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## PROGRAM FOR GREAT WESTERN OREGON

### BRITISH Schooner SINKS AND TWENTY-EIGHT ARE DROWNED

#### DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR WESTERN OREGON

**Includes Free Locks and Canal, Deep Sea Harbor, State Aided Railroad, Automobile Highways, General Port Commission Law and New Water Code**

A great campaign for the development and advertising of western and southwestern Oregon has just been closed at Coos Bay, in which Governor Chamberlain, Judge Lowell, Oswald West, B. W. Johnson of Corvallis, Judge John H. Scott of Marion county, Dr. Andrew C. Smith of Portland and the officers of the Willamette Valley Development league took prominent part. Meetings were held by the Willamette Valley league at Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, Cottage Grove and Roseburg, and a two-day session of the Oregon-Idaho development congress was held at Marshfield, under the auspices of the Marshfield Cham-

ber of Commerce assisted by the North Bend Chamber of Commerce, and a permanent organization formed.

At all these meetings the following lines of promotion work were taken up and organized and pushed by able men, and the work will be kept up with meetings each month, the first to be held at Roseburg about the 25th of September:

**Western Oregon Development Program.**  
Opening of Deep-sea Harbor at Coos Bay and Dredging Inside Harbor.

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#### STAMPS WORTH \$400,000 ARE STOLEN IN CUBA

Havana, Sept. 1.—The whole provisional government is in an uproar today as the result of the discovery of the theft of over \$400,000 in the local postoffice. The discovery was made when an inventory of the stamps, envelopes and other material was taken. The detectives are searching for Ricardo Rodriguez, chief of the supply bureau who disappeared when the theft became known. Colonel Charles Hernandez is post-

master general and he said today that every effort will be made to discover the thief. Growing out of the postoffice scandal, Manuel Elies, editor of El Vigilante of Manzanillo, was shot dead yesterday afternoon by Manuel Estrada, editor of El Reporter of the same city. Estrada, who is an independent, considered that he had been insulted in a political editorial written by Elies, who is a conservative. The coroner's jury held Estrada to answer on a charge of murder.

#### PERFORMED ILLEGAL OPERATION

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 1.—Behind the bars of the city prison here today Dr. S. S. Abbot, a medical practitioner, and alleged drug fiend, is detained while an investigation is being made into the death of Miss Hattie Hatch, the beautiful 20-year-old daughter of F. W. Hatch, a prominent orchardist of Morgan Hill, near here. The young woman was reported dead at the St. Louis lodging house Sunday afternoon by Dr. J. E. True-man, who told the coroner that he had been called in the case just 10 minutes before the girl died. He said he believed she was the victim of an operation. Shortly after the death was reported Otto Cambers, a young man who had been paying Miss Hatch constant attention, appeared and made a confession in which he said he had taken the young woman to Dr. Abbot for medical treatment and that the latter had performed an operation. The coroner's autopsy revealed that an operation had been performed and that death was due to blood poisoning. Miss Hatch had been living at the St. Louis lodging house for several weeks. Cambers admitted his part in the operation.

#### THOUSANDS MAROONED BY FLOODS

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 1.—Three thousand passengers on trains en route to the Canadian Pacific are blocked today between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay. Over 20 heavily-laden passenger trains have been stalled by vast washouts which have swept miles of track from the mountain grades into the valleys. Several cloudbursts last night and this morning did more damage and it is feared that it will be days before even temporary tracks can be built around the dangerous places. The railroad company is feeding and caring for the marooned passengers. Most of them are bound for New York, Boston, Chicago and Montreal from the west and east. **Jumps Into Willamette.** (United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Or., Sept. 1.—The bottom of the Willamette river is being dragged today for the body of an unknown man, a passenger on the steamer Hassalo, bound for Astoria who either fell or jumped into the water and was drowned. The officers of the Hassalo made no report of the accident to the local authorities so it was impossible to learn the man's identity or to recover the body last night.

#### EXCURSION STEAMER WRECKED

**TWO HUNDRED ARE RESCUED.**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Sept. 1.—Four persons were drowned in the scramble for the life boats, when 200 hundred passengers, most of them women and children were rescued from the excursion steamer Queen when she became disabled today off Selsey in a terrific storm that is sweeping the English channel.

The crew of the ship refused to leave when the life boats returned for them. They said they would rather go down than desert the ship and thereby grave danger of all being lost.

