

SPEECHES IN SENATE ARE LIMITED

BUSINESS DURING REMAINING
WEEK WILL BE EXPEDITED,
SAYS PRESIDENT RITNER.

FIGHT ON TEACHERS' TENURE BILL RENEWED

Senator Thomas Introduces Resolution
Proposing a Special Re-Appoint-
ment Committee to Continue
Investigating and Make Report
On the Bill in 1923.

SALEM, Feb. 14.—Because of the
short time remaining for action on
reappointments, Senator Thomas
today introduced a resolution pro-
posing a special re-appointment com-
mittee to continue the investigation
and report on the bill in 1923. In
order to permit the legislature to
expedite business in the remaining
week, President Ritner announced
that he would enforce the rule lim-
iting talks on final passage of bill
to five minutes, and resolutions, to
three minutes, for all except authors
of measures.

The fight on the teachers' tenure
was renewed by introducing a new
bill in the house. The senate pas-
sed the house bill against false ad-
vertising.

BOY SCOUT WEEK AT END

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE M. E.
CHURCH SUNDAY.

Members of Local Troop Put On a
Practical Demonstration of
Scout Work Saturday.

The National Boy Scout week in
La Grande came to a close yester-
day with special services at the M.
E. church. The members of the lo-
cal troop met at the Y. M. C. A.
building at 10:30 and formed a
parade, marching to the church,
down Elm to Adams, up Adams to
Depot, down Depot to the church.

A special service had been ar-
ranged for the Scouts, Rev. Ira R.
Aldrich, district superintendent of
the M. E. church for Eastern Ore-
gon, being the speaker. The Scout
signs and salute were demonstrated
by two members of the troop, Wes-
ley Brownson and Everett Bennett,
as a preliminary to the talk.

Rev. Aldrich explained the Scout
work in detail to his audience, a
large congregation having gathered
for the special services. He laid
special stress on the character-build-
ing side of the work. Rev. Aldrich
was specially qualified for the task
of delivering a sermon on this topic.
For ten years he was a scoutmaster
and is a graduate of the Chicago
scoutmaster training school. At
present he is a scoutmaster un-
signed, an honorary position. While
in Chicago he was in charge of two
troops of Scouts and assisted in the
great summer camp there, where
over 2000 boys were encamped.
While stationed at Boise, Idaho, he
was president of the Scout associa-
tion and represented the Scouts at
the international Sunday school con-
ference in 1915.

Much Interest Shown.

The demonstration of Scout work
in the N. E. West store windows
Saturday attracted much attention.
The demonstrations were short and
were repeated at 20-minute inter-
vals in the morning and at one-hour
intervals in the afternoon.

The work covered by the demon-
strations included wig-wagging, wire-
less, semaphore signalling, first aid,
work. The latter showed two dif-
ferent methods employed in resusci-
tating persons who are injured, show-
ing how best to carry both uncon-
scious and conscious persons.

At all times during the day a
large crowd of both boys and adults
was present to witness the demon-
strations. The interest being shown
in Scout work is shown by a 10-
year-old lad who came to Edwin
Pryke, scoutmaster, who was in
charge of the demonstrations, and
asked the age limit for Scouts. Dis-
appointment was registered on his
face when told that the minimum
age is 12 years. In the crowd of
boys watching the work, there were
a large number whose facial expres-
sions showed that the year or two
before they will reach the minimum
age seems much further off since
they saw the demonstrations of their
older comrades in scouting.

CENTER OF POPULATION ANNOUNCED

SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OWEN
COUNTY, INDIANA, SELECTED

Center of Population Has Been Mov-
ing Westward During the Last
Decade from Bloomington, Ill.

TWO TEAMS TO DEBATE TONIGHT

LA GRANDE DEBATES HERE AND
AT ELGIN.

Union High School Meets Local De-
baters Here Tonight While Neg-
ative Team Goes to Elgin.

