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CONVICTION OF BERGER REVERSED

SUPREME COURT REVERSES DECISION OF JUDGE LANDIS OVER FIVE SOCIALISTS.

SUPREME COURT CLAIMS LANDIS WAS IN WRONG

After Attack Had Been Made on His Eligibility, Judge Landis Should not Have Heard Case of Men Accused of Attempting Insubordination.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. — The conviction of Victor L. Berger and four other socialists for violation of the espionage act was reversed by the Supreme Court today, on the ground that Judge Landis should not have heard the suit after his eligibility had been attacked. Those convicted with Berger at Chicago were Adolph Germer, national secretary of the socialist party; William F. Kruse, editor of the Young Socialist's Magazine; Lewis Engdahl and Irwin St. John Tucker. They were sentenced from ten to twenty years following their conviction of attempts to cause insubordination in the naval and military forces.

WOULD ABROGATE THE AGREEMENT

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—The Railroad Labor Board has asked to abrogate their agreement fixing the basic rules of installed labor at 39 to 48 cents an hour and re-establish the rules and working conditions in effect in 1917. It is told that the railroads face bankruptcy unless relief is obtained.

ROCHDALE MEN VISITING HERE

THREE HUNDRED LOCAL MEMBERS WILL MEET TONIGHT.

League Has A Chain Of Stores, According to Officials Who Are Here.

E. O. F. Ames, president and general manager of the Pacific cooperative store, which has its headquarters at San Francisco, and J. A. McMillan, who will have charge of the Rochdale store here in La Grande, arrived in the city last night.

Tonight the Rochdale people will hold a rally at the Eagles' Hall and they will also lay the general work for the opening of the store, which was organized by Jay Diggs.

The store will open with 39 members, and the profits will seemingly go to the consumer, according to Mr. Ames and other interested parties.

The League has a chain of seemingly successful stores in Texas, Arizona, Nevada, California and New Mexico. The store at Huntington is now under the charter of the league and the stores at Baker and at Nampa, Idaho, will open in March.

LEGION MEETS ON WEDNESDAY

The American Legion will meet Wednesday evening at the Eagles Hall at 8 o'clock, for an important meeting. [illegible]

J'ever Hear This?

By [illegible] AND [illegible]

STALE NEWS.

Brannigan met O'Flaherty in the street. There was blood in the Brannigan optic:

"O'Flaherty I'm hearin' yez told McGroarty I was a dom liar! Did yez do it?"

"Indade I did not!" indignantly denied O'Flaherty. "I thought he knew [illegible]"

PENDLETON QUINTET IS DEFEATED

LOCAL GIRLS' TEAM PUTS UP STRONG FIGHT HERE SATURDAY.

Fast Teamwork is Displayed by Both Teams and Game is Full Of Pep.

In one of the fastest girls' basketball games ever played in Eastern Oregon, the La Grande high school quintet Saturday evening defeated the Pendleton girls' team by a score of 37 to 23 in the high school gymnasium.

All during the game the score ran very closely, with Pendleton just a few points behind the local girls. At the end of the third quarter, it looked like La Grande had an easy victory, and two subs went in for the locals. However, Pendleton rallied and began getting in some fine teamwork, with the result that several baskets were made. Mildred Hoyt went back in as side center and Freida Klopfenstein as forward, and the gain of the visitors was checked.

At the end of the first half, the score stood 24-7 in favor of La Grande, and when the final whistle was blown, the score was 35-23, still in favor of the local team. Mary Clark, of the Pendleton team, made 7 points, and Jane Cheney, 16 points, while for the locals, Freida Klopfenstein made 22 points and Marjorie O'Brien, 13. The La Grande team will play a return game with Pendleton at Pendleton on February 18, and are planning for a hard scrap at that game, as the two teams are so evenly matched as to speed and ability.

This coming Saturday evening, the La Grande girls will play the Enterprise team which they defeated a few weeks ago.