The Queen was loaded with excursionists, starting out for a day's pleasure trip, when the gale suddenly swept down upon her and her engines became disabled.

The ship's officers had great trouble preventing a panic on board when the danger became apparent. But by heroic efforts order was fairly well maintained and all but four of the passengers were taken off safely in the life boats.

The storm is increasing in fury and the Queen is in the gravest danger of being swept upon the rocks or being swamped and sunk and she is unmanageable.

The women and children were half insane with fright and fought with each other in their wild attempts to reach the boats. The officers of the ship had to use force to compel them to obey orders.

The four who were lost went overboard during the mad rush and there was no possible chance of saving them from the water which was running in mountainous waves.

Greatest credit is given the crew for successfully getting all but four ashore, as it was believed for a time that scores surely would perish.

Two other steamships and several sailing vessels are known to have been stranded on the coast by the storm and the fate of their crews is questioned.

An unknown vessel, which was in distress, set rockets off Nats last night, signalling for aid. Nothing has been seen of the vessel since and it is feared that she was lost with all on board.

Advices from the coast points say the storm has done great damage to smaller craft and as the wind is still raging it is expected that the reports of damage and losses will be increased.

**Japs Naval Program.** (United Press Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Sept. 1.—It was announced today at the ministry of war that the special grand military maneuvers of the Japanese army will begin Nov. 10th and last four days.

The operations of the troops taking part in the maneuvers will cover the five provinces of Kinaid.

The imperial headquarters are to be at Nara and the mikado's grand review of the army will take place November 14th.

**Marriage Licenses.**

Marriage licenses were issued this morning to Karl McReynolds, aged 22, and Emma Blundell, aged 21, both of Salem, and to Herman H. Robinson, aged 19, of Turner, and Sophie M. Kinsey, aged 19, of Shaw.

#### WEDDING IN LION'S CAGE DENOUNCED

**MINISTERS CLAIM SACRILEGE**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 1.—The decision of the state agricultural society to conduct a marriage in a lion's cage at the state fair, as the big feature for tomorrow night has aroused a miniature war among the ministers of Sacramento who have declared that such a marriage with its attendance sensationalism would be nothing short of sacrilege.

Rev. Baker, of the Sixth street M. E. church, started the ball rolling by sending a letter of protest to Secretary Filcher of the state fair, denouncing in which he denounced the plan as a sacrilege upon the sacred institution of marriage. Rev. L. Harter was to have performed the ceremony but strong pressure was brought to bear upon him and he today announced his withdrawal from the position of officiating clergyman as beneath the dignity of the church.

Secretary Filcher declares that Harter's case was "simply one of cold feet" and that he will get somebody else to perform the job. He has ignored Baker's protest and says that "the directors are running this fair and the ministers can proceed to run the churches."

The young people who have signified their intention to have the knot tied in the cage with Adgie's lions are J. T. Betts and Miss Abbie Higgins, both of this city, and the young lady asserts that she is still "game" and will go ahead with the ceremony just as long as some person is secured to make the knot legal. It is probable that Secretary Filcher will have to get a justice of the peace to perform the job as the ministerial body has been aroused by Rev. Baker's appeal and a meeting of the ministerial union will probably be held to enter a more decided protest, while any minister who would now perform the ceremony would find himself at outs with his brothers of the clerical garb.

The marriage is to take place tomorrow night at 10 o'clock, the young people to receive a cash bonus and a lot of household goods with which to start their matrimonial career while the officiating minister or judge is to get \$50 for his services.

#### U. S. WANTS FOUR FAST TORPEDO BOATS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Sept. 1.—Bids for the construction of 10 torpedo destroyers, every one of which must be at least four knots faster than the Lusitania and equipped with apparatus for burning off as well as coal and which are to be the largest ever built for the American navy, will be opened soon. These vessels are to cost \$800,000 each and for every knot that the vessels lose on any of their trial trips under the contract speed, the builders will have to forfeit \$15,000 of the contract price.

**Crawford Got Deer.**

Attorney General Crawford and ex-State Printer Joseph Whitney, who returned recently from an outing in the Cascades mountains, bagged six deer while on their vacation.

#### TAFT IS TO IGNORE FORAKER

**WHEN HE SPEAKS IN SANDUSKY**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Middle Bass Island, Sept. 1.—It was announced today that Taft will spend Sunday at Sandusky but not visit the home of Senator Joseph B. Foraker when he goes there to make his Labor day address at the Soldiers' Home.

