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COOPERATIVE MARKETING SANCTIONED

Capper-Volstead Bill Signed By President This Morning

PROFITS LIMITED TO 8 PER CENT

Bill Provides that No Member of an Association Shall Have More Than One Vote.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — The Capper-Volstead co-operative marketing bill, which legalizes co-operative marketing associations of farmers and producers for marketing purposes and exempts them from the Sherman anti-trust law, was signed today by the president.

The bill was one of the measures especially sponsored by the agricultural bloc and the signing was witnessed by several senators and representatives, including Senator McNary of Oregon.

The act limits the profits of co-operative associations to eight per cent and the stockholders to one vote, no matter how much stock they may hold in any organization. Its administration is under the secretary of agriculture.

FUNERAL TO BE SUNDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Lois McPherson, who passed away on Wednesday, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian church. The body now lies at the home, 1310 W. avenue.

LUMBER FIRM HOLDS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nibley-Minnah Lumber company was held here yesterday afternoon. The election of directors resulted as follows: Joseph Stoddard of Baker, Elmer J. Stoddard of La Grande, C. H. Minnaugh of Portland, J. H. Minnaugh of Walla Walla and J. F. Rancourt of Walla Walla.

The directors met immediately after their election and chose the officers of the year. They are J. H. Minnaugh, president and general manager; Elmer J. Stoddard, vice president and J. F. Rancourt, secretary and treasurer.

Thief Sentenced To County Jail Yesterday

A man giving his name as O. C. Turner, alias Frank Gray and Joe Ray, was brought to La Grande yesterday by Constable Slater, of Union, who apprehended him at that place upon receiving word from Sheriff Warnick.

He was tried before the justice court on the charge of larceny and pleaded guilty, receiving a sentence of 30 days in the county jail.

Turner had obtained a large amount of fruit from George Carlson, a farmer living near La Grande, a few days ago.

Legion Head Lauds the Work of the Red Cross

Dr. Ray F. Murphy, commander of the La Grande post of the American Legion, lauded the following sentiment today:

"It is hard to imagine what would happen to the service men of Union county if it were not for the Red Cross. A total of 472 ex-service men and their families have received assistance in various ways from the Red Cross. This service includes obtaining allotments, help in getting money, and actual relief to families of ex-service men.

There is another phase of the Red Cross work which has often been overlooked. Claims that have been adjusted for ex-service men run into great many thousands of dollars. It is impossible to state just how much money the Red Cross has helped to bring to ex-service men in Union county from federal sources but the records show \$35,254.12, money from outside of Oregon, have been brought to Union county through the largeness of the Red Cross.

"Every ex-service man certainly does hope that the people of La Grande will respond liberally to the Home Service Charity Fund Campaign, which has often been overlooked."

COUNTY JUDGE REPLIES TO CITY MANAGER

Gives County's Version of Court House Matter and Shows Possible Way Out.

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Japs Refuse a Passport

Nipponese Don't Want To Hear Anything About Birth Control

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18. — The Japanese consulate here late today announced that instructions had been received from Tokyo to refuse a visa to the passport of Mrs. Margaret Sanger, head of the Birth Control league, who is in San Francisco, preparing to start on a tour of the far east.

COMMITTEES TO MEET SUNDAY

All Members of Various Red Cross Drive Groups Are Asked to Attend.

All committees appointed on the Home Charity Fund Drive which begins on Monday, are asked to meet in the city hall Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. At this time the final drive will be outlined. The committees that are asked to meet are as follows:

Church and Sunday School Committee — Rev. Gunn, Rev. Quigley, Rev. Father Loeser, Elder W. O. Jones, Rev. Starum, Bishop David I. Stoddard, Rev. A. R. Sifton, Mrs. E. W. Hackman and Robert Eakin.

Finance Committee — T. J. Scroggin, Mrs. D. M. Pague and J. H. Pearce.

Publicity — A. W. Nelson, Mrs. E. P. Mossman and Helen McDonald.

Patriotic Societies — Fred Kiddle, Dr. Ray Murphy, Roy B. Curry, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. L. Denham, Miss Anna Brooks, Mrs. August P. Nelson.

Four Minute Men — Judge Thomas H. Crawford, H. E. Dixon, R. J. Kitchen and C. R. Eberhard.

Schools — A. C. Hampton and Mrs. Rosenbaum.

Supervision of Solicitation — C. E. Roe.

Short, August Stange, Elmer Stoddard, Dr. W. T. Phy, Father Loeser and Mrs. E. P. Mossman.