The debate at the high school this
evening at 8:15 promises to be one of
much interest. The negative side of
the question, "Resolved, That the Es-
sential feature of the Kansas Indus-
trial Court Law Should Be Adopted
by Oregon," will be presented by the
local team, Union taking the negative.
At Elgin the negative side will be pre-
sented by the negative team from the
La Grande high school. The public is
invited to attend the debate at the
high school tonight. No admission fee
will be charged.

The members of the negative team,
which debates here tonight, are Wil-
lard Stone and Miss Grace York, while
Harry Snodgrass and Miss Geneva
Smith have gone to Elgin as members
of the affirmative team. Miss Whit-
ney, who has charge of the debating
work in the high school accompanied
the team to Elgin.

The judges at the debate here to-
night will be Charles Harding, H. E.
Coolidge and Rev. Jos. W. Gunn.

PENDLETON LADS ARE PUNISHED

ACCEPTING OF PRESENTS PRO-
HIBITED BY RULES.

Fifteen High School Lads Barred
From Athletics Temporarily;
Accepted Watch Charms.

Henry M. Duffels, principal of the
La Grande high school, returned
yesterday from Portland where he
attended a meeting of the state
board of athletic control. Fifteen
members of the Pendleton football
team who accepted gold footballs in
the form of watch charms, were de-
clared ineligible for the remainder
of the basketball season by the
board at this meeting.

This action was taken because the
spirit of the ruling forbidding any-
thing of intrinsic value being received
by high school athletes for their
services. The board decided that
the ruling having been established
in order to prevent sweaters, as
other insignia being given, because
of the expense attached to such re-
wards, if presents of the nature
those given the Pendleton athletes
were allowed, the practice will be-
come general, and the purpose of
the ruling defeated.

Other members of the board pre-
sent were Superintendent W. J. Mash-
ler of Woodburn, who is secretary
of the board, and Superintendent
C. Strong, of Astoria, who was ap-
pointed to sit on the board at the
meeting by State Superintendent
Churchill.

INSPECTORS BELIEVE INCENDIARISM WAS CAUSE OF BIG FIRE

PENDLETON, Feb. 14.—Evidence

that the \$50,000 fire which destroyed
the warehouse of the Pilot Rock Ele-
vator Co. on Sunday, Jan. 23 was of
incendiary origin, has led to the ar-
rest of the company of a reward of
\$1000 for the arrest and conviction of
the man responsible. Insurance ad-
justers who went over the ruins were
agreed that the fire was set and di-
rectors of the concern following their
decision, offered the reward for infor-
mation that will lead to the arrest of
justice.

REPUTATIONS ARE FILED BY TWO 1919 BASEBALL PLAYERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Formal
reputations of the alleged
crooked baseball playing were
filed in criminal court today
on behalf of Claude Williams
and Joe Jackson, American
League players indicted on
charges of conspiracy to throw
the 1919 world's series.

FRANK M'KENNON HEADS BUREAU

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF FARM
BUREAU ARE NAMED.

Redent Control Expert to Be Stationed
in La Grande in Future—Efforts
to Get Distillate to Be Made.

Officers were elected by the county
farm bureau at its annual meeting
Saturday afternoon. Frank McKen-
non, of Alice, was chosen president
to succeed Albert Hunter. Mr. McKen-
non has been secretary-treasurer
during the past year. Mr. Hunter
asked to be relieved of the duties of
his office which the bureau entailed
because of his many other interests
which take up so much of his time. Mr.
McKennon was chosen as his successor
largely because in his capacity as sec-
retary-treasurer during the past year
he has been in much close touch with
bureau work that led promotion to
the presidency was considered a fitting
honor for his devotion to the interests
of the farmers of the county.

Ed Reynolds, of La Grande, was
chosen as vice-president to succeed
Frank McGoldrick, of Imbler. The
new secretary-treasurer is J. F. T.
Galloway.

