

DESULTORY FIRING ALONG FRONTIER TODAY

Reduction Program Ends In Near Riot

MILLAGE LEVY HAS BUT FEW SUPPORTERS

Turnout When Supporters Try to Save Pet Scheme by Oratory

TAX REDUCTIONISTS ADOPT PROGRAMME

Two Days' Session Has Recommendation of Repeal of 1.2 Mill Levy for Higher Learning in Forefront.

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—After two days of spirited debate, confusion, personalities, dissensions and ill-feeling, the convention of tax reduction clubs adopted, but far from unanimously, a programme at the central library late yesterday afternoon. A committee of seven, to be appointed later, was charged with the duty of preparing the necessary measures and getting them before the people or the legislature, as the case may be.

Here is the complete programme, endorsement of the principle of an income tax having been adopted Monday:

We recommend the repeal of the 1.2 millage tax adopted by the people on May 21, 1920, for the Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon.

We oppose paying more than \$5000 to any official of the state government of Oregon, heads of departments or subordinates.

Doctors Hit

We oppose the education at state expense of men studying law or medicine.

We oppose further bond issues and we believe bonds already issued should not be sold at less than par.

We oppose the appropriation of state money for armories and we oppose appropriation of more than \$25,000 a year for the national guard of the state.

We oppose appropriation of state money for the support of the Pacific Livestock exposition.

We oppose appropriation of state money for the Northwest Tourist association, including display.

We oppose appropriating state money for the commercial fish commission.

Service Body Opposed

We recommend the recall be used for the removal of the public service commission.

We recommend abolishing the bounty on predatory animals and are opposed to bounty support in any other form for the killing of predatory animals by the state.

Other matters which have been referred to the committee of seven to consider, having been approved by the (Continued on Page Five.)

GRAIN MEN TO RETAIN BASIC PRINCIPLES

National Organization Decides To Use Plan of Committee of 17 for a Model.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Mar. 22.—The basic principles of the committee of 17, which outlined the plan under which the United States Grain Growers, Inc., was formed, should be retained in the future conduct of the organization, officers of the grain growers asserted Tuesday in opening the first annual convention. Both President C. H. Gustafson and Secretary Frank M. Myers stressed that the grain growers should follow the program prepared by the organization committee, while Mr. Gustafson, in his welcoming address, told the delegates that "what you do at this meeting will either make or break the organization."

While declaring that the grain growers had ample work to do without "trying to become associated with other co-operative organizations which would try to dictate its policies," the president asserted that the best form of co-operation would consist "of working separately on the details and problems that concern us differently and then working wholeheartedly together on those problems that are of mutual concern."

The nearly 60 delegates attending the convention have the authority to cast a total of 41,730 votes, representing the membership on January 17 of this year. Since that time, Mr. Gustafson said, the membership has increased to more than 50,000.

Philip Thompson Passed Away At Early Hour Today

Philip Thompson, a resident of Fruitdale, passed on at his home early this morning, at the termination of a lingering illness. He has been a resident of La Grande and vicinity for 21 years and was well known and well liked in the community. He was 65 years of age at the time of his death and was a native of Iowa.

Mr. Thompson is survived by a wife, three children, Glen, Chester and Bernice and a niece, Beale, and a brother and sister, Martha E. DeTar and James Thompson, both of Iowa. One son, Loren, died in infancy.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

BANKER ARRESTED

(By Associated Press) MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 22.—C. M. Clayton, vice president of the Miami National bank, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant charging violation of the federal prohibition laws.

Three State Egg Combine

Only One Marketing Agency of Coast Eggs in East Now

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—Eggs from the Pacific coast will be marketed in the east hereafter by a single agency instead of five producers' associations acting independently. The new association, the Pacific Egg Producers, has been organized as the result of an agreement between the organizations in Washington, California and Oregon, including the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers of Portland, according to the announcement here.

Senate Flooded by Prepared Speeches As Deadline Nears

One Hour Limit Placed on Oratorical Effusions This Afternoon; Ratification Vote Friday.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—A flood of prepared speeches for and against the four-power treaty was loosed today in the senate as the period for the unlimited debate came to an end under the agreement for a final ratification vote Friday.

One hour limit on individual speeches became effective this afternoon. La Follette of Wisconsin, Walsh of Massachusetts, spoke against the treaty and Pomeroy of Oregon spoke for ratification.

Population Increases Rapidly In Leavenworth

(By Associated Press) LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Mar. 22.—With the arrival of 40 prisoners Monday and six Sunday the population of the federal penitentiary has reached the "high water" mark of its history, it was announced Tuesday by Warden W. I. Biddle. The count Tuesday showed 2347 men confined at the institution.

Special arrangements had to be made to accommodate the last contingent of prisoners, Warden Biddle said.

MILLS BURN IN PORTLAND EARLY TODAY

Quarter Million Dollar Loss Suffered by the Olympic Mills

MUCH WHEAT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Firemen Had Difficulty In Reaching Blaze Because of Height of Building; Flour Also Destroyed.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—A spectacular fire swept the top stories of the Olympic cereal mills on the east side of the Willamette river here today. The huge concrete structure became a seething furnace. The firemen had difficulty in reaching the flames because of the height of the building. Big stocks of wheat and flour were destroyed.

