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MAY WITHDRAW HALL BILL

STRIKE NOW STIFFENING IN THE RUHR

New Orders From Berlin to
Rhineland and Ruhr
Now Effective.

SETTLEMENT HOPES DISPELLED BY ACT

German Government Agents
Said to Be Active With In-
dividual Interviews on
Various Matters.

(By Associated Press)
DUSSELDORF, Feb. 5.—New or-
ders from Berlin to Rhineland
and the Ruhr railroad had effect today
of stiffening the strike against the
French. The action dispelled hopes
of settlement. The German govern-
ment agents being said to be active
with individual interviews, money,
promises and warnings.

BASKET SUPPER IS A SUCCESS

A large crowd was in attendance
at the Episcopal gathering at Homan
hall last evening. A. C. Hampton
acted as chairman of the evening and
following several congregational songs
a pro and con discussion relative to
the French occupation of the Ruhr
valley was held. The final agreement
being that France was justified in her
actions.

Following the discussion a social
hour, augmented by a delicious basket
supper, was enjoyed and plans for
a get-together meeting next Sunday
evening were formulated. A pot luck
supper will be one of the features of
next Sunday night's gathering and all
communicants and friends are re-
quested to come and bring their
friends.

WILLIAM SPOULS DIES

William Spouls, a resident of
this city for the past three years,
died yesterday morning following a
brief illness at his home at 2006 O
avenue. Pneumonia was the direct
cause of his demise.

Mr. Spouls is survived by his
wife, a son, Harley, two brothers,
Andy Spouls, of Portland, and John
Spouls, of Heppner, three sisters,
Mrs. Martha Wheeler of The Dalles,
Mrs. T. Reasner of Heppner, and
Mrs. Jane Andrews, of Three Forks,
Montana.

WOULD LOWER IMMIGRANTS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The num-
ber of immigrants eligible to ad-
mission to the United States under
the existing restriction act would be
reduced by more than half under
a section of the new immigration
bill approved today by the house im-
migration committee.

Tax Program "The Issue" Now Before Legislators

Before leaving for Salem Sat-
urday night, Bruce Dennis, editor of
the Observer, who is serving in the
State Senate from Union and Wal-
lowa counties, stated to several La
Grande people who interviewed him
on different things coming before
this session, that in his opinion the
tax program is the one big issue.

"Besides the regulatory measure
there is the administrative traffic
measure which constitutes a tax pro-
gram providing for central power in
the state in property assessment,
for assessment of property at full
cash valuation and for a final com-
mission which will supervise the
bond and securities. Of all the par-
ty differences of the state, this is
a measure which might be termed
a pilot measure, which if enacted
by this session will be the first con-
structive and comprehensive step to-
ward tax reduction that has occurred
in Oregon in the past 15 years,"
Senator Dennis stated.

The measure he referred to is
Senate Bill number 501, providing
for a horizontal cut of 10 per cent
in taxes by every tax levying body
for the years 1923-24. In other words
the law provides that every school

Clark Fined One Dollar And Sentenced to One Year for Manslaughter

PENDLETON, Feb. 5.—L. D.
Clark, former town marshal at
Helix, was sentenced to one
year in the penitentiary by
Judge G. W. Phelps, who also
imposed a fine of \$1. This is
the minimum penalty allowed by
law and was imposed by the
court in response to the recom-
mendation for "extreme leniency"
made by the jury that con-
victed Clark of manslaughter. Clark
shot and killed Harry
Rose of Helix during a row
last fall. He was indicted for
second degree murder and the
jury after being deadlocked for
many hours brought in a verdict
of manslaughter.

BROOKS BLOCK IS PURCHASED BY LOCAL MEN

N. K. West and Herman
Siegrist File Deed for Jay
Brooks Business Block on
Adams.

One of the largest real estate deals
that has been consummated in La
Grande for some time was concluded
Saturday evening when N. K. West
and Herman Siegrist purchased the
Jay Brooks business block on Adams.
In which the N. K. West and company
inc., establishment is located. The
deal was filed Saturday evening. The
consideration has not been an-
nounced.

"We contemplate several material
improvements in the near future," Mr.
Siegrist announced today. "Although
our plans have not yet been com-
pleted in this respect, they will be made
with the view of furthering our ef-
ficiency and service."

BOXING CLASH TO BE FAST

Both of the Barnes, leather-punch-
ers from Spokane, who will appear
in the boxing card to be held in La
Grande at the Star Theater Thursday
evening, are considered two of the
fastest fighters on the coast. Not al-
ways winners, but always there with
a rain of scientifically landed blows
that assure them a greeting from the
fans wherever they appear, both Slim
and Kid Barnes are expected to con-
tribute much towards making the
coming card one of the best La
Grande has witnessed this winter.

