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MEMBERS AND WIVES ENJOY CLUB BANQUET

Nearly Two Hundred Gather for Report of Ad Clubs Business.

ORCHESTRA AND QUARTET POPULAR

Many Speeches Enliven the Occasion; Beautiful Flowers for the Ladies; Coming Year to See Important Work.

The power of good citizenship asserted itself in the gathering last night in the Methodist church when representatives of the La Grande and their wives gathered about 100,000 people and spent the evening listening to the annual Ad club program.

"I have never found La Grande or her people wanting in any undertaking of merit during my term as head of the Ad club," asserted E. E. Short, retiring president of the organization. "I have never known a community where unanimity and oneness of purpose so marked the different undertakings for the public good. At times we all grow discouraged and we think the other fellow's town is the best, but we have but to listen for a short time and we will hear the people of that other fellow's town saying, 'If we could only do things like La Grande—if we could only have the pep and harmony of the La Grande valley city.' I call your attention this evening to the closing of the Ad club year. To me it seems to have been a good year, and I wish to thank all who have so generously and joyfully assisted the administration in the great work which has marked the past twelve months."

Then with appropriate introduction the outgoing president introduced G. L. Larson, newly-elected head of the club. Mr. Larson in his speech stressed the importance of the coming year. "Sometimes we are inclined to think there is nothing left for the Ad club to do," he said, "but let me tell you this is one of the most important years in the history of La Grande. It is important because it might be termed the year when we find ourselves. The great question now is, 'What condition, which the members had to run its course. This was followed by the convalescent period during which time, caution and fear were everywhere apparent, but now comes the period of increased activity. As citizens and business people."

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IDAHO SOLONS SCORE OREGON

(By Associated Press)
BOISE, Idaho, Mar. 7.—Idaho's house of representatives passed today a bill No. 219 authorizing the state commissioner of agriculture to issue a quarantine barring from shipment into the state from Oregon all plants infected with strawberry root weevil or elm leaf beetle.

The measure passed unanimously. Williams of Minidoka county said he was for the bill because it was retaliatory for Oregon's action in refusing to let southern Idaho alfalfa be shipped through the state for consumption in northern Idaho. He said the law quarantine was maintained by Oregon so southern Idaho livestock people would have to purchase their hay from Eastern Oregon and Washington.

BURBANK 71 YEARS OLD
SANTA ROSA, Mar. 7.—Luther Burbank, horticultural wizard, celebrated his 71st birthday anniversary here today.

Germany Still Firm in Resisting Ruhr Invaders

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Mar. 7.—Beyond stating that Germany had not suggested the resumption of negotiations with the occupying powers in the Ruhr, Chancellor Brüning's speech before the Reichstag today contained no new or significant statements relative to the situation.

Germany, he said, could not accept the view of the situation created in the Ruhrland, and that through the Franco-Belgian transgressions.

The speaker's speech took the form of a lengthy protest in which he rehabilitated the attitude growing out of the occupation of the Ruhr from the first day and the more recent invasion of points in Essen.

Tenth of a Million Men Have Been Fired During Harding Administration

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—During the two years of Harding's administration almost 100,000 employees have been separated from government service, according to a tabulation made by direction of the president, given out at the White House today.

COUNTY WORKING LA GRANDE READY

With Storm's Abatement A Start to Be Made Monday In City by Red Cross.

That the Red Cross drive, beginning next Monday when weather conditions are better, will go over with zest and zeal, seems to be apparent today from the reports sent in by solicitors who are getting ready for the big start Monday morning in La Grande.

At Hot Lake Mrs. Grace Powers, who was appointed to solicit that section of the county, says the work is going good and that a well organized effort is in progress to meet the requirements of the charity work for the coming year with good results.

North Powder, Elgin and Cove are doing preliminary work as is Imbler and Summerville.

Martin King, the erstwhile senator and mayor of Kamela, put his community to the front in a short time with the assistance of Mrs. Peter Biever and some of the other ladies of that town.

RUSSIA IS IN NEED OF CREDIT

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Mar. 7.—Russia needs many of her credits to rehabilitate her industries, not more famine aid, Colonel William N. Haskell, director of the American Relief administration, informed Secretary Herbert Hoover.

