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SCHOOL STUDENT BODY BUY LAURELWOOD FIELD AT COST OF ELEVEN THOUSAND

Students to Take Unprecedented Step in School History by Purchase of 17-Acre Tract for Use by the School for Athletic Contests.

The need of an athletic building, the student body of the Roseburg high school took one of the biggest steps in the history of any school in Oregon by deciding to purchase a 17-acre tract of land in Westwood addition in Westwood at an approximate cost of \$11,000.

The property which is to be included in the wooded athletic field, the grand-stand that is known as the property, and a strip of land extending from the street to the river which property of A. J. Bellows, is over eleven acres in size and is one of the most beautiful spots in the city.

It is considered beyond a doubt the most commendable which could have been made by the energies of high school students. The whole responsibility of the purchase of the property has been taken upon the shoulders of the students themselves and the support which they are giving to the purchase of the property is a commendable step which has been taken by a unanimous vote of the student body.

It was decided that all the money which has been raised by the student body should be used for the purchase of the property. The student body has already raised \$10,000 and the balance of the \$11,000 will be raised by the sale of bonds.

The purchase of the property will make the Laurelwood field a very popular place in the city. The student body is able to secure the help of some club or individual in improving it and installing convenient park benches and equipment.

PROMINENT MEN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, April 23.—"Pussyfoot" Johnson, the reformer; Dr. F. Scott, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, Dr. A. E. M. Cooke, of Vancouver, B. C., and Governor Pat Neff of Texas are scheduled as speakers at the conference of the Anti-Saloon League of Washington, Idaho and Oregon to be held in Portland June 3 to 5.

Various other organizations, including the Women's Christian Temperance Union, have been asked to take a part in the conferences whose object will be to stimulate prohibition enforcement, particularly by increasing public sentiment favorable to enforcement. The meeting is being called according to an announcement in recognition of the tremendous propaganda which is "being carried on to nullify prohibition and discredit the law."

Governor Walter M. Pierce has pledged cooperation to the congress.

AMERICANS IN JAPAN GUARDED

Property and Lives of American Residents of Tokio Being Protected.

PRECAUTION IS URGED

Although Speakers Attack United States as Nation, They Caution Hearers Against Violence.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) TOKIO, April 23.—Reports on the American immigration legislation as it affects Japan were submitted to a meeting of the privy council today by Premier Kiyoura and Foreign Minister Matsui. It is understood the council general endorsed the government's conduct in the matter.

Extra precautions have been ordered by the police to protect the persons and property of American residents of Tokio. Although some "patriots" are distributing handbills warning of the approach of a Japanese-American war, thus far there have been no untoward incidents. Many speakers, while bitterly attacking the United States as a nation, are cautioning their audiences against violence to citizens pointing out that this would be a boomerang to Japan.

There are indications the government will maintain its policy against retaliation and will be able to enforce it. Calmness prevails in Tokio due partly to a still lingering hope that President Coolidge will veto the anti-Japanese amendment to the bill and partly to the realization of leaders here that retaliation in any form not only would be futile but also would result in greater damage to Japanese than to America since economic relations between the two countries are more vital to Japanese than to Americans.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) OSAKA, April 23.—Resolutions appealing to President Coolidge to veto American immigration legislation which would exclude Japanese from the United States were adopted here today at a mass meeting attended by several thousand Japanese.

POSSE SURROUNDS ALLEGED SLAYER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LUBBOCK, Texas, April 23.—A man believed to be a maniac and the unidentified slayer of Dr. S. H. Windham, Monday night, killed a second man this morning, shortly after daybreak. He is reported to be surrounded in an abandoned house several miles from Brownfield, Texas, and a citizens' posse of more than 300 men is making an effort to capture him.

DETECTIVES SEEK BRUTAL MURDERER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, April 23.—Detectives seeking the man who yesterday killed Martha Gratke, 15 year old girl who was choked, beaten and stabbed to death, were today trying to find the girl's father, George R. Gratke, who had left his family some time ago, in the hopes that he might be able to give some information, although officers declared they did not connect him in any way with the crime.

Finger prints on a stove poker which had been broken in beating the girl and a broad knife which had been used in stabbing the girl were being taken today by detectives. The only tangible clue that officers had this morning was the description of a stranger, in a shabby light suit, and with long hair, who was seen to enter and leave the Gratke home yesterday afternoon about two hours before the victim's body was found by her sister who returned home from school about four o'clock. The girl's mother had been working and Martha had been staying at home keeping house. She was alone yesterday when the stranger entered.

COOLIDGE WINS IN NEW JERSEY

President Captures Entire State for Republican National Convention.