The executive board for the year
as chosen at Saturday's meeting, is
composed of: H. H. Weatherspoon, of
Elgin; C. M. Stackland, of Cove;
Lloyd Carter, of Cove; G. W. DeLay,
of Union; J. F. Hutchinson, of Union;
H. H. Huron, of Imbler; Wm. Glenn,
of Imbler; Fred Zaugg, of La Grande,
and Joseph Gekeler, of Elgin.

Distillate Supply Discussed.

The afternoon's topic for discussion
was the possibility of securing an ad-
equate distillate supply this year. T.
R. Maxwell, local manager of the
Standard Oil Company, was one of
the speakers on this subject. He told
the farmers of his company's plans
for improving the distributing facili-
ties at La Grande.

No action was taken on this matter,
but the executive board was instructed
to investigate the matter at its
next meeting and take whatever action
is possible for securing an adequate
supply.

AD. CLUB TO TALK ON AUTOS

BUSINESS MEN TO DISCUSS BILL
NOW PENDING.

Luncheon Tomorrow to Be Devoted
to Proposed Auto Bill and
Salmon Nursery.

At its weekly luncheon tomorrow
noon at the Foley Hotel, the propo-
sed auto license bill, which bases the
auto tax on the weight of the car and
the width of the tire on trucks will be
discussed. The bill is now before the
legislature.

Every member of the club is urged
to attend, as the bill is of vital im-
portance to every business man, whether
living in the country or in the city,
as well as members of all farm unions
and bureaus. Immediate action is
necessary.

Another matter that is to come be-
fore the meeting is the proposed leg-
islation appropriating \$10,000 for the
construction of a nursery and feeding
ponds for salmon along the Willamette
river.

In discussing the necessity of a full
attendance of members at every meet-
ing, C. B. Miller, secretary of the
club, said: "The attendance at these
luncheons has not been up to the
standard lately. We need the assist-
ance of every member in order to be
able to cope with the many important
problems arising and I want to im-
press on all members that they cannot
afford to miss a single luncheon."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Tuesday, probably
rain or snow, colder in eastern por-
tion of the state.

KEYNOTE OF INAUGURAL IS FORECAST

HARDING TO ASK THAT NATION
FORGET ANIMOSITIES AND
PARTISANSHIP.

WILL ASK THAT ALL AID IN RECONSTRUCTION

It is Expected That New President
Will Make An Appeal For Confi-
dence in the Nation's Business
Ability, Linked With Assurance of
Adherence to Own Business.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 14.—
A plea that the nation forget the
animosities and partisanship of the
after-war period and put its should-
ers unflinchingly to the wheel of re-
construction, is expected to form the
keynote of Harding's inaugural mes-
sage. One of the outstanding fea-
tures is expected to be an appeal
for confidence in the nation's busi-
ness ability, linked with an assur-
ance that the "administration will
keep away from meddling methods
in its relations with the business
world."

BAKER DEFEATS LA GRANDE TEAM

The La Grande high school bas-
ketball team was defeated at Baker
Saturday night by the Baker high
school team by a score of 48 to 23.

The game was a good game through-
out, according to local spectators,
but the Baker team, which is one
of the strongest in the eastern part
of the state, was too much for the
La Grande boys to get away with.

This was the second game between
the two schools won by Baker, the
first game being played here last
week.

The lineup of the local team was:
Black and Christian, forwards; Bean,
center; Theison and Horstman,
guards.

UMATILLA COUNTY RED CROSS OFFICIAL RESIGNS OFFICE

PENDLETON, Feb. 14.—Resigna-
tion of Miss Virginia C. Todd as home
service secretary of the Umatilla
chapter of the Red Cross was accept-
ed by the executive committee at her
urgent request. Miss Todd will still
retain the secretaryship of the county
chapter.

Miss Todd has served with the local
Red Cross for two and a half years,
coming here when her overseas service
orders were cancelled at the signing
of the armistice.

