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## C. N. McARTHUR IS TO LECTURE HERE

### DUNNIWAY IS ANOTHER BIG MAN ON PROGRAM

Oregon-Idaho Development Congress Sends Names of Several Important Speakers For La Grande Congress—Dunnway, Speaker McArthur and Saxton of Baker City on The List—Locally, Much Preparation Underway.

Clinton N. McArthur, speaker of the Oregon house in the 1909 session, will be one of the speakers on the program to be carried out by the Oregon-Idaho development congress when it meets in La Grande this month. A letter was received this morning by Publicity Manager Fred B. Currey from E. Hofer the chairman of the executive committee of the congress, that McArthur will be here and will lecture on "A Greater Oregon." This bit of news will be welcomed.

In addition to the speaker, other lecturers were secured yesterday according to the letter. Some of these are: Hon. Willis S. Dunnway, of Portland, on the subject "A Businessman on Irrigation" and F. M. Saxton of Baker City on the subject "The new Oregon Water code."

Arthur P. Stover the government irrigation expert at Portland has all but decided to come and it will not be surprising if his presence can be announced in a few days.

Locally every day sees some new phase in the matter of entertainment for the guests. The city is already known as the convention city of Eastern Oregon and the commercial club must ever be up on its toes to maintain the high stand set by other organizations in the past.

### LADIES HONORED.

Several From La Grande Draw Places on Official Slate.

Several La Grande ladies were re-elected to offices in the missionary meeting of the Eastern Oregon presbytery of the Presbyterian church at Baker City which closed last evening. A Baker City lady was elected to succeed Mrs. J. K. Wright. Those to be given offices from La Grande are: Mrs. H. R. Hanna, recording secretary; Mrs. Kirk, box secretary and Mrs. W. S. Seeman treasurer.

### CHANGE AT SCENIC.

There will be a complete change in the program at the Scenic tonight. This means in vaudeville and moving pictures as well. The pictures are up to snuff and will please any audience. The vaudeville people have something better than they have ever put on before. Better see it, if you don't want to miss something!

## BLACKMAILING BY YOUNG GIRLS

### SEATTLE MAN ALLEGES SERIOUS CHARGES ARE FALSE

SEATTLE, April 16.—Frederick M. Newberry, a real estate dealer, and claiming to be a cousin of Truman H. Newberry, former secretary of the navy, is in jail here in default of 2,000 bail, accused of detaining several girls under 12 years in his office. They have made charges against him. Newberry says he has a wife and family at Dayton, Ohio. The maximum penalty for this crime is life imprisonment, but Newberry says it is a case of blackmail.

## LINK PORTLAND TO BUTTE MONT.

### ENGINEERS ALREADY IN FIELD GETTING SURVEYS

Central Oregon And Idaho to be Tapped by Electric Line of Enormous Length—Will Build Thirty Miles Out of Portland at Once—Two Hundred Thousand Available Now For Construction—Coming Through John Day.

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 16.—Portland will be linked with Butte, Mont., by an electric line 300 miles long across the interior of Oregon and Idaho into Central Montana. It is to be promoted by Portland, Butte and Baker City Electric Railroad, which has just been incorporated with H. C. McAllister, the master fish warden of Oregon, as president.

The first 30 miles will be built at Portland, and be extended through the John Day valley. Men are already surveying over the Cascade mountains. Two hundred thousand dollars are available for the construction purposes, and the promoters will send engineers out immediately.

### NEW MAIL SUPERINTENDENT.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Frank W. Valle, of Oregon, was today selected as superintendent of the new 13th division railway mail service with headquarters at Seattle. Salary three thousand.

### Raise Treasurer's Bonds.

WALLOWA, April 16.—The treasurer of the city does not give bonds enough. Such is the opinion of the City council and at their meeting Friday night they instructed the ordinance committee to frame an ordinance fixing the treasurer's bond at not less than \$2,000.

## PETITION FOR ELECTION NEAR

### WATER-PROOF PETITION TO REACH CITY TOMORROW

A Petition Said by American Light & Power Company Attorneys to be Flawless Will Arrive Immediately And Must be Signed by Taxpayers at Once—Permanent Survey to go on While Special Election is Being Held.

Word has been received by the city officials from the American Light and Water company that the petition for the water bond election, in the form approved by their attorneys, and a method of procedure to be followed after the petition has been signed, was mailed from Chicago on the 14th. The petition should reach La Grande tomorrow. The next work to be done, in order that there may be no further delay in the matter of obtaining pure water, is for the progressive citizens of La Grande to sign the petition. After the requisite number of voters have done this, it will be filed with Recorder Cox, who will then post notices, calling an election. The election, however, cannot take place for sixty days after the notices are posted.

In the meantime the permanent survey will have been completed by Engineer Pickler, who started for the head of the proposed pipe line the day before yesterday, but had to turn back on account of snow. About Monday, with a force of several men, he will begin the work from this end, and think that the snow will melt fast enough so that he may push the work to completion.

The contracting company will have all preparations for actual construction of the system completed by the time the election is held, and next fall La Grande children will be drinking pure mountain water, and La Grande parents need not be in fear of typhoid all the time.

The Observer has many times reiterated the fact that the city is at absolutely no expense in holding this election, made necessary by a slight irregularity in the proceedings connected with the former bond election, and we wish to repeat that every cent of the expense will be born by the American Light and Water company, the people who have contracted to install the system.

