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## BERLIN WARNS GERMANS HERE TO OBEY LAWS

AMBASSADOR WANTS SCRUPULOUS ADHERENCE TO ORDER

## DISAVOWAL OF LAW'S INFRACTIONS OFFERED

Recent German Activities in America Disavowed from Berlin Through Ambassador and Consuls Everywhere Are Urged to Impress the Berlin Desire Upon All Germans

Washington, May 18.—"As a consequence of cases which have occurred lately, German Ambassador Bernstorff has instructed all German consuls to strongly impress on German citizens their duty to scrupulously obey the laws of the United States," said an official statement from the German embassy today. Bernstorff also is urging Berlin to take energetic steps to show America Germany is irresponsible for law violations committed here.

Berlin unquestionably authorized today's statement.

The Cymric case is considered closed, unless it is definitely shown Germany violated her submarine pledge.

Rejoinder to Mr. Carter.

La Grande, May 18.—(To the Editor)—Little pleasantries or even rapier thrusts of wit enliven the tedium of a discussion but Mr. Carter's language is so couched in veiled innuendo that a person is in doubt as to whether he is being complimented or lampooned with sarcasm. I assume, however, that Mr. Carter was candid in his acknowledgments that "There is no doubt but what bonds have filled an important place in the development of many enterprises, and served a good purpose in the world," and that "Mr. Stoddard gave us quite a learned dissertation on bonds and finance in general." His qualification of these admissions does not detract from any argument I made so he practically concedes that I won the debate on the question of "Bonding the County vs. Pay as You Go." It is very agreeable when one's opponent renders a decision in his favor, and as we are in accord there is no reason why Mr. Carter should not vote "yes" on the ballot tomorrow.

Mr. Carter's reference to promoters, the sick horse, the devastation by the elements, the tax levy in La Grande or the deep snows of last winter is wholly irrelevant to the question I was discussing and which his own admissions clearly prove. The actions of promoters do not change the principles I advocated. Union County has no sick horse. She has no indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, hence the simile of flood, fire and cyclone does not apply. Street improvements in La Grande are assessed against abutting property which is entirely different from the proposed bonding of the county. Then the city furnishes the County Court House for nothing and has its own water works. If the county would pay the city for the Court House, and if a private company owned the water works the people would be taxed in another way so the tax levy would not consume all the wealth of La Grande in 25 years. Property in a town is presumed to increase in value and produce a revenue in rents and otherwise so the statement of the tax levy consuming all the value in 25 years does not hold good.

They overlook the conveniences, comforts and utilities that come from public improvements and see nothing but the isolated case of the party who perhaps finds it hard to meet his public obligations.

J. B. STODDARD.

Miss Turley Lectures.

Cove, May 18.—(Special)—Miss Anna Turley has delivered three interesting lectures in and about Cove this week in the interest of home economics. She spoke Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Lantz on fruit preparation, following her lecture the day before at the same home on economical topics. On Wednesday she spoke at Mt. Faunty Grange hall on a subject somewhat similar to the Tuesday's adding some discussion on house decoration. Miss Turley has been doing some good work in the county recently and was much appreciated.

La Grande Girl Rewarded  
Arrangements have just been completed by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, to send the boys and girls of the state who won prizes in the industrial club work at the state fair to the O. A. C. summer course. Among those who received this reward is Gertrude Courtney, of La Grande.

## TWO FACTIONS IN CHURCH TO CLASH

RADICALS AND CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS VIE.

Heterodox Resolution Opposed by Presbyterian Element at 128th Convention.

Atlantic City, May 18.—The long expected clash between the radical and the conservative elements of the Presbyterian church is likely to develop at the 128th General conference, which began here today, from the action of the Presbytery of Cincinnati demanding that the New York Presbytery be cut off from membership in the General Assembly. A resolution was adopted at the last General assembly requiring that Presbyteries admit no candidates who were graduates from theological seminaries considered heterodox in their teachings. The action of the New York Presbytery in licensing three graduates of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, against which this resolution was really directed is regarded as a direct challenge by the conservatives. The Union Seminary, although some of its faculty are members of the New York Presbytery, has no connection with that body. The other theological seminaries of the Presbyterian church are under the care of the various presbyteries in whose boundaries they are situated. One of the conservative strongholds, although there is a large liberal element there, is the presbytery of Cincinnati. Under its care is the Lane Theological Seminary, long a citadel of orthodoxy. Other presbyteries where the conservatives are strong are Chicago, where M. M. Theological Seminary is located, and Pittsburgh, which is sponsored by the Western Theological Seminary. The feeling between the New York presbytery and Cincinnati is especially strong because within the territory of each is a seminary which represents the two elements in the Presbyterian church. One of the leaders in the presbytery of Cincinnati is the Rev. Dr. William McKibbin, the head of Lane Theological Seminary. He was the prosecutor of the Rev. Dr. Henry Preserved Smith, accused of heretical teachings, a brilliant theologian who left the ungenial surroundings of Lane and is now connected with Union. The fight is on between Lane and Union, between the West and the East, between conservatism and radicalism. Owing to the delicacy of the situation delegates to the General assembly at Atlantic City decline to speak for publication concerning it, but do not conceal that they expect a battle in the conclave. Whether or not New York Presbytery will be forced out of all relations with the assembly remains to be seen. The indications are that the conservative forces will prevail and that they will at least succeed in passing a vote of censure upon the New York Presbytery for having licensed three graduates from an institution under the ban of the conservative wing. If the New York body is cut off there are many who think it means that all its property will go too. This means that the Presbyterian church will lose more than \$21,000,000. The church buildings alone are valued at \$18,220,589. The Extension committee represents more than \$2,000,000 and the Trustees of Presbytery control more than \$1,000,000. If this transpires the Boards of the church will also lose benevolences of more than \$1,500,000 annually. The total benevolences last year were \$1,574,803.

