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## RESPONSE TO CHARITY FUND IS GENEROUS

Reports At Ad Club Luncheon This Noon Encouraging

### COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK TODAY

Contributions Small But Very Few People Fail To Subscribe Something To Worthy Cause.

At the Ad club luncheon today reports of several of the chairmen of soliciting committees for the Red Cross Charity Fund showed that the movement to raise \$5,000 in the city is meeting with very fine response, and that aside from less than half a dozen people the response has been unanimous. The half dozen whose names were not mentioned at the Ad club include only those who have outspoken criticism of the Red Cross, their fellowmen and who are well known to be not in accord with scarcely anything of importance to the human race.

It was made plain that this drive will be a success if sufficient work is given to it, for the essential thing only is to see the people. The merit of the cause is so just and so pronounced that everyone whose heart beats right is anxious to do something. The amounts being collected are small, which will mean that constant work must continue until the city has been thoroughly canvassed.

The principal speaker at today's luncheon was Dean C. E. Robbins of the business department of the Oregon university and he made a talk that was highly pleasing to everyone present. The dean is a practical chap. He thinks down close to the earth and unlike so many men in college work, refuses to soar into the clouds making large and varied claims. He explained the work his department is doing, gave some concrete examples of success that had developed as graduates went into the world, but he did not overlook stating that everyone can't well be captains of industry, although everyone has the opportunity. He made it plain that there still must be bookkeepers, stenographers and men in all other departments as well as the heads of business. The dean asked that people not expect the impossible from his department, but assured those assembled that it is getting results.

Before the Ad club started on its business today the assembly stood in silent meditation for a few seconds when adopting the following resolution which was proposed by Judge Crawford, as member of the resolutions committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Ad Club of La Grande is deeply sensible of the loss to the club, the city, the community at large

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Workers on the \$3,000 Home Charity Fund Drive reported last evening and turned over \$1,250 to the committee in charge as the result of the first day's work. Some of the workers were not able to get started yesterday but today practically all districts are being canvassed and from all parts of town come reports that the people of the city are giving whole-heartedly.

## Washington's Birthday to be Observed Wednesday

Washington's birthday, according to the state school laws, is no longer a legal holiday during the entire day. The law provides now for observance of appropriate exercises for not less than an hour and one-half's time during the morning and observing a holiday in the afternoon.

The La Grande schools will adhere to this ruling and the various rooms throughout the three grammar schools will hold

## BIG DAY FOR BASKETBALL IS WEDNESDAY

Girls' Team of Local High School Will Play With Union Girls and Four Other Games Are Scheduled.

Five basketball games will be played on Wednesday afternoon and evening, making the greatest basketball day, considering the number of games to be played, that La Grande has seen for many a day.

The big game of the day will take place in the high school gymnasium at three thirty o'clock in the afternoon, the strong La Grande high school sextette meeting the Union high school girls' team in the final game of the girls' league to be played on the local floor. La Grande met and defeated the visitors at Union several weeks ago by the overwhelming score of 51 to 6, but since then the Union team has been improving considerably and expects to play the locals a closer game. The Union team is smaller than the blue and white squad but play a fast game and the basketball fan will do well to attend this attraction. Regular admission will be charged.

In the evening four games will be played at the "Y," two of them between local teams and two in which teams from Union will meet La Grande quintets.

The curtain will rise on a contest between the boy scout second team and the M. I. A. youngsters. Neither team has played any games and both expect to win. Short halves will be known. In the second game the boy scouts are expected to get revenge for the defeat they suffered earlier in the season from the Union Tigers, a team composed of diminutive high school players and grade school boys. Reports are that the visitors have improved since the first game but the boy scouts have been putting in a lot of hard practice and are in the pink of condition. Both teams play a fast brand of ball.

In the final game preliminary to the stellar attraction of the evening, the Union high school second team will take the floor against the Hi-Y's. Both teams are rated at about par, with the odds favoring the Y. M. C. A. team a little. The Union second-stringers have lost one game to the La Grande second team and have won from the Union American Legion seconds and the Cove high school second team. The Hi-Y team defeated the blue and white seconds and lost, by about the same score, as did the visitors, to the Union American Legion second team.

In the final wind-up of the evening's quadruple-header, the Stoddard Brothers on the Cougars, both city league members, will play a post-season game. In the league game they played earlier in the season the first half ended 26 to 15 in favor of the Cougars, but the Stoddards staged a rally and won 41 to 35. Both teams have practically the same line-ups as when they met before. In all probability the All Star City League team will be chosen shortly after this game. The team will probably be picked from the following men: Lewin and Sirrine, Union; Lester, John and Dave Stoddard, Stoddard Brothers; Webb, Cougars; Garrity, Proctor, Theison and Lindley, Clerks.

The games will commence at about seven o'clock and a small admission will be charged. C. C. Snow will referee.