The line-up for the game was as follows:

Pendleton		La Grande
Mary Clarke	F	Freida Klopfenstein
Jane Cheney	F	Marjorie O'Brien
Mildred Rogers	C	Winona Lyman
Irva Dale	S	Mildred Hoyt
Marie Fletcher	G	Bernice Lofland.
Alberta Mc Monies	G	Myrtle Harlan

Pendleton subs—Catharine McNary, Emily Dohnert and Ruth Minis.

La Grande subs—Catharine Eaton and Norma Mayger.

Referee, Earl Reynolds; umpire, Eva Hansen; timekeepers, John Henderson and Harry Snodgrass; scorers, Gene Workman and Emily Dohnert.

SPEAKERS ARE WELL INFORMED

BAPTISTS OF STATE WILL HOLD CONVENTION.

February 13, 14 and 15 are Dates Set for Meeting in Portland; Good Program Planned.

The Baptists of Oregon are particularly fortunate in having the privilege of hearing Rev. C. A. Brooks, D. D., Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of Boston, and Rev. W. H. Bowler of the Board of Promotion in a conference to be held in Portland February 13, 14 and 15, at the White Temple.

Dr. Brooks has spent a year in Europe, accompanied by interpreters, penetrated into every country, save Russia, and intimately studied the European situation. Going over there, almost upon the close of the war, he saw it while it was still suffering war pangs.

Mrs. Peabody, a returned missionary from South India, and First Vice President of the Foreign Mission Society, is familiar with the needs of our Mission stations by personal contact as a missionary, by reports as an executive, and having made a tour of investigation of our mission fields, along with Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, who [illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] in Portland February 13, 14 and 15, and in Eugene on February 15th and 16th.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—The price of livestock was steady today; eggs were weak and butter firm.

ALAMEDA GIVEN RECOMMENDATION

Joint Committee Also Approves of San Diego, Sandpoint, and San Pedro.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The joint committee today recommended Alameda as the naval base site, San Diego and Sandpoint as the bases for aviation, and San Pedro as the submarine base.

PAUL SPILLMAN RETURNS HOME

SPOKE AT FARM MEETINGS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

County Agriculturist Took Place of Robert Withycombe, and Spoke on Silage and Beef Cattle.

Paul H. Spillman arrived home Saturday night after attending the meetings of the Deschutes county farmers' schools, held at Bend and Redmond Thursday and Friday. He reports that both meetings were decidedly successful.

Robert Withycombe, Superintendent of the Branch Experimental station at Union, had been engaged to speak on cattle feeding and raising in Union and it's parellelism with other counties in the state. But due to Mr. Withycombe's inability to talk, following an operation for tonsils, Mr. Spillman filled the vacancy and talked on the same subject, using silage as a food for beef cattle, as his chief topic.

Silage and beef cattle have never been connected in the Deschutes county and while the efforts have been many to induce this movement at Bend, as yet it has been quite unsuccessful. Mr. Spillman said today that he thought the meeting at both places would later prove of importance, as it was his opinion that in time the farmers in that district would realize the importance of silage.

SENATE PASSES DENNIS BILL

SALEM, Jan. 31.—The Dennis bill empowering the Circuit Judges to remand back to the juvenile court, cases of minors convicted of high crime, was passed by the senate this afternoon.

R. L. HOLLENBECK WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF AD CLUB DAY

R. B. Hollenbeck, manager of the Columbia Dairy Products company of this city, will be chairman of the Ad Club luncheon tomorrow noon at the Foley Hotel, and will have as the subject for the day, "Dairying."

Chairman Hollenbeck has urged that every business man will get out to tomorrow's luncheon, inasmuch as the subject for tomorrow, "Dairy Products," will be of vital interest to each one of La Grande's merchants.

SENTENCE OF DEBS IS NOT COMMUTED

PRESIDENT WILSON TODAY REFUSED COMMUTATION.

Recommendation Was Made to President By Department of Justice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—President Wilson today refused to commute the ten-year sentence of Eugene V. Debs for violation of the espionage act.

Recommendation Was Made.

