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ASTORIA TO GET STATE GRANGE

Place for Convention Is Selected, and Officers Are Elected, C. E. Spence of Oregon City, Again Master

Astoria will have the honor of entertaining the state grange in its 1917 session, that city having won in a warm contest with Eugene by a vote of 60 to 34 at last night's session. Considerable discussion was aroused over the question of fixing a permanent place for the holding of the annual sessions, and there is much sentiment in favor of the selection of a central point after the next convention. Both Eugene and Corvallis, which are central so far as the grange membership is concerned, have many supporters, and one of them is likely to be selected at the 1917 session as the permanent seat of the state grange.

The election of officers, held late Wednesday afternoon, resulted in the expected when C. E. Spence, of Oregon City, was re-elected master, and practically the entire line of officials was retained in office. The election resulted as follows:

Officers
Master, C. E. Spence, Oregon City.
Overseer, C. D. Huffman, La Grande.
Chaplain, Cyrus Walker, Albany.
Lecturer, Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, Eugene.
Steward, M. P. Young, Clatskanie.
Assistant steward, Chas. Hayes, Sherwood.
Lady steward, Mrs. E. R. Allen, Tangent.
Secretary, Mary S. Howard, Multnomah.
Treasurer, H. Herahberg, Independence.
Gatekeeper, C. C. Borland, Oregon City.
Pomona, Mrs. U. D. Mihills, Grants Pass.
Flora, Mrs. Hester Coovert, Ona, Ore.
Ceres, Mrs. Lizzie Withey, Amity, R. F. D. No. 1.

Executive Committee
C. E. Spence, Oregon City.
B. G. Leedy, Corvallis.
C. L. Shaw, Albany.
Woman's Work Committee
Mrs. Florence Dickenson, Oswego.
Mrs. Lulu Miller, Albany.
Mrs. E. E. Blanchard, Grants Pass.

Legislative
M. M. Burtner, Dufur.
J. A. Stewart, Fossil.
Today the grange has been working upon resolutions. The afternoon session has been an open memorial meeting, addresses being made in the memory of departed members of the organization.

The entire body adjourned at 11 o'clock and went to Railroad park, where Senator Cummins delivered his first address in Oregon. This afternoon the members are being taken upon an automobile trip around the valley. They are visiting the sugar factory, and will ride down the valley among the orchards, hop yards and beet fields. Friday will be the last day of the sessions, though it is expected that it will be late at night before the work of the session is completed.

WILL ASK HOW KAISER PUNISHED COMMANDER

Washington, May 11.—The state department announced today that it was considering sending a formal inquiry with regard to the nature of the punishment inflicted upon the commander of the German submarine which attacked the British channel steamer Sussex.

CHICAGO MILITIA MAY BE CALLED TO MEXICAN BORDER

El Paso, May 11.—General Funston today is seriously considering asking the First cavalry of the Chicago militia to be brought south for duty on the Mexican border.

Funston was informed that the Chicago regiment has mounts and is ready for duty. The shortage of cavalrymen on the border led Funston to previously ask the war department for permission to mount 2,000 infantrymen. Funston today declined to comment upon the reported abandonment of the line beyond Dublin. Officials believe that this move is progressing under Funston's orders.

Funston has decided not to go to Columbus at present, but to go from El Paso direct to San Antonio as soon as Scott releases him from his connection with the Mexican negotiations.

ANOTHER GERMAN ASSAULT REPULSED

Paris, May 11.—With bayonets and hand grenades, the French during the night repulsed a German attack northeast of Verdun, it was officially announced. West of the Meuse there was nothing more than artillery fighting last night.

Though there is still artillery fighting on the Meuse west bank, the impression is again growing that the Germans are preparing to abandon their attack on Verdun. Officers are ridiculing the German statement that 800,000 French are engaged in the defense. They said that Germany caused this to be published to show the people that they confronted great obstacles at Verdun and to explain their failure to capture the citadel.

TWENTY-THREE NEGROES ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Wallacetown, Va., May 11.—Twenty three negroes were burned to death last night when an explosion wrecked the gasoline tank in a frame structure housing a motion picture theatre. The negroes fled for the exits in frantic panic. Many were trampled and crushed.

MEDFORD MAN GETS PLUM AT ROSEBURG

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson has nominated William Cannon, of Medford, Oregon, as register of the land office at Roseburg, Oregon.

BRISK ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON THE BULGARIAN FRONT

Saloniki, May 11.—Brisk artillery fighting on the northern Grecian front was reported today. The Bulgarians are reinforcing south of Monastir and throwing up defenses, evidently expecting an attack from the allies concentrated at Florina.

180 LIVES LOST IN IRISH REBELLION

London, May 11.—From the beginning of the Irish uprising until last Tuesday, 180 rebels or civilian non-combatants were killed and 614 wounded, Premier Asquith announced today. There have been 14 executions, and two death sentences have been commuted. Seventy-three rebels were sentenced to prison, six at hard labor, and 1,700 prisoners were ordered deported.

The previous official statement reported 124 soldiers and policemen killed and 388 wounded.