### Little Girl Formerly Living Here Passed On

Death claimed little six year old Louise McClure this morning, at Baker, according to word received here at noon today. The little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McClure, was known to many here where the family lived for some time. The mother is now in Baker hospital seriously ill from a combined attack of flu and pneumonia, that also caused the death of Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClure, pioneer residents of the Hot Lake district are now at their son's home in Baker.

## FOUND GUILTY ON CHARGES AND REMOVED

District Attorney in Boston Relieved of Job by High Court

### SEVERAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN PROVED

Defense Made No Effort to Fight But Declared Whole Matter Was a Conspiracy.

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, Feb. 21.—District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk county, was removed by the supreme court today. The court found him guilty on several counts under charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office.

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The trial of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk County, before the full bench of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, which began on December 27 last and ended January 24, was the second hearing of the kind in the state's history and involved 32 specifications of alleged malfeasance, misfeasance and non-feasance in office formulated by the grievance committee of the Boston Bar Association and by Attorney-General J. Weston Allen. Less than a year ago Nathan A. Tufts was removed as District Attorney in Middlesex County in a similar proceeding.

Attorney-General Allen alleged that the acts of Pelletier as district attorney since Nov. 13, 1909, when he took office, down to the date of filing the charges, as unfolded by witnesses, prove that the accused prosecutor had conducted his office in an "unlawful and reprehensible manner." None of the charges as originally filed specified that Pelletier had received money in return for his alleged misconduct, but evidence to this effect was presented in five cases. The attorney general offered this evidence in connection with a claim that Pelletier had "participated in the profits of a partnership of crime."

The action of assistants of Pelletier in disposing of cases brought to the attention of the district attorney's office was the basis of five of the charges. The state maintained that Pelletier should be removed because he had retained the assistants in office knowing their conduct to have been improper.

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## BOY SCOUTS PLAN LODGE IN THE WOODS

Site To Be Selected Soon On Mt. Emily; Work Is Comprehensive.

Now that the winter camp has been put down on the records as having been a success from every standpoint, the local Boy Scout authorities and the two troops of scouts here are looking forward with much zest and anticipation to the summer camp.

The local authorities expect to establish a summer lodge somewhere on Mount Emily in addition to their regular summer outing. They are already preparing to select the site and to arrange the other details. In all probability the site will be secured in a short time and as soon as the weather permits work will begin to arrange the lodge along the following line: A log cabin of good sized proportions will be built, which will have a large dining room devoted to meeting places and serving as a dining room. Another room will be utilized as a kitchen. Each patrol will have its individual bunkhouse containing sleeping quarters.

Will Be Permanent. The object in building and furnishing such a lodge is to procure a permanent place where the boys can spend week-ends in the woods and it will also furnish an ideal site for practicing woodcraft and other similar projects.

In addition to the building of the summer lodge, plans are being made to take a two weeks' outing during the summer, both troops going. As soon as conditions permit the dates and site will be arranged and selected and further necessary arrangements, as equipping themselves, etc., will be handled.

One of the outstanding phases of the scoutcraft work of the local and national boy scouts is fire prevention.

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### Annual Meeting of Irrigation Company Was Held Yesterday

The La Grande Irrigation company held its annual meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon. A new board of directors was elected. Those who will serve on the board this year are A. J. Bredlove, O. D. Johnson, George Chapman, Thomas Bayliss and J. H. Russell.

The board of directors chose the officers for the year as follows: J. H. Russell, president, and Thomas Bayliss, secretary.

The company also decided to put in a concrete ditch along Z avenue as soon as the weather permits.

### CHILD MATCHES SAME STORY

PERTH, Scotland, Feb. 21.—Three-year-old Alexander McGregor played with matches and set fire to some straw. Firemen had difficulty in saving a nearby million-dollar factory from destruction.

## Moral Malady Grips World Says Van Dyke

By Dr. Henry Van Dyke. (Copyright, 1922, by NEA Service, Incorporated.)

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 21.—The war was caused in great part by a disregard of national psychology. Germany, obsessed by the Hohenzollern myth, was utterly unable to put herself in the place of other nations and understand how they felt.

A somewhat similar lack of psychological sympathy is the main thing that imperils peace at the present hour.

If the nations would only try to do unto others as they would have others do unto them at least half the difficulties that beset Europe, and that seriously affect the United States, would melt away.

But the other half would remain and would have to be dealt with by practical measures, like those which have recently been undertaken at the Washington Conference and carried through to a success which, though not yet complete, is greater than the friends of permanent peace dared to hope at the outset.

The condition of affairs in Europe certainly is not altogether good. But it might easily be worse. The task of peace-loving nations at the present moment is to prevent that deterioration. If that can be stopped the natural forces of good which reside in humanity will gradually bring about an improvement in industry, trade, finance and all the arts of peace.

