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NOMINATION OF HARDING IS PLANNED

Movement for Renomination of President Harding in Tangible Form.

COLONEL HARVEY MAY BE MANAGER

Details of the Personnel and Program of Pre-Convention Organization Being Discussed.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—The movement for the renomination of President Harding, which took first tangible form in recent conferences among a group of his friends here, has developed to a stage where details of the personnel and program of a pre-convention organization in his behalf are receiving active attention.

For the present the two most vital topics of these discussions relate to the choice of those who are to head the organization and to various features of the countrywide speaking trip the president himself is expected to make during the summer. Already a tentative itinerary for the trip is under consideration and Mr. Harding's advisers are putting their heads together to add him in his selection of the topics he is to discuss.

Work to Be Hastened.

Attorney General Daugherty's announcement in Miami Saturday that the president would be a candidate again, accepted here as further confirmation of the impression which has been current for some weeks in political circles, is expected to hasten the work of formulating a definite program and a definite backing with which he can go before the country.

The attorney general, who was the Harding pre-convention manager in 1920, is regarded as certain to have a prominent place also in the campaign now beginning.

Because of his ill health and his official duties, however, Mr. Daugherty's intimates do not expect him to again shoulder the heavy burden of active pre-convention work he carried three years ago. Various names have been mentioned for that task in the conference of Harding supporters, the list including among others Will Hays of Indiana, and Charles D. Hiles of New York, both former national chairmen, and Col. George Harvey, now American ambassador at London.

Some of the friends of Mr. Hays recently have been particularly keen in their suggestion that he be brought prominently into the Harding pre-convention organization, with a view to his selection as chairman of the national committee in case Mr. Harding is renominated. Mr. Hays is saying nothing for publication.

CORRECTION
Due to misreading a telephone communication, the Observer stated in the Saturday issue that the funeral of Mrs. Eliza W. Hunter, who passed away Saturday morning, would be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock in the Island City church. The funeral is being held this afternoon.

Old Oregon Trail Will Be an All Year Highway

As soon as the snow in the Blue mountains melts, the Old Oregon Trail will be open to travel for all time, so Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, announced last week, states W. S. Wharton in an article written for the Portland press.

There is yet 3000 feet of grading to do on the trail which runs from Ontario on the east to Astoria on the west, making a highway 555 miles long. This work, along with laying some five miles of macadam pavement will be completed during the summer months and then Oregon will have an all-year entrance from the east.

To keep the highway open in the winter time a crew of men with two army caterpillars and other equipment will be stationed in the Blue mountains. The crew was on duty last winter but because of the ungraded stretch of road no attempt was made to keep the trail open, so Nunn said.

"Opening of this highway will be an important factor in tourist travel the coming season," Nunn said. "The road extends from the eastern boundary of the state to the sea. Of this all is paved from Astoria to a point a few miles east of The Dalles. From that point east to about 11 miles east of Pendleton there is an excellent macadam road."

"From La Grande east there is a few miles of pavement and then a macadam on to Baker. The rest of the road is dirt, but is in good condition. It will be paved as soon as the road program permits."

Roster of O. A. C. Band To Appear Here Tuesday



Captain H. L. Beard, Director. H. L. Beard, conductor. P. A. Holmes, general manager. Chas. Whittemore, assistant manager.

D. L. Bogie, business manager. R. F. Hixson, publicity manager. Wm. Hicking, dance manager. Soloists: Ralph Dougherty, BBb Bass; John C. Garman, clarinet; John Whittemore, clarinet; Ira B. Cave, vocal.

Bb clarinets: J. C. Garman, Portland; John Whittemore, Corvallis; H. C. Dobbs, Portland; D. G. DeSart, Woodburn; Maurice Newland, Roseburg; N. E. Dunn, Corvallis; H. G. Cummins, Nampa, Idaho.

Eb clarinet: A. O. Orser, Portland.

