

CONVENTION OF C. E. IS IN SESSION

LOCAL SOCIETIES ARE HOSTS TO
DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS
OF EASTERN OREGON.

NOTED SPEAKERS ADDRESS THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Visitors From Many Parts of State
Gather in Annual Conclave—Birth-
day Banquet Will Be Held This Even-
ing in the Y. M. C. A. Building—
Large Crowd Expected to Attend.

The thirty-first annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Christian Endeavor met in session for the first time Friday evening at the Presbyterian church, a large number of delegates from many Eastern Oregon points attending as guests of the local Christian Endeavor societies. The keynote address last night, was made by E. P. Gates, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Gates' address was one of the most spirited talks ever given at a similar gathering in La Grande. As a speaker, Mr. Gates ranks high, and the large number of delegates listening to him talk on "The Way of Fellowship" were greatly inspired by the address. He chose his text from 1 John, 1:7.

The song services last evening were in charge of the Christian church choir, the Presbyterian church orchestra furnishing the music. Dr. J. L. McPherson, of La Grande, formally opened the convention. Miss Faye Steinmetz, of Portland, state president, explained the purpose of the convention. Her talk was followed by a Scripture reading by Rev. R. H. Coker. Following prayer under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Smith, a fellowship hour was enjoyed in the Y. M. C. A. lobby, the delegates gathering around the fireplace while Paul Brown, of Los Angeles, talked on the spirit of consecration and fellowship in the Lord's work.

This morning the convention again convened in the Presbyterian church at 8:45. The delegates responded splendidly to the song service which opened the session under the leadership of Miss Frances Smith, daughter of Rev. J. A. Smith, of La Grande. Immediately following the closing of the song services, groups of the delegates held conferences with Messrs. Gates, Brown and Clark. These conferences had for their purpose bringing the delegates into closer touch with the noted Christian Endeavor leaders who came to La Grande for the purpose of aiding the Eastern Oregon leaders in planning their work for the future effectively.

Presidents Give Talks.
Presidents of the various unions represented at the convention gave three-minute talks on "What We Have Done Best This Year," a wide range of subjects being covered by the presidents. Mr. Gates spoke on plans and methods of work, following which Miss Frances Smith sang another solo, "In the Secret of His Presence."

Rev. G. L. Clark, of Pendleton, in his happy way, spoke on the qualifications for Christian Endeavor society work. He pointed out the many and varied factors of fellowship necessary to successfully undertake the work of the society.

Miss Faye Steinmetz chose the educational movement in Christian Endeavor work as her subject for this morning's talk. Mr. Brown, who is national secretary of the intermediate work, chose his special line of endeavor work as his subject this morning. He explained the plans for graded work in the intermediate department.

The program of speaking and song services was continued this afternoon. This evening, the birthday banquet is to be held. All delegates to the convention are invited to attend this affair, which is called for 6 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, as the guests of the local endeavor societies. The evening session opens at 7:45 and will be known as the "pep" session.

Programs Tomorrow
Tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, the Life-Work Recruit breakfast will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Convention services will be held at 8:30, following which Sunday School and church services will be attended, the delegates having the privilege of choosing their places of worship. A short program, also scheduled for Sunday afternoon and evening. The evening service will take the form of an endeavor meeting with Miss Faye Steinmetz as leader. The subject of the meeting is "What the Convention Has Meant to Me." The address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. G. L. Clark, who is chosen as his subject. The meeting closes at 10 o'clock.

PRESIDENT WOULD KEEP RECRUITING

VETOES RESOLUTION DIRECTING
RECRUITING TO STOP.

Says He Does Not See Any Need For
the Reduction of the Forces
At This Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The president has vetoed the joint resolution directing the war department to stop recruiting until the force is reduced to 175,000. He said he was "unable to see, in the condition of the world or the needs of the United States, any change" justifying a restriction upon the minimum of enlisted strength of 280,000, provided for in the recently enacted army re-organization bill.

COMMUNISTS ARE ARRESTED

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Six alleged Russian communists have been arrested here, and more are expected, as warrants for the arrest of twenty-one are out.

JIMMY DARCEY WINS DECISION

EDDIE MCGOORTY ALL BUT OUT
IN THIRD ROUND.

