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## AMERICA MAY TAKE PART IN LEAGUE COURT

### State Department and League of Nations Have Been Negotiating

### REPRESENTATION STILL POSSIBLE

### Adjustments Now Working to Have This Country Represented in the Court Created Under Versailles Treaty.

(By Associated Press.)  
GENEVA, Nov. 1.—Informal negotiations have been going on for some time between the League of Nations and the State department at Washington to make possible American participation in the election of judges to the permanent court of international justice, League headquarters announced today following receipt from Washington of a letter stating that adjustments were in progress looking toward American representation in the court created under the Versailles treaty.

## MOOSE CAMPAIGN OPENS THURSDAY

The Moose lodge never stands still and it never recedes, according to the leading members. This is apparently true for beginning Thursday night a membership campaign is to be launched in La Grande which promises to be an active one.

All Moose members are requested to be at the lodge rooms that evening and hear the proclamation which opens the gates for the new herd to be rounded up in Union county. A special program, with refreshments and dancing will be features of the Thursday evening meeting.

## IDAHO SECOND IN PRODUCTION

BOISE, Nov. 1.—Idaho has dropped from second place in 1920 to fifth place in 1922 in wool production of the country, according to a report issued Tuesday by Julius H. Jacobson, agricultural statistician of the Idaho crop reporting service. The report comes from the bureau of agricultural economics in Washington, and mentions every state in the country.

In 1922, it is estimated, Idaho will produce 15,000,000 pounds of wool while in, when the peak production for the four-year period was reached, a total of 22,145,000 pounds was produced.

### Wyoming Still Leads.

Wyoming still leads the country with an estimated yield in 1922 of 22,500,000 pounds. In 1919 26,000,000 pounds were clipped.

Texas has supplanted Idaho in second place, being the only one of the principal wool-producing states which has shown a consistent increase in wool production since 1911. All other states have dropped in production since 1919. One or two showed a gain in 1921, but Idaho has dropped consistently each year since 1919.

Utah is third in rank in the country for this year, with an estimated yield of 15,984,000 pounds, and Montana is fourth, with 15,414,000 pounds, Ohio is sixth, with a little more than 12,500,000 pounds. This state produces more wool than any state east of the Rocky mountains, and more than several of them combined. The lowest eastern state in Michigan, with about 8,000,000 pounds.

### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The La Grande city commission will hold their regular meeting this evening in the city hall. Several matters of importance will be discussed at this time.

## Obregon's Enemy Bumped off Today by Firing Squad

(By Associated Press.)  
EL PASO, Nov. 1.—Gerald Francisco Murtagh, arch enemy of President Obregon of Mexico, was executed by a firing squad today, according to a telegram from Mexico City which was received in the American embassy here.

## MEN'S RELIGION WAS THE SUBJECT

### Speakers Dwelt on Need of Men Taking Active Part in Y. M. C. A. and Church Work.

Asserting that the spiritual resources of the community are more important than the physical resources, and that spiritual resource is the one great lasting benefit, E. C. Allen, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., opened the religious meeting for men at the Presbyterian church last night. He reviewed the work of the Y. M. C. A. throughout the country, telling of its advancement and also mentioning the obstacles which each and every Y has to overcome.

Mr. Allen was followed by J. C. Meehan who is in charge of the boys' department of the Portland Y. M. C. A. Mr. Meehan recalled the patent fact, known to everyone, "The boys are just as good normally as they ever were; they are much more so and the avenues are many in life and the avenues are many in which boys can be guided to thwart the evil which every parent hopes for." In other words, Mr. Meehan described the conditions today as offering many difficulties to boys and girls that did not exist in days gone by. His talk was hopeful and cheerful and while he admitted juvenile delinquency was large, yet he held a hopeful faith that the young people of today would overcome the temptations and come out alright.

### Luckley Speaks.

Fred Luckley told a number of interesting experiences during the late war. He was with the Y. M. C. A. in France and defended that organization's work in the war most effectively. In speaking on the Y. M. C. A. as a community asset, Mr. Luckley gave many good things which would come from the activities of that institution. He paid a high tribute to La Grande, stating that he came to this valley in 1879 when a mere boy, driving four old mules named Hanna, Lizzie, Billie and Dick. Mr. Luckley never ceased to love this Grande Ronde since the early days. The people here have followed the home idea and kept the church influence well to the front. I am certain that the Y. M. C. A. has had much to do in the past in helping this influence to grow stronger. Let the men of La Grande get behind the Y, not only with their money but with their individual support and you will continue to enjoy the prestige of being a good home town and a good place to raise good boys and girls.

