

SAFETY IS TAUGHT IN LA GRANDE

NEW COURSES ADDED TO CURRICULUM HERE THIS WEEK.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORK IS IMPORTANT

All Teachers Following A Thorough Course Outlined by National Safety Council—Aim To Develop Consciousness of Accident Situations in Children at Tender Age.

In connection with the civics course in the La Grande schools, as well as in the schools in other parts of the country, a safety first course is now being given. The course having been introduced during the past few days. A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools here, stated today that the new course is one of the most needed additions to the curriculum and the teaching of safety measures is bound to materially decrease the number of preventable accidents. At present 75 per cent of the accidents of the country are of a preventable nature and education along the proper lines in this matter will do much to reduce the constant hazard to life and limb because of lack of precautions.

Fits Into Civics Course.
The course as given in the local schools was prepared under the supervision of Hugh H. Herdman, formerly principal of the Washington high school in Portland but now vice president and general manager for the Oregon and Columbia Basin division of the National Safety Council. Every teacher in the grade schools has received a manual prepared by Professor Herdman which is used as a guide in the teaching of this new course which dovetails into the present civics courses.

The aim of the course, as concisely stated in the manual is "to develop in the child a consciousness of accident situations; to fix habits of action under such situations; to aid in forming ideals in relation to the whole problem of accident prevention, i. e. safety devices and safety education in industry, and compensation laws for workmen."

Posters pictorially illustrating the work of the safety council are reproduced in the outline of the course as an aid in forcing home the lessons in safety.

Training Begins Early.
The work begins in the first grade, the general function in the first four grades being to develop in the child a consciousness of accident situations with which the child constantly comes in contact in the home, school or on the street or road. Assisting the child to form habits of proper and safe action in these situations follows the instruction in accident situations. From the beginning the causes of accidents are explained, in the first years the simpler accidents being fully explained, while those less simple are brought out in detail in later years.

The fifth to eighth years are devoted largely to the forming of ideals in relation to the whole problem of accident prevention. The child's relation to the state is brought out in the fifth grade. In the sixth grade the work is brought out in its relation to the national government, this fitting in admirably with the civics course which devotes this year to the national government.

Review Work.
When the seventh grade is reached the pupils will review the work of the previous years and additional material and statistics are introduced. The eighth grade work is largely left to the individual schools, a text-book being used as a general guide and the main topics extended or elaborated to suit the conditions in the community.

Among the general topics studied from the community point of view during the last year the health of the community is one of the chief topics. Other topics elaborated on in their relation to the community are fire prevention and fire insurance, industrial accident, and the conservation of human life.

Course Comprehensive.
The course includes just about every kind of accident that a child could be normally exposed to. A detailed outline of electric hazards is given at the end of the teacher's manual, explaining the many ways in which a child could be exposed to accidents by electricity. All kinds of traffic accidents are also included in the course, whether bicycle, horse, motor car or train.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—The livestock price was steady today, loose playing price of eggs 25 and 26 cents, select, 26 and 27 cents. Butter was firm.

GOVERNOR REPRIEVES GEO. HOWARD

HOWARD WAS SENTENCED TO HANG AT 8:30 TODAY.

Reprieve Granted Because Papers From Vale Staying the Execution Could Not Have Reached Salem

SALEM, Feb. 25.—Governor Olcott reprieved George Howard, who was sentenced to hang today for the murder of George Sweeney, of Vale. The reprieve was granted because the papers from Vale staying the execution on account of an appeal filed there, could not reach the prison in time by mail.

LOCKOUT IS DISREGARDED

RED FLAG RAISED OVER ELECTRICAL WORKS.

Police and Troops Are Called to Maintain Order—Company Reduced Wages; Work Slackened.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—A red flag was raised over the big electrical works under construction at Gennevilliers by the workmen, who refused to quit after a lockout by the company. The police and troops were called to maintain order.

The company had reduced wages and claimed that the workers slackened in their efforts, and a lockout was decided upon.

COUNTRY CLUB IS POPULAR

GOLF ENTHUSIASTS WILL SOON BE OUT WITH CLUBS.

House Committee Is Having Trouble to Accommodate All of the Sunday Dinner Guests.

The popularity of the Country Club is fast growing. A large number were out for the photograph dance on Tuesday night and every one reported a good time, while many more are planning to go again next Tuesday.

