

AGGRESSION TO BE CURBED EIGHT MONTHS

Genoa Conference Adopts Pact, Without Signature Today.

U. S. ATTITUDE GIVES CONCERN

Scope of Meeting Must Be Better Understood to Draw U. S. Into Russian Conference, is Belief in Genoa.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 18.—An eight-months' non-aggression pact was adopted unanimously at a plenary meeting of the political sub-commission of the Genoa conference today. The pact was not signed, but was adopted in the form of a resolution, each state pledging itself to respect it.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 18.—Sir Edward Grey announced in behalf of the British delegation that further advice had been received from the U. S. government and that it did not seem likely that the United States would participate in the Hague meeting, at least until the scope of the meeting was better understood. Reuters reports that the United States reply reserves its decision, pending further investigation and until the situation becomes clearer.

Stock Show Meeting Held at Union Last Night; Many Attend

Officers and members of the Union Stock Association are settling down to serious consideration of all the details of the coming stock show at Union. A meeting of the members was held at Union last night and was attended by a delegation from La Grande. One of the first important matters before the officers is the extensive planning of junket trips to various parts of Eastern Oregon. One committee going east as far as Boise and another committee to Pendleton, while a big group of men will visit Baker and intermediate points and Union county points. An advance guard will be in La Grande next Tuesday to dine with the Ad club. In the delegations that went to Union from La Grande last night were Floyd McKennon, Hon. Albert Hunter, J. E. Reynolds, Tom Johnson and A. W. Nelson.

HIGH WATER NOW SEEM CERTAIN

Report that Catherine Creek Reached Six Feet This Morning Brings Fear for the Lowlands.

That Catherine creek reached six feet this morning is the report telephoned to E. H. Miles, a rancher of this country, to Dan McLellan today, and with this information came fear that floods will spread over the lowlands of the Grande Ronde valley.

The last two warm days have done the business for the snow in the upper country has melted with great rapidity and the streams are not able to take care of the water. The high water mark on Catherine creek is six feet two inches at the point mentioned by Mr. Miles and with the water now at six feet and more to come there is every reason to believe floods will follow.

WHERE TO VOTE

The following is a list of polling places in La Grande for tomorrow's primaries:
District 1, Frank Cleaver's residence, 502 Third street; District 2, City Hall, District 3, W. D. Grandy's residence, near via; District 4, Lane Chapel, 2502 North First street; District 5, City Park Pavilion; District 6, Watson House, Cove avenue and Portland street; District 7, D. D. Burger, Ninth and Washington; District 8, Court House; District 9, Presbyterian church; District 10, Methodist church; District 11, Lucy Graham's, 202 Washington; District 12, Harris Hall, 610 1/2 Monroe, and District 13, Auto Paint Shop, corner Y and Spruce.

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NICK SINNOTT HAS DONE MUCH FOR FARMERS

Washington Newspaperman Has High Praises for the Big Work Oregon's Representative Has Done for Agriculture.

(Special to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 18.—A. D. Fairburn, member of the press galleries and associated with Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, today issued a statement regarding Congressman "Nick" Sinnott as he knows him from observation of the work done by Mr. Sinnott in congress, and especially in behalf of agriculture, Mr. Fairburn's statement reads, in part, as follows:

Representative N. J. Sinnott, of Oregon, chairman of the Committee on Public Lands in Congress and one of the conspicuous leaders at the National Capital, is regarded by leaders of National Farm Organizations as one hundred per cent right on all matters relating to agriculture. Mr. Sinnott does not believe that agriculture is the only matter requiring Congressional and Administrative attention, but his votes and his work in Congress indicate that he is quite sure it is the greatest of all questions.

Farm leaders ask of what benefit it will be to the people of Eastern Oregon to change their representative in Congress at this time. They point out that the Oregon man has served his apprenticeship and has landed securely on his legislative feet. To replace him with a fledgling would be to place his district at a grave disadvantage. In truth it would mean that for years to come the Second District of Oregon would occupy a place of obscurity at the National capital.