## THROWN FROM AUTO.

Elgin Woman Has Narrow Escape Near Baker.

Mrs. Mary Hooper of Weiser and Mrs. Enfree of Elgin had a narrow escape from death or serious injury yesterday afternoon in an auto accident near Pleasant Valley. They were going up hill in a Ford car, when the engine died, and before the machine could be controlled it backed over the grade, throwing out the two ladies and the little child of one of them, who was also in the car. Mrs. Hooper was pinned underneath, but Mrs. Enfree freed herself and summoned men working on the road to help Mrs. Hooper out.

Fred Tibbens, a Portland commercial traveler, came along in his car and brought the ladies to Baker. Mrs. Hooper's injuries consisted of a sprained wrist and cuts and bruises. Mrs. Enfree and the child being unhurt. They were on their way from Weiser to Elgin. The car was not badly damaged.

## PERRY MAN LEAVING.

Friends Pay Courtesies to Perry Man Soon to Take Departure.

Perry, May 17.—(Special)—Sunday morning, the 14th, Mr. John L. Carter, a member of the Perry Union Sunday School superintendency, was immensely surprised by the school when he was presented with a pretty signet ring, handsomely engraved, by the members of the entire school. Mr. Carter is leaving Perry, and as he has been working in the Sunday school here for several years past, the school decided to make Mr. Carter a small gift, to show the kind feeling and regard in which Mr. Carter is held by the officers and teachers as well as the members. The best wishes of his associates are extended to the young man, for he was a hard worker, and a faithful supporter of the local Sunday School in all its various activities.

## LIVESTOCK IN BARN BURNED DURING NIGHT

ALL GOOD SUSTAINS HEAVY LOSSES IN FIRE OF AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

## SIX HORSES, THREE COWS AMONG THE TOLL

Harnesses, Wagons, Tools, Hay, Grain and Other Valuables Go Up in Smoke on Al Good Place Early This Morning—Question of Insurance Not Determined Here Today.

Six horses, three cows, a set of new work harness, several older harnesses, wagon, tools, grain and feed, were burned this morning when at an early hour a fire of an unknown origin broke out in the Al Good barn two and a half miles northeast of La Grande.

Late this afternoon the Observer had been unable to communicate with any of the Good family, but it is reported there is no insurance.

The blaze was not discovered until the roof was about to fall in. The stock was cremated before there was any assistance available. The total damage sustained is not definitely known, but it is heavy in view of the fact that all the animals in the barn were of good types, and likewise the cows. A distressing phase of the blaze aside from the pecuniary losses is the cremation of the live stock.

## CONSULS IN MEXICO MEET TO DETERMINE TRUE STATUS

Washington, May 18.—Colonel Silby, reporting to the war department about Langhorne's victory over the Glenn Springs raiders, failed to substantiate reports which said 75 Mexicans were captured and six killed. The official statement said two Mexicans were wounded and captured.

Consul Letcher, and other American consuls have gathered at Chihuahua to compile first-hand information regarding the exact condition in Mexico. Their report will be given to Gen. Funston. Some believe the con-

## VITAL COMBAT UNDER WAY IN ALPINE CRAGS

AUSTRIANS POUND AT THE ITALIANS TO REACH NORTH-ERN ITALY.

## SOLDIERS HANG FROM ROCKS TO FIRE GUNS

Thirty-five Mile Front in Tyrol Alps Sees Terrific Pounding at Italian Ranks in Hope of Reaching Italian Soil—Summary of War From Other Angles of Fighting.