Flute and Piccolo: P. L. Adkins, Astoria; A. K. Silva, Honolulu, T. H. Cornets: G. S. Rankin, Albany; C. V. Woodruff, Brea, California; F. R. Cockburn, Milton; E. R. Glassford, Corvallis.

French Horns: Howard Stroud, Mount Vernon, Wash.; T. C. Powers, Monmouth; C. L. Olsen, Sherwood; A. M. Wells, Corvallis.

Trombones: Chas. Whittemore, Corvallis; Martin King, Portland; W. N. Bone, Weiser, Idaho; L. W. La Bare, St. Helena; P. F. Smith, Elgin.

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WASHINGTON POSTOFFICE IS LOOTED

(By Associated Press) OLYMPIA, Wash., Mar. 19.—Robbers broke into the Olympia postoffice early today, drilled into the money order vault, blew open the stamp safe, and occupied with stamps valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000, Postmaster Clem estimated.

ESTIMATE HIGHER
OLYMPIA, Wash., Mar. 19.—An estimate early this afternoon placed between \$30,000 and \$40,000 worth of stamps, about \$100 cash and \$400 in registered letters were stolen by robbers who filed open the stamp cabinet and drilled the vault in the postmaster's office.

EAST OREGON WINTER IDEAL FOR FARMERS

Conditions More Favorable to Stockmen Than in Many Decades

EASTERN STATES GRIPPED IN COLD

With Arrival of Spring Due Wednesday, Mississippi Valley Shivers; Relief Is Promised.

In La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley, not only does the opening of spring theoretically hang near, but spring seems actually in the air. Cloudy, damp, but not severely cold weather, is prevalent, with occasional rains. This morning the general climatic conditions appeared more spring-like, despite the absence of sunshine, than during the month of March. Farmers and stockmen have passed one of the most successful winters on record with feeding easy to keep up and reports from the county have it that the ground is in good shape for spring planting. In some sections spring plowing is practically complete.

East Has Winter.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—With only one day intervening before the theoretical arrival of spring, the entire Mississippi valley from the Rocky mountains eastward, and from the far northwest to upper Florida, today was gripped by a bitter cold wave, and part of this area is covered with snow piled into drifts by winds general throughout the area covered with snow.

Sub zero and near zero temperatures prevailed as far south as southwestern Missouri, while the Southern states reported low temperature records for this time of the year. In the upper Mississippi valley and the Rocky mountain region the service is paralyzed.

Blizzards Predicted.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—Winter's final blast, bring blizzards to the middle west, will overtake the east and south tonight, but relief is promised Wednesday.

MURDER SUSPECT

(By Associated Press) EVERETT, Mar. 19.—Mrs. James Brown today identified George Hines as the man she saw quarreling with Mrs. Cleopatra Karas in the bakery Friday night. The police say that Dins sent threatening letters to Mrs. Karas who with her brother-in-law and two children, was found dead in the bakery Saturday morning.

WOMAN UNDECIDED

PORTLAND, Mar. 19.—Mrs. R. E. Barrett, offered the city manager's job of Warrenton, had not decided today whether to accept, she said at the hotel where she is stopping here.

Historic Battleship Is Saved from Junk Pile; Oregon in Portland Docks

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 19.—Arrival of the historic battleship Oregon at Portland harbor, where it is to be maintained permanently by the state, will be a feature of the Rose Festival next June, according to plans announced here. The vessel, which earned fame by its dash around Cape Horn in the Spanish-American war, to join the American fleet in Cuban waters at a critical time, is to be repaired and made sea-worthy for its final voyage from Bremerton Navy Yard, where it is now stationed. Oregon's legislature, for sentimental reasons appropriated \$30,000 for maintaining the ship at Portland the next two years, thereby rescuing it from the junk heap. The vessel is reported badly scarred and in need of painting and other overhauling before its triumphal trip up the Columbia, "coming home."