IS STILL GAINING

Belated Returns Show Lead Being Increased in Spite of Opposition Uncovered in Own Ranks.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Coolidge's lead over Senator Hiram Johnson, mounted to more than 87,000 votes today as delayed returns from outlying districts in yesterday's preferential primary were reported.

With all but 328 of the state's 2514 election districts heard from the vote was:

Coolidge: 98,656; Johnson: 11,438.

The vote for the Coolidge delegate gave space, the Johnson candidates being decisively defeated in every instance.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEWARK, N. J., April 23.—President Coolidge overwhelmed Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California in the New Jersey preferential primary. With 479 election districts still unreported the president had a lead of nearly 80,000 votes, which was being increased by belated returns.

President Coolidge captured the entire state of 31 republican national convention delegates; seven of whom were elected at large and 24 by districts. The Coolidge delegates at large were leading Senator Johnson opponents by approximately 79,000 votes while in the congressional districts the Coolidge candidates were well ahead in every contest, although there were divisions within the Coolidge forces and the anti-saloon league opposed two of the Coolidge delegates at large.

Returns from 2025 election districts out of 2514 in the state gave for presidential preference:

Coolidge 90,274; Johnson 10,487.

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LA GRANDE, Ore., April 23.—Mrs. Charles R. Shuey was killed and Mrs. John Thomason was injured late yesterday when the car in which they were riding together with Mr. Thomason's 5 year old boy and driven by Mrs. Shuey turned over on the Mount Gleason road about seven miles from here. The car, according to Mr. Thomason had stalled after crossing a narrow culvert and while attempting to climb down a small hill, Mrs. Shuey had back the car down the hill successfully twice, but on the second time had turned crossways in the road. Upon starting again, Mrs. Shuey either released the clutch too quickly or gave the engine too much gasoline causing the car to land in a ditch, bottom-side up.

Mrs. Shuey's head was pinned under the car door and she died in a few minutes. The boy escaped unhurt.

RAILWAY HEARING ON IN PORTLAND

Public Service Commission's Application Resumed Before Examiner.

LOCAL MEN SPEAK

Attorney Compton and Foster Butner Represent Umpqua Valley Interests in Plea for Road.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, April 23.—Hearing of the application of the Oregon State Public Service Commission for an order by the interstate commerce commission to require railroads to furnish facilities for central Oregon was resumed here today, having been suspended recently while the railroads were presenting their side of the case. Examiner C. I. Kephart re-opened the hearing today. The recent hearing was before Examiner Warren H. Wagner. This will necessitate two reports to the commission.

When the recent hearing was suspended the railroad companies had introduced several witnesses who opposed the contention of central and eastern Oregon witnesses and others that the proposed extensions were necessary.

(Special to the News-Review.)—The Oregon Public Service Commissioners declared today that the testimony of Attorney Ray B. Compton, representing the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, and Foster Butner, speaking for the fruit, vegetable and other interests of the Umpqua Valley to be exactly what they needed to complete the case for the Central Oregon railroad. Eastern Oregon communities were represented by a large delegation, but the Commission expressed regrets that other western counties were lacking in their support.

The Roseburg men presented testimony showing the need for a shorter route east for broccoli and other perishables, as California now has a two day's start on the Umpqua Valley in the race for the Eastern market. It was also shown that there is a need for a better connection, between Eastern and Western Oregon. This benefits to be expected from the railroad and the tonnage which the Union Pacific would obtain and the benefit to the lumbermen and stockmen were discussed. The attitude of the Southern Pacific is that they are entitled to the long haul on all business originating on their line regardless of the interest of the shippers.

Roseburg shippers are greatly interested in the outcome of this hearing, for if the application is granted this city will have a better shipping route and the time in getting perishable goods to the east will be greatly lessened.

Attorney Ray B. Compton is in Portland representing the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, and Foster Butner is representing the broccoli and produce growers of the Umpqua Valley. The local men are stressing the importance of the proposed railroad in getting perishable agricultural products from the Umpqua Valley to the Eastern market centers.

SENATE TURNS DOWN CASH OPTION PROPOSED AS AMENDMENT TO THE SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL

Senate Convenes Early to Take Up Bonus Measure—Senator Underwood Launches Attack on Bill—Says Passage Would Reflect Upon Loyalty of Veteran—Amendments Turned Down.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 23.—The senate passed the soldier bonus bill late today.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 23.—A cash option amendment to the insurance soldiers' bonus bill was turned down today by the senate. The action disposed of the major controversy on the measure and cleared a way for its early passage in substantially the form it passed the house.

The cash option proposal, which had been offered by Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, was defeated 47 to 34.

Support has been pledged the bill by republican leaders regardless of a possible veto by President Coolidge and Commander Quinn of the American Legion has announced a poll of the senate shows it can be passed over a veto.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 23.—A final vote on the soldier bonus bill was delayed in the senate today by submission of a flock of minor amendments most of which were rejected.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 23.—Convening two hours earlier than usual, the senate pressed toward a vote today on the soldier bonus bill with each speaker limited to fifteen minutes.