The snow is all gone from the links now and George H. Eddy reports that a portion of the course is dry enough to play on. It is probable that a number of golf enthusiasts will get their clubs out for Sunday.

Each Sunday a growing number of members are taking dinner at the club. This feature is being appreciated and the house committee are striving hard to take care of all comers, but find it difficult to tell how many to prepare for. If all parties who expect to go, will call the steward by 7 o'clock Saturday, telling him how many are in their party and about what time they were coming, it would greatly aid this committee. Dinner is served from 3 until 6 o'clock. The phone number is still Main 3, five rings.

REV. SPRACKLIN IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER OF BEVERLY TRUMBLE

SANDWICH, Ontario, Feb. 25.—Rev. O. L. Spracklin, former liquor licenses inspector, has been acquitted of the charge of manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Beverly Trumble, an inn-keeper, in a raid on the inn of Trumble last November.

LIBERTY BONDS ARE STOLEN

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Liberty bonds at the par value of \$772,000 were stolen from the Northern Trust company. The clerk is accused of the theft.

J. FRED WELCH IS CONVICTED

SOUTH BEND, Wn., Feb. 25.—J. Fred Welch was convicted today of murder in the first degree, in connection with the explosion at the drug store, December 16, in which four men were killed.

POLICY OF PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED

HARDING DESIRES ADEQUATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR NAVY, HE TELLS REPUBLICANS.

LEADERS WILL INSIST UPON SENATE INCREASE

Half a Million Is Voted by the Senate to Defray the Expenses of Sending the Wheat Donated by Farmers, to the Chinese Famine Sufferers—Bonus Bill Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Harding today sent word to the Republican leaders that he desired adequate appropriations for the navy, and favored continuing the present building program without any material reductions. With this statement of the new administration's policy, Republican leaders declared they would insist upon senate increases over the house totals in the naval appropriations bill, even at the risk of defeating the bill at this session.

Half a million was voted by the senate to defray the cost of moving across the Pacific the grain donated by the American farmers for the Chinese famine sufferers.

The senate finance committee considered the soldier's bonus bill, as passed by the house last May, the leaders planning to report it after the elimination of the provision for special taxes.

BAKER PLANS ON OVERALL FACTORY STARTING BY JULY

BAKER, Feb. 25.—Plans for the opening of an overall factory in Baker are advancing, and there is every possibility that by July Silven overalls bearing a "Made-in-Baker" tag can be purchased in Baker stores.

Carl Silven, of the McIntyre-Silven company leaves March 3 for Kansas, and states that when he returns to Baker he would bring with him the material and equipment for the new Baker industry. Just what this equipment consists of is hard to state at this time.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Saturday, fair.

GRAND JURY INDICTS MANY

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—The federal grand jury has indicted 223 coal operators and coal miners, charging them with violation of the anti-trust law.

AIRPLANES ARE CALLED IN BATTLE

FIFTY-AUXILIARY POLICE IN LORRIES AMBUSHED.

Firing Started From Cover of Rocks And Battle Lasted For Two Hours When Military Withdrew.

MACROON, Ireland, Feb. 25.—Fifty auxiliary police in lorries were ambushed near here by 300 men who opened fire from the cover of rocks, killing the major commanding the police and wounding seven police. The battle lasted for two hours, after which the military withdrew. Hundreds of reserves later were rushed to the scene from neighboring barracks and, with the aid of battle airplanes, renewed the attack. The casualties of the ambushers were not learned.

POLICE EMPLOY NOVEL METHODS

BORE HOLES IN ROOF TO WATCH CLUB DOINGS.

Forty-nine Men Are Arrested On Gambling Charge, Following Work of the Police.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—After boring holes in the roof to watch what was going on inside, the police raided the Hellenic Club and arrested 49 men, charging them with gambling.

LUMBER CUT INCREASES

TEN PER CENT MORE CUT IN 1920 THAN FOR THREE YEARS

Returns Received By Forest Service Are Still Incomplete, But Are Indicative of Production.

An increase of 10 per cent more lumber cut in 1920 over any annual cut for the past three years is indicated in incomplete returns from mills which have just been given out by the District Forester's Office in Portland, covering Oregon and Washington.

While the returns received by the Forest Service are still incomplete, they are given as indicative of last year's lumber production in the two states. The figures from eight Class 4 mills, or mills which cut from 5,000 up to 10 million feet per year, for Oregon, show an increase of over 6 million feet, while eighteen mills reporting from Washington report a decrease of five million feet.