A commutation sentence for Eugene V. Debs, effective February 12, has been recommended to President Wilson by the department of justice.

GOVERNOR OF MAINE, DIES

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 31.—Frederick H. Parkhurst, the governor of Maine, died today.

WALTER HEARD BECOMES OWNER OF TELEPHONE

BAKER, Jan. 31.—A deal was consummated in Haines last week whereby Walter Heard becomes the owner of the Haines Telephone company, and will take charge of the business on February 1. The deal includes all lines, franchises, equipment and business of the company.

BANDITS SHOOT DETECTIVES

Three Bandits Hold Up Morton Bond Company's Offices and Take $10,000.

DETROIT, Jan. 31.—Three detectives were shot and seriously wounded by three bandits who held up the Morton Bond Company's offices. Two of the detectives will probably die. The bandits escaped with $10,000 in Liberty Bonds.

THIRD REUNION ENDS WITH BALL

MANY MASONS VISIT BAKER LAST WEEK-END.

About 300 Visiting Masons from all Over Eastern Oregon Enjoy The Ceremonies.

BAKER, Jan. 31.—A Grand ball Saturday evening brought to a close the third annual reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonary "in the valley of Baker" which has been in session the past three days. The final work of the gathering was the conferring of the degrees from the 19th to the 32nd inclusive by P. S. Malcolm and other members of the order from Portland lodge on a class of 50 candidates. About 300 visiting Masons from all over eastern Oregon were in attendance upon the various ceremonies and Saturday evening all enjoyed the banquet served to them and their ladies at the high school, after which they attended the dance.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Tuesday, rain in the west, rain or snow in the eastern portion of the state.

Constantinople Is Scene Of Many Starving People

First-hand information of the awful conditions now existing among the starving peoples of the Near East, has been received in a letter to Mrs. Edna Schilke Morrison, of this city, from Captain and Mrs. Wilford H. Day, who are both engaged in American Red Cross work in Constantinople. Mrs. Day was formerly Miss Eugenia Daigle, and made her home in Marshfield. Both Captain and Mrs. Day were members of the Balkan Commission at the same time as was Mrs. Morrison. Following is the text of the letter written by Mrs. Day on November 28:

"The situation here is appalling; there are 65 ships in the harbor of Constantinople just packed with refugees who have been there for a week, cold and hungry and pleading for just a piece of bread and a little water. We go out to these ships on United States sub-chasers, which have been put at the disposal of the American Red Cross to distribute food to these people, but I cannot describe the terrible conditions.

"It is absolutely true that people are starving; some have died, some gone insane and others have committed suicide. Some say they have money and all they want is to get off the ships, but we cannot do much about getting them off as the French government has assumed control. Constantinople is already over-crowded and there is no place to put them but the French have purchased 8,000,000 francs worth of tents from the American Red Cross and they are preparing to house as many as possible in these tents but they will not be very comfortable during the cold, rainy weather.

"Some of the ships have 7,000 or 8,000 refugees on them and it was reported yesterday that there are 54 more ships coming. We are working hard to take care of the sick and wounded, but are short of beds and mattresses. The best we can do is to use straw for beds and the American Red Cross is looking after that. The Russian embassy here has been turned into a hospital and 350 women are being care for there.

"The United States Navy is giving great assistance in the way of water-transportation—it is running two boats a day to the island of Prol, where the American Red Cross is taking care of thousands of refugees from the Odessa evacuation, giving them one meal a day of sup, bread and vegetables; also cleaning and disinfecting the boats on which they live. I worked all day Thanksgiving at the canteen giving out chunks of bread and

