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UNIONS TO SUPPORT MINERS

EXTRA

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Ralph H. Huron was today nominated postmaster of La Grande.

SNIPERS ARE STILL BUSY IN IRELAND

Machine Guns Being Used Today Is Report Brought To Belfast

TWO ARE MORTALLY SHOT THIS MORNING

Traffic In Vicinity of Formanagh Said To Be Suspended; Intermittent Fighting In Several Sections.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Mar. 23.—Snipers on the southern Ulster side of the Ulster border are reported to be using light machine guns against reconnoitering parties. The snipers are active with rifles, firing intermittently in the sector between Aughnacloy and Caledon.

In Belfast two constables were mortally shot at noon on May street by a band which escaped. All road traffic on the Free State side in the vicinity of Formanagh is reported suspended.

APPLING IS PROMOTED TO MANAGERSHIP

Frank Appling, who has been with the La Grande Grocery for seven years, lately salesman on the branch, has been promoted to assistant manager, in place of Bruce Cox, who held the position before leaving for Wallawa, where he is now engaged in a mercantile business. Mr. Appling is a very capable man and will fill Mr. Cox's shoes in a very efficient manner.

Lloyd Busey, formerly bookkeeper with La Grande Grocery, is now in Mr. Appling's former position as salesman.

Poetry Wrecks Home of Edgar Lee Masters

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 23.—Poetry, penned years ago by Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Spoon River Anthology," was cited as the basis for court action here Tuesday wherein Mrs. Helen Jenkins Masters was granted a decree of separate maintenance by Judge Ira Rayner.

Mrs. Masters told the judge that the poet deserted her Mar. 1, 1919, and has refused to support her and their two daughters. She said that while he was traveling in Egypt and Europe, collecting material for his writings, she was compelled to open a livelihood and educate their children.

Mr. Masters' yearly income was said to be more than \$12,000, according to Mrs. Masters. Her attorney, Francis W. Walker, said "Spoon River Anthology" has gone into its 20th edition and since then, Masters has published "The Great Valley," "The

Lady Astor's Fox Hunt for Children



Lady Astor recently gave a fox hunt for children at Haver Castle. Viscount Errington, heir to Lord Cromer, and his sister, Lady Violet, sat the hounds together. No, little Rags, on the right, isn't a fox-hound.

PROFIT SHOWN BY TELEPHONE COMPANIES

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Mar. 23.—The Home Independent company of La Grande shows a return of 5 per cent for the year 1921, while the Home Telephone and Telegraph company of Southern Oregon shows earnings only of 2.37 per cent on the investment, according to the company's annual report filed with the public service commission.

Net operating revenues for the La Grande company are given at \$32,161.68, an increase of \$2,289.67. From this, however, must be deducted taxes, totaling \$11,852.32, an increase of \$1,814.69 over 1920.

For the Southern Oregon company, net operating revenues for the year, after deducting operating expenses, are shown as \$17,527.89. This is an increase of \$1,814.77 over the net operating revenue of 1920, but taxes, which aggregate \$3,965.70 for the year, increased \$1,959 over 1920, enough to entirely wipe out the increase in operating revenues, with \$144.23 additional.

Armour Child Died Today

Money and Doctors of No Avail in Fight With Death

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 23.—Gwendolyn Armour, aged six, daughter of Philip D. Armour, the third, died today from septicaemia after a week's illness, during which the millions of the Armour family, the skill of a dozen physicians and a dozen nurses, and the resources of the entire city of Chicago were of no avail in the fight with death.

Never in Chicago's history have such heroic efforts been made to save a life. A week ago the girl contracted a throat infection. At first it was considered a minor illness but the poison spread through the body and finally her condition became so serious that the greatest physicians in the middle west were summoned.

Home Talent Musical Program Is Tomorrow

Reserved seats for the home talent production tomorrow night, went on sale this morning at Silverthorn's. The reserved seats are 50 cents, with no wait tax.

The lycum committee, representing 11 different organizations of La Grande are sponsors for the program, and a variety of numbers will be presented with good talent. The evening will be a pleasant one.

Choruses, solo numbers, group and solo dancing, orchestra music, all blend in to make a delightful series of numbers for this occasion.