Estimates placed the loss at \$225,000 to \$250,000.

Partial Moratorium To Be Offered To Germany by Allies

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Mar. 22.—The conditions under which the reparations commission will grant Germany a partial moratorium were announced today. They include perfect autonomy for the Reichsbank and new legislation to prevent the evasion of German financial methods are stipulated. New sources of reparations money must be found.

Two Bankers Are Arrested

Indictments Brought Against Oklahomans Today

(By Associated Press) OKMULGEE, Okla., Mar. 22.—A joint indictment charging Governor Robertson and former Banking Commissioner Dennis with accepting a bribe to permit the Guaranty State Bank to continue business after it had been found insolvent was returned by the grand jury. The sheriff has a warrant for the governor's arrest.

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BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—The house approved the army appropriation bill providing for a reduction of the army to 115,000 men by July 1. The house naval committee agreed to report the bill fixing the maximum authorized enlisted strength of the navy at 80,000 plus 6,000 apprentices, 10,000 less than Secretary of the Navy Denby said was necessary.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Mar. 22.—The allied foreign minister today recommended a truce for the Greeks and Turkish Nationalists whose armies are facing each other in Asia Minor.

Britain May Send Troops To Ireland

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The total Oregon crop has been estimated at about 70 per cent of the production of 1920. Carload shipments to March 1, 1922, are reported at 62 per cent of the carload shipment for the same period last year.

Replies to the schedule of inquiry in the state of Oregon indicated that about 75 per cent of the 1921 crop would be moved from the farms where produced; that about 60 per cent of the crop had been moved by March 1, 1922; that perhaps 5 per cent of the crop was in dealers' hands, and about 40 per cent still in the hands of growers.

Results of the special potato inquiry conducted by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates relative to the general situation on March 1, 1922, have been summarized as follows:

The states of Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Da-

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Larceny Charges Preferred Against Two Union Men

Sheriff Lee Warlick and District Attorney Ed. Wright left for Union yesterday afternoon and, in company with the Union marshal, Alex Slater, brought Sam Meyers and Rhuben Hogg, two Union residents, to La Grande and gave them a night's lodging in the county jail. The two men are charged with larceny and will be tried at Union this afternoon, the party leaving here about 2:30 o'clock. No further details have been disclosed as yet.

Wanderlust Leads to Brakebeam Trip and Jail

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to love, so one post says. But the fancies of young Ralph Goodman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Goodman of Nampa, Ida., turned instead to the wanderlust and last night he boarded No. 17 unofficially and got off at La Grande this morning and was taken into custody of the local police department, who had received a report earlier in the morning by the town's parents asking the police to detain the young fellow.

A car was sent to Ralph's father in La Grande this morning and he will leave the evening to return home.

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, Mar. 22.—Desultory firing continued today from the free state side of the border along the frontier counties of Tyrone and Monaghan, mostly from snipers in houses inside the boundary line, according to reports from the border.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 22.—The British government may have to reconsider whether it may be possible to throw a cordon of imperial troops between the warring elements on the Ulster frontier, Winston Churchill, colonial secretary, stated in the house of commons today.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Mar. 22.—The Irish republican army convention, the holding of which was recently forbidden, will be held in Dublin Sunday, according to announcement today. An officer said that 80 per cent of the army believed the Dail Eireann had been false to the republican oath by agreeing to remain within the British empire.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 22.—Dangers of the situation in Ireland are emphasized by the morning newspapers, several of which take the view that little more will be needed to start actual civil war. Sniping between the entrenched forces on either side of the Ulster border has been going on for several days, and Monday machine guns were reported to have been brought into action. Meanwhile disturbances continue throughout the six-county area of Ulster.

Joint Action Favored. Moderate opinion in the south favors joint action by the northern and southern governments to relieve the tension on the border, according to the Times' Dublin correspondent, and it is hinted elsewhere that the earnest conference between Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins Monday was partly concerned with the possibility of securing such action. It was thought this might involve a preliminary meeting of Mr. Collins with Premier Sir James Craig of Ulster.

Reports of murder, incendiarism and other outrages in the northern districts, where the tension between the Protestants and Catholics is most severe, take much space in the newspapers. The violent denunciations of each faction against the other suggest appointment of the blame in numerous instances as difficult and perhaps (Continued on Page Five.)

Lyceum to Present a Home Talent Program

Home talent of a very high nature will be presented to the people of La Grande Friday evening at the high school auditorium when the Home Talent Musicale is presented by the high school. The musicale will feature several other prominent organizations and clubs in La Grande. A program has been arranged and promises a delightful evening of entertainment. In addition to the high school, the Methodist choir and men's quartette, the Neighborhood club and the Episcopal church, will be on the evening's program which is as follows:

Opening numbers by the high school orchestra. Song selections by the high school choir. The orchestra will play at 8:15 o'clock.



Weather
Tonight and Thursday Generally Fair.