Was Floored Twice But Managed to
Stick the Remaining Rounds—
Bosovitch is Successful.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—Jimmy Darcey, Portland middleweight, won the ten-round decision over Eddie McGoorty, of Oshkosh, Wis., last night. McGoorty was all but out in the third round when floored twice, but managed to stick the remaining rounds. Frankie Bosovitch, Portland welterweight, knocked out Tony Freitas, of Petaluma, in the second round of their scheduled six-round bout.

EGGS DECLINE IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The decline of eggs today brought the best offer to country shippers of 32 cents. The wholesale price of 35 cents for candled, and 35 cents for select. The dealers were retailing their best stocks at 40 to 42 cents a dozen.

Darland Hotel Changes Hands—
The Darland Hotel was sold to Mark Stillin yesterday afternoon by H. C. Lawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Lawyer will leave in a few days for Portland. The deal included the furniture and the lease held on the building by Mr. Lawyer. The La Grande Investment company and the Peram Land company negotiated the transaction.

Assumes New Duties—
Mr. and Mrs. Armin Nix have arrived in the city from Buhl, Idaho, and will make this city their home in the future. Mr. Nix is an experienced newspaper man and comes to La Grande to take up the duties of city editor for the Observer.

Divorce Case is Heard—
The divorce case of Mrs. Ora Buchholz vs. Buchholz, was heard Thursday afternoon before Judge Knowles. R. J. Greene appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant did not appear against Mrs. Buchholz, who asked for a divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Judge Knowles has not as yet made a decision.

WILL TAKE UP SPECIAL WORK

Dr. Lee Bouvy leaves tomorrow evening for Boston, where he will take up special graduate work. Dr. Bouvy also expects to visit with friends in New York and Philadelphia while away, and on his return trip, will call at the hotel. He expects to be gone three months. Sunday at the end of that time, will return to La Grande to again be associated with his brother, Dr. M. Bouvy.

SCHOONER KLAMATH IS ASHORE

ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW
ARE LANDED SAFELY IN
WIRELESS REPORT.

STEAMER CURACAO IS STANDING BY TO GIVE AID

Wireless Tells of the Disaster at
Point Arena, 100 Miles North of
San Francisco, of Steamer Which
Left San Francisco Last Night
for Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—The steam schooner Klamath, bound for Portland with nineteen passengers and a crew of thirty-six members, went ashore at 2:15 this morning off Point Arena, 100 miles north of San Francisco.

A wireless from Captain W. A. Hall of the steamer Curacao, which is standing by, said that all were landed safely. The message said the ship is rolling and pounding heavily on the bluff and had two lines out forward to the bluff.

The Klamath's wireless reported a short time after she had struck, that Captain Thomas A. Jamieson thought he had a line ashore, but that the wireless aerial was falling. The Curacao could not locate the Klamath until dawn. The Klamath went ashore in a wind of 85 miles an hour. The Klamath is operated by Charles McCormick company, and is a boat of 1985 tons capacity. She left San Francisco last night with four passengers bound for Seattle and the remainder for Portland.

PLOWING GAGES WHEAT ACREAGE

D. E. STEPHENS WILL EXPLAIN
RESULTS AT FARMERS' WEEK.

Loss of One Bushel per Week in
Wheat Crop on Ground Plowed
After April 15, Is Told.

A loss of one bushel per acre per week for each week of summer fallow that is left unplowed after April 15th is experienced in Sherman county. This fact was determined a few seasons ago by D. E. Stephens and, as a result, early plowing is the rule now in that county. Mr. Stephens will discuss this in connection with the Farmers' Week program being staged under the auspices of the Union County Farm Bureau. This first session will be open at 10 a. m. in the city hall.

PORTLAND MARKETS
PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The price of livestock was today steady, eggs were 3 cents lower and butter was steady.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER AIMED AT POESCHL

SHOT AND KILLED C. J. SCHNABEL
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Fancied Grievances of Cripple Said to
Be Cause for the Shooting in
Court House.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—A first degree murder charge will be placed against Joseph C. Poeschl, accused of shooting and killing Charles O. Schnabel yesterday because of a fancied grievance.

Charles J. Schnabel, prominent attorney of Portland, was shot in the back and fatally wounded by Joseph C. Poeschl, an ex-convict, as he was about to enter an elevator on the third floor of the court house shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

Fancied grievances against the lawyer, harbored for more than ten years by Poeschl, who was crippled in a railroad accident in 1910 and was obsessed with the idea that much of his suffering and failure to receive heavy damages from the Southern Pacific company was due to Mr. Schnabel, furnished the motive for the killing.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Sunday, fair.

