

DEFEAT OF M'COMBER IS CERTAIN NOW

Non-Partisan Leader Has Margin over Incumbent in North Dakota.

SENATOR CONCEDES HIS OWN DEFEAT

Rural Section Pile up Vast Rural Sections pile up vast Number of Votes for Frazier, overruling Senators' Early Lead.

(By Associated Press.)
FARGO, N. D., June 29.—The defeat of Senator McComber, chairman of the senate finance committee is indicated in returns at noon today on the republican nomination for the senate. Fifteen hundred precincts gave McComber 65,899 while Lynn J. Frazier, non-partisan candidate and former governor, had 67,541.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—Senator McComber, republican of North Dakota, said that on the face of early returns from the North Dakota primary he appeared to be defeated. "Apparently the early lead given to me will be overcome when returns come in from the country precincts," said the senator. He added that he would not finally concede his defeat but it was intimated that in private conferences with republican colleagues, he had said that he regarded his defeat as virtually certain.

COUNTY FAIR IS UP IN THE AIR

The question of whether a county fair will be held or not is still a matter of conjecture. The county court appointed a committee to handle the matter about two months ago but only H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, agreed to serve. Then at the last meeting two other men, Fred Huffman, of La Grande and William Buckman, of Imbler, were appointed on the board but they have not yet stated whether they would accept the office or not. Until a board is formed to handle the county fair question, nothing can be done.

HIGHWAY BIDS ARE RECEIVED

At the meeting of the state highway commission held in Portland Wednesday and Thursday several matters relative to Eastern Oregon were handled. The stretch at Deadman's Hill had been let but at the meeting the bids were rejected. Bids on the Lostine-Enterprise road were also rejected. The overhead at Rinehart was let to contractors and the Wallowa Hill stretch was brought up but as there was no representative from Linn county at this meeting the matter was laid upon the table until the commission could get in touch with the Union county court. Edgar Marvin and Ernest Johnson, members of the Wallowa county court, passed through La Grande this morning returning to their homes and described the meeting.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., June 29.—Two companies of national guard have been sent into the Cabin creek and Paint creek districts to stop the miners' march.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 29.—Communists are reported aiding republicans at Dublin, led by a member of the Industrial Workers of the World from America. They are said to be receiving aid from Moscow.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, June 29.—Application for reduction from eight to five cents carfare in Portland was made today to the state public service commission by the Housewives Council of Portland.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 29.—A number of federal food officers ordered closed at midnight tonight would be continued under a bill finally passed today by the senate and sent to the president.

Hooverize on Water Is Order Issued by City Manager Kratz

EZRA MEEKER TELLS OF HIS EVENTFUL LIFE

Days of Pioneers Recalled by Speaker last Evening; made First Trip to Oregon in 1852.

Telling his audience of the Oregon Trail country of 70 years ago, Ezra Meeker, of Tacoma, 51 years old but still young in everything but years, addressed a large audience in The Gardens last evening. Mr. Meeker first outlined the early history of the west and, coming to the year 1852, the year in which he came west, he told of the experiences in making the trip across the plains, driving a yoke of oxen. He told of the way he found the country 70 years ago and of the thousands of pioneers that passed across the plains in that year, wearing a "rut" sixty feet wide at the base and over 15 feet deep in portions of the desert in Idaho. The patient ox deserves more credit for the winning of the far west than is generally accorded it, Mr. Meeker said. If it had not been for this animal man's lot would have been much harder in doing the pioneer work of the fifties and sixties. Mr. Meeker then told of his trips across the trail in later years, seeking to establish the pioneer trail and marking it with monuments in several states, one of which is near La Grande. As a young man of 74 he drove a team of oxen over the trail again in 1906 and made another trip six years later. His trip this year is being made by train and stage. From here Mr. Meeker went to Baker today, where he will take a prominent part in the Fourth of July celebration next Tuesday.

TENNIS MATCHES ARE ARRANGED

Entries for the single and double tennis tournaments are now being received by the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who is in charge of the courts and other details. The dates have not been set for the tournament but as soon as sufficient entries have been made the date will be arranged. The single and double events, for both juniors and seniors will take place on either the central or dirt courts at the Y, according to the preference of the contestants. The entrants must be members of the Tennis club or playing members that have joined this season. A sterling silver loving cup will be presented to the winner of the senior single tournament and three successive victories in as many years will entitle the winner to keep the cup. This cup was presented by the United States National Bank and a similar one, awarded by the J. C. Penney company, will be given to the winner of the junior singles. Arrangements are being made for securing suitable prizes for the doubles and it is probable that cups will be awarded. Lyle Wilson, of Imbler, was last year's winner of the single with Norman Fries and Charles Bigner winners of the doubles. All three are expected to enter this year.

FARMERS TO HAVE PICNIC

The organized farmers of the Grande Ronde valley will hold a picnic in Riverside Park on July 1, commencing at 10 o'clock and continuing on through the day. A program will be held in the afternoon and evening. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time and also accompany a basket luncheon. The visitors will be served coffee on the grounds. John Wells of Alice, stepped into the Observer office today with the announcement and he states that "we are going to have a big social day, everyone is requested to be there with their baskets well stacked and we will guarantee them a real old-fashioned good time." Many noted men will be present among them being A. B. Scott of Baker, who is ex-vice president of the National Farmer's Union, and A. Shumway, of Milton, who is president of the Oregon Farmers Union. C. J. Spencer, State Grange Master, is expected to be present although it is not certain whether he will be there at this time. Many local speakers will be present and the program, while not arranged in detail is expected to be of the best quality of entertainment. The farmers' organizations, the Farmers Union and the Grange are giving the picnic.