City Commission Agrees to Terms of Court House Lease Carrying Option

HIGH TAXES AND R. O. T. C. ARE ATTACKED

Boise Parents Find Fault With Military Training in High School and With the Huge Tax Load.

BOISE, Mar. 23.—Large numbers of parents and teachers of Boise high school students took part in a progressive committee-form of discussions of pertinent high school problems at the Y. M. C. A. building Wednesday night. Each of the five committee rooms was the storm center for heated debates and cross-questioning which at times grew personal in nature. There were at least 200 present.

Reserve Officers' Training corps instruction in the high school and the school tax problem were the high lights and each will be further discussed the evening of March 29 at a special meeting of the high school P. T. A. under whose direction and management Wednesday's discussions were staged.

Warmth of argument was decidedly apparent in the committee rooms given over to discussions of social activities and the R. O. T. C. As each new group displaced the one progressing ahead of it, the individual debates and at times, heckling of the leader, grew more exciting as partisans took stands for or against the question.

The significance of the tax problem and its decline effects on the schools made it a favorite with all hearers, although the personal questionings were not so much in evidence. But a limited time was allowed for each period of discussion before the various groups changed rooms, and several instances the leaders were not allowed to present their subject, due to the argumentative ability of their questioners.

Particularly was this true in the room devoted to the R. O. T. C. and presided over by Capt. Geo. T. Fleet, commandant of the 300 boys enrolled in the cadet corps. During two periods numerous persons argued with the captain on all phases of the subject of military training, from "implanting the love of Christ in men's hearts" to "the four-power treaty."

Last Spurts of Treaty Oratory

Ratification Without Reservations Certain Tomorrow

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—What was thought to be the final forensic battle over the four power treaty began in the senate today with the administration leaders holding back the lines intact against the irreconcilables' onslaught and predicting ratification would be voted tomorrow with no reservations excepting a "no alliance" clause approved by the foreign relations committee and accepted by President Harding.

Enough votes have been pledged, leaders said, to reject all other proposed reservations and amendments.

A Story of How An Editor Sometimes Makes a Mistake

In yesterday's issue the following item appeared in the society column: "Miss Kathryn Offedal and James G. Clark were married at the Methodist parsonage Monday afternoon. They were accompanied by the mother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Clark will make their home in La Grande."

The item read as follows when it was sent to the editor by a party whose integrity has never been clouded:

"Married at the Methodist parsonage, Monday afternoon, Miss Kathryn Offedal and James G. Clark. They were accompanied by the mother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home in La Grande."

The editor, being unable to get in touch with the party sending the item to the Observer, used his own judgment as to whether the groom's name was Clark or Smith. His judgment was at fault. The groom's name was James G. Smith.

Jilted Lover Shoots Girl and Kills Self

(By Associated Press)
DIXON, Ill., Mar. 23.—Miss Mildred Butler, 16, who was shot Monday evening by her jilted lover, Nick Smith, Jr., 19, will recover, hospital attendants said Tuesday. The youth after shooting the girl, turned the weapon on himself and put a bullet through his heart.

THE BABES IN THE WOODS



Contract Prepared by District Attorney Wright and City Attorney Green Meets with Unanimous Approval; County Expected to Act April 5; Effective to 1926.

The leasing of the city hall building, used as a court house for over 17 years, to the county was the main matter of discussion at the weekly meeting of the city commission last evening. A lease agreement drawn up by District Attorney Ed Wright and City Attorney R. J. Green was read and discussed and finally a resolution was unanimously passed authorizing the president of the city and the city manager to enter into an agreement with Union county on the basis of the lease as drawn up.

The lease, if the county court approves it, will be signed April 5th, the next regular meeting date of the county court. It will provide for the rental of the building from April 1, 1922, to April 1, 1923, the rent shall be at the rate of \$665 per month, payable monthly in advance. However, if the entire year's rent is paid on or before May 10 the annual rental for that year shall be \$6220.

