

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME XXV

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA GRANDE, OREGON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1922

NUMBER 141

HARDING REFUSES BONUS BILL APPROVAL

Marketing Regulation Is Undertaken

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING TO BEGIN IN MAY

Nation-wide Wheat Organization Makes Announcement Today

SIXTY MILLION BUSHELS PLEDGED

Final Organization Plans Will Be Completed at an Early Date, Is Plan Agreed Upon.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—A new wheat-marketing body was formed by representatives of the Northwest Wheat Growers Association, which has 32,000,000 bushels of wheat under contract, and of the National Wheat Growers' Association. The organization plans to regulate the flow to market and store the surplus against demand.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—With 60,000,000 bushels of wheat already under contract on a basis of 100 per cent, the American Wheat Growers Association, tentatively organized at Kansas City earlier in the month, expects to begin operations May first, according to an announcement today.

The plans as finally agreed upon here will be referred back to each state unit represented in the organization for approval, with each state to name delegates to the general ratification meeting in Denver before April 15.

RICHARDSON BUYS CANDY SHOP HERE

J. T. Richardson, who for the past 15 years has been passenger conductor on the O. W., and a resident of Pendleton for the last two years, arrived in La Grande on Saturday and purchased the Palace Confectionery from O. E. Silverthorn. The deal was closed Saturday afternoon and Mr. Richardson will take possession tomorrow morning.

"Albert Cain will still be on the job, ready to meet the trade," stated Mr. Richardson. "The same policies will be continued under the new ownership."

Many friends of Mr. Richardson are glad to have him back in La Grande and in business again. He is the father of Harley H. Richardson, proprietor of the Harris Art Shop. Mr. Richardson will locate permanently in La Grande.

Tar And Feathers for Dog Poisoner Is Urged

The nine months old thoroughbred Fleetfoot Club were highly indignant at this outrage and have posted a standing reward of \$100.00 for the capture of the guilty party. Last summer several valuable dogs were killed in this manner.

"We will pay \$100.00 reward to anyone who can capture the person who attempted to poison Mr. Coolidge's setter and will give the poisoner a nice new coat of tar and feathers," stated Al Andrews, and the other members of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot Club.

HARDING IS ANXIOUS TO AID VETERANS

First Problem Given Attention on Return from Florida Is that of Disabled Soldiers.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Problems connected with the care of disabled soldiers was the first matter considered by President Harding Sunday on his return from his Florida vacation.

The president called Director Forbes of the veterans' bureau, Director Dawes of the budget bureau and Brigadier-General Sawyer to meet Illinois officials of the American Legion in conference for the purpose of discussing the whole plan of government hospitalization and vocational training of ex-service men.

The Illinois officials were asked to state the criticisms which they were said to have against the present plan and to suggest any improvement or amendment they had in mind.

The special train conveying Mr. and Mrs. Harding and their party from Florida reached Washington shortly after noon. The executive and Mrs. Harding went at once to the White House. Others who returned on the presidential special were Secretary and Mrs. Weeks, Attorney-General Daugherty, Under Secretary of State Fletcher, Brigadier-General Sawyer and Secretary Christian.

Mr. Harding said he felt greatly benefited as a result of the rest and the numerous games of golf which marked his vacation stay, and declared he had a "bully" time.

Steering Gear Goes Wrong, Car Wrecked But Owner Escapes

Press Harrison Has Narrow Escape from Death on Highway Near Lone Pine Saturday Evening.

A light, six-cylinder touring car, driven by the owner, Press Harrison, an employee on the O. W., about three o'clock on Saturday afternoon left the road about a quarter of a mile south of Lone Pine, struck the frozen bank and turned completely over, smashing the top and sides beyond repair. Mr. Harrison, the only occupant of the car, was returning from Hot Lake and stated that something went wrong with the steering gear, causing the car to leave the road. He was only traveling at a medium speed and was not injured in the slightest degree. The headlights and windshield of the car were unbroken.