SAYS LANDIS INSULTED THE BALL PLAYERS

President of Players' Club Declares that Gambling, Bootlegging and Carousing is not Prevalent.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Clark Griffith, president of the Washington American ball club, today criticized remarks of Judge Landis in a recent lecture to the New York and Boston American teams, declaring that he considered Landis' remarks that "Ball players must not gamble, bootleg or carouse, a direct insult to 88 per cent of the ball players."

GONE FOREVER FROM DIVISION

When the big mountain type Union Pacific locomotive No. 24, from Portland east, it made its last appearance on this division, according to O-W authorities. The big engine, while a splendid engine and the last word in the construction of locomotives, is not suited to this section as it was built to be used on the road from Oregon to Cheyenne, to which it is well suited. It is doubtful if a locomotive of the 7000 type will ever be used on this division as they are not built to overcome the conditions on this stretch of road. The 7000 will probably not be used on the Oden-Chester stretch for some time but will likely be tried on many other railroads as it was on the O-W during the past week.

WAR ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS BEGUN

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, June 29.—Private schools in Oregon will be prohibited if an initiative measure to amend section of Oregon's laws making education compulsory receives the approval of voters next November. The initiative petition, which is fostered by Scottish Rite Masons, obtained 50,000 signatures in two days. The amendment provides that every child between the ages of eight and 16 years must attend a public school under penalty of the parent or guardian being guilty of a misdemeanor. Exceptions are made for children physically unable to attend, those that have completed the eighth grade, those living a mile and a half or three miles from school, according to a census and those receiving private instruction, provided that such children must report every three months for examination by a school official. The act would take effect September 1, 1926.

HECKER TAKES STAND IN OWN BEHALF TODAY

Tells of how He Killed Bowker, who wanted to Plan Hold-up

SELF DEFENSE IS EXCUSE OFFERED

(By Associated Press.)
OREGON CITY, June 29.—Russell Hecker went on the stand in his own defense today and admitted that he killed Frank Bowker in a quarrel when Hecker refused to fall in with Bowker's plan to hold up a man from whom they were to purchase 15 cases of whiskey. He testified that Bowker was double crossing him and lunged at him. The youthful defendant then added that "he was a bigger man than I am and I grabbed my gun and shot." Hecker added that Bowker also fired shots.

TRAP LINE IS A LONG ONE

The government has a 250 mile trap line through Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties, extending from Lone Rock to beyond Meacham and back again, says Elmer Williams, assistant biologist of the predatory animal division of the U. S. biological survey, who has returned from the region. Four trappers are working the line and making good catches of coyotes.

EATING COSTS ARE SLASHED

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The cost of breakfasting in dining cars operated on trains of the Southern Pacific company has dropped 5 cents according to the new bill of fare which the company issued Thursday clipping the tariff on ham and eggs from 65 to 60 cents. The company has also announced a 70-cent combination plate service, which will include a meat or fish order and two vegetables. The new rates will become effective on July 1.

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PARIS—Arrested here upon his arrival from Berlin, Henry Furlong, an Englishman, was found to have a large quantity of smuggled cocaine in his sock.

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DUBLIN, June 30.—Insurgents occupying the Four Courts, surrendered at 10 o'clock this morning. The surrender preceded the hoisting of a white flag over the building, which was burning. One hundred and thirty, headed by a priest, marched out. Rory O'Connor, leader, is reported prisoner. An explosion occurred at noon scattering a shower of legal documents. Free State troops turned their attention to meetings in outlying parts of the city, taking up positions in a dozen buildings and fortified them. Hundreds of snipers are firing almost constantly, increasing the peril of the people. The insurgents occupied the town hall of Rathminis, a suburb of Dublin.

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EXTRA

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CHICAGO, June 30.—Officials of twelve railroad systems, all parties to disputes over farming out shop work, announced their purpose of cancelling all contracts if such action would aid in averting a strike.

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CHICAGO, June 30.—Leaders of the railroad shop men whose members are on the verge of a national strike today flouted the authority of the U. S. railroad labor board and refused to heed its summons for a conference with railroad executives. The board exercised its legal authority and ordered two of the leaders suspended, H. M. Jewell, head of six shop craft unions, and Timothy Healy, head of the stationary firemen and others. The order of the two leaders was issued after the board said that it convened its hearing and received a long statement from Jewell denying the board's right to compel him to be present. Only three of the ten union leaders summoned had responded, but all railroads were represented.

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CHICAGO, June 30.—E. F. Grable, head of the maintenance of way brotherhood, announced that he would join in abeyance the strike call issued by the brotherhood, numbering 477,000. Mr. Grable announced that a meeting of the executive council of the maintenance of way brotherhood would be called in Chicago July 1 to consider the situation that was developed by the federal inquiry today. He made this concession, he said, on assurance of the board that the present wages would be increased at any time that increased living costs warranted it. The announcement came as the first definite accomplishment of the board which yesterday stepped into the threatened railway crisis following the call of the shop men to strike tomorrow.

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