There is not a bit of use denying the fact that for the first few years a Congressman amounts to little or nothing in Washington. It takes four years to get his seat warm and another four to mount to a position where he will be really useful. In the early stages of his life here he must be content to follow. He will not be permitted to lead.

It is necessary for a new man to take a place at the foot of the class. He must spell his way upward. Ambitious men who want to do everything possible for their constituents will not voluntarily give place to the young man who may have just arrived in Washington.

Representative Dickenson, of Iowa, chairman of the farm bloc in the House, said Congressman Sinnott had given valuable aid in obtaining legislation favorable to the farmers and stockmen of the United States. He was entirely dependable and always voted right, Mr. Dickenson said.

LAST APPEALS TO VOTERS BY RADIO TODAY

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 18.—Oregon's lively primary fight is being brought to a close today and tomorrow the voters will pick candidates for state and county offices and representatives to congress.

An innovation in political campaigns is being tried here by some of the candidates addressing hearers in various parts of the state through local radio broadcasting stations.

Has a Double But Does Not Follow In His Footsteps

B. F. Owsley, better known as Frank Owsley, local manager of Kerr, Gifford and Company, is not the B. F. Owsley who is in serious trouble in Walla Walla and facing the possibility of a penitentiary sentence. Mr. Owsley of this city is well known among the farmers of south-eastern Washington and the similarity in names caused some confusion among his friends there when the unknown B. F. Owsley entered the news-papers headlines in an unenviable light.

PHOTOGRAPHIC LOVE
NORTHWOOD, Ark.—A. W. Fenton, son of Michael Fenton, fell in love with Miss Aubrey McDonald when he saw her picture as a temptress in a picture. Their engagement has been announced.

as verified as required by law, 8th day of May, 1922.
GRACE M. SHANNON,
Executrix of the Estate of
Tolbert M. Shannon, Deceased.
at La Grande, Oregon, this May 10-17-24-31, June 7.



torrents of water in the mountains.

To everyone who is familiar with the structure of the dam and intake at the supply source of the city water system it will be no surprise to learn that the high water this morning took out the intake and swept yards of earth away from the neck, where the intake was located, causing the canyon below to fill with water and rendering the city water supply from the mountains useless.

Pumps Started Early.
Beginning early this morning pumps were started and the river water is being pumped into the reservoir. It is chlorinated and perfectly safe to use, according to city officials.

The dam has not broken as yet for the intake is separated by a slight promontory. It is believed this is rock and if so doubtless the spillway wash will stop when it reaches the rock portion of the neck. Should this be the fact the dam will likely stand, and later in the summer when the high water now caused by melting snow goes down installation of a new spillway will be possible and such other repairs may be made as to save the dam for some little time. This is a matter of conjecture, for the actual condition of things in the mountains cannot be learned until the waters recede.

Caretaker Jim Brannin telephoned the unpleasant news of the break to Commissioner Grandy early this morning and Mr. Grandy immediately ordered the pumps to start so that the city would not be out of water.

MELVILLE MAKES STORE CHANGES

John Melville, the plumber who has been on the job continuously in La Grande for more than a quarter century, has recently made some changes in his store on Adams avenue that greatly aid to the retail end of the business. Besides carrying the usual plumber's goods which are well displayed in the retail room he has quite a line of hardware and dishes.

The bath room fixtures, tubs, etc., have one corner of the room and there he has on exhibition the very latest in that line. The rear room is devoted to the shop work and the plumbers' and steamfitters' supplies.

APPROVAL OBTAINED

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary Hoover asked and obtained today approval of leading operators of non-union bituminous coal fields for the government plan of "getting the coal industry by voluntary action to put a stop on the increase of coal prices" during the coal strike.

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meeting on Wednesday, May 24, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are willing to get behind a special election for amending the charter so that it will be possible to sell bonds at a better price than is possible under the present charter provisions.

The opinion revealed among the commissioners that it would be hard to pass an amendment at a special election in view of the history of recent special elections here.

Last night's meeting marked the annual pilgrimage of the high school civics class to see the city commission in action. All members of the class appeared studiously interested until a jazz band in the street interrupted.

With the exception of half a dozen the class thereupon rose in a body and left the room, presumably following the jazz band to its destination.