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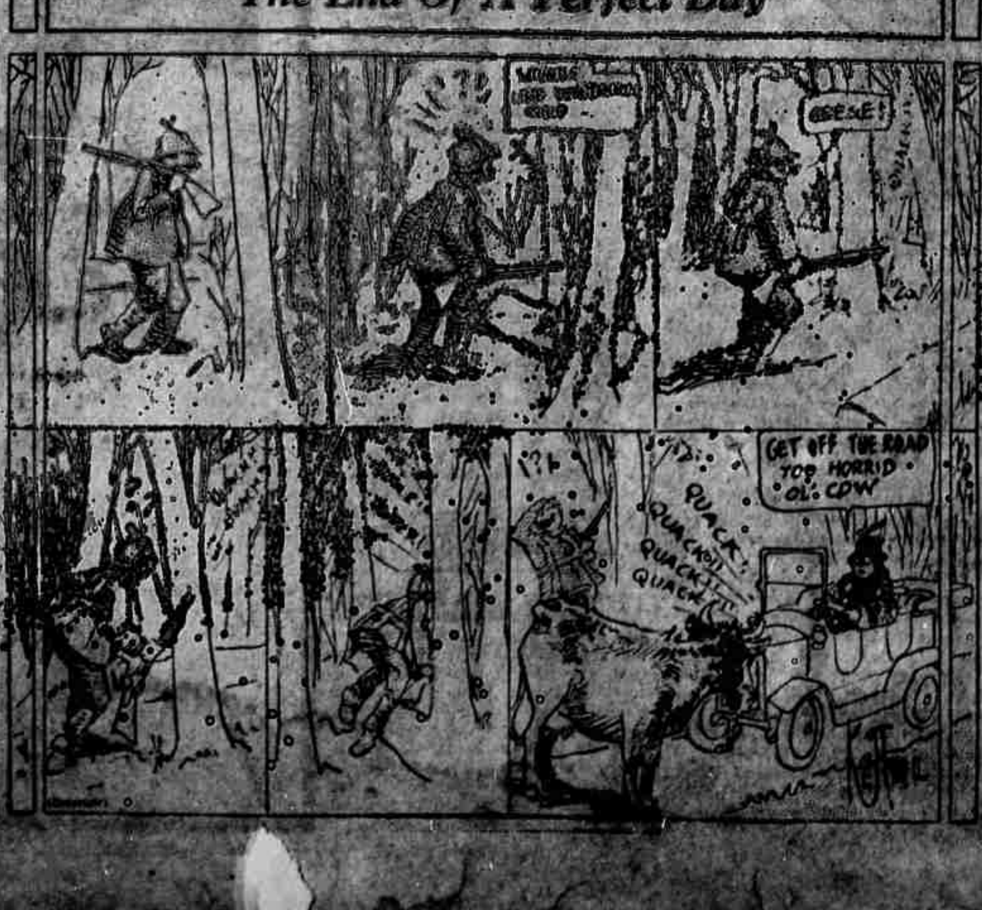
The End Of A Perfect Day



MRS. WITHERALL IS DISCOVERED IN FARM HOUSE

LOS ANGELES WOMAN PRISONER ON SHEEP RANCH.

Two Men Were Arrested in Connection With Act Said to Have Wanted Revenge.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Gladys Witherall, who disappeared Tuesday, after a strange man came to her house and told her some one had been hurt in an automobile accident and was calling for her, was found early today, a prisoner in a small house on a sheep ranch near Corona, 70 miles southeast of Los Angeles. She was unharmed. A. J. Carr and Floyd Carr, were arrested. The officers said that the two men confessed to ill feeling toward the woman's father-in-law and had kidnaped the woman for revenge and to obtain $20,000 ransom.

A telephone operator's quick wittedness led to the discovery of Mrs. Witherall. A received call for the residence of O. S. Witherall was delayed, the operator holding it up until the police had been sent to the pay station, where they arrested A. J. Carr just as he was concluding his conversation which he had promised relatives in a letter sent on Saturday. The police and Mrs. Witherall's husband and father started for the kidnappers' house at 2 o'clock. They surrounded it and broke the door and windows. They found the woman in a room with a bed and two blankets. Floyd Carr was seized when he came from [illegible].

L. H. S. DEBATE TEAM CHOSEN

WILL MEET UNION AND ELGIN [illegible]

Waldo Stoddard and Geneva Smith Form Affirmative; Grace Yeck and Willard Stone, Negative.