DOWN AT SALEM

BY BRUCE DENNIS

When Bill Hanley comes to town there is always a lull and then the storm breaks, but it is a storm of good fellowship, for Bill has a smile that melts the snows from the mountains and causes the daisies to grow in early spring in the Harney valley. Bill has had his day of work and now he is doing nothing but playing and kicking up his heels. He can see a lot of it in "them fellows" that make laws, but he is charitable and he is generous. His remarkable philosophy which is based all over Oregon was hurled in chunks the other day when he leaned against Bill Strayer's desk in the senate and shot a hundred rings of smoke into the air from his favorite cigar. "It is like this," says Bill, "We elect a bunch of our fellows to come down here to Salem and then we begin casting you, and we keep on casting until the session adjourns, and then we wait to elect another bunch so we can cast some more."

Legislators, like other ordinary folk, have their likes and dislikes. Some of them like prize fights for recreation and some like Pavlova, the wonderful dancer—at least their wives do and legislators are very frequently guided by the judgment of their wives in some things. Not long ago there was a prize fight at Milwaukie and Pavlova was at the Bell in the Portland Senator John Hall of the University town of Eugene. Representative Hunter and some of the boys went to see the pugilists, but we went to see Pavlova. During the fore part of the evening we sat in the opera chair and thought of the fellows out at Milwaukie who were at a free-and-easy event, chewing tobacco and smoking at will, but that thought soon left us when that wonderful Russian dancer appeared. Say, talk about grace, agility—no, not beauty of face for Pavlova is not beautiful. She is good looking, but no screen for beauty. We never saw any dancing before we saw this girl from the country of Lentine and Troitsky. She danced in a way all of her own and her male dancing partner was a whizz. He could wriggle and twist in a way that seemed impossible. When she jumped into the air he would turn several times before touching the floor and he would bounce like a rubber ball. Pavlova has a company of about twenty dancers with her and they can all dance. If they could not they would not hold their jobs. They gave a show of more than two hours and not a word was spoken. Their dances did the talking. The minute was danced as we never saw it before and never expect to again, and when Pavlova appeared in the finale, she was like a fairy.

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MANY BILLS WILL NEVER LEAVE TABLE

UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF
BILLS IN SENATE ARE AL-
READY LAID ON TABLE.

GOVERNOR HAS SIGNED 18 BILLS THUS FAR

Total of 573 Bills have been in-
troduced into the Legislature—
254 in the Senate and 219 in the
House; 138 have Passed both
Houses—Ready for Governor.

SALEM, Feb. 5.—A total of 573 bills have been introduced into the legislature, 254 in the senate and 219 in the house. Thirty eight have passed both houses and are now ready for the Governor's approval or veto. Governor Olcott has signed eighteen bills, nine of each house, and has vetoed none. Eighteen bills have been tabled in the senate, which is an unprecedented number. Rarely has the number tabled at any time exceeded three or four at any time during a session. Some will never leave the table.

OLD INDIAN FEUD MAY BE AGAIN REVIVED

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
APPEALS TO AUTHORITIES.

Indians Have Divided Into Two Camps
and Apparently Are Ready To
Take Up Old Feud.

EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 5.—The superintendent of schools of the Indian reservation appealed to the county authorities to take steps to prevent a widespread Indian war on Klamath river. The Indians have divided into two armed camps and are apparently ready to renew the old feud over the killing of an Indian chief, 40 years ago.

CARPENTERS ACCEPT CUT

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—The union carpenters have voted to voluntarily accept a 12 1-2 per cent reduction in the wage scale. The new rate is \$7 per day.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNED
FOR LENTEN SEASON.

Episcopalians and Catholics Will Ob-
serve Penitential Season With
Weekday Special Services.

Lent, which begins next Wednesday, February 9, will be observed by St. Peter's Episcopal church with regular Wednesday afternoon services and vespers services. Sunday afternoons. Both these services will be held at 4:15 o'clock. It is also probable that Friday night services will be held, according to Rev. Jos. W. Gunn, rector.

The boys' choir, which was recently organized, will take an active part in the Sunday vespers services. Next Wednesday, the first of Lent, Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 in the morning.

The Church of Our Lady of the Valley will hold Rosary, sermon on the Passion of our Lord and benediction every Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:30. Father Loewer will conduct the services.