Haskell reported that the relations of the relief administration with the Russian government appear satisfactory, and that ample assistance is at hand to care for famine sufferers until the harvest, which promises to be good.

ENTIRE SEATS RESERVED
Due to the fact that practically every reserved seat for "Come Out of the Kitchen," the three act drama to be given by the Senior class Friday and Saturday evening in the high school auditorium has been taken, arrangements have been made to reserve 40 or 50 of the best upstairs seats for both evenings. They will go on sale tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at the Glass Drug store.

BULLETINS

"OLEO" BILL UP AGAIN
(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Mar. 7.—Associated industries of Oregon have taken steps to invoke the referendum on the "Oleo" bill, passed by legislature to prohibit the use of milk products in the manufacture of milk products substitutes. The attorney general has been requested to prepare a ballot title for the general election in 1924.

TO RETAIN GUARD
(By Associated Press)
MADISON, Wis., Mar. 7.—The senate today defeated, 26 to 24, the Hirsch bill for the abolition of the Wisconsin National Guard.

CHICAGO, Mar. 7.—While the present supply of gasoline is sufficient to meet countless demands, an anticipated one-third increase in national consumption this summer is expected to stretch this supply to the maximum and may even create a shortage. W. M. Wach, president of the National Gasoline association, asserted today before the American Oil Men's association. The daily consumption is expected to be 2,000,000 gallons this summer compared to 1,500,000 gallons last summer.

Declares Invasion Failure

The Franco-Belgian expedition into the Ruhr by said, had thus far achieved nothing but a dismal economic failure, the states from which suggested a doubtful effect to the alleged German delinquencies in the payment of reparations. He termed the French attitude in the Ruhr a "policy of blood" directed to the world's economic welfare and "the promotion of European reconstruction. Before delivering his address Chancellor Brüning told parliamentarians that it would contain no sensational announcements as the government had none to make. Parliamentary leaders were convinced that the government's attitude would be so constituted that the French would not be persuaded into a declaration of war.

ONE DEAD IN BOMB BLAST IN IRELAND

Detective Patrick Kelley Is Killed When Big Land Mine Explodes.

INCOME TAX OFFICE WRECKED BY BLAST

Adjoining Property Damaged; Raiders Place Bomb in Beresford Place and Then Flee.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Mar. 7.—A land mine exploded at the door of the income tax office in Beresford Place today, killing Detective Patrick Kelley and totally wrecking the office.

Adjoining property, including the offices of the National Railway Men's union, was damaged.

Kelley came to the door when the raiders knocked and was blown to pieces.

FISTIC CARD IS WELL BALANCED

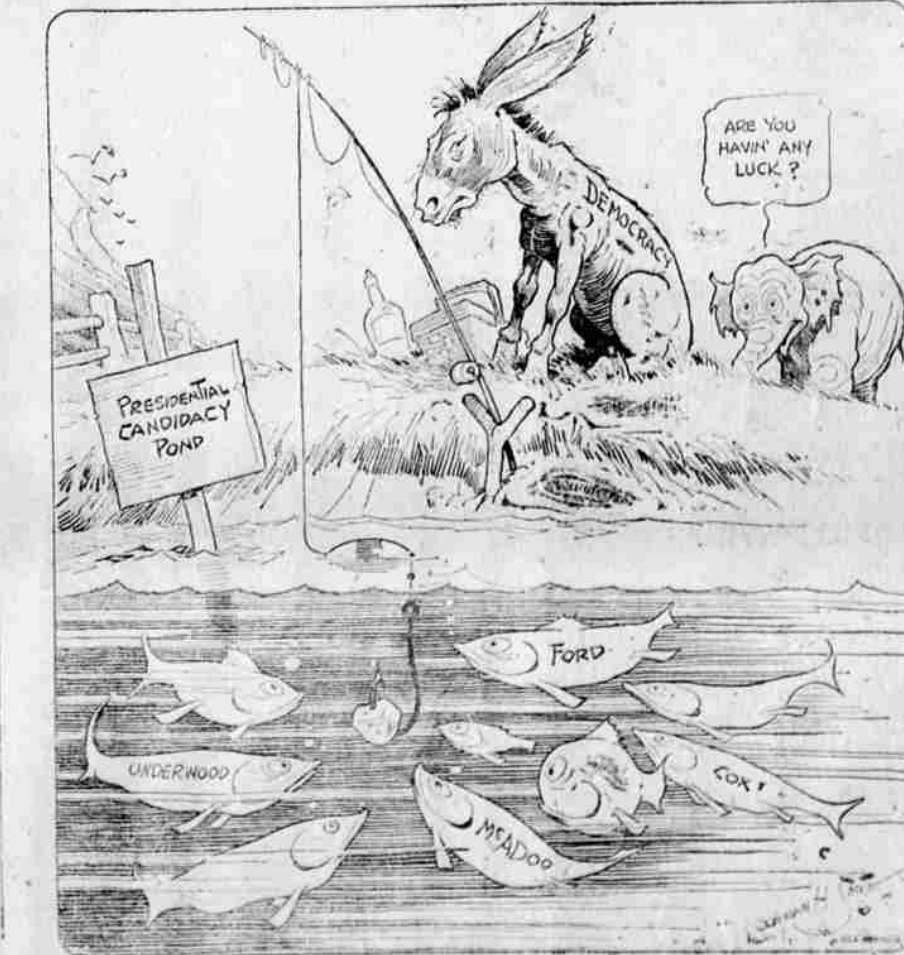
Promptly at 8:15 o'clock tonight the first bout of this week's boxing card will start, with Seeman and Trainor in the ring in the Star Theatre, under the auspices of the La Grande Boxing commission. Manager Ed Ford promises that this will be one of the best balanced cards of the season and present indications seem to bear out his statement. Following the first four-round preliminary Earl Ford and Swede Daniels will don the gloves for the second preliminary go.