OFFICERS GIVE UP HOPE OF FINDING PEARSON ALIVE

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 14.—
The officers searching for
Lieutenant Pearson have given
up hope of finding him
alive. Pearson has been miss-
ing since Thursday, when he
started on a flight to San An-
tonio. The aviator's home is
in Portland, Oregon.

DENTISTS FORM ORGANIZATION

WALLOWA, UNION AND BAKER
DELEGATES ATTEND MEETING

Banquet is Held in Foley Hotel Sat-
urday Evening; Pendleton Man
Chosen President.

The twenty-two dentists of Eastern
Oregon representing Umatilla, Wallowa,
Union and Baker counties, met
Saturday evening at the Foley Hotel
and effected the organization of an
Eastern Oregon Dental Society. The
officers elected for the ensuing year
were President, Dr. Kern, of Pendle-
ton; vice-presidents, Dr. Murphy, of
La Grande; Dr. Horton, of Baker; Dr.
Schaeffer, of Enterprise; secretary,
Dr. Idleman, of Pendleton; treasurer,
Dr. Mossman, of La Grande.

It was decided to hold the meeting
each year, one at Baker, one at Pen-
dleton and one at La Grande, where
clinics will be held and dental prob-
lems studied.

REDUCTIONS SUSPENDED BY BOARD

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD TAKES
HAND IN DECISION.

No Reductions in Wages or Changes
in Working Conditions of Train
Dispatchers To Be Made.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The federal
railroad labor board has suspended the
recent reductions in wages of the
maintenance of way men, and changes
in the working conditions of train dis-
patchers by the Erie railroad. It is
announced that no reductions or changes
in the working conditions would be-
come effective except by agreement
between the road and employees, until
the board had had an opportunity
to pass upon the case.

NEW APARTMENT TO BE BUILT

CORPORATION IS FORMED TO
ERECT BUILDING.

Thirty-Four Apartments to Be in the
Building Decided on Last Week—
To Relieve House Shortage.

A meeting was called Friday even-
ing of the board of directors of the
former Macabees Building Associa-
tion. The directors decided at this
meeting to cancel the original incor-
poration and to re-incorporate into a
new company known as the Court
Apartment Building Company. The
new company will take over the hold-
ings of the original association, includ-
ing the lots and building site on Ad-
ams avenue, opposite the Observer of-
fice.

A board of directors was elected,
and the construction of an apartment
house was considered and adopted.
C. B. Miller, local architect presented
them with the preliminary plans of the
proposed building, which were accept-
ed by the board. Orders were given
Mr. Miller to proceed and complete
the plans so that construction may
begin at an early date.

Three-Story Building.

The plans call for a modern build-
ing, three stories high, with full base-
ment, to be 90 by 110 feet with the
basement, the first and second stories
finished complete, the third floor to
stand unfinished until such time as
the demand for more apartments will
justify the completion of the third
floor.

The building will contain 34 two-
three- and four-room apartments. The
main floor to have four two-room and
12 four-room apartments and an of-
fice and a large reception room. The
second floor will have four two-room,
two three-room and 12 four-room
apartments. The third floor will have
two large social or club rooms for the
use of the patrons of the building for
entertaining purposes, card clubs, par-
ties and etc. Each apartment will
have kitchenette with automatic elec-
tric ranges, outside ice chests, out-
side package bins, cupboards, bins
and breakfast table, bath room, fold-
ing bed, dressing room, and clothes
closet, large living room and a num-
ber of the apartments will have din-
ing-rooms and all apartments will
have outside light and ventilation.

Modern in Every Respect.

The basement will contain four four-
room apartments, and servant quar-
ters finished the same as the apart-
ments on the first and second floors;
two large laundry rooms, with three
sets of wash trays to each room, four
electric dryers and dry racks; two
trunk storage rooms, furnace room,
fuel room and electrical room, and a
commissary and fruit storage locker
room for each apartment.

The building will have a freight ele-
vator for handling furniture, daily
merchant deliveries, and other heavy
articles; a passenger elevator will be
installed when the third floor is com-
plete.