Amsterdam, May 18.—Three hundred thousand Austrians along a 35 mile front in the Tyrolean Alps are striking a terrific blow against Italians. Berlin critics intimate Austria is hurling a powerful offensive in the hope of shattering the defender's ranks and invading northern Italy. Losses in three days of fighting run into thousands. The battle is spreading eastward to the Adige river, across peaks and rocky plateaus, where soldiers cling to cliffs and fight hand to hand in narrow trails.

Italians were driven southward on a five-mile front from Pinza to upper Astico Valley.

Rome denies the Austrian claim Zegnartora was captured.

## ENORMOUS NAVAL PROGRAM PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE

Washington, May 18.—The house naval committee knocked out Secretary Daniels' five-year building program today. It agreed to construction of battle cruisers which the secretary advocated and also voted in favor of building 20 submarines.

The committee adopted a program of one year's construction and went on record favoring universal disarmament. The program expends \$180,000,000. The number of ships Daniels recommended was increased in nearly every class. Favoring disarmament, the committee called the President to do all within his power to settle international disputes through arbitration.

The following vessels will be constructed: Five battle cruisers costing each twenty million; four scout cruisers, ten destroyers, twenty submarines, a hospital ship, a fuel ship, and ammunition ship.

Battle cruisers are to have a speed of thirty-five knots with chief armament of 10 fourteen-inch guns. Eight submarines and four destroyers are to be built at the Pacific coast.

## HEARS OF ACCIDENT

Sister of Mrs. William Ash Undergoes Severe Injuries

A telegram from Los Angeles this afternoon conveys the information that Mrs. Bertha Levy, sister of Mrs. William Ash of this city, and who has frequently visited in La Grande where she has numerous acquaintances, was one of a party of five seriously hurt—some fatally—in an auto accident near Los Angeles. Mrs. Levy sustained a broken leg and severe scalp wounds. The details are rather meager but it is indicated that of the others injured some may die from the effects.

## JOHN GIRDLER IS TO LEAVE CITY

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNS OF ELECTION WITH CHAGRIN.

Man Who Rehabilitated La Grande Schools Will Move to Ogden Next Fall.

Parents and the school children of La Grande will read with regret that Superintendent of Schools John Girdler was last night elected superintendent of Ogden, Utah, schools. The matter has been under consideration at Ogden for the past several days but the final election did not take place until last evening. The school year now rapidly dying, will be Mr. Girdler's last in La Grande, which all sincerely regret, as he has had remarkable success in rehabilitating the schools of this city and putting them upon a high plane of perfection.

The Ogden schools are of course much larger than La Grande's and it is reported without authority that the salary in the new position will be \$4000.

Two Classes Cited.

Seattle, Wash., May 15.—(To the Editor)—I believe the people who are advocating the proposed bond issue can be divided into two classes:

1. Those who are pursuing their own ends under the slogan—"The Public Be Damned!"

2. Those who believe they are working towards the best interests of all concerned in advocating a bond issue.

Any argument advanced can have but little effect on those of the first class. They are but parasites clinging to the spokes in the wheel of humanity; when they dare they crawl here and there searching for an opening to "fatten-up" at the cost of human suffering. It is, however, with those of the second class that I wish to discuss this bonding question.

I am not an opponent of sane bonding or of good roads. In fact I look forward to the time when the people of Union county shall enjoy the luxury of hard surfaced roads. I do not, however, propose to stand idly by and watch a questionably fatal "overdose" administered. We can speak of the debt in terms of bonds if we prefer; the word "bond" is nothing more than a polite, unembarrassing synonym for the word "mortgage."

I wish to defend the premise that to mortgage the county, at the present time, for \$400,000 would be the poorest of business judgment—that under the abnormal conditions existing throughout the world, it would be decidedly dangerous.

The surface indications point to a paving trust back of the whole thing pulling the strings in order that they may cut another melon at the expense of the people of Union county. Let us look about and observe the plight of the other counties which have gone in over their heads—it is possible that we are not intelligent enough to profit by the mistakes of others? I believe the people are awake this time! They have about reached the limit of endurance—this is the sawlog that breaks the camel's back.

Some of the men who were responsible for the great La Grande paving boom, that we are now "paving the fiddler for," are again trying to administer application of their favorite lotion. They seem to think that because La Grande is a division point they can railroad any scheme right by the people before they realize it is even in the "home block." As I was a railroad employe for several years I am a strong advocate of "Safety First," and when we have to run over a new piece of track, believe in putting out "slow orders" and proceeding ahead under full control.

La Grande is now paying for a good deal of paving that is necessary and a good deal that is unnecessary. I consider this bonding issue a good deal of a luxury which we are not yet able to afford.

I beg of you, put on the brakes, there are dangerous turns ahead—hard-surfaced roads are slippery articles—we don't want to skid and smash a rear wheel on the rocks of debt.