General Committee Outside of La Grande — Herman White, Dr. W. T. Phy, L. A. Wright, Mrs. L. Denham, Miss Anna Brooks and Mrs. Zoning City and Preparatory Work — Father Loeser, Mrs. E. P. Mossman, Mrs. Emma Fowler and J. E. Stearns.

Secret Societies Committees.

Ad Club — Dr. Mossman and A. W. Nelson.

Loyal Order of Moose — D. E. Shanks and M. A. Stillwell.

Elks Lodge — S. D. Crowe and F. L. Pearson.

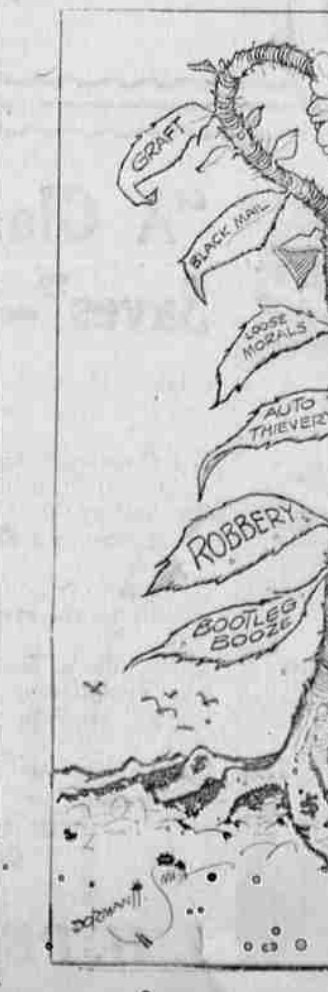
Modern Woodmen — E. R. Ringo and Jacob Rostock.

Masonic — C. W. Ringner and E. R. Ringo.

Eagles — Z. Lilly and J. E. Birdsell.

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OUR EVER-BLOOMING PLANT



LANDIS QUILTS THE FEDERAL BENCH TODAY

Will Devote All Time To Supervising Baseball, He Says

NATIONAL LEAGUE IS WELL PLEASED

Day Is Too Short to Handle Two Jobs, Says Judge Landis In Making Announcement.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 18. — Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis today announced his resignation from the bench, effective March 1. He said he would devote his entire time to the position of baseball commissioner.

"There are not enough hours in a day for all my activities. Therefore I have forwarded my resignation as federal judge to Washington," he declared.

UNIVERSITY TO ASK FOR FUNDS

EUGENE, Feb. 18. — University of Oregon here is planning to appeal to its graduates and friends for financial help as the institution, dependent entirely upon state funds has run up against a stone wall and is unable to expand.

"There is no good reason why two sources of revenue — taxes and gifts — should not provide for the support of our state institutions," President P. L. Campbell declared in his recent annual report.

Buildings needed at the University would cost a million and a half dollars, it is estimated. Margins saved from the millage tax, the university's source of income, even with the most drastic economies, cannot provide that amount for many years.

Merchant Says he was Robbed

Claims Huge Amount of Diamonds Taken On Train

(By Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18. — Sidney Krengel of Krengel Brothers, diamond importers, reported to the police that he had been robbed of \$125,000 to \$150,000 worth of diamonds on an Illinois Central train that arrived here today from Chicago.

FUNDS BADLY NEEDED NOW

Mr. C is an ex-service man who has made application for compensation for a service disability. He has an adorable little wife and a baby not yet two months old. Being unable to work because of his disability the young man was reduced to asking some assistance of the Red Cross. Hospital care has been secured which will probably restore his health and in the meantime a cooperating chapter of the Red Cross has accepted the responsibility for the young wife and her baby in the home of her mother. Transportation was furnished by the local chapter and during the period of hospitalization for the service upon the entire family is being cared for. Substantial compensation will doubtless be paid as soon as the evidence submitted has been passed upon.

But such acts of service can no longer be continued in La Grande, for the Red Cross funds are depleted. When the time comes next week to give, little or much as the case may be, the public should keep the case of Mr. C and family in mind. Where would they have been without the Red Cross?

CAMPAIGN TO CHECK TYPHUS

(By Associated Press)
WARSAW, Feb. 18. — A vigorous campaign to check the spread of typhus is expected to result from the meeting which began here today of the first Polish National Congress of Hygienists and Sanitarians. A country-wide health campaign based on the American model will be organized.

Polish medical authorities are somewhat apprehensive over the spread of typhus but feel confident that the epidemic will not reach the proportions of 1919 when there were 120,000 cases in the first few months, with a mortality of 10 per cent.

