

CHURCHILL SPEAKS TO TEACHERS

REVIEWS RECENT LEGISLATION
AFFECTING SCHOOLS
IN STATE.

URGES THRIFT TEACHING AS CITIZENSHIP WORK

Principals and Superintendents Discuss Many Problems Facing Teaching Profession; Churchill Sees Little Prospect for Relief from Teacher Shortage; Standards to be Raised

At the spring meeting of the superintendents and principals club of Eastern Oregon in the high school auditorium Saturday, the principal address was made by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill, who chose as his subject "Preparation for Citizenship Through the Schools."

The keynote of his address was the importance of teaching civics. Oregon has a thoroughly worked out course and one of the most important features emphasized in the course is thrift. He urged the teachers to teach the pupils to acquire the habit of systematically saving and so stressed the importance of teaching safety first so that life and limb will be conserved.

Safety Work Important.

In regard to the latter Mr. Churchill explained some of the important features put into the recently introduced safety course, which is taught in conjunction with the civics courses. From the first grade through the eighth, consciousness of accident situations is taught with stress being laid on the necessity for avoiding such situations whenever possible. The course is so thorough that if children are thoroughly taught in this branch, when they enter high school the preventable accidents, which take such an appalling annual toll, will be practically eliminated.

Adult education was also emphasized by Mr. Churchill. He recently visited Detroit and there found that 3,000 mothers were attending day schools to learn to read and write and become better citizens. Detroit is a city with a foreign population of 50 per cent of the entire population and the situation there is much more serious than in the west.

In Oregon the situation is such that the adult situation can now be handled through part-time and night schools, which are being developed through the assistance of the state superintendent's office.

Shortage to Continue

Regarding the shortage of teachers which has been serious for the past several years, Mr. Churchill said, "From the present outlook, I am sure that there will be a scarcity of teachers again next fall and no lowering of salaries will be possible if school boards wish to secure competent teachers."

Important school legislation of the 1921 session of the legislature was also discussed by Mr. Churchill. Higher requirements for teachers, necessitating better preparation will materially increase the efficiency of the schools within the next five years. After 1923 all teachers in the rural schools must have 24 weeks in a normal school, besides the usual high school training. After 1925 one year of normal

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RAILROAD STATION IS TAKEN

GREEKS CAPTURE IMPORTANT
POINT FROM NATIONALISTS.

Many Prisoners and Large Quantities of War Material Are Seized By the Fleeing Turks.

ATHENS, Mar. 28.—Afin-Karahisar, an important railway junction south of Eski-Sehr, was taken by the Greeks from the Turkish nationalists, says a dispatch. Many prisoners and large quantities of war materials were captured by the Turks fleeing toward Kutayah, 50 miles northward. The Greeks east of Bursa have advanced north of Sugut. The Turks are entrenching before Eski Sehr.

TEN YEAR OLD BOY DROWNS

ACCIDENT HAPPENS IN SLOUGH
NEAR HOOD RIVER.

Weldon, Ten-Year-Old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss McKennon, Is the Victim.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKennon, grandparents, and Mrs. Floyd McKennon left Saturday evening for Hood River, having been called there by a telegram telling of the drowning of Weldon, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss McKennon, former residents of this city. The accident occurred Saturday afternoon in a slough east of Hood River.

The youngster and his companions, picking wild flowers, were playing on an old raft which sank. The children, thinking the small slough was shallow, were not alarmed until their companion sank. It was 20 minutes before the body was discovered. The hole was found to be 12 feet deep.

Mr. McKennon was in Portland at the time of the accident.

The funeral will be held in Hood River.

TEACHER IS CALLED AWAY

Cyril Dudley, the sixteen-year-old foster son of Mrs. G. A. Hogan, passed away at the Mayo Brothers' Institute on Friday, where he had been taken to receive treatment for paralysis of the lower limbs.

The lad received injuries in a Santa Clara football game and has been completely paralyzed in his lower limbs since the November game. His aunt, a local teacher, left on No. 19 for Southern California, their former home, to take charge of the remains.

Besides his foster mother, he leaves to mourn his loss, two brothers, Augustine Brondson and James Kevin

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Tuesday, fair.

COLD WAVE IN EAST DESTROYS BUDDING FRUIT

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 28.—The cold wave which today was moving eastward over the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, has caused widespread damage to some of the fruit-raising sections of the middle west, especially in southeastern Missouri and southern Illinois, where the fruit trees were in bud. Winter wheat, without a snow blanket, was also damaged.