During the year April 1, 1923, to April 1, 1924, the monthly rental shall be \$926.66, or, if paid on or before May 10, 1923, \$11,120. During the year 1924-1925 the monthly rental is fixed at \$879.18, and if paid on or before May 10, 1924, the lump sum rental will be \$10,550. For the year 1925-1926 a monthly rental of \$706.66 or a lump sum of \$8480, payable on or before May 10, 1925, is provided.

An option to purchase the court house is contained in one clause of the lease. This option provides for a purchase price of \$35,000 with interest at 6 per cent per annum. In the option the payments made during the term of the lease as rental are considered as a fair and reasonable amount of deposit on the purchase price.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the commission and all were satisfied that the solution worked out by Mr. Wright and Mr. Green was as satisfactory as could be expected and that the county court would probably agree in this after they have had an opportunity to thoroughly study the situation.

The matter of rent for the months of February and March, by unanimous consent is to be adjusted between the two bodies without in any way affecting the contract beginning April 1.

The lease also provides for the maintenance of the building by the county during its occupancy. Insurance in the sum of \$50,000 will have to be carried by the county on the building, according to one of the provisions of the lease.

The city commission assured the county representatives at the meeting that in everything pertaining to the matter the city would aim to do the right thing so that both the city and county will be in harmony. None of the members of the county court were able to attend the meeting last night. Ed Wright, district attorney, discussed the lease from the county's point of view. Deputy City Attorney Henry Hess also talked on some of the legal phases of the matter.

INJURED STUDENT DIES

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Mar. 23.—Russell Kendall of Montclair, N. J., Brown sophomore, who fractured a vertebrae in a friendly tussle with a fraternity brother here on February 27, died at the Rhode Island hospital today.

License Fees Fixed For Wrestling And Boxing

Boxing and wrestling matches staged in La Grande in the future will not only have to be approved by the municipal licensing commission, but every possibility of unfairness, etc., is removed. License fees will have to be paid on each number on the program. The city commission last evening passed an ordinance fixing license fees for such matches. The measure became effective immediately, containing an emergency clause.

There was some difference of opinion as to what should be a proper license fee. Some thought a gradual increase from \$5 to \$10 would be sufficient, while others thought it should be from \$10 to \$15. Finally it was agreed that the fee should be \$5 for the main bout, \$1 for the rest of the card, and \$1 each for the preliminary bouts. The commission voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance.

VIOLENCE TO BE UNDER BAN IS STATEMENT

Attorney General Issues Statement; Another Probe Possible

MINERS EXPECT A DRAW-OUT FIGHT

Stocks of Oil and Gas May Be In Great Demand if Sixty-day Supply of Coal Is Exhausted.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—The coal strike will have the "fullest, most effective co-operation of the American Federation of Labor," it was announced after a visit of miners' union officials with delegates representing Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Government Warning

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—A warning that the federal government would tolerate no violence to prevent the production of coal during the threatened coal strike was issued today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Representative Bland of Indiana introduced a bill calling for the appointment by the president of a committee to investigate conditions in the coal mining industries.

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 23.—Apparently without hope of any developments forestalling the coal strike set for April 1, officials of the United Mine Workers of America Wednesday night declared that the miners were ready for a general suspension of many weeks' duration. None, however, would predict how long the walkout would continue, asserting that their fight could continue indefinitely.

Sixty-Day Supply

While no official forecast of the length of the strike was made, it was indicated authoritatively that the union officials felt that any wage conference with operators of the central competitive field was doubtful until the big coal stocks now on hand had been depleted. Operators here said the stocks on hand would meet the country's requirements for two months and that meanwhile non-union fields could supply almost half of the normal demand.

Any new scale must be approved by a referendum of the miners affected by it and the cessation of the strike, officials here said, rested with the union's policy committee. The opinion in union circles was that the committee would end the strike whenever a wage scale acceptable to the men had been negotiated.

More Gas

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—An increased demand for gas and fuel oils may be anticipated in case of a coal strike, the bureau of mines said Wednesday and in that connection issued a statement showing that the stocks of these oils on hand February 1 was 1,319,481,259 gallons. Based on the daily average domestic consumption, it added, these stocks are equivalent to 68 days' supply. The production of these oils in January amounted to 858,110,877 gallons.

Weather

Tonight and Friday rain.