

WAR THREATENS

POLITICS ARE BEGINNING TO WARM SOME

Sloan and Hinkle Over from Umatilla County Today

ORGANIZATIONS ARE TAKING HAND

Joint Senatorship Will Have at Least Two Candidates—Looks As Though Eberhard and Sloan Would Contest for Toga—Umatilla Taxpayers Behind Hinkle for the House.

With the arrival in La Grande today of Joseph Hinkle and Frank Sloan, representative from Umatilla county in the lower house at the last regular and special session of the legislature, information was imparted that over in Umatilla county the taxpayers are in dead earnest this year in not only forming organizations but they are also contemplating taking a hand in primaries.

Umatilla was the first county in Eastern Oregon to have a taxpayers' organization this year and that body has issued a series of questions to candidates for office with the outspoken statement that the organization intends to support candidates who are favorable to lowering taxes and doing other things which the questions demand.

Both Mr. Sloan and Mr. Hinkle belong to the taxpayer's body and both have been prominent in the organization.

Sloan Will Probably Run.

While it had been announced that Frank Sloan would be returned to the house from Umatilla county and Joseph Hinkle would oppose Senator C. R. Eberhard for re-nomination, it now appears that Mr. Sloan will run for the senate and Mr. Hinkle will run for the house from the east end of Umatilla county. Representative Miller, it is understood, will be returned to the house from the east end of Umatilla and Senator Roy Ritter will be returned to the senate from Pendleton.

Behind this movement is the work of the taxpayers of Umatilla, it is said, and the same body is interviewing Morrow county taxpayers with a determination to get Representative Woodson of that county to run again. Woodson has said that he did not think he would be a candidate, but there looms for him the speakership of the house he will run. At least that is the way many members of the house are figuring. They contend that the presidency of the senate, having been placed at Pendleton during the last session, will in all probability go to a Willamette valley or a coast man this session, and that the speakership of the house will naturally fall to Eastern Oregon provided this section produces the man.

That Woodson was one of the very

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Legion Post Will Hold Next Meeting Monday

American Legion Post No. 43 will hold their regular meeting on Monday night at eight o'clock in Eagles hall. Several very important matters will be acted upon at this time and every ex-service man is asked to be in attendance.

The matter of forming a county Legion council, with headquarters in La Grande, will be put before the meeting at this time. Such a council would consist of five members from each post in the county and would aid in furthering friendly co-operation among the local posts.

The bonus question will also be discussed at length at this time. All ex-service men who have problems concerning the loan or on borrowing for use on farm property are urged to be present. The matter of securing options upon farm land in the county will be acted upon.

Ike Patterson, Dirt Farmer, Will Run For The Governor's Office

GRAND JURY IS PROBING NIGHTRIDERS

(By Associated Press) BAKERSFIELD, Mar. 11.—The Kern county grand jury today began an investigation of the night rider activities in west side towns credited to the Ku Klux Klan. W. S. Coburn, grand juror of the Ku Klux Klan in California, is reported to be at Taft to investigate and is quoted as saying that his organization has nothing to do with the occurrences. He is declared to have state that he is as anxious as anybody to trace to its source and halt the night riders.

Scouts To Play At Baker This Evening

The La Grande boy scout basketball team left today on No. 24 for Baker, where they will meet the strong boy scout team of Baker tonight on the "Y" floor.

They have already played one game in La Grande and were defeated by an overwhelming score but the locals expect to play a much better game this time.

Those who made the trip were A. E. Pryke, Harvey Carter, Fern Kelly, Howard Beatty, Ed Fitzgerald, Walter Duth, Francis Robinson and Leo McCorkle.

Payroll Bandits In East are Active and Make Two Big Hauls

Lost Amounted to \$40,000 in Two Robberies Today as Paymasters Carried Week's Payroll.

(By Associated Press) BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Mar. 11.—Six bandits held up a trolley car near here and stole a \$30,000 payroll from two officers of the W. J. Riney and company store at Allison, Pa. Elmer Hill, accompanying the officers as guard, was shot but not seriously wounded. The bandits escaped in automobile.

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Mar. 11.—Four bandits held up and robbed two paymasters for the Bernard Gloeckler company at Penn avenue and Twelfth street this morning and escaped with \$10,000.

BIG ORDER PLACED.

(By Associated Press)

DAVENPORT, Ia., Mar. 11.—The Bettendorf Steel Car Co., through its president, J. W. Bettendorf, Thursday announced a million and a half dollar contract with the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, the third contract amounting to a million or more dollars entered into by the company within the last 60 days.

UNDERWOOD DEFENDS FOUR POWER TREATY

California Outrages Arouse Authorities To Action

DECLARED TO BE THE REAL PEACE TREATY

Issue As Outlined by Senator Is Whether U. S. Wants To Sanction Arrangement Removing War Danger.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—Describing the four-power Pacific treaty as the "real treaty of peace" of the arms conference, Senator Underwood of Alabama, member of the American delegation to the conference, told the senate today he would vote for ratification in the same spirit he supported the League of Nations.

The real issue, Underwood declared, was whether the United States was ready to sanction any arrangement for peace by mutual understanding or desired to continue "the opportunity for that which threatened us for the past two decades."

He declared that the treaty was not an alliance but even if it were and were founded on arbitration rather than force, he would support it.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—Secretary Hughes in a letter to Senator Underwood today resents intimation that American delegates had accepted a plan for the four-power treaty that had been cunningly contrived by others opposed to American interests.

He declared that there were no secret notes or understandings and said he himself prepared the draft of the treaty based on suggestions exchanged between the delegates.

THE SUBSTITUTE



PACKED HOUSE GREETED SENIOR CLASS PLAY

With Superb Music and Characters Portrayed In Excellent Manner Entire Evening Was Full of Enjoyment.