TAX PAYING LIMIT IS NEAR

APRIL 5 IS LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES.

Some Find Consolation in Higher Taxes in Other Counties But All Seem to Have Kicks.

D. Melroy, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections, is one of the busiest men in the county now and will continue to be so until April 5, when the taxpaying limit is up. He not only receives the tax money—and there is always someone waiting in line at the tax paying window now—but he also receives kicks from taxpayers, these kicks usually manifesting themselves in surprise and inability to understand why taxes are so high.

Nobody disputes the fact that taxes are higher than they have been in the past and higher than the taxpayers want them to be, but Dave Proctor, county assessor says that a study of tax rate sheets in other counties is somewhat of a consolation to Union county people.

The total assessed valuation for last year in Union county was \$28,020,737 and that amount of property has to yield a total tax of \$388,649.30. Polk county has a total valuation of only \$13,302,760, less than half of that of Union county but its property must produce \$556,877.71 in taxes this year.

Then there is Jackson county with a valuation of just a little less than Union county. Jackson county property is assessed at \$27,412,252.82 and her residents pay a total of \$1,214,548.82 in taxes. Clackamas county property is valued at \$29,714,608.11 by the tax assessor and produces \$1,512,127.00 in taxes. Coos county, with a total assessed value of \$24,469,460, has a total tax levied on it of \$1,271,499.83.

These counties have an assessed valuation of somewhere in the neighborhood of that in Union county, and about the same ratio as in these counties is found to exist between the assessed valuation and the tax levies in several smaller counties of which Mr. Proctor has the tax rate sheets.

RUSSIA AFTER RECOGNITION

TOKIO, Mar. 28.—The Russian far-eastern republic sent communications asking for the opening of diplomatic relations with Japan, the United States and China, says a Vladivostok dispatch.

AMERICAN MILITARY IS CALLED

DISPATCHED TO MONTABOUR TO
RESTORE ORDER.

Communist Uprisings Are Continuing, With Success, In Some Quarters; Defeat In Others.

COBLENZ, Mar. 28.—A communist uprising occurred today in the American bridgehead area at Montabaur, six miles northeast of Ehrenbreiten. The American military police were dispatched to Montabaur to restore order.

Communists Dispersed.

HALLE, Germany, Mar. 28.—The military shelled the communists on the hills west of Eisenberg, dispersing them. After a brief engagement, the town of Saengerhausen, southwest of Eisenberg, was occupied by the federal troops.

Local Police Disarmed.

BERLIN, Mar. 28.—Rolling in the communist uprising in Central Germany is concentrating now at Bitterfeld, where the extremists disarmed the local police and occupied the public buildings, said an official communique.

TRACK MEET GOES TO UNION

DUAL MEETS ARE ALSO BEING
ARRANGED.

For First Time "Big Three" Lose Annual Eastern Oregon Meet—Date Is May 14.

Union was the successful bidder to the Eastern Oregon high school track meet. At the meeting of principals and superintendents here last Saturday, the Union delegation put in a strong plea for the meet this year and for the first time in many years the meet will not be held in one of the "big three" of Eastern Oregon—La Grande, Baker and Pendleton. All schools represented were willing that Union have the meet this year. Union's location is central to the district and in that respect rivals La Grande as the most desirable place for the meet.

The date decided on for the meet is May 14. All schools of Eastern Oregon that are in the track field this year will enter teams and the way things look now there is no reason to doubt that any particular school. Practically all of La Grande's men are new to track and none of the other squads can be considered veteran squads by any means.

Several dual meets are being arranged and the following dates have been tentatively arranged for Grande: Union here on April 2; Pendleton at Pendleton on April 3; and Baker here May 7.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—The price of cattle was steady today, hogs a quarter of a cent lower, prime light selling at \$12 and \$12.25; sheep low, eggs and butter slow.

APPEALS FOR HIGHER WAGE ARE DISMISSED

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—The United States railroad labor board has dismissed the appeals for the increased wages filed last fall by fifteen of the railway labor unions against the sixty-seven "short lines" throughout the country. The short lines which accepted for their men the terms of the \$600,000,000 wage award last July, cannot go back to the old scale under today's action, the board ruled. Approximately 4,000 employees are affected by today's decision.

'Y' FUND PASSES FIVE THOUSAND

GOAL IS TEN PERCENT OVER-SUBSCRIBED BY TODAY.

Institution to Function for Benefit of All Boys and Girls in the Future.