## HANGING SCENE AT WALLA WALLA

### PHILIPPINO MURDERER DROPS TO DEATH WITH CROSS AT BREAST

WALLA WALLA, April 16.—Juan Nicolas, a Filipino, was hanged here at 4:30 this morning for killing James Brown, mistaking him for a deputy sheriff against whom he had a grudge. He then killed a Filipino boy because he couldn't find the boy's father whose death he sought. The shooting was the result of jealous rage.

The prisoner walked calmly up the 17 steps to the scaffold. To his breast he pressed a cross. He dropped after standing on the trap two minutes, still holding the cross to his breast. He confessed to Captain Joyce, of the 14th Cavalry, declaring the shooting was an accident.

### FULTON DECLINES JOB.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A telegram from C. W. Fulton of Oregon, declining the ministership to China was received today by President Taft.

### ASYLUM INMATES ESCAPE.

Two Get Away, But Third is Injured in Fall From Window.

SALEM, April 16.—Attempting to escape from the insane asylum at midnight Wilson O. Hall, from Klamath county, fell 40 feet from a third window and fractured an ankle. Two others escaped. They made rope of bedclothes, but the rope parted with Hall, who weighs 200 pounds.

### WALLACE POKER ENDED.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 16.—For the first time since the "Last Chance" saloon in Wallace in 1886, poker was stopped here by Sheriff John Moffit, of Shoshone county. This is the last form of gambling.

### TAFT HOME AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—President Taft returned to the capitol today, Mrs Taft remaining in New York.

## EDITOR SCOTT IS RECOGNIZED

### OREGONIAN EDITOR WILL BE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Harvey Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian will be the next American Ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson, according to reports. This will probably not be announced officially for several days. He will go on the slate of diplomatic appointments, hanging scene.

### THE STARTING GUN.

SEATTLE, April 16.—Mayor McClellan of New York, was presented with a gold mounted revolver, with which he fired the shot starting the great ocean-to-ocean auto endurance race on June 1.

Dick Hennessey, who two years ago lived here, but is now located at Starbuck, is in the city today from Hot Lake visiting friends. Mr. Hennessey is taking treatments at the sanatorium.

## TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST RESULTS FROM FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Sixty men dead, and eight seriously injured, and it is feared at least 15 more bodies are in the ruins of the St. George, a tenement destroyed by fire this morning. Four bodies has been recovered. A victim giving his name as Charles C. Cartwright, who says his brother lives near Salem Oregon, is believed to be dying.

The building is a fire trap. A protest was made when it was built after the fire, as it was filled with tiny rooms, when the fire started some had no chance to escape they were burned up like rats.

The narrow halls are quickly filled with struggling bodies. Several dropped from effects of smoke, unable to find their way out. The building was a frame structure and burned like tinder. Three firemen are crushed by the walls.

Eight small buildings adjoining were destroyed. Total property loss two hundred thousand. Officer W. F. Kruger, by his bravery, saved several by rushing into the burning building and dragged them out.

At noon 40 lodgers were reported missing, with a bare possibility that some of them are living, though it is doubtful. Wreckage of nine buildings is still afloat, although firemen have been playing streams all day. Rescue parties have been retarded, flames cutting them off from where the bodies are buried. It is unlikely that more bodies will be recovered for hours. Until then accurate figures on dead, are unknown. Bodies recovered so far are charred beyond recognition.

## BOODLING BOARD MEMBER TESTIFIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 16.—Fred Nichols, one of the boodling and former supervisors to whom immunity was granted, today took the stand in the Calhoun trial, recited how his vote was purchased for the overhead trolley franchise by Calhoun, he

## BLOOD SPILLED IN ASIA MINOR

### AMERICANS AMONG THE CHRISTIANS SLAUGHTERED

Racial And Religious Wars Raging in Minor—Occasioned by Uprising in Turkey—Germany, England And America Will Intercede—Meagre Dispatches Say Americans Were Killed—Officers Resign to Avoid The Axe.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Two Americans were killed in rioting Adana, according to a cablegram from Ambassador Lelshman, at Constantinople. Many homes at Adana were pillaged and burned. A racial war is slowly spreading throughout Asia Minor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 16.—Sixty Armenians and a German interpreter of the British consulate were killed today at Adana, Asia Minor, by fanatical Mohammedians who have declared war against Christians.

The uprising is believed to be a result of the revolt at Constantinople. Germany and England will undoubtedly interfere.

### OFFICIALS RESIGN.

ATHENS, April 16.—Tewfik Paspa resigned as Grand Vizier of Turkey today when he heard troops advancing toward Constantinople from Salonica. Members of the new cabinet expected to resign.

### YOUNG TURKS ARE INSTIGATORS.

SALONICA, April 16.—Two battalions of soldiers are marching against Constantinople today determined to overthrow the new regime and place Young Turks in power. The movement was inspired by Young Turks who were driven from here by the new regime.

Ahmed-Riza, the deposed president of the parliament has arrived here and has begun organization of a provisional government, which will soon be proclaimed.

### PORTLAND'S VOTING STRENGTH.

PORTLAND Ore., April 16.—Portland has 34,472 registered voters, as shown by registration books, which closed last night. There are 1134 Republicans, 219 Democrats and 167 miscellaneous.

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