"UNLOCK THE WEST," IS SENATOR CUMMINS' PLEA

Presidential Aspirant Arrived in Grants Pass This Morning, and Made the First Address in His Western Campaign Before a Great Crowd of People Gathered at Railroad Park, His Remarks on Conservation of Special Interest

"Unlock the west, and open up its resources to development," was the manner in which Senator Albert B. Cummins, candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency of the United States, prefaced his remarks upon the conservation policy in his address at the Railroad park at 11 o'clock this morning. It was the keynote of his speech as it affected his southern Oregon audience, and his further expression upon the subject showed that he was not in sympathy with a policy that was so hampering the development of the west.

Senator Cummins arrived in the city at 9:30 o'clock from the south, this being his first stop upon his western tour. A large crowd was at the depot to welcome the distinguished visitor, and his appearance was greeted with the firing of the town cannon and the playing of the Moose band. As he stepped from the train he was met by a reception committee, and his arms were filled with a bouquet of glorious Grants Pass roses. Many former Iowans, including several who had known the senator in their home state, were present, and his reception was an ovation. He was escorted to the Josephine hotel, where for an hour an informal reception was held, and hundreds of ladies and gentlemen grasped the statesman by the hand.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 people were gathered in Railroad park at 11 o'clock to listen to the first address to be made by Senator Cummins upon his campaign in the state of Oregon, he having come direct to this city from the national capitol, where congress is now in session. Attorney O. S. Blanchard, a former Iowan, he having campaigned in the

eastern state with Mr. Cummins in earlier days, presided at the meeting. He first introduced J. U. Sammis, of Lemars, Iowa, who is accompanying the senator on his western tour. Mr. Sammis eloquently championed the senator in his ambition to become president, and paid glowing tribute to the work which Cummins as legislator, governor and member of the senate of the United States had accomplished for the people of his country. He told of the humble origin of the man who, born upon the farm, had always been close to the interests of the common people. Mr. Sammis also outlined the views of Senator Cummins upon such issues as preparedness, the tariff, and the Mexican troubles.

When Senator Cummins was introduced he expressed his pleasure at a return to a state that had so much to offer in the way of brilliant sunshine and invigorating air. But while the senator paid his compliments fully to the people and the climate and the resources of the west, he did not waste a great deal of time in platitudes, but plunged at once into the heart of his subject. He said that he had come to Oregon that they might know his views from him upon many of the questions of importance in the campaign, and which for him they would solve on the 19th day of the present month.

The senator, addressing more especially the members of the state grange, endorsed a system of rural credits, saying that some way or other the rates of interest upon farm loans must be reduced, the land owner presenting the best security of any class of interest payers. He said that

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ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF RAIDS AGAINST UNITED STATES SOIL IS REPORT

Marathon, Texas, May 11.—The American authorities are convinced today that an organized system of Mexican raids against United States soil is being put into execution.

Fifty Mexicans swooped down upon the town of Blocker, near Eagle Pass, looted stores and two ranches and escaped with a number of horses, according to advices received here today. No fatalities were reported.

Civilians along the border organized when they learned that two armed bands had appeared between Bouquillas and Ojinaga. A number of small border settlements are preparing to fight. The authorities believe that the bands are participating in alternative raids, maintaining a central headquarters within a short ride of the line.

Every Mexican on the American side is under suspicion, and even those who have heretofore been friendly are now distrusted. It is believed that the raiders obtain information from their countrymen on the American side and divide the loot with them.

Major Langhorne's eighth cavalry squadron encamped in Mexico last night, having crossed the international boundary near Bouquillas yesterday. They hiked from Marathon to the border, a distance of 93 miles. The troopers expected to immediately push on to Ataquilla, where the raiders are said to have their rendezvous.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alvarez, one of the captured Glenn Springs raiders, was sweated today and promised to lead the American expedition to the rescue of Jesse Deemer and Monroe Payne, American prisoners.

Alvarez said that his band had planned to meet another at Ataquilla. Major Langhorne received other information that the fugitive raiders were two days ahead and traveling slowly. Alvarez claimed, when questioned, that he was a Carranzista. Vice-Consul Vasquez, who was present at the interrogation, denounced the prisoner, and charged that he was trying to embarrass the de facto government representatives in the El Paso conference.

"I am sure the raiders were not Carranzistas," asserted Vasquez. "They were Reyistas, from Laguna district. There is no confirmation of the claim that the Carranza garrison at Bouquillas had deserted days before the raid was made."

NAVY YARD GUARD SHOOTS SUSPECTED SPY

Portsmouth, N. H., May 11.—A supposed spy leaped into the river in the navy yard today when a guard discovered him and fired a shot. The man sank from sight. Naval authorities are dragging for his body. Officials believe the spy intended to damage or obtain information about the submarine L-8.

TWO AVIATORS LOSE LIVES IN POTOMAC RIVER

Washington, May 11.—Two were probably killed and three are known to have been injured today when one of the largest hydroplanes in the country threw its propeller while flying low and dived into the Potomac river.