Kid Barnes, with quite a record,
will clash with Frankie Dean in the
ten-round main event. Frankie has
fought two fights in La Grande and
the boys now know that he "knows
his stuff" to advantage and with him
announcing that he is going to put
on the best he has got each and every
minute of the bout, he ought to be
there. Both men are evenly matched
in weight and when the mits flash
enough ought to happen to send the
crowd into an uproar.

Slim Barnes, matched against Bat-
tling Lubbock, of Baker, in the six-
round semi-final, also is a nice, wicked
batter who like to mix it and he
will get his wish without a doubt—
Lubbock having quite a reputation as
backing a mean punch.

Two fast preliminaries will precede
the final and semi-final. Tickets at
the Imperial Billiard Parlor.

EXTRA

RE-NOMINATE HARDING
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The pre-
diction that Harding would be re-
nominated by the unanimous vote of
the Republican National Convention
in 1924 was made in the senate to-
day by Senator Watson, republican,
one of those whose names have been
mentioned in connection with the
party's nomination next year.

EX-BAKER MAN MURDERER
(By Associated Press)
PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 5.—R. E.
Payton, formerly of Baker, Oregon,
killed his wife and two children with
an ax and himself with a razor yester-
day on his ranch near here, ac-
cording to officers.

CURIO EXHIBIT COMING HERE

Collection of Curios From
Africa to Be Shown in La
Grande This Week.

Exhibits come and exhibits go, un-
til almost everyone is more or less
familiar with the peoples, their cus-
toms and traditions of every land
under the sun with the exception of
the "Dark Continent."

This week La Grande is most for-
tunate to have the unusual oppor-
tunity of seeing a real exhibit of
rare curios from Africa, which is
brought here by J. C. Austen. Mr.
Austen is in the city representing
Linfield college at McMinnville.

The collection of curios was a
gift to Mr. Austen from a mission-
ary to Africa, and while it is not
a duplicate of the collection in the
Metropolitan Museum in New York,
it is equal to that collection in value
and interest.

Mr. Austen takes this exhibit
with him, as he travels through the
state to show to the public schools
and La Grande pupils are to have
this rare treat this week.

The president of the Neighbor-
hood club, Mrs. A. J. Richardson, has
secured the consent of Mr. Austen to
display his exhibit in the club rooms
on Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5
o'clock.

No club members can afford to
miss this opportunity and as each
will wish to share the privilege with
their friends, Mrs. Richardson has
made Thursday afternoon guest
day and each member may invite
two friends.

There is no admission charged. A
silver offering will be received for
the library fund.

Harold Lloyd Will Wed His Leading Lady Soon; Engagement Announced

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Offi-
cial announcement of the en-
gagement of Harold Lloyd, mo-
tion picture comedian, to Mary
Mildred Davis, his leading lady,
for three years, was made today
by her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Davis.

No date has been set for the
wedding, it was stated, but it
was announced it would be a
quiet one and probably would
take place within a week.

PRESENT PLANS LEGION CAUCUS

Plan of Entertainment Will
Be Presented to La
Grande Post Wednesday
Evening.

Complete plans prepared by the La
Grande chapter of the Chevaliers 40 et
Hommes 8 society and the La Grande
American Legion Post No. 43, for the
entertainment of the Legionnaires from
seven Eastern Oregon counties in La
Grande on March 10, will be pre-
sented to the post Wednesday evening for
acceptance, revision or non-acceptance.
The plans as drawn up, make
arrangements for the entire day and
evening program.

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary will
also meet Wednesday evening and fol-
lowing the business sessions of both
organizations, they will combine with
the Legionnaires in the observance of
a social evening, that will consist of
dancing with refreshments. The
meetings will be held in the K. of P.
hall at 5 o'clock.

RECITAL TO RE OF MERIT

The recital to be given Tuesday
evening by the trio of Eastern Ore-
gon talented artists, Miss Florence
French, Miss Marjory Ross and Mrs.
Lewis Levinger, has many charming
features and rich musical treats, as
in store for the capacity house
which is expected to greet them.
The reading of "Enter Madam," one
of the dramatic successes of the
late New York season will afford
Mrs. Levinger an exceptional oppor-
tunity to display her talent.

The playing of Suite (Arensky)
by Miss Marjory Ross and Miss
Florence French has been spoken of
as an outstanding feature of unsur-
passed beauty.