The contributions to the Y. M. C. A. fund were just at the \$5500 mark this morning and mail subscriptions were still coming in. The mark set having been only \$5000, the over-subscription was just \$500.

G. L. Larison, head of the financial committee, expressed himself well pleased with the result of the campaign. "I only hope that every boy and girl in La Grande will now take the proper advantage of becoming a member of the 'Y'." All that is necessary is that they are public spirited enough to take an interest in some of the many lines which will give them a chance to do some public service," he declared.

J. L. Cramer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in discussing the effect of the drive on this phase of the work said that already interest in the Y. M. C. A. work had been stimulated through it. A girls' swimming class, for girls of high school age will commence semi-weekly meetings Wednesday evening at 7, the class meeting at that hour on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Assisting Mr. Larison on the financial committee were George Palmer and Fred Kiddle. The publicity committee was composed of C. E. Short, chairman, Elmer Stoddard and Howard K. O'Brien. The following subscriptions have been received during the past few days: Dr. E. P. Mossman, La Grande Commercial Hotel company, John L. Egger, Rev. A. R. Sitten, Dr. W. T. Phyl, Charles Graham, J. M. Staley, Eastern Oregon Light and Power company.

PROSPECTS FOR CROPS ARE GOOD

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 28.—Prospects for 1921 crops of all kinds in the twelfth federal reserve district are exceptionally favorable, said a statement of the federal reserve board today. The statement said that the lumber mills are resuming operations, and speak of the unemployment as a point.

UNIFICATION IS AIM OF CONFERENCE

CO-OPERATION OF GRAIN HANDLING IS SOUGHT BY FARMERS

This Conference Hopes to Secure A Plan to Be Submitted to Conference Called for Next Week.

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—Conferences aiming at the unification of several large sale plans for the co-operation of the handling of grain by the farmers of the country, began here today. "The hope is to arrive at a single plan to be presented to the ratification conference called here next week by the farmers of the grain marketing committee," said Aaron Sapiro, of San Francisco, who is here representing the northwest wheat growers' exchange.

UNIVERSITY GIRLS HERE

GLEE CLUB MEMBERS SPEND
LAST EVENING IN CITY.

Well-Rounded Out Program Has Been Arranged For Concert Tomorrow Evening.

The members of the University of Oregon Girls' Glee club, their director, chaperons and business manager arrived in the city last evening, from Hood River, where they appeared in concert the evening before. They were greeted here by a number of former students of the university and taken to various homes of the city, where they will be domiciled during their stay in the city. At practically all of the churches, members of the club appeared in solo numbers, which were much enjoyed by the various church congregations.

The club members left this morning for Enterprise, where they appear this evening, and will return to La Grande tomorrow evening for the concert here in the high school auditorium, at 8:30 o'clock.

Twenty-two girls are making the vacation tour into Eastern Oregon. The club has met with fine success thus far, and is said to be one of the best college organizations on the coast this year.

The soloists of the glee club are Genevieve Clancy, soprano, Laura Rand, contralto, Imogene Letcher, pianist, and Margaret Phelps, violinist. The following is the order of the program to be given here:

Part I.
Carmena, (Wilson-Smith), Glee Club; Piano solo—Romance, Op. 24, No. 9, (Ebelius), Miss Letcher; Quartet—"Mammy's Little Pigeon," (Faris), Misses Clancy, Zink, McPherson, Hoskins; "Fever and a Day," (Hutchins), "Friendship," (Harris), Glee Club; Soprano solo—"Morning," (Speaks), Miss Clancy; "Come Down Laughing Streamlet," (Spears), Glee Club.

Part II.
"Sonata," (Dessauer-Hausley), Glee Club; Violin solo—"Ave Maria," (Schubert-Wilhelm), Miss Phelps; "The Duck Witch," (Lambrose), "The Cornish Moon," (Shelley), Glee Club; Contralto solo—"A Rose in the Bud," (Farster), "The Hand, Stunt," "When the Clock Strikes Twelve," Oregon songs, Glee Club.

CHINAMEN KILL ONE ANOTHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 28.—With a pistol beside each body, indicating that the men had shot each other, two Chinamen were found in a lodging house today, the result, police said, of a new tong outbreak.

Goal of Festival is to Complete the Funds

"All the funds necessary to complete the Victory Way" is the goal to which the ladies are all pulling together to bring to a final end the campaign with the close of the big festival and bazaar, which is to be held in Eagles' Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, afternoons and evenings.