The first day of Lent is usually referred to as Ash Wednesday. The Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday. In England the curious custom prevails of eating pancakes on that day. At the ancient Westminster school adjoining Westminster Abbey, London, the boys assemble in the great hall and await the entrance of the school cook, who carries in a huge frying pan containing a large pancake sizzling hot. He then proceeds to toss it into the air towards the boys, who scramble for it. The fortunate lad who catches it takes it to the Dean of the Abbey and receives as a gratuity, two guineas, which under normal exchange, would be worth ten dollars.

On the continent of Europe beginning Sunday evening and lasting till midnight Tuesday, is the great carnival season, when hilarity reigns supreme, and maskers roam the streets, pelting everyone with confetti, flowers and candy. In New Orleans this custom has been kept up as a survival from the days of the Spanish dominion, and is commonly known as the Mardi Gras, literally meaning the fat Tuesday as distinguished from the lean Wednesday, immediately following it.

EXTENSION MAN IS LOCAL VISITOR

H. A. Ingram, extension animal husbandry specialist, was in La Grande today conferring with County Agent Paul H. Spillman regarding livestock day, next Thursday, during Farmers' Week.

Mr. Ingram has recently been in Wasco county, Sherman county, and Deschutes where he attended similar meetings. He reports that the livestock men are hopeful the conditions will change considerably for them during the coming year.

From here he goes to Multnomah county, where he will attend a similar meeting before returning here for the meeting Thursday.

SPILLMAN HAS GIVEN RESIGNATION

COUNTY AGRICULTURALIST TO
DRY FARM WITH BROTHER
IN GILLIAM COUNTY.

HAS RECEIVED MANY ATTRACTIVE OFFERS

Successor Will Be Appointed Soon—
Mr. Spillman's Work During the
Past Five Years Has Been of Great
Benefit to Union County and Has
Reached Many People.

Paul H. Spillman, for five years Union County agent, has resigned. He will engage in wheat farming on a 2000-acre ranch in Gilliam county, which he has recently leased in partnership with a brother. Mr. Spillman has, during the past few months, received many opportunities to engage in farming under various arrangements, but had decided to remain in county agent work for another year. The Gilliam county offer was so attractive, however, that he felt unable to turn it down and has made arrangements to leave the county shortly after the middle of February.

E. L. Ballard, county agent leader, will have charge of the appointment of a successor, and this morning said that a successor will be appointed shortly from a list of applicants which he now has.

In speaking of Mr. Spillman's resignation, Mr. Ballard, this morning said: "Mr. Spillman is one of the two or three outstanding men in this line in the state, but because of his retiring nature, the work in Union county has not received as much publicity as the work in other counties, but has been carried on quietly and has reached more people than in any other county. Mr. Spillman now has the work ready to start on a well organized basis. His work has attracted attention from outside the county in this state and other states, and he has a list of letters asking for assistance in various lines of county work, particularly in cattle feeding."

Work is Valuable
Mr. Spillman's work has been worth many thousands of dollars to the ranchers of the county, it is said. Many of the most advanced agricultural practices which are now common in Union county making it one of the most progressive agricultural counties of the state owe their inception to Mr. Spillman's ideas. For instance, there are this year 5000 acres of Grimm alfalfa in the county. This type produces from twenty to forty per cent higher yield than any other and the first seed was brought to the county by Mr. Spillman.

Upon his arrival here five years ago there were but five silos in the county. These had been constructed upon the advice of his predecessor, Mr. Cate. Mr. Spillman watched closely the success of these silos and advised others and there are now 150 venerated others and there are now 150 in the county, saving thousands of dollars worth of feed annually. Union county also leads all other Eastern Oregon counties in number of silos.

One-third of the fall wheat on the Sand Ridge and a large acreage in other districts is Hybrid 128, which has many advantages over other fall wheats for this country. The first seed of this valuable wheat was brought to the county by Mr. Spillman.

The apple leaf roller threatened to eliminate the fruit industry in the Inverness section. Mr. Spillman spent several months working on the problem and finally brought to the attention of the growers a special spray which eradicated the pest entirely. Fire blight has also been nearly eradicated.

Mr. Spillman has always been a strong believer in corn as a Union county crop and, because of his persistent efforts in this connection, the acreage in the county has increased from 500 acres annually to more than 2000 during the past five years.

In addition to these accomplishments many thousands of dollars worth of livestock owned by Union county breeders has been sold through his office as a result of inquiries received from other counties.

MRS. PARNEEL DIES TODAY

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Charles Stewart Parnell, widow of the great Irish leader, died today, aged 78 years.