Supt. A. C. Hampton spoke relative to the work of the Y. M. C. A. in La Grande stating that its influence was felt throughout the schools. He refused to subscribe to a gloomy future and insisted that conditions were not nearly so bad as had been painted by some and expressed his faith in the young people of the city.

A. W. Nelson recalled the activities of the brotherhoods of the different churches stating that in his church Christian sentiment was stronger and more surely entrenched than it had been for many years. Turning the meeting into an experience meeting, H. H. Cleaver gave a testimonial telling what the religious life really means when it is fully experienced and personally known. He said that the Y. M. C. A. might go strong on athletics, might attend to its finance and do all other material things but unless the religious spirit was thoroughly pronounced it would be without power and not achieve results that all hoped for.

Rev. Sitton of the Baptist church spoke of what the spiritual power meant to a community recalling the days of family worship and insisting that the Y. M. C. A. in the small city had to a large extent overlooked the spiritual feature which is so essential to its success. In the larger cities, Rev. Sitton said, he had noticed the Christian spirit predominating; but too often in the smaller communities Y. M. C. A.'s had been transformed into a club house rather than a Christian institution.

Adjutant Peterson of the Salvation Army reviewed the days of his conversion to a Christian life and told of the work the Salvation Army was doing throughout the country.

The meeting was fairly well attended and A. E. Pryke presided.

### CONSULATE IS REOPENED

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The Mexican closed here last Friday as a protest against a New York court decision in a suit by the Oliver American Trading company, was reopened today.

## RIGGI SENDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

(By the Associated Press.)  
ROME, Nov. 1.—Italian Ambassador Ruggi at Washington today presented his resignation to the new Italian premier as did Ambassador Sfora at Paris and Ambassador in Berlin. Premier Mussolini replied to Sfora's resignation reproaching him for his action and asking him to remain at his post.

Minister of Industry Rossi has taken steps for immediate re-opening of the Bourse.

## KEATING GRANGE ADDS MEMBERS

KEATING, Nov. 1.—Ten new members were received by Pleasant View Grange of Keating at the meeting October 28, and several more will be inducted in the work of the grange at the next meeting, November 11.

The grange has divided into two teams which will hold a contest for attendance, literary work and membership. The contest will end the first meeting in January when a public installation of officers will be held. Medical Springs grange drill team will be asked to perform the work and assist in disposing of the banquet to be given by the losing side. Harry Spence and Walter Cook are the opposing captains.

Miss Grace Fish was elected lecturer and Mrs. Harry Spence, secretary, to fill vacancies in the office. R. C. Leasay was appointed county deputy for the Keating district, to superintend the recruiting and extension work for the state grange. Good lectures were given, including a grange diversion with prizes for the winners.

W. R. Geckler, state organizer, and P. M. Huffman, of the Union county Pomona grange extension service, were present and assisted with the work.

The alfalfa weevil and question of co-operative dairy association for Eastern Oregon will be discussed at the next meeting.

### TOURING THROUGH

L. A. French, of New Plymouth, Idaho, accompanied by Elvin Ronda and Harold Keatal, of Fruitland, Idaho, arrived in the city last evening after spending several weeks in Oregon and California. They registered at the Foley and left this morning for Idaho by auto.

### HERE TODAY

W. F. Wade, Elgin business man, arrived in the city last evening and is spending the day here on business matters. He will return to his home this afternoon on the auto stage. While in the city Mr. Wade is a guest at the Foley.

### BUSINESS UP BRANCH

George H. Currey of La Grande, accompanied by George H. Currey, Jr., motored to Joseph yesterday and returned late in the evening stopping at several intermediate points. His trip in the interests of their business.

## ISLAND CITY WILL ELECT

### Officers for the City Will be Chosen on State Election Day—Few Contests.

Harmony reigns at Island City in a political way and there will be no clash of consequence over who is to hold the municipal offices there. The city ticket which will go to the voters contains the following names:

For mayor, Merton W. Kiddle; councilmen, term ending January 5, 1923—E. W. Caldwell, Ray Patten and N. Partridge; councilmen, term ending January 4, 1924, three to be elected—W. D. Mitchell, Alvert Wardell, Carl Partridge, M. H. Whistler; for treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Wade; for marshal, Fred Stone; for recorder, G. A. Barron.

## BULLETINS

### WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Wheat was \$1.14 to \$1.27.

### MISSOURI HAS TORNADO

(By Associated Press.)  
WEBB CITY, Mo., Nov. 1.—One is dead, a score hurt and twenty-five to thirty buildings are demolished with a property loss of many thousands of dollars due to a tornado which struck this mining town at midnight.