The Hiding Place of \$440,000 in Stolen Bonds



The First National Bank of St. Augustine Fla., where detectives report they found \$440,000 in bonds alleged to have been stolen from the Chase National Bank, New York. The bonds were deposited without the

Company A is Drill Winner

The finals of the company competition between the two companies of the high school cadets were held yesterday afternoon back of the school house on the athletic field. Co. A won the contest and also the competition. It has 80 points to Co. B's 60. The competition prize would have gone to either company winning the final contest as it counted 85 points.

The drill yesterday was the final competition in military drill in the La Grande high schools and Friday afternoon will see the final drill. Military drill has been dispensed with for next year.

Francis Cramer, science teacher in the La Grande high school, has been in charge of the drill during the past year and his proteges have absorbed a large amount of military knowledge. William Hoeghan was captain of the winning company and Ted Larsen was in charge of the losers. The drill was close throughout.

LABOR COUNCIL PUTS ITS ENDORSEMENT ON SEVERAL CANDIDATES

The Central Labor Council of La Grande has issued a list of candidates having its endorsement for the primaries tomorrow. The list is not a complete list but covers a number of important offices.

Those endorsed are N. J. Sinnott for congress, J. T. Hinkle for joint senator, D. P. Hoff for state treasurer, George S. Shepard for justice of the supreme court, C. H. Gram for labor commissioner and Hugh McCall for county treasurer.

SALARY BOOST FOR PRINCE

COPENHAGEN—The rising sun will be asked to increase the annual \$12,000 allowance of Crown Prince Frederik, who is to marry Princess Olga of Greece.

Prospects For Lower Coal Prices Are Sighted

On the 22nd of May the Interstate Commerce Commission will hold a hearing at Seattle to develop facts which will aid the commission in determining what will be the proper adjustment of coal freight rates in the western part of the United States, both in respect to the level of interstate rates and the relationship of mines or groups of mines. The Oregon Public Service Commission has asked for statistics on coal shipments into La Grande and these were provided by the Union County Ad Club. Approximately 15,000 tons are shipped in. The present rate on coal from Utah mines is \$6.12 per ton, which rate has been in effect since the latter part of 1920. The original rate was \$4.25 and as freight rates generally increased, coal rates went to \$4.40 and then up to \$4.90 and are now up to \$6.12. Coal dealers are hopeful that the pending hearings will result in at

NEW EMPIRE HAS SPRUNG UP IN EAST

Manchurian Leader Has Already Selected His State Flag.

PEKING LEGATIONS ARE MUCH EXCITED

South and North Factions in China Unite to Keep Sun Yat Sen and His Army in Check.

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, May 18.—Foreign legations are awaiting an explanation from the Peking government concerning the status of Manchuria, which General Chang Tso-Ling has declared a part of his newly established empire.

A report from Mukden, the Manchurian capital, says that Chang has already adopted a flag for his new empire.

(By Associated Press)
HONG KONG, May 18.—Negotiations are in progress by the South China government and both northern factions to prevent a northward expedition by the army of Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton government.

SINNOTT BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The house has passed the Sinnott bill to authorize a special cancellation stamp for Oregon and Idaho postoffices advertising the Old Oregon Trail celebration in July.

CABINET GIVES IN

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 18.—The British cabinet has decided to defer to the wishes of the house of commons and appoint a committee to inquire into the educational program on which the government was defeated by a narrow margin in the house, Austen Chamberlain, government leader, announced.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, May 18.—The federal department of justice is to probe the marriage of Rudolph Valentino, screen actor, to Winifred Hudnut at Mexico. Federal officers are to question Valentino and an effort is to be made to interrogate the bride enroute to New York.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, May 18.—A disastrous fire swept the historic hospital of San Spirito here early today. The collapse of the pavement isolated the chronic ward. Sixteen bodies had been extracted out of the ruins at 7:30 this morning.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 18.—Attorney General Daugherty invited representatives of eight steel companies named in a senate resolution directing an inquiry into a proposed steel merger to meet him Saturday to discuss plans of the proposed merger.

Weather

(By Associated Press)
Tonight and Friday showers, cool in the east portion of the state.