Then comes the real wind-up, with Johnny Natto and Charley Weiss in the ring, and if this match isn't a bang-up affair, nine out of nine fans will be fooled. Johnny has been training regularly during the past two weeks, with Gus Bialie as a sparring partner, and promises that he will be going much stronger than in his last appearance here about two weeks ago.

Weiss himself is an old-timer in the mitt game, having boxed considerably in the navy, according to reports.

Battling Lubbes and Danille O'Dwyer, both of whom arrived in the city today—such incident of winning will touch hands in the last four-round event, and with both boys known to be clever, experienced leather-pushers, it looks like the main event will wind up the card in a manner that is anything but disappointing to the fans. Little is known of the boys, but he fought a six-round draw with Lubbes in Baker some time ago, so he is expected to be evenly matched, if the past bout is a criterion.

PLENTY OF FISH BUT NARY A NIBBLE



Arrest of Fifteen Stop Workings of Plans for A Stroke of Violence

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Mar. 7.—A coup d'etat planned for about the middle of the present month has been squelched by the arrest of fifteen persons at Munich, authorities have announced.

BLUES' COURT SEASON QUITE SUCCESSFUL

Promptly at 8:15 o'clock the branch line train, bearing eight members of the basketball team, their coach, Cecil Snow, and quite a number of ardent rooters, left this morning. Bound for Kinterprise for the purpose of meeting the Joseph quintette for the basketball championship of Division No. 1, consisting of Baker, Union, Wallaw, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties. The boys were determined to bring back the long end of the score.

A week of hard, intensive training preliminary to Saturday's game, and light workouts this week, has left the boys in the pink of condition and perfectly capable of exerting their last ounce of strength to down the strong upper-county champions.

Season Has Been Successful.
Whether La Grande wins or loses tonight, one thing is certain—the most successful season since 1920 when Coach Charles Reynolds took the sound to Salem as Eastern Oregon champions, has just been passed. La Grande has played seventeen games, not counting two alumni games, but counting all others, of these fifteen were interscholastic contests, La Grande winning eleven, two of the losses being to Pendleton, members of another division. La Grande has also won from the M. L. A., present champions of the La Grande Amateur Athletic basketball league.

In the total number of points, the Blues have an imposing string, having counted 452 times to their opponents' 213. In divisional games the Blues marked up 383 points to their opponents' 228. So if Joseph wins or is defeated, the Blues and White will have nothing to be ashamed of—unless it's a long string of victories.