Mr. Harrison had just purchased the car and had completed paying for it only the day before and although the car is badly demolished, he considers himself about the luckiest man in the world to escape without a scratch.

The car was brought into La Grande immediately after the accident and is undergoing repairs.

WOMAN SENATOR'S PLANS

BRUSSELS, Mar. 20.—Mme. Spaak, the Socialist senator and first woman to sit in the Belgian parliament, will introduce bills during the working hours for women.

JURY FAILED TO AGREE IN MURDER TRIAL

Mrs. Madakynne Obenchain Must Stand Trial a Second Time

CONVICTION WAS FAVORED BY NINE

Matter of Degree of Guilt Never Came Up During Deliberations; Out 56 Hours Altogether.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20.—Mrs. Madakynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of her sweetheart, J. Belmont Kennedy, must go to trial a second time. The jury in her first trial was discharged Sunday night by Judge Sidney N. Howe upon reporting that it had been unable to agree after being out nearly 56 hours, of which about 24 were spent in actual deliberation. It took five ballots and stood nine to three for conviction on each, according to one of the jurors. Two of the women members voted for conviction, the third for acquittal this juror said.

Face White

Mrs. Obenchain, her face white and drawn came into court at 7:45 o'clock in response to a summons from the judge, who previously had conferred with her senior counsel and Deputy District Attorney Anna Koyne. Immediately afterward the jury filed in and the judge asked Foreman Frank W. Crockett, a retired lawyer of Pasadena, how the vote stood.

Nine to Three.
"We have stood nine to three from the first ballot," the foreman replied. Judge Reeve then asked each of the

(Continued on Page Six)

TROOPS TO BE BROUGHT HOME FROM RHINE

Secretary of War Orders All Remaining American Forces Back As Quick As Possible.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Orders directing the return to the United States by July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued today by Secretary of War Weeks, who announced that the order was merely a continuation of the policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces as early as possible.

BOWLING MATCH HELD SUNDAY

La Grande bowling enthusiasts were treated to a bowling match de luxe at the Club Alle's on Sunday afternoon. In the five-game marathon contest, the victor was R. Campbell, who gathered in the pins for a grand total of 1019. Campbell gave the crowd a number of thrills with his high-powered southpaw ball. A new face was seen in the line-up yesterday in the person of Don Scott, who led the field for the first three games, only to lose first prize on account of the consistent bowling of the victor, but holding second place by a slight margin from S. Campbell.

The final outcome of the contest and the total pin scores are as follows: R. Campbell, 1019; D. Scott, 993; S. Campbell, 970; C. Walden, 913; J. Miller, 893; Wm. Workman, 852; J. Richards, 822; Clarence Woods, 814; Geo. Livingston, 803; George Salisbury, 755.

The following bowlers, with scores of 200 or over, have their names inscribed on the Club roll of honor: R. Campbell, 227, 225, 226; Don Scott, 243, 235; S. Campbell, 202; C. Walden, 217, and J. Miller, 229.

REDUCTION OF TAXES AIM OF MEETING

Over Score of Recommendations Showed On Meeting at Opening

ABOLITION OF ALL COMMISSIONS URGED

Cabinet Form of Government and Doing Away With Millage Tax for Higher Education Sought.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 20.—The state tax reduction league with representatives from 21 counties present, met today. President J. C. Cooper said that the league was not concerned with shifting the tax burdens by finding other sources, but solely with lightening the levies.

Over a score of recommendations were presented by various delegations, including the abolition of state commissions, creating a governor's cabinet, adoption of an income tax, abolition of the national guard, leaving military instruction with the state and county schools, abolition of the millage tax for higher educational institutions, no road bonds for the next 20 years.

RED PAPER DIES

(By Associated Press)
COPENHAGEN, Mar. 20.—The Communist daily newspaper Arbejderbladet has ceased publication here as Moscow authorities are unwilling to provide further money for its support. They allege that a part of the money supplied had not been spent in conducting the newspaper but that it was used up in high living of the Danish Communist agitators.