Frank H. Hitchcock, the national campaign manager will be here the last of this week. Secretary of the Interior Garfield, former Governor Herrick and Wade Ellis, who drafted the Republican platform, are also expected to visit the candidate.

Under the present plans the Taft party will leave the island on the night of Sept. 8 on Commodore S. O. Richardson's yacht, aboard which they will go to Sandusky, from which place they will proceed at once to Cincinnati.

Judge Taft will make his home with his brother, Charles P. Taft. Taft declined to go to the G. A. R. dedication at Fort Meigs today because he feared such action on his part might be misconstrued as Senator Foraker is to be one of the most prominent speakers.

**Vermont Vote Heavy.**

White River Junction, Vermont, Sept. 1.—With ideal election weather and every prospect for the largest vote in the history of the state, the towns and cities of Vermont today are balloting for governor, state officers, two members of congress and two representatives in the legislature. The election follows one of the most vigorous campaigns ever held in the green mountain state.

The polls were opened in the larger towns this morning at 9 o'clock and in the smaller places an hour later. Voting began heavy and continued so throughout the day. Nothing can be determined, however, concerning the outcome, until late tonight, as the ballot boxes will not be opened until after sundown.

It is conceded that Lieut. Governor George O. Prouty of Newport will outdistance James E. Burke in the race for governor, but interests centers in the plurality which will be given the Republican candidates. A political superstition places great reliance in the Vermont state contest in presidential year, the plurality scored by the Republicans in this state being taken as an index of the national vote for president.

**Bryan in Dakota.**

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 1.—W. J. Bryan in a speech at the fair grounds today, promised personally to see that the pledges of the Democratic platform are fulfilled. He declared if he is elected he will call an extra session of congress at once and will proceed without delay to put into operation the Democratic proposals for meeting the present conditions in this country.

Bryan arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning and was met at the station by the Bryan and Kern club of Fargo. He was given a big cheering ovation and, after breakfast, the parade passed through the streets to the fair grounds. There Bryan held a reception shaking hands with the citizens for two hours. At noon he was the guest of honor at a din-

#### GOES DOWN ON COAST OF WALES

**BUT THREE OF CREW ARE SAVED**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Sept. 1.—The British schooner Amazon was wrecked off Port Llabotte, on the coast of Wales today and 28 of the 30 members of the crew were drowned.

The Amazon had been caught in the terrific storm which has been sweeping both the eastern and western coasts of England for 24 hours. She tried to put into port, but could not withstand the seas which literally beat her to pieces.

The survivors reached shore in a small boat after a miraculous trip through the high waves.

Nearly every vessel that has reached port today shows serious effects of the storm. Those which are overdue are in great danger and greatest anxiety is felt for them.

A number of small vessels have been driven ashore at various points along the coast and it is doubtful if many of them can be floated.

#### SUSPECTED OF KILLING HIS WIFE

Butte, Mont., Sept. 1.—Belle Gilchrist, in connection with whose death at Nome, Alaska, her husband Lee H. Johnston, a miner, is under arrest at Seattle, was well known in this city and many facts of important bearing on the case are in the possession of officers who have been making an investigation here. Four years ago Belle Gilchrist was matron of the Anaconda mine and had charge of the officials mess. She possessed a little fortune which she had accumulated by hard work. She was prominent in church affairs and was widely known and respected. It is alleged today that after she was murdered, Johnston sent a request to E. G. Smith, her business advisor here, saying that his wife had broken her arm and that he was writing at her dictation. In response to such requests two drafts, aggregating \$1100 were sent to him and they came back endorsed in her name.

Suspicion was first aroused when Johnston came here and endeavored by threats to get hold of all his wife's property. It is alleged that it then was learned that instead of Belle Gilchrist another woman appeared as Mrs. Johnston.

The idea that Belle Gilchrist Johnston committed suicide and left a note requesting Johnston to bury her body secretly and take her property, is scouted here.

The former friends of Belle Gilchrist are greatly aroused over the reports of her body having been partially burned, dismembered and crated and finally cremated.

After his address, he left immediately for Grand Forks, where he will speak this evening. Late tonight the Bryan party will arrive at Sioux City, Iowa, and it is expected that the candidate will deliver an address there.