The directors feel that in adopting
the apartment building that it will
make a good and safe investment, fi-
nancially, and they will perform a na-
tional duty for the community that is
greatly needed. It is the intention of
the directors to proceed with the con-
struction at an early date.

They have already a number of ap-
plications from outside families who
are anxious to locate here, but are in-
able to do so under the present house
shortage. The whole houses in the
city are packed their saloons inside
their territories to eliminate high
traveling expenses. La Grande is cen-
trally located in the eastern Oregon
territory, and they look to La Grande
for living quarters. There is no
doubt but that all apartments will be
taken before the building is com-
pleted. A number of apartments will be
in an early date.

JUDGE LANDIS IS IMPEACHED IN THE HOUSE

REPRESENTATIVE WELTY, DEM-
OCRAT OF OHIO, MAKES
DRASTIC ACCUSATIONS.

WELTY RETIRES MARCH 4, CASE NOT TO BE DROPPED

Chicago Judge Is Charged With
"High Crimes and Misdemeanors"
In Connection With Acceptance of
Arbiter in Baseball, With Salary
of \$42,500 Annually.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Federal
Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis,
of Chicago, was impeached today by
Representative Welty, Democrat, of
Ohio, who charged him with "high
crimes and misdemeanors" in con-
nection with his acceptance of the
position of arbiter of baseball at a
salary of \$42,500 annually.

The charges were referred, on
Welty's motion, to the judiciary
committee for investigation and re-
port. Should the house institute pro-
ceedings, a formal trial will be held
before the bar of the house.

Case Will Not Drop.

There is little likelihood that ac-
tion will be taken by the judiciary
committee on the Welty charges at
this session, Chairman Volstead stat-
ed. "The fact that Welty retires
on March 4 does not affect the pro-
ceedings, nor does the case neces-
sarily end with the adjournment of
congress," said Chairman Volstead.

Another Charge Is Made.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Sen-
ator Dial, of South Carolina, said he
would prefer charges against Judge
Landis with the department of jus-
tice. In connection with the judge's
statement that officials of the Bank
of Ottawa, Illinois, were responsible
for the embezzlement of \$36,000 by
the clerk, because they paid him
only \$90 a month. Dial declared
the judge's statements were "anar-
chistic and revolutionary."

Impeachment proceedings against
Judge Landis were threatened in the
senate Saturday afternoon by Sen-
ator Dial.

Senator Dial said he had sent to
Chicago for the facts in the case in
which Judge Landis is alleged to
have discharged a youth who was
charged with stealing money, after
the youth had testified that his sal-
ary was but \$30 a month.

"If I find these facts were true I
shall seek the impeachment of Judge
Landis," Senator Dial said.

FARGO BANK IS ORDERED CLOSED

FARGO, N. D., Feb. 14.—The

Scandinavian-American bank, of this
city, was closed today by order of
the state bank examiner.

RAILROAD CREWS AT ROSEBURG CUT TO FOUR-DAY WEEK

ROSEBURG, Feb. 14.—Reduction of

the work week to four days in the
shops and repair departments and a
general cut in the working force of
other branches of the Southern Pacific
railroad took place last week, and
today only a very small shift of men
is at work in the local roundhouse,
while the repair tracks are idle. Ap-
proximately 100 trainmen are idle,
while a large number of engineers
are also out of work. The cuts are
said by the railroad company to be due
to a general falling off of the com-
pany's business.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLMAN

INFLUENCE OF THE BIG CITY.

Probably the wildest stammerer
and all stammerers are philosophical.
One known was William Travers,
once of Baltimore, later of New York.
After he had moved from the Outer
metropolis to the big city, he over-
flowed with the big city influence.

"Bill," said the Baltimore friend
him and conversed with him a moment.
"You stutter worse here than you
do in Baltimore."

"B-b-b-bigger town," replied
Bill.