Those believed dead are L. Z. Grants, an aviator, and Charles Good, an aviator student. The injured men are Thomas MacCauley, pilot; Mayo Dudley, a Washington newspaper man, and Mechanician Utter. All except Dudley were from the Curtiss aviation school at Newport News.

The aeroplane, which had a passenger-carrying capacity of 16, started from the navy yard for a test flight. It traveled 10 miles. Then the propeller was hurled off while the craft was scudding low over the ground.

Dudley MacCauley and Utter were thrown out. Grants and Good clung to the pitching airship and were still with it when it plunged into the water. It is believed they are caught under the wreckage at the bottom of the river.

WILL EXECUTE NO MORE IRISH REBELS

London, May 11.—Thomas Kent, the thirteenth Irish rebel executed, probably will be the last killed unless Sir Roger Casement is convicted of treason and sentenced to death, it was stated today.

Kent was shot at Queenstown on Tuesday. This was the first execution outside of Dublin. He was found guilty of inciting rebellion in the vicinity of Case Fermey, County Cork.

Harold Tennant, Lord Derby, the Duke of Devonshire and Winston Churchill have been mentioned as possible successors to Lord Wimbourne, just resigned as lord lieutenant of Ireland.

S. P. REGULAR DIVIDEND PAYABLE ON JULY 1ST

New York, May 11.—The Union Pacific railroad today declared its regular quarterly dividend of two per cent on common stock. The Southern Pacific announced its regular dividend of one and a half per cent on common, each payable July 1.

OREGON AGGIES ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF NORTHWEST

Corvallis, May 11.—The Oregon Agricultural college baseball team is en route to Berkeley, California, today to meet the University of California in a series of games to decide the Pacific coast intercollegiate championship. The Aggies won the Northwest championship by taking the series from the University of Oregon by a narrow margin.

WARN AMERICANS TO QUIT MEXICO

Washington, May 11.—The state department, through its consuls, today again warned Americans to quit Mexico.

Reports compiled recently said that there were fewer than 3,000 Americans in Mexico and this number has probably been reduced since developments caused a massing of new troops on the border. Reiteration of Mexico's insistence that a time limit be placed on the American expedition's presence in Mexico is causing uneasiness.

Secretary of War Baker was optimistic, however, after receiving General Hugh Scott's latest word.

47 BELIEVED LOST ON THE ROANOKE

Watch for Bodies of Those Who Perished When North Pacific Liner Was Wrecked Off the California Coast

Port San Luis, Cal., May 11.—While patrols watched the breakers today for bodies of the 47 believed dead in the North Pacific liner Roanoke disaster, a wireless message came from the steamer Lansing saying that it had gone over the scene of the horror off Point Buchon and found no trace of survivors.

This radio was received at 9:30 a. m. by J. H. Sims, president of the Pacific Coast railway. It also announced that the Lansing was coming in and would arrive at 11 o'clock.

Rumors along the sea coast that another lifeboat, containing a single corpse, had been found, were not substantiated and were discredited. So far the only men known to have escaped death are Joseph F. Erb, a quartermaster, and two Mexicans, who drifted ashore with five dead bodies in a lifeboat near here last night.

Accounts of the end of Captain Richard Dickson and his wife conflict. The only man able to give a half-way coherent report of the disaster so far is Erb. He says that when his lifeboat pulled away from the doomed Roanoke after its cargo had shifted and thrown it on its beam ends, both the captain and his wife were clinging to the bridge.

The two Mexicans are suffering so from shock that they are not able to talk.

In a later statement Erb said that two lifeboats were swamped in leaving the sinking ship. One having arrived here, this leaves two unaccounted for.

The steam schooner Whittier arrived here today and reported having seen no trace of the Roanoke or its lifeboats. A heavy gale is blowing, which might make it impossible for small boats to keep afloat.

Manuel Lopez, fireman, who came ashore in the lifeboat with Quartermaster Erb and Charles Róvero, told a graphic story of the disaster this afternoon when he had partially recovered from the shock.

He declared that the crew of the Roanoke was inexperienced and, in his opinion, the cargo was badly loaded. He declared he protested to Captain Dickson and begged the skipper not to take his wife on the voyage. The steamer's destination, Lopez said, was not known to him.

Contrary to statements that the liner suddenly rolled over when hit by a big wave, Lopez asserted that it began to list heavily several hours before it finally sank. When the steamer began to tip over an attempt was made to summon help by wireless, but the radio was found to be out of commission. Signals were then hoisted, but three ships which passed did not see them.

Finally, according to Lopez, preparations were made to take to the lifeboats. There were, he said, "about 50 or 60 persons aboard," and if the lifeboats had been properly handled Lopez said he believes that all 12 of them could have been launched. However, several caught in the davits or were capsized. Five were finally floated, but two of these swamped.

In one of the boats still missing Lopez said there was only one man, John G. Dennis, the second officer, who climbed into it alone. There are eight men in the other missing lifeboat.

Quartermaster Erb recovered sufficiently this afternoon to add more to the narrative. He said the boat

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