State Tourney Starts Soon.
Tonight's game will settle the championship for Division No. 1, a tourney to be held at Pendleton March 9-10 will settle the title in the division in which Clatsop county is the champion. Both sides will meet this evening in the final contest in Division No. 7, the University of Oregon has the championship practically clinched in Division No. 8, Astoria has the same edge in No. 9. Forest Grove is slated for the title in her district. Richmond is coming strong in No. 10. Myrtle Point is the favorite in No. 2. Possibly some of the titles may not be decided until a few days before the state tourney, scheduled for March 15, 16 and 17 in Salem, under the auspices of the Willamette university.

THE WEATHER
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 7.—Tonight and Thursday cloudy, rain in the north-west portion.

COMMISSION TO MEET
The La Grande city commission will convene tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall for their regular weekly executive meeting.

La Follette Vindicated By Wisconsin State Legislature

HALE WILL NOT APPEAR IN REBUTTAL

(By Associated Press)
MEDFORD, Mar. 7.—J. F. Hale, chief witness in the night riders' trial, who testified from his cot yesterday, has departed for his home at San Diego, California, on advice of physicians who said that his recovery was impossible while he remained here. His departure means that he will not be called as a rebuttal witness.

At the opening of the trial today at Jacksonville, Sheriff Terrill, on the stand, explained that he had appointed a number of Medford citizens as deputies at the time of the night rider excitement a year ago, thinking this would discourage further lawlessness.

HITTSOON GIVES ALIBI
MEDFORD, Mar. 7.—The state rested today in the night riding case and the defense began with the calling of J. F. Hittson, former Medford police chief, who testified that he was at home on the night of the alleged hanging.

GRAND SOCIETY WEDDING LISTED

Rumors are sitting through the town that arouse the curiosity and command the interest of everyone. There is to be a grand society wedding! Nothing could attract more attention than a real nuptial ceremony excepting a Tom Thumb one. That is the unique entertainment which the Neighborhood club is going to give to La Grande, Wednesday evening, March 21, at the Methodist church.

It will be a delightful affair with all the requisites of a fashionable wedding—the bride in her splendor with her attendants; the necessary but inconspicuous groom, all the bridesmaids and the brides who will be there. Seventy-five children whose ages range from four to nine years will take part.

A professional director will be from Kansas City and the entire entertainment will be put over in three rehearsals; that will take place in the afternoon after school hours.

The committee in charge are the Mesdames H. A. Zurbick, Ray Murphy, W. H. Bohnenkamp, George Vehrs, Robert Newlin, Adolph Siegrist, L. F. Dunn, Alvah Duryea.

Yankee Flappers Faded, Scotland Couple Dance Nearly Fifteen Hours

(By Associated Press)
ST. NICHOLAS, Eng., Mar. 7.—What is claimed to be a new world non-stop fox-trotting record was established Tuesday by Edgar Van Alphen and Miss Olga Pinnerly, who danced nine and one-half hours without pause. Neither took food.

LONDON, Mar. 7.—Hardly had the nine and one-half hour fox trotting record made at Sunderland been reported Tuesday when it was announced from Scotland that two members of a staff of a dancing establishment in Edinburgh had made a record of 14 hours, 45 minutes for continuous dancing.

PERRIN SAYS H. C. L. IS UP

Report Given by John Perrin for Federal Reserve District Contains Many Interesting Facts.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 7.—The cost of living in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland and the entire United States, turned decidedly upward during 1922, according to a report just issued here by John Perrin, chairman of the board and federal reserve agent of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco.

In the last quarter of the year the cost of living increased in all reporting cities in the west. Mr. Perrin says. From September to December, 1922, the following increases in food, clothing, housing, fuel, light and furniture are given by the Federal Reserve bank head:

Food: San Francisco and Oakland, 3.1 per cent; Los Angeles, 4.0 per cent; Seattle, 1.7 per cent; Portland, 2.2 per cent; entire United States, 4.8 per cent.

Clothing: San Francisco and Oakland, 3 per cent; Los Angeles, 1 per cent; Seattle, 1 per cent; Portland, 0 per cent; entire United States, 1 per cent.

Housing: San Francisco and Oakland, 2 per cent; Los Angeles, 2 per cent; Seattle, 1 per cent; Portland, .06 per cent; entire United States, 4 per cent.