I do not believe that humanity is bankrupt, civilization shipwrecked, and the world doomed to destruction. That idea is a delusion of hysteria in minds of a certain type, shell-shocked by the war and not yet returned to normal and reasonable ways of thinking.

But the mass of people in America, and even in Europe are really not like that. They enjoy their victuals and their sleep, their simple pleasures and their family relations. They love their home and their country, and are willing to work for them. Indeed, they would much rather work for them quietly than be shot to pieces for them. That is why they are hungry for peace.

My estimate of the situation is not official. It is simply the opinion of a private person who has knocked about the world for 70 years and been in close relations with all sorts and conditions of men.

On this visit to England and France I met the leading statesmen of both countries and heard them talk in the freedom of private intercourse. Neither France nor England is militaristic or imperialistic, whatever babblers may profess to believe to the contrary. No militaristic government in France or England could survive for a week. The people would make an end of it.

I saw a good deal also of my old friends, the taxicab drivers, and found them much improved in manners and I hope, in morals.

I did not meet with a single pirate among them.

Of course, they groveled about the price of gasoline—and with justice. But so far as I could see they played no tricks with their fares. They were as obliging and cheerful as you can



Henry Van Dyke.

## AUDIENCE IS PLEASED BY "BULBUL"

First Presentation of Opera-etta Drew Packed House

### WILL BE REPEATED AGAIN TONIGHT

Caste Large and In Every Way Performed As Creditably As Professional Company Could Have Done.

Had a stranger happened into the high school auditorium last evening not knowing that home folks were giving the comic opera "Bulbul" he would have been amazed at a company the size of the one that played traveling in these days of expensive travel, and he would have been further amazed at such a company stopping outside the larger cities of the coast.

So far as detecting the amateur in any of the parts or suspecting that the singers of the leading parts were not professionals no one would have done so, for last evening's entertainment was so strictly high class that it was professional in every appearance.

### Pleasant Plot.

"Bulbul" is an attractive comic opera taking its place along side such attractions as the "Burgomaster," "Floradora" and others of like nature. The little plot is a pleasant one, the scenes are excellent and the opportunity for the voice has never been lost sight of by the author.

In the garden of the palace where act one is staged the chorus opens the evening with singing that fills the auditorium. It is not from weak stringy voices wailed through the air, but with Lindsay's full orchestra, the singers brought the audience right on their toes the moment the curtain went up.

George Birnie as the King "Jamit," never appeared so well as he did last evening. Possessing all of the characteristics necessary he swaggered onto the stage in kingly manner and then his magnificent voice rolled out through the auditorium in a commanding as well as melodious manner.

Acting Faultless. Mrs. Ray Fuller as "Bulbul," the princess, the beautiful daughter of the king was properly placed. Her voice was just right for the part she took and her singing and acting were faultless.

Stuart Bennett as "Caspian," the Arabian prince, appeared as a perfect peddler, acting the part of a

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### MANDAMUS WRIT IS SUSTAINED BY COURT.

SALEM, Feb. 21.—The supreme court sustained the mandamus writ issued in the case of the State of Oregon ex rel Zoeth Houser, as sheriff of Umatilla county, against I. M. Sannep, the county judge, and the board of county commissioners. The case was an original proceeding in mandamus to compel the defendant to audit certain expenses relating to criminal proceedings. Justice McBride wrote the opinion sustaining the writ.

## MINE WORKERS PREPARE FOR AN ALLIANCE

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Fifteen railway unions met here today with mine workers to plan a "defensive alliance."

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America asked the coal operators of the central competitive field to meet with union officials in Cleveland, March 2, for a wage conference to avert the impending strike. Some operators have rejected similar requests, saying they wished to discontinue collective bargaining with the miners.

## BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The house military committee will conclude this week its hearing on the Ford Muncie Shoals offer.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The McComber bill providing for five million dollars of government aid to farmers to buy seed grain and feed for livestock was reported favorably by the senate agriculture committee.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Alice Hills of Los Angeles, a passenger, and Harold Holloway of San Francisco, a waiter, jumped from the liner Buckeye, late yesterday and drowned while the vessel was 300 miles south of Los Angeles, according to a radio message. No cause was given.

## Public Service Body Refuses a Rehearing

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Feb. 21.—Admiring the original order granting increased rates to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and scoring the petitioners who asked for a rehearing, the public service commission today handed down its final decision on the company's application for higher rates.

The increase ordered February 28 last year, effective March 1, ranged from 50 to 200 per cent for different classes of service. A rehearing was asked for by the city of Portland, the Oregon telephone federation and other organizations and municipalities.

The hearing occupied several weeks last winter.

hearing were flayed by the commission for burdening the state with unnecessary expense and wasting state officials' time. Evidence was produced at the rehearing that was insufficient to justify a change in the original order and increase, said the commission. The commission declared that no evidence worthy of name for support of assertions of error was presented.



### Weather

Tonight and Wednesday rain in the western portion of the state and cloudy in the east.