STATE OPENS CASE AGAINST BERGER TODAY

With the jury selected, consisting of six men and six women, the State started taking evidence on the case against Herman Berger, a minor, charged with violating a statutory charge, this morning about 11:30 o'clock. Myrl Beveridge, the state's star witness, may go on the witness stand today. Selection of the jury began at 9:30 o'clock this morning with Judge J. W. Knowles, who is trying the case, presiding.

Berger Is Represented by E. R. Ringo, of La Grande, and Ed Wright, assisted by F. S. Ivahoe, is conducting the prosecution.

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Members to Arrive Fifteen Minutes Earlier Than Usual for Noon-Day Luncheon; Band Will Play.

With Charles Reynolds in charge, the Ad club will meet in the K. of P. hall tomorrow for their regular noon-day luncheon, with the Royal Neighbors serving. Members are urged to arrive early as the O. A. C. Capt. Band, guests of the Ad club during the luncheon, will appear in an impromptu concert in front of the hall, beginning at 11:45 and closing at 12:00 o'clock. Several excellent numbers will be played at this time.

Percy Loeey, captain of the O. A. C. varsity football team for 1922 and re-elected for 1923, and Edwin Reed, member of the O. A. C. faculty and college editor, will both speak to the members. Loeey formerly made his home in La Grande and has many friends in this district.

U. S. FIRM ON REFUND PAYMENT

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Mar. 19.—The United States today notified Allied representatives in conference in reimbursement for expenses of armies of occupation of the Rhine, that it expects a reimbursement of \$225,000,000, and refused to accept a reduction to the amount of the value of German ships seized in American ports. Eliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury made it plain that the United States expects the bill to be paid and it should not be the concern of the United States whether it was met out of German payments or otherwise.

BAND CONCERT PLEASURES ALL

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Told of California.
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WHEAT QUOTATIONS
(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 19.—Hardy white \$1.36; Western Red \$1.19.

\$40,000 Taken From Collector

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Mar. 19.—Three men in an automobile today held up and seized an automobile belonging to Clarence Dale, collector for a chain of grocery stores, and escaped with the car and between \$20,000 and \$40,000 in a strong box belted to the car. The holdup occurred in the residential district.

BROTHERS DAY OF GRANGE WAS EVENTFUL ONE

Roast Pig and a Good Program Marked Saturday Afternoon at Grange Hall

With Bob Masterton as high mogul of the barbecue and with Col. Ed. Eckley as generalissimo of the pie counter, Brothers Day at the Blue Mountain Grange started with a jingle and punch about noon and the fun lasted until late in the afternoon.

It was a day set aside for a frolic and very little seriousness was permitted to enter the occasion. The long tables were set in the hall by the grangers and not a woman was permitted to even cut a slice of bread. The two pig banquet was featured as a man's affair and it surely was all of that. The fine porkers had been roasted just right and doming his white apron Mr. Masterton proceeded to do the carving while grangers lined up like a bunch of chorus girls and did the carving. Roast pig was only one item of that excellent menu, for there was everything produced in the Grande Ronde valley to go with the pig meat course. From pickles to numberless varieties of pies clustered around those pigs so that the guests ate until they were weary of feeding themselves.

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Rev. Frank Jasper, formerly of the Willamette university, made an excellent address, touching in which he reviewed briefly his early days in Union county and then touched upon his experience in war work, closing with a religious talk that was impressive.

Miss Frederike Schilke rendered a vocal solo which pleased everyone and brought forth a demand for a second number.

Uncle Dunham Wright spoke on general conditions and made a strong appeal for every home-loving American citizen to fight the narcotic evil which is taking hold of this country. He reviewed legislation as it is today and as it was when he was a member of the legislative body.

Bruce Dennis of the Evening Observer, told briefly of some of the features of the last session of the Oregon legislature. E. E. Bragg and A. C. Hampton both made short talks complimenting the he-grangers for their efforts at entertaining.

Debate Was Full of Fun.

