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OREGON WEATHER
Rain; moderate winds, mostly westerly.

CONSTITUTIONS

If the constitution of the league of nations does have hard sledding when it comes to formal ratification, it will not be at all contrary to precedent. Most Americans, in their cheerful delusion that the early affairs of the republic were conducted with miraculous unanimity, quite overlook the rocky road the constitution of the United States had to travel.

That document required about as much time to draft as the present one is taking. It was finally signed and submitted to the 13 states on September 17, 1787. The constitutional convention had agreed on it unanimously, after long debate, but there was no such agreement among the sovereign states they represented.

Only three states, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, ratified the constitution in that same year. In the following year it was ratified by eight more. Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia and New York. North Carolina did not ratify it and come into the Union until November 21, 1789, eight months after George Washington had taken his office as president; and Rhode Island waited until May 29, 1790, two years and a half after the constitution had been submitted.

The conflict of opinion over the document was as marked as this long delay. Only three state conventions approved it unanimously. Massachusetts ratified it by the close vote of 187 to 168. New Hampshire by a vote of 57 to 46, Virginia—Washington's own state, and the mother of early presidents—by 89 to 79. New York by 39 to 28, and Rhode Island by 34 to 32.

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The present constitution will probably be ratified in this country far more promptly and willingly than its predecessor was, at least if it comes before the senate with the changes now contemplated. And it may easily be ratified by all the nations involved in a shorter time than the American constitution required for ratification by the 13 states then concerned.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The council of women voters, recently proposed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, at the suffrage convention in St. Louis, has already been the subject of criticism in some of the leading papers.

As read, the articles proposed do not sound especially formidable. The first aims to secure final enfranchisement for women of all countries. The second deals with the removal of legal discrimination against women which exists in many states. The third proposes to make democracy safe for the world; and judging by European dispatches, it is high time that somebody did that little thing.

The organization is to be a "non-partisan body of women of all parties, not to promote campaign of candidates, but to work for measure." While it will seek to better conditions civil and industrial, for women and children, still, Mrs. Catt explains, "it is in no sense a body of reformers, and will take action as voters and through legislation."

Objectors to the idea see only a new party, based on sex instead of any of the time-worn party platforms, and merely substituting "the women against the men" for "the republicans against the democrats."

The Oregonian says that with the change of management in the Medford Tribune there will be "an era of better relationship with the balance of the state." There should at least be less friction between Medford and other Southern Oregon towns. The remarks of the former Tribune editor were so caustic that they were jarring, to say the least.

I. A. Robie, one of our influential citizens, suggests that republicans could not do better than to

head their national ticket with the names of Major General Leonard Wood and Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

If the billions of dollars expended for explosives during the war had been used for a better purpose, every stump on Western logged-off land could have been blown to—well, clear out of the way of all farming operations.

Portland's new rose festival slogan is "Victory-Crowned, Rose Renowned Portland." Just why the word "Victory" is used is hard to guess, unless it signifies Portland's past victories over the balance of the state.

SERIES OF MEETINGS AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

The local Church of Christ is beginning a special series of evangelistic meetings Sunday, April 6th. Elaborate plans have been made to make the effort a success. An orchestra has been organized and will play at each service. C. C. Roberts, of Fresno, Cal., has been secured as leader of songs.

Another feature in connection with this work is the publication, in the Courier office, each day during the meeting, of a folder which is to be the publicity organ. The name of the publication is "Ignition." In all about 10,000 of these will be printed. This will be distributed into every home in the community every day. The first issue appeared today.

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Social

M. E. Aid Society Have Social
The social afternoon given by the ladies of the Methodist Aid society in the church parlors on Tuesday, April 1, was pronounced by all present a decided success.

The decorations of peach and almond blossoms were beautiful and gave the desired impression for a springtime affair.

For making the best apron from a sheet of tissue paper, Mrs. Wilson was awarded the first prize and Mrs. Treat the second prize, though the array of aprons was enough to puzzle those who were called upon to decide which was best. To Mrs. E. A. Wade was given the prize for composing the best poem on a spring tople. The refreshments consisting of tamales, wafers, chess cakes and coffee were enjoyed by all.

