

MINISTER SHOT BY WOMAN

VISITING ALL SECTIONS OF HIS DISTRICT

Congressman Nick Sinnott Learning at First Hands the District's Needs.

EXPRESSES FAITH IN NATION'S FUTURE

Administration is Working Hard on the Tremendous Problems with Considerable Success, He Says.

Congressman Nick Sinnott in his trip over the second district to determine for himself what are the needs of the different sections, arrived in La Grande last evening to spend a short time in Union county meeting the people and talking over the local problems wherein he can be of benefit to the county at Washington.

"I do not think the people expect the impossible," said the congressman, "for everyone knows in what shape the government was left in following the war; everyone knows where the present administration had to take hold and of the losses and disappointed condition of the nation at the time the administration changed. While I do not wish to make any claims that are not justified in every way, the fact remains that Mr. Harding and the two houses of congress have worked and worked hard to bring about orderly and effective business administration of the government, and at the same time have written a few laws that promise to be of great benefit to the people."

"It is a matter of satisfaction to myself to know that congress has accepted my recommendation in a number of important matters that affect Eastern Oregon and work has begun upon their development. In Baker county, right at the Union-Baker line, the great Thiel valley irrigation project is progressing. It is one of the big undertakings of the reclamation department, but we have it started and the preliminary work has been ordered done. In Klamath county we have the first 10,000 acres of good land opened to settlers with the soldier boys getting preference on all the claims. The timber in Harney county, one of the biggest tracts owned by the government, has been ordered sold at my request which will mean a railroad one hundred miles long and the marketing of millions of feet of pine casketing that heretofore sat idle in the country to feel the pulsation of industry. These are but the major undertakings and I could enumerate many smaller developments which we have gotten congress to pass favorably upon."

The congressman reviewed some of the phases of Washington life, told how the settling down to national business following the war and the change of administration was accomplished and paid a high tribute to Mr. Harding whom he says is very sincere and very earnest in his desires and purposes. "It is Mr. Harding's wish and the wish of congress to keep at it until relief is given agriculture along some and business-like lines. With Europe unable to take our surplus and pay for it the problem is very complex, but legislation is in (Continued on Page Eight)

CRIPPLED TEAM LEAVES TODAY FOR PENDLETON

Team, Minus Larsen, and Handicapped by Rearrangement, Has An Even Chance to Win.

La Grande's chances of beating Pendleton high school look gloomy. Handicapped by injuries the team will present a much different lineup against the Round-Up city, lads than they did against Elgin.

With Tige Larson, fullback, laid up for a couple of ribs separated from the cartilage, and with Chet Garrity having trouble with his leg, the backfield will be literally shot to pieces. Besides, each will play tailback and Garrity will start the game, although whether he can last more than a half is doubtful.

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Whether the squad is crippled or not, one thing will still remain in the eleven and that is "fight." La Grande has the quality of fighting every minute of the game—ask Elgin, she knows. With the line, from tackle to tackle, left intact it should be working as strongly as ever but with Williams replacing Bearden at end, right end will be weakened. Williams, though a bear when it comes to spearing passes, lacks the finish that Bearden has. Blockade, at the other end, should be going strong.

With Larson out those 30 yard punts will be missing that kept Elgin fighting in her own territory nearly all the time she had the ball. With Larson out and his "strip" thrust, the backfield will be seriously crippled. Lynch will probably do the punting and Sherwood will be on the sending end of the passes. The squad has been practicing hard this week and are in fair shape for the coming game to be played at Pendleton tomorrow afternoon.

Left This Noon. The football squad, numbering about eighteen men, left La Grande this noon in cars and will reach Pendleton about 3 o'clock. A good sleep overnight and a light practice should take the kinks out of their system and leave them in the pink of condition to meet their Pendleton rivals that threaten to block their path to the championship.

BABY PICTURE CONTEST TO END

The baby picture contest, which is being conducted by the L. & L. drug store, will officially close tomorrow evening with the closing of the store, which will be about ten o'clock. The judging of the pictures will take place Tuesday evening with Mrs. Faye Catlin, F. L. Meyers and H. J. Ritter as judges.

The responses have been very good and each day pictures of babies have been sent or brought in and entered in the contest. The pictures are on display in the show window accompanied by the prizes that will be awarded.

THE WEATHER. PORTLAND, Oct. 27. Saturday will be generally fair. Colder tonight in Eastern Oregon.

Jane Gibson Story Now Corroborated by Person Who Saw Double Murder

(By Associated Press.) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 27.—Special Deputy Attorney General Mott stated today he had found the person who corroborated the story told by Mrs. Jane Gibson, the eye witness to the Hall-Mills murder.

(By Associated Press.) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 27.—Wilbur A. Mott, special deputy attorney general, who has taken over the inquiry in the Hall-Mills murder mystery, expected to interview a prominent churchman today in an effort to corroborate statements of Mrs. Gibson, eye witness to the double slaying.

