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GRIFFITH IS NEW HEAD OF DAIL EIREANN

De Valera and Followers Walk Out During Vote

NEW PRESIDENT A SINN FEIN LEADER

Was One of Founders of Movement and Served Time in Jail for Political Reasons.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Jan. 10.—Arthur Griffith was elected president of the Dail Eireann today. DeValera and his followers walked out while the vote was being taken. Speaker McNeill put the motion for the Griffith election and he was unanimously chosen.

Griffith was one of the founders of the Sinn Fein movement and was among the foremost leaders in directing its activities. He was formerly an attorney at Dublin and later established the paper The United Irishman, followed by The Sinn Fein and then The Nationality.

In 1920 he spent seven months in Mount Joy prison. Griffith moved the appointment of the following: Minister of finance, Michael Collins; foreign affairs, Geo. Gavin Duffy; home affairs, Eamon J. Duggan; local government, William T. Cosgrove; economic affairs, Bryan O'Higgins; and defense, Richard Mulcahy.

GRANGE INSTALLS ITS NEW OFFICERS

Medical Springs Grange held a public installation of officers Jan. 6 with one of the biggest crowds present this winter. The newly organized drill team assisted in the floor work and W. R. Geisler acted as installing officer. Five new members received. Resolutions were unanimously adopted thanking the 14 senators for the stand they made at the legislature in regard to the tax for the 1925 fair. The grange is preparing to send their drill team to the grange meeting at Keating on January 14 and will also furnish the program that evening.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Jan. 10.—Henry Veary, 55, of Canby, employed as an attendant at the state hospital for the insane was killed today by F. F. Gerber, a patient, by a blow on the head from behind, according to authorities.

(By Associated Press)
HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 10.—Five men died today from drinking poisonous liquor believed to have been obtained from sailors of an incoming ship.

(By Associated Press)
TOKYO, Jan. 10.—Marquis Okuma, who died early today, has been given posthumous honors by the emperor.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Five witnesses today testified before the senate committee that they had been eye witnesses of the shooting of a soldier by Major Jerome L. Opie of Staunton, Va., while the latter was in France in 1918.

Girls' Basketball Will Open Season February 1

The girls basketball squad, which number about forty, have been undergoing some heavy practice in preparation for their schedule which will probably start the first of February. Miss Genevieve Jones, who is coaching the team, announces that the prospects for a winning team are bright. Before the regular schedule is started an interclass series, on the same plan as the boys interclass games, will be played and the girls should be in good shape for their first interclass game.

GRAIN GROWERS HEADQUARTERS IN PORTLAND

Co-operative Organization Definitely Decides to Make Change in its Offices.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—Establishment of headquarters in Portland for the Oregon Grain Growers association and the Northwest Wheat Growers, associated, was definitely announced at the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon association. According to A. R. Shumway, president of the board, 4200 square feet of floor space will be secured in a downtown office building to accommodate the two organizations, besides offices for The Producer, a weekly publication, and laboratories for the grain grading department.

Handle Much Grain.

More than 5,000,000 bushels of wheat or approximately one-fourth of the crop of the state, was represented at the meeting, Shumway stated.

The Oregon association handled its first wheat in July, 1921, and already has a membership of 2700 grain growers in all sections of the state.

Plans were outlined at the meeting Saturday for the organization of a warehouse company to erect storage warehouses at points in the state where present facilities are inadequate.

Contracts Large.

George Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers' association, reported to the directors that more than 16,000,000 bushels of wheat of the 1921 crop had been contracted for in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. This volume of business would be doubled next season, Jewett stated. The farmers of the northwest being firmly convinced of the advantage of co-operative methods in handling grain and other crops.

Bankers of the state have furnished funds for the major portion of the \$5,000,000 already advanced by the grain growers' association, it was shown. The Portland clearing house banks have pledged a credit of \$1,000,000 and banks at Salem, The Dalles, Pendleton and other points are lending their co-operation to the movement.

WIRELESS RESTRICTIONS

(By Associated Press)
ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Jan. 10.—Local amateur wireless operators have become so numerous that the St. Catherine's Radio association decided Monday to rule the waves overhead. Hereafter low power transmission only will be permitted during certain night hours, while others are set apart for all long-distance work exclusively, and for testing.

"Free ether for all" is the rule during the daytime.