The recital will be given at the
Neighborhood club rooms and will
commence at 8:30 o'clock.

NEW WAR IS NOT DESIRED BY OTTOMANS

(By Associated Press)
LAUSANNE, Feb. 5.—Jamet Pa-
sha, head of the Turkish delegation,
informed the Associated Press to-
day that Turkey had no desire to
resume hostilities with either Greece
or Great Britain as a result of the
collapse of the Near East confer-
ence but emphasized that the Turk-
ish and English armies were still
facing each other in Asia Minor.

The impression prevailed among
conference delegates that Turkey
would not be informed officially of
the termination of negotiations as it
was generally desired to continue
the Hudud-i Armetice, thus avoiding
the possible renewal of war.

TURKS REFUSE TO SIGN.
(By The Associated Press)
LAUSANNE, Jan. 5.—The Euro-
pean statements have failed to restore
peace in the Near East and the con-
ference called for this purpose def-
initely collapsed Sunday night after
special efforts to save it, which con-
tinued up to the very moment Lord
Curzon's train left.

TRAPMEN SPURN COLD WEATHER

Despite the Cold, Trapshoot-
ing Event at Country Club
Yesterday Was Success.

Chilly weather has no fears to the
Country club trapshooters. Despite
the biting cold, 22 clay-pigeon artists
gathered at the Country club traps
at noon and spent three hours in in-
creasing their proficiency in aim-
ing the clay birds. The weather to
a certain extent handicapped the
marking up of high scores but a de-
cided improvement was registered
over last Sunday's shoot.

The first and second honors were
taken by two invited guests, Roy For-
rester making high score with 45 out
of 50 for a percentage of 90. Jim
Garvey placed second and Chas.
Bohnenkamp and Charles Bueger tied
for third. W. H. Bohnenkamp and
Frank Lilly were next on the list,
equally sharing fourth place.

If the weather permits another
shoot will be held next Sunday.

Harding Prepares to Ask Approval of Debt Funding Settlement

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The
president today prepared a
statement to congress asking ap-
proval of the British debt fund-
ing settlement. He will probably
submit his recommendations to the
Senate and House tomor-
row.

ON TO SALEM IS SLOGAN OF BLUE CAGERS

Joseph, Last Year's Champs,
Are Humbled by Blue
Team; Score 31 to 21;
Blue Has 6 Point Margin.

Basketball Results.
At Union: Enterprise 26, Union 28.
At La Grande: La Grande 31, Jo-
seph 21.
At Pendleton: Walla Walla 28,
Pendleton 21.
At The Dalles: Pendleton Girls 29,
The Dalles Girls 19.
At La Grande: La Grande Sec-
onds 49, Imbler 5.

Playing like champions of old, the
big Blue basketball team, the pride
of the L. H. S., decisively defeated
the ex-champions of Eastern Ore-
gon Saturday evening in the local
gym to the tune of 31 to 21. Jo-
seph may have looked like sure-fire
Salem visitors before they reached
La Grande but when they departed
they were already figuring on
spending the "expense kale to Sa-
lem" for some other purpose. And
the old battle-cry of "On to Salem"
that was chucked aside when Joseph
beat La Grande a few weeks ago
was hauled out of the lost and found
bag and hurled to the world from
the throats of the Blue and White
representatives. Joseph, incidentally,
were so humbled by the defeat
that they forgot to return La
Grande's cheer at the conclusion of
the game.

Game A Thriller

Joseph, at the conclusion of a
straight string of victories, includ-
ing a 26 to 21 win over La Grande
at Joseph, left Wallowa county with
a hothead in her pocket and first
visited North Powder. There they
managed to add another win to their
list and on the following night, still
with the hothead in their posses-
sion, went to Union and won a ten
point victory over the Marston team.
So far so good. But somehow some-
way they lost the old emblem of
luck en route to the home of the
Blues and when they stacked their
hand against the La Grande team,
they were called and beaten with a
pat. Not only beaten without re-
specting to the draw but by ten points
which is a significant victory inas-
much as it gives the La Grander a
margin of six valuable points over
the Wallowa county loopers that
would be the deciding factor in the
championship of the district pro-
viding both teams finish the re-
mainder of the season un-
defeated. And once more in the
1922-23 interscholastic season, it be-
gins to look like the home boys
would wrest another championship
from the coals of combat.