### IGNORANT OF MURDER

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 1.—Bypassing her silence for the first time today, Mrs. Frances Hall told reporters she was absolutely ignorant of how her husband, Rev. Hall, met death with Mrs. Miller on September 14th. She declared she was not at the Phillips farm that night.

### MEDFORD HAS FIRE

(By Associated Press.)  
MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 1.—Fire loss of \$150,000 occurred here last night when the Masonic-Edman Wholesale grocery plant and warehouse was burned. Cause unknown.

### NO FURTHER ACTION

(Special to the Observer.)  
HAYRE, Mont., Nov. 1.—Unless unexpected developments occur, details stated today no further action will be taken in the death of Rev. Mr. Christler and Mrs. Carleton.

### AMBASSADOR PAGE DEAD

(Special to the Observer.)  
RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 1.—Thomas Nelson Page, ex-ambassador to Italy, died at the home of relatives in Hanover county today.

### ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Ennis Townsend, aged 22, was killed, Fred McKee is probably fatally injured, V. D. Butler is painfully injured, from an explosion at the Bull Run plant of the Portland Railway Light and Power company today. The plant is not seriously damaged. Street car service in Portland was delayed by cutting off power.

### THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Tonight fair, Thursday fair and warmer.

## TURKS REPLY IS O. K. TO FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Nov. 1.—The Turkish reply to the allied invitation to Lausanne Peace conference is satisfactory to the French government and is believed to remove any doubt as to opening of the meeting in the Swiss city on November 13th. Conversations with London and Rome will immediately be initiated to arrange for final details of the conference.

## GIRL SUES FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Damages of \$25,000 are demanded from Lucien E. Willard, of Portland, in a breach of promise suit filed in circuit court yesterday by Bernice Stone, formerly of Enterprise, Ore., and more recently employed at Spokane. Miss Stone charges that when she met Willard at Enterprise in September, 1921, he posed as a single man. Two months later, she claims, he proposed marriage to her. She accepted and was given a diamond engagement ring, she says. About June 15 of this year the complaint states, Willard remarried his ex-wife, from who he had been divorced only a few months.

## Tingling of Bell Interrupts Senator McNary at Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 1.—While Senator Charles L. McNary was appealing for party unity and entreating all republicans to support the party's nominees for all offices at the general election in an address in the Astoria theater Saturday night, the ringing of an electric bell beneath his feet interrupted the speaker and made it difficult for him to continue.

The bell placed by persons opposed to McNary's plea for party unity was concealed so well beneath the stage that it could not be located for several minutes.

McNary continued his talk in the face of the interruption. This is the second time within a week that an effort has been made to break up a political meeting. A stink bomb was introduced into a recent meeting in opposition to the compulsory school bill. It, too, failed to break up the session.

### RETURNED FROM PORTLAND

Daniel Boyd, well known Enterprise attorney, arrived in La Grande last evening from Portland where he spent several days looking after some legal business. Mr. Boyd spent the evening in La Grande as a guest at the Foley and left for home this morning on the branch line train.

## HALLOWE'EN IS BUSY EVENING

### Woodpiles, Fences and Cars Find New Parking Places; Few Acts of Vandalism Occur.

The La Grande citizen who glared at the alarm clock, donned his bathrobe and slippers and built a fire, then went to the window to see what the town looked like this morning, found himself gazing upon a world turned topsy-turvy. If he was possessed of a fence the day before, chances are that said fence had wandered away and those people who used wisdom and pile up their wood after Halloween thanked their lucky stars because those who did pile it up beforehand, are doing the job all over today.

For last night was Halloween, the night when witches, goblins, black cats and the like roam at large. Likewise, a large gang of youngsters La Grander roamed at large and left many clues as to what path they took. Anything that wasn't chained down last evening probably went on a little trip. Cars that hadn't ran this year, exercised their wheels last night.

Few Acts of Vandalism.

It was to be expected that woodpiles, fences and the like would take little journeys last night, but a few acts were "pulled" that, to say the least, were rather raw. One or two young fellows are minus bicycles today, T. J. Scroggins in minus two valuable horses that were turned loose, two or three cars were damaged to some extent, and several other cases where the results of marauding parties tended to go beyond the pale are known.

The lumber that was to have been used for the erection of Earl Stoddard's house, on O avenue, was strewn over the streets for several blocks. Dr. A. Richardson's car was completely covered with lumber, scratching it up to some extent, and other similar cases resulted.

Nevertheless, citizens are breathing easier today because the depredations of the gang of Halloweeners could have been worse. In the business section, the presence of soaped windows are about all that indicate that Halloween had passed but in the outskirts of the city, some places look as if two or three bombs had exploded.