The tabulation shows for thirty-five Class 5 mills, or mills cutting over 10 million feet annually, for Oregon, an increase for 1920 over 1919, of 129 million feet, while sixty-four Washington mills reporting show an increase in 1920 of 174 million feet.

VICTIM OF MURDER IS IDENTIFIED

MAN FOUND TUESDAY PROVES TO BE HARRY PAWLAK, SECOND COOK OF STEAMER.

WORLD WAR STORY OF REVENGE PROVEN FALSE

One of Theories Officers Are Now Working On is that Pawlak May Have Been Implicated With Smugglers, and Quarrel Ensued in Dividing the Spoils.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—Officers are seeking John Bruno, first cook of the Steamer Montague, in hopes that he could throw light on the murder of Harry I. Pawlak, 28, second cook of the steamer, and whose body was found near the city on Tuesday.

The body was identified last night by finger-prints and the passport photograph. The officers said there was no evidence that Bruno was connected with the murder, but they thought that he might aid in solving the mystery.

The identification yesterday by B. E. Phillips of the body as a former Austrian officer was not substantiated.

Immediately upon identification of the victim, members of the sheriff's force developed entirely new theories to account for the murder. Clues were so well defined that arrests, at least for investigation, are expected to follow very quickly.

Powlak, it developed, had come to the Pacific coast from Vladivostok, last summer on the steamer Waban. He re-shipped from Portland on the Montague November 10, and arrived back in this city on the same boat February 13. Members of the crew were paid off, but most of them remained in Portland. Some were in touch with Pawlak and had noted the fact that he had not been seen since Saturday.

His disappearance on Saturday leads to the belief that he probably was murdered that day.

Powlak was born in Galicia 28 years ago, according to sworn statement on the passport. This document also shows that he obtained citizenship papers in the United States on February 15, 1919, at San Francisco.

The officers working on the case gave out no definite information as to theories for the motive of the crime. It is understood that one of these was the belief that Pawlak may have been implicated with smugglers, who have been active in trans-Pacific operations. He may have known too much about their smuggling activities or may even have been killed because of a quarrel over the division of spoils.

LA GRANDE-KAMELA ROAD TO BE GRADED THIS YEAR

At a brief session of the state highway commission this week a decision was reached to let the contract on 20 miles of highway grading between La Grande and Kamela at the April meeting of the commission in Portland.

ACCEPTANCE OF HOOVER CONFIRMED

HARDING SAYS HOOVER WILL BE COMMERCE SECRETARY

President-Elect Announces Himself In Perfect Harmony With Proposed Changes for Department.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 25.—President-elect Harding's selection of Herbert Hoover as secretary of commerce has finally been confirmed by Harding, who has announced himself as in "perfect accord" with the policies urged by Hoover as a condition of his entering the cabinet.

ARBITRATION IS ACCEPTED

GREEK PREMIER, HOWEVER, EXPRESSES GREAT SURPRISE.

Thinks It Will Be Difficult to Halt Victorious Greek Army, But Will Make Proposal.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Turkish delegations to the Near East conference have accepted the proffered arbitration of the supreme council between Turkey and Greece, regarding Smyrna and Thrace. The Greek premier, however, expressed surprise that the allies should suggest a commission of inquiry and the cessation of hostilities. He thought it would be difficult to halt the victorious Greek army, but he would telegraph the proposal of the allies to Athens.

SAME LINES OF WORK ADOPTED

COUNTY AGENTS IN EASTERN OREGON ARE CO-OPERATING

Adoption of Grimm Alfalfa, Silos, Pest Control, and Better Live-Stock are Main Activities.

Practically all the county agents in Eastern Oregon have adopted work along the following lines: (1) Adoption of Grimm alfalfa, (2) Application of sulphur to alfalfa, (3) silos, (4) pest control, (5) better livestock.

Many other plans were adopted in different counties. These are common, however, to most counties and are of fundamental importance from an economic standpoint.

For instance, there are more than 500,000 acres of alfalfa land the production of which may be increased from twenty to fifty per cent by the use of Grimm alfalfa.

There are 100,000 acres of alfalfa land which will return a ton per acre for every dollar expended for sulphur or lime plaster.