SEE VICTORY ON SATURDAY

The La Grande high school team, after losing their first game to Union, will undergo about as heavy a week in preparation for Friday's and Saturday's games as any basketball team could stand. Tonight they will play a practice game with the Lingering Five in the high school gym at about 7:15, tomorrow they will clash with the Hi-Y team, and the remainder of the week will be spent in practice. La Premier may play with the squad in the week-end games but nothing definite concerning that has been ascertained. Coach Lobell states that very little is known of the strength but that a fast and exciting game should be on the books. As to Union, he is confident that La Grande will put up a much better game on their own floor and the team in general will be improved immensely by Saturday. At Union the local boys were handicapped by the low ceiling and the slippery floor, but over here a different result is looked for after the final whistle is blown.

RAINS WERE OF BENEFIT IN OREGON

Winter Wheat in Eastern Part of State in Good Condition

WESTERN PART OF STATES SUFFERED

General Crop Conditions Reported to be Good; Live-stock is in Healthy Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Crop conditions for the last half of December are covered in reports received by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, from its field agricultural statisticians in the different states.

Wheat Good.

The condition of the winter wheat crop is generally good throughout the eastern and north central states and the crop has entered the winter with very little damage from freezing. The condition of the crop is poor in Nebraska and Kansas due to the continued drought and the percentage of abandonment will be large. Late seedings are poor in Oklahoma and New Mexico and many fields have failed to germinate. Some seeding is still in progress in these states. Some benefit from recent rains is reported in Texas, and slight improvement is also reported in the condition of the crop in Colorado. The condition in the eastern part of Oregon is much improved by recent rains, but excessive soil moisture is causing some damage in the western districts.

The condition of winter rye is generally very good in the leading producing states. Some damage is reported in Idaho from the alternate warm and freezing weather. Some late planted Irish potatoes still remain to be dug in Oregon, and some damage is expected from the recent freezing weather. A heavy demand for seed potatoes is reported from California. The marketing of the crop still remains slow throughout the country. Due to the poor crop in many sections, the reserves on hand there are smaller than usual.

An increase of 40 per cent in the acreage of certified sweet potatoes is reported in Arkansas, but shipments are less than a year ago. A

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STATE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTS ON

Secretaries of Many Boards Announce Plans they Will Try to Put Across.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Jan. 10.—Plans for a state fight against the drug traffic were outlined at a meeting today of the governor, Frank I. Ward, secretary of the pharmacy board, and Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the board of health.

The secretaries recommended a thorough campaign against the vendors, compulsory hospital treatment for the curable and a dispensary system for supplying drugs to incurable addicts. Today's conference is preliminary to a state-wide conference on drugs at Portland tomorrow.

Dead Man's Hill May Be Graded by Umatilla County

County Court Offers to Grade Section of Road that Gives Eastern Oregon a Bad Reputation.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—The state highway commission received an offer from the Umatilla county court to grade the Dead Man's Hill-Kamela section of the Old Oregon trail if the state will lend the county \$80,000 to do the work. The section is 12 miles long and is one of the most difficult parts of the state for road building, said Commissioner Barratt. The county would pay back out of the general road fund as collected. No action will be taken by the commission until Chairman Booth, who is ill at Eugene, sits with the commission.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—The highway commission received bids on a million dollars of bonds today. They were somewhat lower than the December bids. The bond market in the east and the forthcoming ten-million dollar bonds caused the lower bids, it was explained.

Secretary of State Keizer conferred with the highway commission regarding the policing of the roads under the new highway law.

MORE STOCK ISSUED.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Authority was granted the Pullman company by the interstate commerce commission to purchase the property of the Haskell-Barker Car company by issuing 165,000 shares of new capital stock having a par value of sixteen and a half dollars.

CONFERENCE CALLED.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Secretary Hoover, acting with the approval of President Harding, has entered upon a series of conferences relative to railroad labor questions in which meetings of chiefs of railway labor unions and representatives of railroads are participating.

Rousing Meeting of Ad Club Hears Flour Milling Discussed

WALLACE IS ADVOCATE OF LOWER RATES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—To bring about a normal adjustment in agriculture and through it in industry, railroad deficits "must be met by reductions in operating costs rather than by advances in rates," Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture declared in an address last night. Agriculture, he said, "urgently needs the adjustment of freight rates on farm products to a point at which they bear about the same relation to the price the farmer received for those products as prevailed before the war."