Everyone is asked to come and help do his part these three big days and nights. Put every other pleasure aside and do your utmost towards bringing this worthy fund to a final grand clean-up. The committees are working overtime to get the hall in readiness for the first opening day and night, Thursday, March 31. The little shops, booths and tea-rooms are gorgeously decorated and the display of goods and varied articles so liberal-

INVESTMENT INCREASE IS TO BE TAXED

SUPREME COURT HOLDS
INVESTMENT INCREASE
IS TAXABLE.

TRANSACTION SHOWING LOSS CANNOT BE TAXED

In Another Case, Court Holds That An Increase In Value of Corporate Bonds, Originally Acquired and Held for Investment Is Taxable.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Increase in the value of a capital investment is taxable as income, under the revenue act of 1916, the supreme court has held. It ruled, however, that a transaction showing an actual loss, could not be taxed, since there was no "gain" derived. In another case, the court held that an increase in value of corporate bonds, originally acquired and held for investment, is taxable.

Taxes estimated to aggregate up to \$100,000,000 are involved in action of the supreme court in the two cases covering the question of whether augmented value of an investment is "income."

In one case the court was asked by counsel, "whether the revenue act of 1916 was constitutional in so far as it is construed to tax an income capital increment realized by the conversion of capital investments into cash."

Many People Interested.
Thousands of individuals who had invested in securities prior to the World War and who, on the general advance in market prices in period, had sold their holdings at a great profit, were naturally interested in the outcome. It was common knowledge that the fear of being compelled to turn over the bulk of their profit to the government in the form of taxes prevented many "paper-millionaires" from realizing on their holdings. Incidentally, many were wiped out in the slump which followed the signing of the Versailles peace treaty.

The legal point involved, however, concerned not only individuals but corporations and partnerships which had invested surplus of capital in solid securities and sold them on a rising market.

In the case of David M. Goodrich vs. William H. Edwards, collector of internal revenue for the second New York district, a tax was assessed on stock which was sold for a loss, but which was sold at a price above the one quoted for it on March 1, 1913, the date set in the statute as that from which prices would be computed. New York courts upheld the government.

The second case came from Connecticut where the federal courts sustained Frederick F. Brewster in his contention that an increase in the value of an investment was not "income." Brewster made a slight actual profit over the price paid for his securities and a heavy profit when computed from the value on March 1, 1913.

Bonds Are Property.
In both cases counsel argued that "bonds are property without reference to cost or market value; the bonds themselves are their own capital assets and their capital interest therein not limited to their cost."

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Jay Fuller Gloom Dies Today-Burial Tuesday

Following the death of Jay Fuller Gloom shortly before noon today, a committee from the Union County Ad club met at lunch at the Foley hotel and made plans for the funeral which will be held tomorrow noon, the funeral cortege starting from the Bohnenkamp funeral parlors at 11:55.

The line of march will be down Spring to Fir, down Fir to Adams and up Adams to the hotel. Members of the Ad Club are especially invited and are asked to meet at the chapel at 11:45. Services will be held in the banquet room of the hotel.

Loney's band will play the dirge to which the cortege will move. As Gloom's life work was discrediting progress of every kind, a fitting tribute will be paid him in dispensing with the hearse. Six pallbearers, all strong men and husky, will carry the casket from the chapel to the banquet room.

Following the casket six ornate pallbearers will be in line, who will be followed by Gloom's friends and members of the Ad Club. The entire cortege will pay a tribute to the departed by refusing to ride in automobiles or other vehicles, none of which would be seen on the streets of La Grande today if the processioning simple-

ity Gloom preached to his fellowmen had been made universal.

The funeral services will be held in the banquet room of the hotel and members of the Ad Club only are invited. Rev. H. E. Dixon is in charge of the services, assisted by G. L. Larison. Following the eulogy and hymns of rejoicing, the members will feast and talk over the resumption of the plans of the club which were interrupted during the past few years by the reign of Gloom.

The first thing that will be gotten under way is expected to be a good roads program, in which Gloom's influence will be missing, something that hasn't happened for several years. The program is expected to be of such a nature that it can actually be put into operation.

The funeral will be in charge of Hal Bohnenkamp. The music is being arranged for by Bruce Cox. Cherry's report, that orders for appropriate floral tributes are pouring in and that difficulty will be had in filling them, and this afternoon Ray Murphy is busy picking five men who are to help him carry the casket weighted down by Gloom. The ornate pallbearers will be selected by Walter Reuter. Chas. Reynolds is in charge of the decorations.