Starting the game with a rush the
Blues overcame a two point lead
when Lynch converted for one point
and Smith looped a field basket.
Joseph promptly came back and sent
the score 4 to 3 but La Grande
would not stay down and Lynch,
with a display of basket-shooting of
merit, scored four field baskets in
rapid succession ending the Blues in
to a 11-4 lead. Price added two
more point and it stood 13 to 4.

Joseph rallied.

At this point Joseph rallied and
added ten markers to their score
whipping into the lead and send-
ing the score to 14 to 13. La Grande
again forged ahead when Smith shot
a pretty basket and the score stood
15 all when a La Grande foul re-
sulted in Joseph adding another
point. Joseph scored again and
Funk tied the score the half ending
Joseph 17, La Grande 17. But La
Grande had played the following
team the greater part of the half—
Price, Lynch, Hummelt, Smith, Funk
and Coker and when the second half
began, Captain Metcalf relieved
Hummelt at center who in turn re-
lieved Smith at forward while Coker
came back in Funk's place.

Joseph Outclassed.

With their full strength on the
court, La Grande stood head and
shoulders above Joseph, whom Union
described as "the fastest basketball
players they had seen this year."

From that point on Joseph didn't
have a chance. Smith, Lynch, Met-
calf and Hummelt all scored and
when Joseph again climbed into the
point making column the tally read
La Grande 26, Joseph 19. Hummelt
shot another foul and then shot a
field basket preliminary to a field
basket by Smith. In a last attempt
to hit their "stride," Joseph fell
short of anything approaching vic-
tory.

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ELLIS WOULD EXEMPT ALL LIGHT WINES

Prepares Amendment to
Anti-Saloon League Pro-
hibition Bill.

APPLIES ONLY TO DISTILLED LIQUOR

Bill Provides That Any Kind
of Alcoholic Liquor or Ap-
paratus for Making It
May Be Seized.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Feb. 5.—Hall, in a
letter read today by President
Upton to the senate, expressed
his willingness to withdraw his
consolidation bill so that govern-
ment Pierce's economy program
may not be hamstrung by a
deadlock.

The letter, written from
Marshfield, where Hall was
called by the death of his father-
in-law, declared it "very
plain" he was being punished for
his support of the compulsory
school bill at election and be-
cause he "refused to bare my
back to the lashes of the party
whip."

New Bill Being Prepared.
A new consolidation bill intended
by proponents as a substitute for
the four pending measures, is being
prepared. It provides that the cabi-
net form of government with the
governor, secretary of state, bank
commissioner and industrial accident
commissioner be members. The pub-
lic service commission would have
three appointive members and val-
uation boards and bureaus would be
abolished.

Bennett today introduced a pro-
posed constitutional amendment lim-
iting the special sessions to the con-
sideration of matters mentioned in
the governor's call. The governor
today signed the bill requiring the
labeling of Oregon walnuts and fil-
berts.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Feb. 5.—An amendment
to the anti-saloon league prohibition
enforcement bill was prepared by
Ellis exempting light wines and
beers from its provisions. The bill
provides among other things that
any kind of alcoholic liquor or ap-
paratus for making it found in
the possession of any one may be
seized and destroyed.

The bill amendment would make
the bill apply only to distilled li-
quors, thereby excepting light wines
and beer.

Lewis Bill Passes

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Feb. 5.—The Lewis bill
to strike Columbia valley from the
list of state holidays, passed the
house today. Mrs. Shamon's bill
requiring all women to serve except
as excused passed the house. The
house also passed the Kenney bill
to tax hospitals.

WILL ANNOUNCE AD DIRECTORS AT CLUB LUNCH

"Ye who are late shall sup cold
soup" was the ultimatum given out
from Ad club headquarters relative to
the weekly non-day luncheon to be
held tomorrow at the Y. M. C. A. with
the Presbyterian ladies serving. E. E.
Ringo, chairman of the day, will call
the meeting to order at 12:05 sharp
—not a minute later—in order to at-
tend to several important business
matters within the noon hour. Among
the business to be discussed will be
the announcement of the appoint-
ment of directors who will, at a later
time, nominate officers for the year
of 1923. The Old Oregon Trail will
enter the discussion and Walter E.
Meacham, president of the Old Oregon
Trail association, will be down from
Baker for the luncheon. A discussion
of the bill before legislature relative
to appropriations for the year
tension service and the U. of O. mod-
el school will also be before the
Ad club at this time.

Fine Menu Prepared.
The Presbyterian ladies, caterers
for the luncheon, have announced the
following menu: cream of celery soup,
roast pork with apple sauce, baked
brown potatoes with gravy, stewed to-
matoes, cabbage salad, porker house
casserole, fruit and coffee.