Birthday Dinner

Mrs. N. E. Townsend entertained Monday with a dinner party at the family home at 621 A street, the affair being the celebration of Mr. Townsend's anniversary and was given as a surprise. Carnations and daffodils were used in the decorations. After dinner conversation and music was enjoyed by the guests. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Townsend, and Miss Mordoff, and James, Leonard and Norman Kendall.

Iota Upsilon Gamma Dance

The first Iota Upsilon Gamma dance, a masquerade, was given last Saturday evening at the Guild hall. There was a wide variety of clever costumes and a great deal of fun was added to the evening's entertainment by the attempts to identify the masqueraders. Only club members, of whom there are 30, were present. The hall was attractively decorated in daffodils, and colored shades adorned the lights. The young people danced until 11:30, and delicious fruit punch was served to the thirsty couples between dances. All enthusiastically report a good time, and eagerly anticipate another. The Iota Upsilon Gamma members are: Misses Katherine Bridges, Edna Cornell, Beulah Williams, Vernetta Quinlan, Lynetta Quinlan, Muriel Meyers, Anna Branwell, Charilla Tetherow, Marion Sabin, Remob Tryer, Voona Williams, Cleo Roberts, Gretchen Clemens, Marjorie Niles, Isabelle Rengstorff and Thelma Robinson, and Messrs. Waldo Baker, Harold Isham, Keith Edgerton, Eugene Murphy, Jack Cline, Cedric Fields, Arthur Close, Harold Lundburg, Landa Gillette, Geo. Booth, Whitney Allyn, Ralph Bobzien, Geo. Riddle and Leonard Kendall.

All kinds of legal blanks at the Courier.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The girls' team of the high school was the winner in a basketball game Thursday with the Murphy team, the score at the finish being 31 to 3. A preliminary game played by the sophomores and freshmen resulted in a score of 21 to 7, in favor of the freshmen. A return game with the Murphy team is to be played in the near future.

Professor Imel, instructor of French and military drill, is out of the city this week, and during his absence the French classes are under the supervision of Miss Berenice Quinlan. Military drill is being conducted by Mr. Bauer, of the local recruiting office. Both branches are progressing as usual.

The faculty and students of the high school are looking forward to Colonel Leader's visit which is to be paid Grants Pass in the near future. While here he will visit the High school and review the boys in their military drill.

A tennis club has been organized at the high school, with Mr. Wardrip as supervisor. A syllabus is being studied and the different strokes mastered, after which a tournament will be held, the different members of the club participating. The courts are to be put in shape immediately.

Rehearsals for the senior play are being held nightly at the High school building, and a resemblance of a plot is emerging from the first week of real practice. The characters are already becoming life-like under Mrs. Gunnell's excellent interpretation and guidance.

COMING EVENTS

April 7, Monday—Illustrated lecture by Prof. Reed, O. A. C.
Apr. 7, Monday—Mrs. Florence Ewell Atkins speaks at Chamber of Commerce luncheon and at 2:30 p. m. at Baptist church.
April 14, Monday—Colonel Leader speaks in Grants Pass.

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No. of people in family.	Range wattage.	Light wattage.	KW. hrs. consumed	Cost for month.	Water heater wattage.	Cost for water heater	Total cost.	Average Light bill.	Average cost for range
3	6,000	750	246	\$ 7.16	1000	\$ 3.50	\$10.66	\$2.20	\$ 8.46
5	6,000	1000	185	6.10	1000	3.50	9.60	2.20	7.40
4	6,000	1200	313	7.83	1000	3.50	11.33	2.20	9.13
2	6,000	650	172	5.84	1000	3.50	9.34	2.20	7.14
Total 14	24,000	3600	916	\$26.93	4000	\$14.00	\$40.93	\$8.80	\$32.13

An average KW hour consumption per family of 229 KWH for lights and cooking with 14 persons in four families—an average of 4.6 persons per family. Total of 1260 meals for four families at a cost of \$.021 per meal for lights and cooking; an average monthly cost of \$6.74 per family for cooking and lighting. An average monthly cost of \$10.24 per family for cooking, lighting, and 1000 watt water heater flat. The old flat rate of \$8.00 for cooking and water heater, plus an average light bill of \$2.20 made a monthly cost of \$10.20, while under our present meter schedule an average cost of \$10.24 as above.

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