## ELKS BIG SHOW STARTS TONIGHT

This evening at Zuber hall the lights will be bright, the music will be thrilling and the interior of that hall will be a scene equal to the old town when Duthan Wright freighted from Unatilla landing with his string of mules.

There will be fun galore, for it is a repetition of those old days when westerners played the game according to the rules of that day when the roulette wheel was spun and the gambling houses were as thick as garages are today.

Special prizes have been provided for different events and they are worth having. All the ladies who have seen them are elated and are arranging to enter the different contests.

The present tonight when Alkali he proclaims the games and opens the open-town sheriff cools himself up on a barrel and goes to sleep.

## NEAR ROBBERY EXCITES COVE

No further trace of the men who attempted to pilfer the Cove State Bank at Cove Monday evening has been found. The sheriff's officers are working on the matter but have made little progress due to the efficient covering of the would-be robbers' tracks.

Interest and speculation is running high in Cove among the citizens. This is the first occurrence of its kind that has happened in Cove for some time at the expense of the robbers' identity and other theories regarding the attempted robbery are many.

## John Doe, Minus Dough, In County Jail Today

John Doe is pensively gazing through the bars of a cell in the county jail today and wondering just where he will find some dough, according to \$58.00 to pay the fine imposed on him yesterday. When he was arrested yesterday afternoon at 10:30 in the county court, he pleaded guilty to the charge of the manufacture of intoxicating liquor and County Judge E. G. Couch fined him \$500 and sentenced him to 20 days in jail.

John Doe is cursing his luck today. Because his arrest was unexpected and would probably have occurred had not Jim Nelson, policeman, stepped into his room in search of another man. When the sheriff's officers and the city police raided the building at 2194 Fourth street they were looking for another man. Not finding him they searched the entire building and John Doe, who is Japanese by birth and was christened K. Tanaki, was caught with the goods. A ten gallon tin still, some mash and moonshine and evidence that he had also been manufacturing "sake," the Japanese "moonshine," were found and with the evidence so conclusive there was nothing to do but enter a plea of guilty, which he did.

## TIDAL WAVE IN BUSINESS HAS RISEN HIGHER

### Fourth Federal Reserve District Issues Encouraging Review.

### AUTO INDUSTRY SHOWS BIG GAINS

### One Manufacturer Did \$60,000,000 Business in Month of October—Luxury Sales Taxes Mount Higher.

(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, Nov. 1.—Business is improving and the tide is rising, while the receding tide has carried out the wrecks of business, but the incoming tide is raising the tidal line of business, according to the monthly business review of the Fourth Federal Reserve bank issued today.

"Were it possible to sum up in four words the expressions of our many correspondents in the district, they would be 'we are buying now,'" said the review.

### DETROIT, Nov. 1.—Payment by one manufacturer of excise taxes representing sales of \$60,000,000 worth of automobiles during October is announced by the Internal Revenue Collector. Luxury taxes here for last month greatly exceeded the total for many months previous and indicated a prosperous state of business as a whole.

## IDAHO SUGAR IS MUCH BRIGHTER

SALT LAKE, Nov. 1.—Conditions in the sugar industry in Utah and Idaho have reached normal more quickly than in other states, because of excellent weather conditions and good farming, according to Horace Havemeyer of New York, who was in Salt Lake Tuesday.

Mr. Havemeyer has just returned from a trip of inspection through Utah and Idaho, and at Ogden Monday he attended the monthly directors' meeting of the Amalgamated Sugar company.

Speaking of the sugar conditions as he found them in Utah and Idaho, Mr. Havemeyer said that while the beet acreage in the two states was less than it was last year, the beets are the finest that have been raised here.

"The sugar industry has passed through some severe years," he said. "Since 1914 the conditions have been abnormal, with high prices. They came the setback that affected not only the sugar industry, but all others as well. This was followed by the climb back to normal, which has not been rapid, but which has been accomplished, as far as the Amalgamated Sugar company is concerned."

Judge H. H. Rolapp, president of the Amalgamated Sugar company, is not only a splendid sugar man, a combination that is not always found. He is one of the real leaders of the industry. The Amalgamated board, including myself, feels that we are to be congratulated on having him at the head of the company.

"The sugar industry has been through a period of prosperity, and more recently has passed through a period of deflation, and I look forward at the present time to a gradual return to normal conditions."

## LIVE STOCK MARKETS

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Cattle and hogs steady, sheep steady at 25 cents advance yesterday afternoon east of the mountain lamb selling at \$10.25 to \$11.25; butter and eggs steady.

## HE WASN'T SATISFIED UNTIL HE GOT HER