Geneva Smith, Grace Yeck, Waldo Stoddard and Willard Stone were the four successful candidates who will represent the La Grande high school debate team in the contests which are soon to be staged for the championship of the state of Oregon. Waldo Stoddard and Geneva Smith will compose the affirmative team, and Grace Yeck and Willard Stone the negative team. The final tryouts were held Saturday afternoon in the high school, and of the large debate group which has been working, these four were chosen for the first teams, with Harry Snodgrass acting as alternate for both teams.

The debating group, composed of Lawton Stearns, Freida Klopfenstein, Palmer Byckit and those already named have been working hard for the past eight weeks. Miss Jean Whitney the coach, has declared herself as very well pleased with the material from which to choose her team, and believes that La Grande should make a good showing in the contests which are soon to follow.

The first debate will be held on February 14, when La Grande's affirmative team will journey to Elgin and Union's affirmative team will come to La Grande to meet the local negative team. On January 21, the opposite schedule will be carried out. The winner of these three teams will be the champions for Union county and later will meet the Wallowa county champion.

The question which is being debated is, "Resolved, That Oregon shall adopt the central features of the Kansas Industrial court law."

Brady Bound Over To Grand Jury On Larceny Charge

[illegible], Jan. 31. — George [illegible] Brady [illegible] the police [illegible] was bound over by Justice [illegible] to the grand jury Saturday morning on the specific charge of robbing the house of Roscoe Nelson. The bail was set at $250. Billings, through his attorney, Lou Wagner, waived examination.

BANK ROBBED, THEN SET AFIRE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Commonwealth National Bank at [illegible]ville, Virginia, 100 miles east of here, was robbed of $110,000 and then set afire by bandits.

TURN OVER OF ALL FEES IS PROPOSED

SENATOR BELL MAY INTRODUCE PROPOSED BILL REGULATING OFFICE SALARIES.

ONE COMMISSIONER MAY BE RESULT OF BILL

Another Bill Would Provide For State [illegible] [illegible]

SALEM, Jan. 31.—A bill providing to cut off the income [illegible] from the salaries of county officers, especially [illegible] clerks and [illegible] of certain fees [illegible] by [illegible] county [illegible] Senator Bell [illegible]. The bill would require [illegible] to account [illegible] and turn over to the county treasurer all fees.

Representative Hyatt introduced a bill providing a standardization [illegible] [illegible]

Senator Ryan [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

REGISTER NOW IS C. E. [illegible]

[illegible] TO BE [illegible] [illegible] CONVENTION

Only Those Registered Will Be Counted in Determining the Attendance at the [illegible].

One of the largest Christian Endeavor Conventions ever held in Eastern Oregon is expected to [illegible] on February [illegible], when the eastern division of the [illegible] conventions is to be held in La Grande, lasting three days. The committee in charge of the arrangements headed by [illegible] expects a large crowd of young people from all over Eastern and Central Oregon, and is [illegible] particularly that all the young people in La Grande who are interested in Christian Endeavor work attend every meeting possible, not only for the sake of a good representation from our own city, but because of the real good that will be gained.

Christian Endeavor work in [illegible] is divided into Unions, and at this convention there will be considerable rivalry between the different Unions in the matter of attendance. While La Grande and the Union to which it belongs has of course the best chance of winning this honor, yet [illegible] indications are that local [illegible] will not be in so great a majority as might be expected, owing to large delegations sent from [illegible] towns and churches. It is therefore earnestly desired that all the young people in La Grande [illegible] as soon as possible [illegible] [illegible] noted [illegible] registration on the opening day of the convention. [illegible] registration, but also [illegible] attendance to the [illegible] day [illegible] Y. M. C. A. [illegible] a year's subscription to the [illegible] Bulletin, the [illegible] Endeavor publication in Oregon, should be remembered that [illegible] those registered are counted in determining the attendance [illegible] ferent Unions.

An interesting [illegible] the young people [illegible] Christian Endeavor [illegible] evening at the Christian [illegible] [illegible]