"Resolved that Women have more sense than Men," was the question for debate on this occasion. The affirmative led off with Mrs. E. L. Eckley who reviewed women's work in the world tracing female leadership down from Joan of Arc to the present time. Her speech was full of good points and every point was enounced in lots of wit. But she was followed by William Jasper on the opposing side who in his first

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REYNOLDS IS RENAMED ON FAIR BOARD

La Grande Man Only Former Member to Get Reappointment

SAVAGE IS NOT ON NEW BOARD

Other Appointments Were Morrow, Stuart, Lynn and Marsters, All of Western Oregon.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Mar. 19.—Governor Walter M. Pierce today announced his appointment of the state fair board. It consists now of J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, reappointed; Dr. J. W. Morrow, Portland; Wayne H. Stuart, Albany; Frank E. Lynn, Dallas and A. C. Marsters of Roseburg.

Stuart is a merchant, Lynn a dairyman, Marsters a banker.

Three members of the old board resigned last week and the terms of two members, Mr. Reynolds of La Grande and W. H. Savage of Corvallis, expired Thursday.

SALESMEN WILL HOLD HI-JINKS

Coming from the Walla Walla Commercial club, of Walla Walla, Wash., is an invitation to Eastern Oregon salesmen to attend a salesmen conference, held in connection with the commercial club meeting, to be held at the Grand hotel, Walla Walla, Saturday evening, March 24, at 4:30 o'clock. A delegation from the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary, Kiwanis, Ad and Commercial clubs of Walla Walla, and the Business and Professional Women's club of Walla Walla will be in attendance at the banquet and the dance to follow. Sunday afternoon the Commercial club will hold an open house mixer at the Commercial club rooms for every salesman in the state. In the words of F. O. Hagg, secretary of the W. W. C. C. a "real hi-jinks program" will be held. He states that "this letter is an invitation to come and pass the news on to the other boys." Reservations should be made at the Grande hotel.

O. A. C. BAND PLAYS CONCERT AT UNION

UNION, Mar. 19.—About noon Sunday the Union train pulled in and the O. A. C. boys piled out ready for the afternoon concert. They went to the Union hotel for dinner, then gave a short program on the street before marching to the new school gym. The band numbered 35 and they were all real live band boys. The concert began promptly at 2:40 with a fairly large audience in attendance of 400. Accompanying them were H. L. Beard, their veteran conductor, P. A. Holmes, general manager, and Professor Edwin T. Reed, who lectured on the O. A. C. and its work during the intermission of the concert.

The outstanding features of this first half of the program were the clarinet work of J. E. Bragg of Portland and John Whittemore of Corvallis and the overture "Stradella."

After Prof. Reed's lecture the second part of the concert was opened by a tenor solo, "Acacia the Burning Sands," sung by Ira Culpe of Salem. He was recalled twice and finally sang "Back to O. A. C." which made a decided hit. The Fantasia, "Old Kentucky Home" was another excellent number. Ralph Dougherty of Corvallis rendered what was probably the most popular selection when he gave as a wonderphone solo "Barbarosa." The descriptive piece "Don Quixote" was also well liked. The concert closed with "Star Spangled Banner."

From Union the boys went to North Powder for an evening concert.

Idaho Banker Killed in Auto Wreck Near Boise

(By Associated Press) BOISE, Mar. 19.—Robert F. McAten, cashier of the First National Bank of Idaho of Boise, was instantly killed and F. V. Martin, northwest manager of the East Fruit company, was injured when an automobile in which they were riding skidded and turned turtle Sunday morning at the mouth of Lemah valley, 15 miles from Boise on the Mountain Home road. Mr. McAten, whose chest was crushed by the side of the car, died instantly and Mr. Martin received slight bruises about the head and the right shoulder. There were only two occupants in the car.

The left rear tire of the car which Mr. McAten was driving blew out, causing the car to swerve and finally turn bottom side up, plunging through two feet beneath the wreckage, according to Mr. Martin, who was brought to St. Alphonsus hospital following the accident.