Respectfully,  
ERNEST N. PATTY.

Entertainment Postponed.

The Sunday School entertainment announced to be given at the M. E. church Friday evening has been postponed to a future date.

College Girl Home.

Miss Ruth Manahan has returned from Walla Walla where she has been attending the Walla Walla college for the past year.

Former La Grander Here.

For a few hours this morning, Earl Kilpatrick, born and raised in La Grande and until recently a resident of this city, visited old-time friends in La Grande while on his way to Joseph for the extension department of University of Oregon. He reports his parents now reside in Montana and all are well. Mr. Kilpatrick will return to La Grande later in the week.

AMERICAN COURT MARTIALED.

English Will Sentence American Tomorrow.

London, May 18.—Jermiah Lynch, of New York, a naturalized American, has been arrested for participation in the Irish rebellion. He was courtmartialled yesterday, the American consul at Dublin has wired the embassy. He will be sentenced today.

## BOND ISSUE'S OUTCOME BETS EVEN AT 2 TO 1

FOES OF BONDS OFFER COIN IN WAGERS THAT THEY WIN CONTEST 2-1.

## CANDIDATES UNSTRUNG BY STRENUOUS VOTE SEEKING

Election Precincts in the County Listed Today—Swearing in Process Tomorrow Explained—Comparatively Little Interest in Most Departments of the Election Tomorrow.

On the eve of the primaries, which begin tomorrow at 8 o'clock and continue until 8, and on the date of the special bond issue election, the bond question seemingly overshadows all other interests in the votes to be cast tomorrow. As an indication of how the sentiment stands, the bets today run even money that the vote will be two to one against them. It is reported there is considerable money available on that basis.

Big Vote Anticipated.

A big vote is looked forward to, in spite of the fact that only about 5000 voters are registered. Provisions to register voters tomorrow are made by law, and as the bond question is sure to interest a heavy guard, the other questions and candidates in general will of course get considerable attention.

The candidates tonight are unstrung from a rather strenuous campaign—some of them at least. Only in one or two parts of the Democratic ticket are there contests, and the Progressives have none. The Republican ticket is loaded to the guards however, and keen interest centers there. But, on the other hand, there lacks the interest usually prevalent in the primary elections. The district attorney's office, the representative race, the sheriff's contests, and a few others of local color are keenly fought, but on the whole the old-time ginger is missing.

The Polling Places.

Tomorrow La Grande and immediately surrounding territory will cast its vote at 13 different points, about twice as many as previously. For the benefit of the citizens, the Observer has appended the following list of polling places:

Antelope—Antelope school house; Big Creek—Wright's Hall; Cove No. 1—Macabee Hall; Cove No. 2—Trippier Hall; Elgin No. 1, City Hall; Elgin No. 2—Brownell Bldg.; Elgin No. 3—K. of P. Hall; Elgin No. 4—O. E. Ryder's office; Hilgard—Hilgard School House; Hot Lake—Hot Lake Sanatorium; Imbler—Imbler Amusement Hall; Island—Island School house; Kamela—Kamela school house; La Grande No. 1—Monroe store; La Grande No. 2—City hall; La Grande No. 3—W. D. Grandy residence; La Grande No. 4—Riveria school; La Grande No. 5—Davis residence, 1403 V; La Grande No. 6 Mrs. McCully, corner Cove and Cherry Sts.; La Grande No. 7—Kammerer residence, Washington and N; La Grande No. 8—Court House; La Grande No. 9—Thorton Building, next Observer; La Grande No. 10—Methodist Church basement; La Grande No. 11—Nutter residence, 906 Washington next Scroggins; La Grande No. 12—Geddes Store Bldg.; La Grande No. 13—Vinncke's residence, corner U and N. Fir Sts.; Perry—Athletic hall; Powder No. 1 City hall; Powder No. 2—North Powder School house; Sarkey—Starkey school house, No. 52; Summerville—M. B. A. hall; Union No. 1—South Union school building; Union No. 2—City hall; Union No. 3—North Union school building; Union No. 4—Electric Theatre.

As to Swearing in.

Here is the law concerning "swearing in" on election day: "Any elector who is not registered as provided in this Act may register upon election day by giving the information provided for in Section 3 of this Act on the card provided in Section 2 of this Act, and making oath to the same before one of the judges of the election board where he desires to vote. On the back of this card he shall secure the affidavits of two freeholders who are personally acquainted with the elector and his qualifications as an elector."

The Observer office will be headquarters for election returns tomorrow night.

Motor Club Meets Tonight.

An important meeting of the Motor club will be held this evening at the city hall. All members are urged to be present, and those not members are urged to come up and be inculcated with the Speed 'em Up virus.