DEMAND FOR MEAT PRICE PROBE MADE

State Board of Health Declares 'No Great Differences Between Livestock and Meat Prices.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—Investigation of retail meat prices in Oregon by some competent authority, or district attorneys or grand jury, to determine the cause of high prices, was demanded by the state board of health today. The board declared the spread between livestock and dressed meat prices unwarranted.

Entire Board of Directors Named To Serve Again

The annual meeting of stockholders of the La Grande National bank was held this morning at 10 o'clock. Directors for the year of 1922 were elected. The following men were elected: C. C. Pennington, A. T. Hill, F. L. Meyers, H. E. Coudridge, H. S. Brownson, J. G. Snodgrass, A. R. Hunter of Island City, J. P. Conley of Cove and A. Blokland of Island City, all of which served as directors during the past year.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WILL BEGIN MONDAY

La Grande Post of American Legion After 100 Per Cent Enrollment.

MOVIES OF WAR TO BE SHOWN MONDAY

Following the Membership Drive Local Post Expects to Organize a Ladies' Auxiliary.

La Grande Post No. 43 of the American Legion, will begin its membership drive on next Monday and at the meeting held last night decided to set its goal at a membership of 100 per cent of all service men in La Grande. Once the goal set is reached the post promises to become one of the most active in the state and in order that the full attention can be concentrated upon the work of making the membership drive a complete success, all other activities of the organization will be temporarily halted as much as possible.

One of the features of the week will be the showing of "Flashes of Action," a film made from pictures taken in France during the war by the signal corps. These will be shown at the Star theater on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The films are in five reels and were purchased by the state department of the legion from the signal corps. The divisions which are shown in action, include the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 42nd and 91st. Troops are also shown on transport, in unarmored battles, at embarkation points, and during reviews. The battlefield scenes are at Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne.

The organization of the ladies' auxiliary has been postponed until after the drive has been finished. The plans for securing members include a house to house canvass and the establishing of a downtown headquarters.

FOUR KILLED.

(By Associated Press)
VAN WERT, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Four children were killed and 17 injured this morning when a school bus was hit by a Pennsylvania fast freight train three miles east of here in a heavy fog. There were 33 in the bus, which was enroute to the township school.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS MEET

The annual banquet given by the Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 and the Rescue Hose Co. No. 1 was held last night in the Sommer dining room. The main items on the bill of fare were clams and crabs. At the close of the banquet several after-dinner talks were given on the fire situation. Those present were: invited guests, Ex-Chief J. H. Pearce, Ex-Chief Joseph Jones, City Manager Geo. Garrett, F. L. Lilly, H. M. Bay, J. G. Snodgrass, G. H. Hopkins, Julius Roesch, L. M. Hoyt and J. Schmidt; regular members present were: Rube Zweifel, L. L. Snodgrass, Nate Zweifel, C. P. Caylor, S. A. Weagle, James O'Neill, J. H. Keeney, F. G. Hennings, George Young, Lloyd Scriber, Ed Taylor, C. L. Mackey, C. M. Combs and Fire Chief Charles Murchison. Everyone reported a delightful time.

THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS



(By Associated Press)
OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 10.—Damage estimated at \$1200 resulted, and the western part of the city was thrown into excitement Monday, when Edwin B. Baggs, proprietor of a wholesale grocery company, used an electric heater to thaw ice which had collected in the bottom of an automobile gasoline tank. There was a terrific explosion. Baggs escaped with the mere loss of his eyebrows.

Keelen Sentence Is Reversed Today By The Supreme Court

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Jan. 10.—The supreme court today affirmed the conviction of C. E. Dooley for larceny of an automobile and reversed and remanded the case of P. J. Keelen, jointly indicted with Dooley, by the Union county grand jury.

Road Bond Bids Will be Received on January 16

County road bonds amounting to \$100,000 are now open to bids for purchase of part or all of the serial bonds. The bonds are of \$1,000 denomination and the bids will be received until 10 o'clock on the morning of January 16. These bonds bear interest not to exceed 5 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually. All bids must be unconditional and accompanied by a certified check for at least 2 per cent of the face value of said bonds, and the successful bidder must be prepared to take these bonds at any later date 10

days after sale. The bonds become due and payable, according to the series number, from January 15, 1927 to January 15, 1936, each series becoming due each succeeding year according to their number.