BULBUL IS A SCREAM OF PLEASURE

Cast of Fifty Will Present the Great Comic Opera Monday and Tuesday Evenings of Next Week.

"Ain't We Got Fun" will be the remark of one member of the audience to another Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week when "Bulbul," the high class comic opera will be presented by a cast of fifty or more home folk in the high school auditorium.

Rehearsals convince the most skeptical that it is the classiest of the joyful, mirth-producing comic operas ever staged. Mrs. A. L. Richardson, musical director, has the voices worked up to a point of remarkable attainment, and Mrs. Norman Fries, as dramatic director, has the finest dramatic effects ready for the public.

"Bulbul" is a wonderful production. Of the customs of the Old World there are many which western civilization, with its freedom from restraints, find most difficult to understand, and often to condone. One of the foremost of these that prevails in western Asia is that of promising a daughter's hand in marriage to one often unknown to the bride-to-be.

Accepted as this custom is, through the force of long usage it is rarely indeed that a daughter, especially of an emperor, in defiance of her father's will, openly proclaims her love for, and intention to wed another of low degree. But this very complication occurs in the comic opera "Bulbul," when the Princess Bulbul, having given her heart to the lowly peddler, refuses to wed the Prince Caspian, who has been betrothed to her by her royal father.

How developments prove the peddler to be the prince in disguise, and how the irate emperor is thereby appeased, with everyone happy in the end is shown in a plot of amusing escapades and of unusual crises.

If an evening of mirth and melody means anything to you the performances on next Monday and Tuesday evenings will provide the sensation of your life.

The opera is so thoroughly interesting that it might be well to mention in order to give the reader a further idea of the entertainment, that there are few national customs that remain so uniform and unchanging as those of Persia and the surrounding countries. There, if anywhere, the traits of the peoples show the influence of those restrictions upon travel, and of circumscribed thought which have descended as a heritage from countless generations.

Even the harem, that last foothold of antiquity, still maintains in all its old-time vigor and inconsistencies, with its fascinating costumes and its covert glances that reveal themselves despite the veiled countenances of its inmates.

Only in fiction and in imagination have we been able to picture these intriguing scenes with their music, their laughter and their tragedies; but now we shall see all the mysteries revealed in the presentation of the comic opera "Bulbul," for, when the curtain rises Monday night at the auditorium the gloomy thought will be at once dispelled and the entire evening will be a joyous one.

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MRS. JOHN WADE DIES TODAY

Word of the death of Mrs. John Wade was received here this morning from The Dalles. According to the reports death came following an illness of some time, at one o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Wade was a former resident of this city and well known to the older residents here. She was a member of Hope Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star, of this city.

The Wades were prominent in railroad circles here for many years, Mr. Wade being an O-W. employee.

Mrs. Floyd McKennon is a niece of Mrs. Wade's and left this morning on No. 17 for The Dalles. Mrs. John Anthony is a cousin of the deceased. The body will be shipped east for burial.

GRANGE NAMES COMMITTEES

C. D. Huffman, master of the Union County Pomona grange has appointed the following committees to have reports ready with recommendations for the next year work at the meeting of the county grange to be held at Cove with Mt. Fannie Grange on March 25.

Committee on roads: W. R. Jasper, J. B. Tallent, Henry Low, Leo Willson and Walter Standley.

Legislation: M. L. Carter, E. L. Eckley, Clifford Gilkison, M. G. Church and W. Duane.

Cooperation: D. H. Snider, A. R. Haller, J. E. Gilkison, N. Daron and W. R. Gekeler.

Grange Fair: J. A. Nice, F. M. Huffman, R. J. Baker, Mrs. Mary Starr and Mrs. Geo. South.

A number of standing committees will also have reports of the past years' activities.

Returns From Work And Finds Home Ransacked

Sometime between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon yesterday someone entered the Branch Line Section House, which is occupied by Foreman A. W. Foster, and stole clothing and other articles amounting to approximately \$200.00 in value.

Mr. Foster returned from his work at about four o'clock and discovered the theft, immediately reporting it to the police authorities who are working on the case. Mrs. Foster is in the hospital and therefore the section house was unguarded during the day.

The police department reports that no clues have been found and as yet no indications as to who was the robber. The house was entered by means of a pass key.

The articles that were taken, belonging to Mr. Foster, are as follows: a suit of clothes, camera, field glasses, a pair of shoes, a diamond stick pin, and an overcoat. No money had been left on the premises.

SMOOT PLAN ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

European Valuations Being Substituted On Tariff

INCREASES WILL BE NECESSARY

Rewriting of Rates Has Begun Following Announcement that Leaders Have Come To Agreement.

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