The principal controversy centered on the amendment for inclusion in the bill of a cash option provision, offered by Senator Copeland, democrat, New York.

Opening the debate today, Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, reviewed the attack against the bonus. He advocated a pension law, but declared it impossible to compensate the former soldiers for their service.

"You dishonor these protectors of our nation by offering them dirty dollars," Mr. Underwood said, "or by proposing to give them these insurance policies.

"The man who fought on the first line of battle will have to carry this country in the next 20 years. You very cunningly fixed this bonus so that it won't be paid for 20 years and propose that these men instead of you will have to pay for it.

"Your adding under this legislation an enormous tax to an already heavy burden. The doctors disagree as to the cost of the bill. One estimate says it will cost \$2,300,000. The treasury actuary, Mr. McCoy says it will cost \$3,600,000, and the treasury department is probably right."

"A price must be paid for everything worth having," Senator Underwood said, "that is true of government—the most essential factor in civilization. You pay in loyalty, in service as well as in taxes. The 'bond' every citizen is born under is carried in that section of the constitution providing that congress

has the power to raise and maintain armies. The duty can not be measured in money.

"I want it distinctly understood that I shall vote against any bonus measure presented here. It would be a reflection on the service given by my son."

"Yet, the senator would reflect on it by letting war profiteers keep their profits," declared Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa.

"That is not the issue here," returned the Alabama senator. "They already are hidden behind tax exempt securities."

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 23.—An amendment offered by Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, proposing to give the veterans' bureau sole control over loans allowed on the insurance policies was defeated 43 to 35.

The senate then approved, 42 to 38 an amendment by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, to relieve veterans from paying compound interest to the treasury upon the redemption of an hypothecated certificate.

NEW LEADS IN BRIDGE PROBE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, April 23.—A. E. Eberhart, salesman for the Union Bridge company, testifying before the county probers, was said to have furnished a number of leads for further investigation. He will complete his testimony Thursday.

Eberhart said he told the investigators that he had heard of rumors of graft in connection with the appointment of bridge engineers, but that he had no direct knowledge the county commissioners were involved.

C. H. Purcell, district engineer for the United States bureau of public roads; W. W. Lucius an engineer who applied for the bridge job and F. J. Osterman, assistant division engineer for the O. W. R. & N. company were other witnesses. All said they had heard rumors to the effect that the bridge engineering job was for sale for \$50,000 and others, but that they had not been approached.

According to a special dispatch to the Portland Telegram, from Des Moines, Iowa, Barney Marsh, bridge engineer of Des Moines, denied a story told by a witness yesterday to the effect that he had said he offered \$50,000 for the job of the bridge engineer of Multnomah county in an effort to verify reports that the job was "for sale." Marsh was quoted as saying the statement is not only untrue, it is ridiculous.

REV. O'DELL ON STATE RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, April 23.—A. D. Boserman of Portland, was elected president of the Oregon council of religious education at the convention of state Sunday School workers here today. Other officers elected are:

Mrs. C. J. Edwards, Tillamook, first vice-president; Stewart Odell, Roseburg, second vice-president; James Corbellison, Pendleton, third vice-president; Charles J. Barnard of Portland, treasurer. The executive board intends to amend the constitution to permit the election of a secretary and has suggested the name of Ernest Peterson, who has served as secretary for some time. Heretofore, the board has had a secretary-treasurer, Charles J. Barnard.

Members of the executive board elected this morning are: Peterson, Charles J. Barnard, C. A. Staver, Edith Shaw, Harley Hagren, A. A. Larimer, Rev. Earl Debois, Charles A. Rice, Dr. J. Earl Rice, H. G. Colton, A. A. Morse, F. A. Douly, B. M. Fish, A. of Portland, and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson of Hood River.

up a large territory now almost entirely undeveloped, and also giving all of western Oregon better connections with the states to the east.

PROMPT ACTION SAVES FARM HOME

Prompt assistance on the part of neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blakely of Glide, saved their home yesterday when fire broke out in the attic. How the fire originated is not known, but it had a good start when occupants of the building smelled smoke and discovered the source. Fortunately the fire was all inside and was impeded by lack of air. The telephone was put into use to spread an alarm, and neighbors quickly responded. A hole was cut through to the attic and a bucket brigade succeeded in controlling the blaze before any great amount of damage was done.

At the Terminal—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Armstrong of Medford arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days here attending to business matters. Mr. Armstrong is the government livestock inspector. They are registered at the Terminal Hotel.

DO YOU KNOW THAT
• Douglas county had 61,189
• head of sheep in 1923?