced solely that the reading public may realize how closely the destiny of Oregon is wedded to its one real city, and how surely Portland's prosperity is linked to the development of the entire state. Indeed it is patent that property owners of that Hamburg of the Pacific might well afford to devote to a decade one-half of each annual income to the survey and the concrete unfolding of the magnificent potentialities of the commonwealth. In the end they would be the gainers, because most of the wealth arising therefrom finally lands in the lap of Portland's market, and promotes the growth of Portland's trade and Portland's population.

Oregon interest in hydro-electric development may be summarized in three brief phrases: (1) opening of free navigation of the Columbia and Snake rivers, (2) securing at low cost the electrification of the three railway systems upon which the state is chiefly dependent, and (3) assuring at moderate expense electric power with which water may be pumped for the reclamation of lands.

River Trade Possible

Technical engineers often proclaim the doctrine that the Columbia river above the Cascades is not a navigable stream, and that it never can be such. They are entitled to any opinion which they choose to espouse, but they are listened to by an intelligent public with both amusement and question. It requires no expert training to be assured that with a channel cleared of a few natural obstructions to low draft steamers, the whole river is navigable to a point well beyond the mouth of the Snake river, while the latter stream itself may be made susceptible of easy navigation to Lewiston in Idaho. Even in the face of hostile transportation monopoly, those facts have been demonstrated over and over again for more than sixty years.

The railroads have failed, and are now failing, to properly or efficiently meet the needs of the country in the transportation of freight, and the time has now arrived when their management must not oppose, but must co-operate with, the river boats wherever it is possible to utilize the latter. There will be in the future a plethora of business for all available means of moving products, and hostility, either open or secret, on the part of the railroads to water transportation will be both peevish and reactionary.

The public demands, and has a right to demand, that every avenue to market be opened and kept open. Continued railroad hostility is likely to mean increasing estrangement on the part of farmers and country merchants, of trucks and boatmen. The farming class has been long suffering, but this body of our citizens is intelligent, and is awakening, and when aroused to their organized influence the farmers will dominate the industrial, economic and political life of the nation.

Hope of Agreement On Marine Strike Seems Abandoned

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Representatives of the marine workers failed to meet with Secretary of Labor Davis today to continue the conferences that have in view agreement that will end the seamen's strike.

Government officers, from expressions made today, have apparently abandoned hope for a settlement of the controversy at this time.

CINCINNATI, May 5.—The executive council of the American federation of labor today began a ten-day conference here for the consideration of important labor problems.

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WEED MILL IS CUTTING FORCE

WEED, Cal., May 5.—The Weed Lumber company has been making material reductions the past few days in the forces employed in the woods. The men have been laid off at the rate of about twenty-five a day, until at present there are very few employed in the logging department.

On May 1st several sawmill men connected with the sawmill were laid off. These men had been continued on the payroll in spite of the fact that the mill had been shut down for some time and were the only men employed around the mill with the exception of the watchmen.

Monday morning the box factory shut down for an indefinite period. The sash and door factory is still running, but with a greatly reduced crew.

Some time ago the veneer plant started up and cut a few logs. It, however, has done no work for several days.

Five clerks also have been laid off in the Weed Mercantile company, the Weed Lumber company store.

Prevailing business conditions are given as the reason for these shut-downs and reductions in force.

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Ball Tossers Will Limber-Up Sunday

California Oregon Power company ball tossers will cross bats with the Dorris team at Dorris Sunday, if nothing arises to prevent, says J. C. Thompson, manager. Dorris has a husky aggregation and has been training for several weeks, but the local juice jugglers are not afraid says the manager.

Practice games between the Boy Scouts and Ewanna and between the Plumber and Jewels, postponed last Sunday on account of the wind storm, will be played Sunday, if weather is favorable, the first starting at 10 o'clock, the latter at 2.

DEATH COMES TO YOUNG MAN

Clyde W. Jones, 26 years old, railway express messenger on the Weed-Klamath Falls-Kirk run, died last evening at the Schubert home, Ninth and High streets, where he had been rooming. He had been ill for about a week, with malaria, and the disease over-taxed a weakened heart, both causes combining to bring about his death.

The father of the dead boy arrived here Sunday and his mother came Monday. They will take the body to the family home in Alameda, Cal., where the funeral will be held.

The decedent had been employed on the local run for about three weeks.