Fuel and light: San Francisco and Oakland, 3 per cent; Los Angeles, 2 per cent; Seattle, 2 per cent; Portland, 4.2 per cent; entire United States, 1.4 per cent.

Furniture: San Francisco and Oakland, 7 per cent; Los Angeles, 4.3 per cent; Seattle, 3 per cent; Portland, 2.5 per cent; entire United States, 4 per cent.

Miscellaneous: San Francisco and Oakland, 4 per cent; Los Angeles, 4 per cent; Seattle, 4 per cent; Portland, 5 per cent; entire United States, 1.9 per cent.

The percentage increases in all items for the various cities and the entire United States are: San Francisco and Oakland, 1.9 per cent; Los Angeles, 1.2 per cent; Seattle, 1.6 per cent; Portland, 1.2 per cent, and the entire United States, 1.9 per cent.

Mr. Perrin says: "Little uniformity in the movement of separate items of the family budget in the five cities can be noted. Industries where they have persisted, have been small while advances, particularly in foods, furniture, and house furnishings, have been relatively large. The reported increase in the total cost of living follows the rise in wholesale prices, which was observable during the whole of 1922, is not surprising nor unexpected."

According to the United States Bureau of Labor's index numbers, they were thirteen per cent higher in January, 1923, than in January, 1922.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 7.—Hard white \$1.35; Western Red \$1.18.

Portland Jury Acquits Emrick of Vote Frauds

PORTLAND, Mar. 7.—After eight days of trial and but 45 minutes of deliberation, the jury in the case against W. H. Emrick, election official, charged with willful neglect of duty at the May primary election, returned a verdict of not guilty yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock, according to the Portland press.

Though the defense had at all times seemed confident of acquittal, the belief of those who had attended the trial as spectators had been that the jury would be hopelessly divided. The dispatch with which the jurors reached their conclusion, completely exonerating the defendant, was in the nature of a distinct surprise. Mrs. Emrick, who has been constantly at her husband's side, with him when the jury brought in its verdict.

Solons Blame College Faculty

Huber Vigorously Defends Senator La Follette's War Record.

450 PROFESSORS NAMED IN ACTION

Signing of War Time Round Robin, Denouncing LaFollette, Held as "Unworthy" of Pedagogues.

*MADISON, Wis., Mar. 7.—The Wisconsin senate voted 17 to 12 today to condemn as "unworthy" of men employed in Wisconsin's greatest educational institution "the action of 450 University of Wisconsin professors who signed the round robin during the war attacking the attitude of Senator Robert M. LaFollette."

Senator Henry A. Huber, former secretary of La Follette, vigorously defended the senator's war record, declaring that La Follette had been slandered and libeled as no other man of his time.

Huber read a letter from LaFollette in which the senator asked him to withdraw the original resolution calling for a bonfire to destroy the University document now on file with the historical society. LaFollette said that he was content to let the document remain as evidence of hysteria attendant upon the war.

BIG INCREASES IN LAND TAXES

Farm Land Taxes are More Than Doubled in Period Beginning 1914, Ending 1922.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Taxes on farm lands have more than doubled in the eight years from 1914 to 1922. A canvass of the department of agriculture, just complete, shows the average amount of state, county and local taxes paid by farmers throughout the country in 1922 to have been 5.99 cents per acre, compared with 3.14 cents in 1914. That was an increase of 124 per cent in the eight years.

The canvass disclosed that rural and public schools were the principal causes of the increased taxes.

The average taxes paid per acre on farm land in 1914 and 1922 by states include:

Montana, 7 and 16; Wyoming, 15 and 35; Colorado, 20 and 48; Utah, 24 and 42; Nevada, 21 and 43; Idaho, 19 and 41; Washington, 33 and 70; Oregon, 27 and 78; California, 42 and 78.

BAND CONCERT WILL BE SOON

Bandmaster Loney Announces That the La Grande Band Will Appear in Concert in Near Future.

Bandmaster Andrew Loney announces another free public concert to be given by the La Grande Municipal band in the very near future. This concert, in all respects is expected to be the best since the organization of the local band.

With the addition of several very capable musicians who have recently made La Grande their home, and many intensive rehearsals on the part of the entire band, a program of exceptional merit is in readiness. The time and place of this concert will be announced at an early date.