Attorney Mott indicated that he intends to cause the churchman's arrest unless he agrees to become a witness for the state. Failure of the man, said to have been near the scene of the murder, to give the authorities his alleged knowledge, has laid him liable to arrest, Mott believes.

The attorney said he had data showing this man discovered the letters of Mrs. Mills to Rev. Hall and that his car was parked near the crab apple tree.

FORMER COVE BOY ELECTED

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—Dr. E. R. McDaniel of Portland was elected president of the Oregon State Medical association today. Dr. Joseph Pettit of Portland was elected delegate to the American Medical convention.

Dr. McDaniel was formerly a citizen of Cove where his parents lived in the early days. The family later moved to Baker when Dr. McDaniel practiced medicine for many years. Later he removed to Portland where he has since resided.

DR. BOLIVY HONORED. PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—Dr. Leo Bolivy of La Grande was elected second vice president of the Oregon State Medical association here today.

KILLED BY FOOTBALL. ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 27.—Maynard Blye, seventeen year old quarterback of the Albany high school football team, died today from injuries suffered last Friday in a game at Salem.

MINISTRY IS ABOUT TO BE FORCED OUT

London Sees Change in Italian Affairs Which Will Oust Administration.

MESSAGE SENT TO THE CHIEF BANDIT

Discussion of Settlement Between Government and the Fascisti Will Follow Bandit's Return.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, Oct. 27.—Premier Facta telegraphed Benito Mussolini, leader of the Fascisti at Milan, to come to Rome to discuss the possibility of an agreement between the government and Fascisti. The message says a council of ministers will decide this afternoon whether the entire cabinet should go out or only certain ministers quit.

Battle Seems Won.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 27.—Italian Fascisti seem to have won their battle for the ousting of the Fascia ministry. The Fascisti organization was formed by the extreme nationalists to combat the growing power of the communists and socialists.

MEXICO PROTESTS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The Mexican consul general here closed today a protest against the New York court decision against Mexico in a suit by the Oliver American Trading company.

DEATH CLAIMS ERNEST LOVICK

Ernest Lovick, nineteen years of age, passed away in La Grande this morning at the termination of a brief illness. Mr. Lovick has been employed as timekeeper at Kamela and was brought to La Grande when he first became ill.

He is survived by his mother, who lives at Miles City, Montana, and who will arrive in La Grande tomorrow. His remains are at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlor and funeral arrangements will be announced after the arrival of his mother.

COAST WILL SEE 3 BIG GAMES

(By Associated Press.) Four important intercollegiate football games, among them being three coast conference games, will be played Saturday afternoon on the Pacific coast. Nine other coast contests will take place.

In the east the Harvard-Dartmouth, Pennsylvania-Navy, Syracuse-Penn State, and Yale-Army games will be watched with interest by coast grid fans. Princeton invades the midwest and will play at Chicago in an intercollegiate game. Notre Dame invades the south and will take on Georgia Tech. The games to be played on the Pacific coast Saturday afternoon are as follows:

Pacific Coast.

Portland, Oregon, vs. Idaho.

Corvallis, Oregon Aggies vs. Stanford.

Pullman, Washington vs. Washington State.

Los Angeles, California vs. Southern California.

San Francisco, Santa Clara vs. Arizona.

San Francisco, St. Mary's vs. New Mexico Aggies.

Reno, Nevada vs. Davis Farm School.

Stanford, Marines vs. Second Stanford team.

Claremont, Pomona vs. Redlands.

Misoula, Montana vs. Gonzaga.

Denver, Denver University vs. Colorado University.

Fort Collins, Utah Aggies vs. Colorado Aggies.

Bozeman, Montana State vs. Mt. St. Charles.

CLAIM COURTS RECONVENED--BIG CALENDAR

Actions Involving Approximately \$350,000,000 Are Pending; Influx of Cases Hardly Begun.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The United States Court of Claims has reconvened with a large calendar of important cases for the winter term. Actions involving approximately \$350,000,000 arising out of the country's activities during the world war, are pending and the influx of these cases has hardly begun.

The ultimate aggregate of such claims is estimated by the Attorney General at between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000. These actions are brought into the court by plaintiffs having claims against all departments of the government, including actions for requisitioning of ships and railroads, transportation of troops, ammunition and supplies; infringement of patents for high explosives, submarine boats and torpedoes, wireless and radio apparatus, contracts for anti-aircraft engines and guns, military and naval supplies and ammunition; appropriation of camp sites and naval bases, together with contracts for manufacturing and acts of commandeering of almost endless diversity.

The petition of one inventor claims \$1,000,000 for the little pocket books of stamps which are sold at every postoffice. Another claims that as early as 1905 he invented a gliding machine involving principles upon which every airplane operated by the government is constructed and if successful he may recover \$10,000,000. About \$1,000,000 is asked for infringement in the manufacture of torpedoes and about \$30,000,000 for radio apparatus.