Discuss Fourth of July Celebration

Tentative discussion of a Fourth of July celebration took place last night at the Merchants Bureau meeting. Representatives of the American Legion were present and were assured that local merchants would support any Legion plans for a celebration. The matter will be taken up at the next Legion meeting, said the Legion members.

**RATE ATTORNEYS DO NOT
ACT FOR MERCHANTS BUREAU**

Bishop & Bahler, San Francisco rate attorneys, were officially declared to have authority to represent the local organization at the meeting of the Merchants Bureau last night. The firm was retained by the old Business Men's association, and still claims an indebtedness of \$800 exists for its services.

GOV'T. EXPERT COMPLETES PINE BEETLE SURVEY

A. J. Jaenicke, who has been here looking into the pine beetle situation for the Forestry department, preliminary to the presentation of an emergency appropriation bill, to come up before the departments of agriculture and interior, left for Portland this morning.

Mr. Jaenicke says that the field work he has just completed shows there are several thousand acres of yellow pine on the reservation, Fremont national forest and the Oregon-California land grant that are suffering severely from depredation by the Western pine beetle and the depredations are not only causing losses to federal lands but are injuring the adjacent privately owned timber.

An attempt will be made to secure legislation by which the pest on the federal lands can be eliminated. The private owners are planning an extensive campaign on their holdings and during the present summer a more intensive survey will be made to determine where the control measures are to be concentrated. The control work consists of felling and peeling the bark from the infested trees and burning it.

This enlarged control movement is the result of the conference, held here April 4 and 5, at which representatives of the privately owned lands, departments of the federal government that are interested and state and university officials were present.

Mr. Jaenicke will return the last of May and will spend the summer here in connection with this work.

TWO PLEAD NOT GUILTY; TWO STILL MUST PLEAD

Harry Brown pleaded not guilty to a charge of burglary when arraigned in the circuit court late yesterday afternoon. Fred Swager pleaded not guilty to a charge of indecent exposure.

Fred Kempke and Arthur Starrs were given until 2 o'clock this afternoon to enter a plea to a charge of burglary. Starrs also will plead on an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

PARK SITE FOR CAMP FAVORED

Quite a deputation, composed of chamber of commerce, automobile association and park board members, inspected the west side park site, which has been offered as an auto camp ground, yesterday afternoon. Mayor Wiley looked the ground over for the city and J. C. Thompson, power company manager, was on hand to explain lighting needs.

On account of experiences of other cities that have installed electrical cooking facilities, Mr. Thompson did not strongly favor their installation. Tourists are too often given to tampering with the meters, he said, to make the service self-supporting, unless a costly protective system for the meters is installed.

The majority seemed of the opinion that the park site would be suitable for a temporary automobile camp. The park board has formally offered its use for this season.

Machinery for Oil Rigs Is Coming

According to a telegram received from W. C. Lehman, manager of the Crater and Northern California Oil companies, engines, boilers and tools will be on the way within ten days. Mr. Lehman went to California to locate the outfits, and his telegram means that within a few weeks work will be under way.

CHELSEA EMPLOYE WEDS

Milton P. Porter of Woodland, California, and Miss May Hickey, of Sturges, South Dakota, were married this morning by Justice Gashagan. Mr. Porter has been employed by the Chelsea Box company here but will return to Woodland very soon.

One of Earliest Westerners Dead

ALBANY, Ore., May 5.—Cyrus H. Walker, aged 82, prominent pioneer died here today. He was the second white child born west of the Rocky mountains.

He was born at the Whitman mission, now Walla Walla, soon after the arrival of his parents there. He was prominent in Grange and G. A. R. circles and was one of the organizers of veterans of the Indian wars.

M'ARTHUR TO REOPEN FIGHT FOR DEFENSES

Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, May 5.—"The navy is our first line of defense, and hence it is of vital importance that we maintain powerful fleets, and adequate shore facilities on both oceans," declared Representative C. N. McArthur today in announcing his intentions of renewing his fight before congress for ample naval protection for the Columbia river.

"At the present time there are ample short facilities on the Atlantic coast, but the yards, docks and other shore accommodations on the Pacific are entirely inadequate," continued Mr. McArthur. "The government has spent much money in the development of fortifications and equipment at Pearl Harbor and in the Hawaiian Islands, and this, of course, is a point of tremendous strategic importance."

"It would be the key to the Pacific in the event of war with Japan or with any foreign power that might seek to attack us from the west."