CONCERT BY UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

March 28 Is Date Fixed for Appearance Here of University of Oregon Musicians.

The University orchestra will give a concert at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, March 28. The feature of the entertainment will be the jazz musical act in which Darrel Larson, who holds form flutist, will officiate as the jazz pianist.

The University of Oregon symphony orchestra has in it 27 people who represent the best musical talent in the university. They are at present touring the eastern part of the state, giving concerts in La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, Hood River, Dallas, Falls City, Heppner, Oregon City and Woodburn under the management of Fred Lorenz. Rex Underwood is director of the orchestra.

The orchestra has several surprise numbers in its repertoire, in the nature of vaudeville stunts, in addition to the symphony selections, including a girl's stringed quartette and another quartet of stringed instruments. Lora Testner, cello soloist, has traveled with the Thorlow Little Stringed Orchestra company, and is signed up to play with them again this summer. Alberta Potter, violin soloist, is an instructor in the university of music. Roy Graham, who will help add pep to the jazz comedy numbers, has played with Paul White as drummer and soloist.

Ted Larson, who is in charge of the local arrangements, has made preparations for a dance immediately following the concert at which members of the orchestra will be guests.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The secret service has recovered all of \$175,000 worth of liberty bonds stolen from the branch office of the treasury department Saturday night. A bond employee and an alleged accomplice were arrested.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America is to meet Friday at Cleveland to formulate a policy for bituminous miners when the strike is called April first.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The U. S. supreme court today upheld the New York rent law of 1920 as a valid exercise of the state's police power while an emergency existed.

OPPOSE SKYSCRAPERS

LONDON, Mar. 20.—The Royal Institute of British architects has voted to oppose any general increase in the height of English buildings.

SUSPENSION OF RULES IS NOT FAVORED

Speaker Gillett Says He Will Not Accede To Leaders' Request

HARDING REFUSES TO CHANGE ATTITUDE

House Republican Leaders Still Confident That Bonus Bill Agreed Upon will Be Pushed Through.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The Republican house leaders failed today to obtain the presidential approval of the compromise bonus bill but went ahead with plans to put the measure through the house.

Speaker Gillett refused to permit the measure to come up under suspension of rules and a special rule will be necessary for its consideration. Leaders are to confer late today on procedure.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Speaker Gillett announced today he would not entertain a motion to suspend the rules to put the bonus bill through the house under restriction on debate and without opportunity for amendments.

The president told the republican house leaders today that in view of the expressions on the bonus he had previously made he did not think it essential to offer any recommendations now.

Representative Mondell, who headed the house delegation made this announcement. He added that the republicans planned to go ahead as recommended by the house ways and means committee.

Former Deputy Bound Over to Grand Jury by Pendleton Court

William Chelf Tried to Get La Grande Man to Attack Railroad Agent at Meacham; Offered Money.

PENDLETON, Mar. 20.—William Chelf, formerly deputy sheriff at Meacham, was bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the court of Justice Joe H. Parkes. That Chelf called a man from La Grande and offered him money to attack the railroad agent at Meacham was the burden of the testimony offered in the hearing yesterday afternoon. Chelf's bond was placed at \$1,000.

Benefit Play Pleased a Large Audience Saturday

For the benefit of the Stake Missionary Fund, the ladies of the L. D. S. church, under the direction of Mrs. G. Ariel Bean, presented one of the cleverest plays given this season, "Clubbing A Husband." The cast was excellent and it is not flattery to say that a better rounded group of "home talent" has not presented a play as well in years. "Clubbing A Husband" was woven around what appeared to be, in the opinion of all the ladies present, a rather useless, "no-count" being called "Man," and from the leading lady to the most minor part the presentation was flawless. The closing scene was very good and acted as a relief to the raffish play.

Each lady was firmly convinced that "Look to the East or to the West, Her own good man was sure the best." Songs by the Relief Society chorus, Relief Society choir and the Stoddard brothers were very much enjoyed, as were the selections by the La Grande high school orchestra.

Tonight's Tuesday rain in the west and late in the east portion.



Weather