One test case is brought by a savings bank to determine the liability of the government for stolen government bonds and coupons, and if successful will result in other suits which it is estimated will swell the government's liability to \$150,000,000.

Other claims are made for injuries to persons and properties by mail trucks and reimbursement is claimed by farmers for destruction of land and crops by alighting mail planes. The owner of intoxicating liquor whose supply has been illegally confiscated by prohibition officials seeks indemnity in money damages.

In preparation for the disposition of this new business the Court of Claims has so cleared its dockets that not only pending suits but actions based on these war claims are given immediate attention and all cases are disposed of as rapidly as they are prepared and presented by counsel.

SHIPS MADE DRY. AS THE DESERT. NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—American steamships cannot carry or sell liquor in any part of the world, Federal Judge Hild held today in a decision dismissing the suit of two American steamship companies to enjoin the enforcement of the Daugherty prohibition ruling.

WHEAT MARKET. (By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—Wheat sold for \$1.10 to \$1.28 today.

CHRISTLER, A MONTANA MAN, IS MURDERED

Best Known Minister in the State—Known as "Bishop of All Outdoors."

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE IMMEDIATELY

She Was Wife of Former Circuit Judge; Families Had Long Been Friends; No Word Left by Either.

(By Associated Press.) HAVRE, Mont., Oct. 27.—Rev. Leonard Jacob Christler, rector of St. Mark's Church of the Incarnation at Havre, the best known minister of Montana, missionary to Milk river valley, and widely known as the "bishop of all outdoors," was shot and instantly killed in his home here at 1 o'clock this morning by Mrs. Margaret Christler, wife of former Judge Frank Christler of the district court of Hill county, who then committed suicide.

The woman recently returned from a summer spent as superintendent of an Eastern Chautauque circuit. The two families have long been friends. No word was left explaining the shooting.

Mrs. Christler's Story. (By Associated Press.) HAVRE, Mont., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Christler had called at the Christler home and upon leaving was followed into the hall by Rev. Mr. Christler, who closed the door behind him, according to the story told today by Mrs. Christler. The shooting then occurred, Mrs. Christler finding the bodies when she opened the door.

COCHRAN FOUND GUILTY, FINED. The case of the State of Oregon vs. Jim Cochran, proprietor of the Smokehouse, a pool hall situated at 217 Depot street, charged with maintaining a public nuisance, came to a close late yesterday afternoon with Justice Arthur C. Williams finding the defendant guilty and fining him \$100. The case was started yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and lasted about five hours.

Tuesday noon the sheriff's officers and the police force raided the Smokehouse and the Depot Pool Hall, at 221 Depot, and liquor was found in both establishments. Appy L. Waite and A. E. Phippen, of the Depot Pool Hall, will be tried on the same charge Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. (Special to The Observer.) PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—Cattle steady to strong today, choice steers selling at \$6.50 to \$7.25; hogs, sheep, eggs and butter steady.

Legionnaires Will Meet In North Powder Soon

The Union County Council of the American Legion, accompanied by Legionnaires from the various posts, will go to North Powder Monday evening en masse where a meeting of the County Council will be held. Although the County Council has been operating for several weeks, the North Powder post has not joined, due partly to the distance from North Powder to the other posts. The North Powder post has been endorsed all movements made by the council but has not been able to send any delegates to the meetings as yet. One of the objects of the meeting will be to enroll the North Powder boys in the council.

La Grande is planning on sending a large delegation of Legionnaires in addition to the members of the council from this city and all who wish to accompany them should give notice to either Charles Harding or Ralph Huron so that cars may be obtained to handle the entire "boosting" party. The

SOMEHOW HE JUST CAN'T GET THE THRILL



Assessment Summary Is \$259,230 Less This Year

The assessment roll for Union county is now complete and D. H. Proctor, county assessor, reports a lighter tax roll this year than in 1921. The greater placing of the difference is in merchandise and stock in trade and in shares of stock.

The complete total of the assessment roll for 1922 amounts to \$21,041,780 including soldiers' exemptions amounting to \$20,780. Last year the total was \$21,243,930 including soldiers' exemptions of \$21,950.

All land, including tillable, unimproved and timber lands, amount to \$2,092,000, against a total of \$2,215,250. Logging roads and rolling stock were classified last year at \$25,400 and this year at \$20,000. Merchandise and stock in trade amounted to \$372,065 for this year against \$1,071,275 last year.

Cattle Improves. Cattle, numbering 14,391 head last year, were assessed at \$144,000 and this year 14,370 head were assessed at \$132,815. Although less in number their individual value has increased. Sheep and goats have decreased from 10,445 in 1921 to 8,961 in 1922 but the assessments have increased from \$22,309 in 1921 to \$20,429 in 1922.

Assessments on money last year was \$54,450 and this year was \$45,520. Soldiers' exemptions increased from \$21,950 last year to \$20,780 this year.