Bremerton Needs Aid

The navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., should be enlarged and made equal to the best yards on the Atlantic coast. It has the best depth of water of all of our yards and many other natural advantages. Congress has already authorized large expenditures for the development of an aviation base, a destroyer and torpedo station, training school and marine barracks at San Diego, and much money has been spent in the development of the Mare Island yard, but owing to the shallow water between Mare Island and San Francisco Bay, there has been much agitation for a yard at Alameda for the accommodation of battleships and other large sized craft. It is quite apparent that congress must either establish this proposed yard or expend large sums of money in the improvement of the channel to Mare Island.

"The last congress authorized the location of a submarine and destroyer base and aviation station at the mouth of the Columbia river, and made the initial appropriation for beginning the work. This action was taken with the understanding that the people of Astoria would furnish the necessary site free of charge to the government. This was agreed to, but there has been a tedious delay in the matter of conveying the property, although it begins to look as though formal conveyance and acceptance will be an accomplished fact within a few days. The bureau of yards and docks announces that the work will begin just as soon as the property is formally accepted by the government."

Ports Held Needed

"The mouth of the Columbia river is unprotected except for a few antiquated guns at Fort Columbia and Fort Stevens. There has been an urgent need for better facilities for many years past, but congress did not recognize this need until last year, when the new naval establishment was authorized. The mouth of the Columbia is the key to the great Columbia river basin, and it is of the utmost importance that it be amply fortified and protected."

"I am not a jingoist, nor am I unnecessarily alarmed about war with Japan, but I wish to play safe, not only with the Japanese, but with any other possible enemy that might attempt to attack any portion of our coast line or seek to land an army on our shores. We are not going to lessen the prospects of war with Japan by heeding the lamentations of the little navy fellows."

May Hold Season's Chautauqua In Pine Street Tabernacle

W. S. Slough was elected chairman, and M. P. Evans secretary, of the Chautauqua organization, under whose direction the Ellison-White bureau will stage this season's Chautauqua during the week beginning May 24.

Frank M. White, representing the Ellison-White bureau, was present to aid the organization of the local committee, which will have charge of all matters pertaining to the Chautauqua, in the way of securing a site, arranging publicity, etc.

The temporary tabernacle on Pine street is being considered as a theatre for the performances, in place of usual tent. The tabernacle was purchased by John Coleman, who, it is understood, is willing to defer wrecking it until after Chautauqua week if the city authorities consent.

A meeting of officers and guarantors will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the office of Bert C. Thomas to name the different committees through which the business of the organization will be transacted.

Lives of 88 Persons Imperilled When Ship Catches Fire

FALMOUTH, England, May 5.—The Harrison line steamer, Ingoma, badly afire, dashed into Falmouth harbor today after a hundred mile race to save the lives of 88 persons, passengers and crew.

The fire was discovered while the passengers were asleep. The Falmouth was en route to the West Indies. The captain kept the passengers in ignorance of their grave danger, but prepared the life boats for immediate launching in case the race for port was unsuccessful.

CENSUS GIVEN BY PRECINCTS

Complete figures on Oregon population have been issued by the U. S. bureau of census. The state's population is given as 783,389. Klamath county's total is 11,413, divided by precincts as follows:

Algoma precinct	396
Dairy precinct	215
Hildebrand precinct, exclusive of part of Klamath Indian Reservation	152
Klamath Lake precinct, exclusive of part of Klamath Indian Reservation	84
Langell precinct	181
Linkville precinct, including Klamath Falls city	5,316
Lost River precinct, including Bonanza town	274
Malin precinct	225
Merrill precinct, including part of Merrill town	321
Midland precinct	276
Mount Laki precinct	319
Odell precinct	102
Pine Grove precinct	248
Plevna precinct	116
Poe Valley precinct	182
Sprague River precinct	196
Swan precinct	109
Topsy precinct	59
Tule-Lake precinct, including part of Merrill town	596
Wood River precinct	242
Worden precinct	112
*Klamath Indian Reservation, comprising Yalox precinct and part of Chilcoquin, 12 Hildebrand, and Klamath Lake precincts reported for Chilcoquin precinct outside limits of Klamath Indian Reservation.	1,547

* No population reported for Chilcoquin precinct outside limits of Klamath Indian Reservation.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM OFFERED

Forty acres of land and the buildings thereon, being the old government experiment station near where the railroad crosses the straits will be sold at public auction by H. D. Newell, Klamath project manager, on June 15, next, according to notice of the sale published by the department of the interior.