The cost of beef, wool and dairy production can be reduced from twenty to fifty per cent by feeding ensilage figuring the cost of ensilage production and feeding value in comparison with hay crops.

In some districts in certain counties, pests, chiefly rabbits and ground squirrels, are destroying more range and crops than the live-stock. The Klamath County Farm Bureau handled ten and one-half tons of poison last year for its members at a great reduction in cost. In some counties farm bureau members instead of purchasing livestock indiscriminately at public sales and from speculators pool their orders and have members of the organization select stock desired.

With difficult financial situations facing the farmers these efficiency factors become more important than ever.

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR MAIL SERVICE IS TO BE CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The continuation of transcontinental air mail service was assured yesterday when the house voted more than \$250,000 for the coming fiscal year. The house cut \$250,000 from the amount the senate had allowed.

JANUARY EXPORT TRADE SHRINKS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—A shrinkage of \$36,000,000 in the American export trade in January is reported by the department of commerce. Imports for the month fell off \$55,000,000, as compared with the December figures.

MANY AT Y. M. C. A. BANQUET

ANNUAL FATHER AND SON BANQUET BIG SUCCESS—SERVED LAST NIGHT.

FIGHTING PARSON OF THE 91ST DIVISION SPEAKS

Men Who Gave Life in Unselfish Service Highly Praised by Speaker—Lige Worsham Eulogized on Spot Where He Last Spoke in La Grande—Closer Bond Emphasized.

Fathers and sons to the number of 145 attended the annual father and son banquet at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, and all pronounced this year's banquet to be the most enjoyable one of all. Local speakers, a vocal solo by Paul Knuts, and an address by Rev. C. A. Rexroad, the fighting parson, followed the dinner which was served by the ladies of the Christian church.

Rev. Rexroad, who was promoted to senior chaplain of the famous 91st division, given the rank of captain for conduct under fire, was burial officer of his division as well as school officer, chose as his subject "Some Boys I Have Known and Their Dads." His address was a tribute to the boys who fought so valiantly for their country but never returned from France and Belgium, as well as to the parents who so bravely bore these losses.

Y. M. C. A. Praised.
A few remarks were made by Rev. Rexroad at the beginning of his address regarding the work of the Y. M. C. A. in France. In his position he was entrusted with the responsibility of co-ordinating all the social service work in his division and had an unusually good opportunity to see how the men and the women of the Y. M. C. A. worked.

"I have never seen a bunch of men who worked so faithfully and so loyally as the Y. M. C. A. workers," he said. "It is but pure, simple manly justice to give credit to these men who placed service above self. Every social service organization used the money and men just as well as the Y. M. C. A., and I will not countenance any propaganda attacking these organizations."

Knows How Boys Feel.
Perhaps there is no better way to interest boys than to tell them of actual experiences of red-blooded boys and men. Rev. Rexroad still has enough of the boy in him to realize this and, instead of delivering a formal yawn-producing speech—he just told of some of the boys he knew in service, of how they died and of how bravely their parents bore the great personal sacrifice which meant so much to the country. He reached the hearts of the boys and made those in the father class also again feel the ambitions of boyhood and the thrill that every boy feels when he hears a story of what some grown-up boy has done.

Self Entirely Forgotten.
The boys who will always be remembered for their sacrifices on this other side of the Atlantic forgot self and placed service above all thoughts of personal safety. They knew but one thing in a fight, and that was to go forward, leaving all thoughts of self behind. It was of such boys that the lads and their dads were told last night.

Lige Worsham Honored.
One of the dead heroes referred to by the speaker was Lige Worsham, well known in La Grande. When La Grande the last time Worsham spoke at a banquet held in the same room where Rev. Rexroad spoke last night. Standing at almost the identical spot last evening, the fighting parson of the 91st division paid tribute to the manhood and the spirit of sacrifice the life of Lige Worsham across the sea was made of and he told of the inspiration the men under him felt from having known such a true grown up American lad.

When the laying down of arms

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J'ever Hear This?

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TOO MUCH WORK.
"I want a nickel's worth of sea-fishing."
"All right," said the clerk, weighing and wrapping up the package and handing it to the customer.
The clerk waited for his money, but the customer said:
"Charge it."
"Who too?" asked the ungrammatical clerk.
"Royce X. Honeyfinkle."
"Take the him off! I wouldn't write anything and all that name for a nickel!"