Before a house, crowded to the full capacity the Senior Class presented Booth Tarkington's premier comedy, "Clarence," last night at the high school auditorium. And to say it was a complete success is only half of the truth—because "Clarence" went over the top in a manner seldom expected of amateur productions. "The best ever," "A perfect scream," and "Clarence" was some play," are only a few of the remarks made as the satisfied audience filed out at the end of the fourth and final act.

The doors were open at 7:30 with every reserved seat in the house sold out several hours before hand and within ten minutes after the opening of the doors the gallery seats were occupied.

A bevy of pretty Junior lassies conducted a candy sale at the entrance and very few could pass up the toothsome sweets they were selling.

At 8:15 the high school orchestra under the supervision and leadership of Miss Francis M. Birney, swung into a march, and the old saying "music hath charms" was personified by the stellar work of this musical body.

At 8:20 the curtain rolled up revealing the offices of Mr. Wheeler, the stage being arranged in a very realistic and convincing manner, and the action of "Clarence" began. From the very first the interest of the audience was held until the final wind up and it was rollicking with laughter and appreciation of the delightfully realistic happenings in the Wheeler family.

Clarence, with his liver troubles, his piano tuning, furnace mending, and his tales of his past life, kept the audience roaring with mirth, during the entire four acts. And in the final scene, when the mystified audience discovered his real personality, they were as surprised as the Wheeler family.

Bobby Wheeler and Cora Wheeler, in their loving manner, so common

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AVIATOR BOMBS HALL IN JOHANNESBURG KILLING MANY STRIKING MINERS

TAXPAYERS IN SESSION HERE AT CITY HALL

The city hall council room, as the Observer goes to press, is the scene of a gathering of taxpayers from all over Union county meeting to elect five delegates to attend the meeting of the State Tax Reduction League to be held in Portland on March 20.

The meeting was called to order by President J. M. Jasper, of the Union County Taxpayers League, at 2 o'clock. In addition to the election of the five delegates, a list of resolutions will be drawn up with the central thought to reduce taxes as well as redistribute the burden.

Walter M. Pierce, who is a member of the state committee on tax revision, which will meet in La Grande next Tuesday with I. N. Day as chairman, said at the meeting "the tax burden has become intolerable. The tax on the land and machinery and all incidentals bring the burden on a bushel of wheat in the warehouse ready for market to twenty cents per bushel. A thirty months old steer, fat and ready for the Portland market is burdened with \$20 as he stands ready for the butcher's axe. The burden has increased ten times on these articles since I came to this county. The county raises one million bushels of wheat per year and the tax roll calls for over \$600,000—and wheat is the principal crop upon which we rely.

"Property rights are in danger and without property rights we have communism, bolshevism, and civilization as we know it will vanish."

Senator Calton Eberhard, one of the speakers of the day will take up the new state budget law which is expected to reduce appropriations.

C. D. Huffman, one of the seven directors of the county taxpayers league, agreed with Mr. Pierce that "the feeling is that taxes take such a large share of the property income that the property is rapidly losing value. Most of the farms situated in the better section of the valley have taxes amounting to one-half of the rental value and in the remaining parts the taxes amount to the full rental value. A halt

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Casualty List Last Night Included 32 Dead, 57 Wounded

FIGHTING CONTINUES IS LATEST REPORT

Trouble With Gold Miners Creates Situation Much Akin To Civil War In South Africa.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 11.—The trades union hall at Benoni, near Johannesburg, crowded with South African gold mine strikers, was bombed by an aviator, says a Johannesburg dispatch. The majority of those assembled were killed. The building was destroyed. The number of dead is not known.

(By Associated Press) JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Mar. 11.—The casualties in the fighting between striking miners and police reached 32 killed and 57 wounded Friday night when the firing was still continuing. Nineteen of the dead were policemen.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 11.—The Johannesburg strike in reality is a revolutionary movement, says a Daily Telegraph Capetown correspondent.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) ROME, Mar. 11.—Revolution on a large scale has broken out in Tripoli, says a dispatch to the newspaper Il Mondo. The rebels cut the railway in many places and attacked the Italian garrison.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 11.—Free trial for goal after a touchdown was abolished today by the football rules committee. Henceforth the team scoring a touchdown may put the ball in play on or back of the opponent's five-yard line and from scrimmage try for a single point by any legal scoring play.

(By Associated Press) HOOD RIVER, Mar. 11.—With the valley's first woman juror as foreman, a jury in the circuit court returned a verdict of guilty against Fred Wise, of Underwood, Wash., tried on a charge of attempting to drown Deputy Sheriff Harry Wood on the night of January 10.

Spanish War Vets Have Dinner and Good Time

They rallied round the flag again last night, those veterans of the Spanish-American war, and decided that fleeting years and loss in numbers should only tend to cement and strengthen those who are left. They decided that to keep green the memories of the days when the great volunteer army crossed the Pacific to preserve this nation's honor, it is necessary for the remaining ones to meet often and perfect a closer organization.

With twenty plates at a dinner in the Foley hotel last evening a stars was made for more activity among the Spanish War Vets organization. There was no toastmaster, for the meeting resolved itself into a round table talk which outlined a program for summer in Wallawa and Union counties. Pendleton is to have the apartment camp this year and arrangements were made to have all veterans attend that gathering.

Joe Plunkett of Starkey, Chester

Knogies of Minam and Charles Gump of La Grande were recruited into the camp and there are many others who served in that war in these two counties who sent word they would join. Invitations from Starkey and Minam for fishing expeditions in the spring prompted the plans for an outing followed by a fish feed in La Grande.

Ten regiments were represented at last evening's dinner and the organization wants it understood that no matter from what state a man coming in the Spanish-American War he is welcome to join the organization in La Grande.



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