Should a bidder not appear on the first day, the project manager is authorized to continue the bidding from day to day until the land is sold.

The experimental farm was started about 12 years ago, and abandoned after two or three years operation. Until recently it was impossible to sell the land, and no purchaser could be found to take the buildings and remove them. Lately legislation has been obtained authorizing the sale of land and buildings together.

THREE PAY FINES FOR DRUNKNESS

A Miller, J. Kline and Axel Borgen arrested last evening for drunkenness, appeared before police Judge Levitt this morning and were fined \$7.50 each.

Power Company Is Ordered to Water Grants Pass Crops

SALEM, May 5.—The California-Oregon Power company was yesterday ordered by the public service commission to furnish current to the Grants Pass irrigation district so that water may be pumped onto the district's crops, which are suffering for lack of moisture. The order is the result of the refusal of the company to furnish current and of an appeal to the commission by the district, represented by Wilford Allen.

The commission orders that current be supplied pending an investigation by the state department.

According to Mr. Allen's telegram, the district has signed a contract with the California-Oregon company for current for the season, seeking the lowest possible rate. The company declined to sign with the so-called clause included in the contract. It is said this has some reference to short-term provisions. The district then gave authority for elimination of the clause under protest, but the company has refused to turn on the current, and crops are said to be suffering.

FORMALLY SIGN ULTIMATIUM TO GERMAN GOV'T.

LONDON, May 5.—The allied ultimatum to Germany was signed today. It summons Germany to reply categorically—yes or no—by May 12 at the latest, as to whether she will perform her unfulfilled obligations under the treaty.

Should Germany fail to reply as requested, the allies give notice that on May 12 they will proceed with the occupation of the Ruhr valley. They will also undertake other military and naval measures.

The text of the notice to Germany recites that the allied powers have decided to proceed with all necessary preliminary steps for the occupation of the Ruhr valley and have invited the allied reparations commissions to notify the German government of the time and methods that Germany is to follow in the discharge of her debt.

Germany will be required, as security for the reparations, to issue three series of bonds, aggregating 132,000,000,000 marks, yielding five per cent interest and secured by the whole asset of the German empire. These bonds are to be delivered to the keeping of the reparations commission.

Until the redemption of the bonds, Germany is required to pay yearly 2,000,000,000 gold marks and 26 per cent of the value of her exports, with alternate conditions to be determined later by the reparations commission.

Formal invitation to the United States to appoint representatives to the supreme allied council, the council of ambassadors and the allied reparations commission, was cabled to the American state department by the supreme allied council last night.

BERLIN, May 5.—The cabinet of Chancellor Ferenbach, which last night tendered its resignation collectively, continued functioning today, in compliance with the president's request that it remain in office until a new ministry is organized.

Local Soprano Will Give Concert May 17

Tuesday evening, May 17, in the Presbyterian church, is the date set for a musical event of interest to the public of this city. On that date Mamie Boyd-Wagner, coloratura soprano, assisted by Mrs. Fred Cofer, pianist, will give a concert in the Presbyterian church. Tickets will be placed on sale early next week, and judging by the interest already manifested, these musicians will be greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience. Klamath Falls always does itself proud when artists of merit appear here, and the fact that they may lay claim to these ladies will lend special local interest.

Portland Builders Agree to Arbitrate

PORTLAND, May 5.—Peace in the building trades is forecast in the action of contractors, who have agreed to submit to the award of arbitrators the question of wage reduction. The wage cut had been fixed at 10 per cent of the present scale.

ACADEMY PUPILS ENJOY ANNUAL OUTING ON LAKE

The high school and eighth grade rooms of the Sacred Heart academy held their annual picnic on the shores of the Upper Klamath lake today. About a score of young folk enjoyed the occasion. Today was a holiday at the academy for all grades.

MAIL AVIATOR KILLED WHEN PLANE DROPS IN WYO.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., May 5.—Walter M. Bunting, mail aviator, was burned to death when his airplane crashed to the ground early today, while taking off for Cheyenne with the mail.

WILL LIST SLACKERS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Publication of the national slackers' list was ordered published in the congressional record by the house of representatives today.

Weather Probabilities

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a sharp drop in barometric pressure since 8 o'clock this morning, and should the fall continue it is probably that we shall have more wind, with light showers if temperature continues high.

Forecast for next 24 hours:
Cloudy unsettled weather; cooler.