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## OIL SCANDAL MAY INCLUDE MANY OTHERS

Deluge of Letters Received  
Following Fort Worth  
Disclosures

LETTERS MENTION  
MANY NOT ARRESTED

Oil Literature Sent in Cor-  
roboration of Tips Con-  
cerning Other Fraudulent  
Oil Men.

FOIT WORTH, Texas, April 7.—A deluge of letters and telegrams from all parts of the United States and Canada poured upon United States Commissioner Parker and the federal grand jury, following the publication of Fort Worth dispatches on the round-up of oil promoters.

## PREPARING FOR TUESDAY DANCE

Elaborate preparations are being made for the dance to be given on the evening of April 10th, in the Rex hall, by the American Legion Post No. 43 of La Grande and the ladies auxiliary to the post. Music will be furnished by a high class orchestra and several features will all go to make up a splendid program, according to the committee in charge. The proceeds of the dance will be used to aid in defraying the expense of procuring expert tree planters who will plant the trees along the Victory Way Tuesday.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK FOR ISLAND CITY

Mayor Merton Kiddle Issues  
Edict for All Citizens  
to Beautify Community.

Island City is to undergo the greatest spring clean-up of its history, according to advice received this morning direct from Mayor Kiddle's office. The mayor has issued a mandate for all property owners to clean up their premises during the week of April 16th to 21st, and the streets and alleys as well, so that the suburban section will feature in harmonious accord with the spring-time appearance of nature which is ever marked and beautiful in the Island City zone.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS  
(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Apr. 7.—Hard White \$1.25; Western Red \$1.18.

## Southeast La Grande to Ask for Grammar School

Representatives of School District No. 1, mostly from East La Grande, met last evening in the city hall relative to discussion and action upon the question of providing a school for East La Grande as provided in the bond issue of 1920.

C. S. Shultz acted as chairman and D. E. Shanks as secretary. The necessity of a school in that district was thoroughly discussed and by unanimous vote it was decided to insist that this school building be built this year. A committee was appointed with full power to represent the district. Resolutions were drawn advising this committee to go before the school board and definitely settle as to where and when the school would be constructed.

## Accused Herrin Rioters Found Not Guilty; Jury Reports to Empty Room

Call Off Trials.  
MARION, Ill., Apr. 7.—All untried criminal indictments growing out of the Herrin riots were nolle prossed today following the acquittal by the jury last night of six defendants charged with murder. That was the second acquittal in the Herrin trials and the officials are unwilling to proceed with further trials.

MARION, Ill., Apr. 7.—All six of the defendants in the second Herrin riots trial were found not guilty after the jury had deliberated six hours and 55 minutes. Word that a verdict had been reached was received by Judge D. T. Hartwell shortly after 11 o'clock when the square about the Williamson county courthouse was dark and deserted.

Within a few minutes the attorneys and defendants filed into the court room which was lighted only by a few dim electric lights in the room when the jury was called in.

## AD CLUB MEET TUESDAY TO BE OF IMPORTANCE

War Veterans Bureau and  
the Pendleton Old Oregon  
Trail Committee to Meet  
With Local Men.

Two groups of speakers will appear before the Union County Ad Club Tuesday to be held Tuesday noon in the K. of P. Hall with G. L. Dutton as chairman.

The main speakers will be representative of the United States Veterans Bureau, and will be headed by W. T. McNulty, employment officer of the bureau in the northwest district. The vocational phase of the work prepares disabled for all branches of work and the purpose of the employment branch is to place these men. To put the matter before the business men of La Grande and to ask for their co-operating in the placing of veterans trained by the bureau is the purpose of Mr. McNulty's visit here.

The second group of speakers come from Pendleton, representing the Pendleton Commercial Association. According to a letter received to day from E. C. Scharpf, director of the Pendleton Commercial Association, Old Oregon Trail Committee, the representatives will give short talks to the Ad Club on the Old Oregon Trail pageant that commercial and civic organizations of Eastern Oregon are sponsoring.

In the evening, the Ad Club Oregon Trail committee and the entertainment committee will meet with the Pendletonians and will settle down to drafting concrete plans for the day.

WEDNESDAY, the Pendleton and Ad Club committees, mentioned above, will go to Baker and will meet with the Baker Chamber of Commerce at a dinner afterwards, meeting with their committee for further discussion of the pageant.

OFFICIALS IN CHARGE  
(By Associated Press)  
ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 7.—Sheriff Lowry is maintained custodian of the Imperial Palace and a committee composed of Emperor Simmons, Imperial Wizard Evans and M. George, marshal of the municipal court, were appointed to run the business of the Ku Klux Klan until a hearing can be had under an order today by Judge Thomas.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER  
OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 7.—C. B. Hicks, sailor, was arrested at Mare Island, yesterday, today suspected of killing Rabbi Lafee in a San Francisco hotel.

## MAY REDUCE INTEREST ON FARM LOANS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7.—Indications were given by the federal farm loan board Friday night that an interest rate of 5c per cent would be charged on loans made by the new intermediate credit banks. At the same time announcement was made by the board of the official rules and regulations governing loans under the agricultural credits act.

While the interest rate to be charged will be fixed by the credit banks, subject to approval of the farm loan board, farmers will be able, if the indicated interest rate is accepted, to borrow money at 7 per cent or less. The law specifies that the rediscounting agency shall not charge in excess of 13 per cent for handling the obligations.

Money Available Soon.  
Commissioner Lobdell said he expected some of the banks would be ready to make actual loans by April 20th.

Although it is not necessary that the rates of the 12 banks be uniform, board members believed they likely would be. Mention was made of the possibility that some rediscounting corporations, such as the co-operatives and other associations made up strictly of producers, may not take the full fee allowed them by law, and it was pointed out that any such action would make for cheaper interest charges to the farmers or livestock growers.

OPINION was general that a rate of 5 1/2 per cent, with the rediscount charge added, would mean a material reduction to the average farmer in interest.

PUPILS HUMAN CAMELS  
BEND, Ore., Apr. 7.—Thirty-eight children who are attending school in Carroll Acres, a suburb of Bend, are little short of human camels, patrons of the school testified last night before the Bend school board. For weeks the youngsters experienced a daily drouth lasting for eight or nine hours, for the school building had no water supply and the homes of the children were too far away to allow them to go home at noon. From now on, the board decided, the teacher must bring a five-gallon milk can full of water to the classroom from her own home each day.

ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER  
(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Apr. 7.—James Blawie, husband of one of the two women found murdered at Staten Island yesterday and Brooklyn Dileonzo, assistant in a Jersey City barber shop, were arrested today on a manslaughter charge.

PLANE FALLS, 1 DEAD  
DAYTON, O., Apr. 7.—Captain Richard Derby, 28 years of age, Tacoma, Washington flyer, at McCook field, was instantly killed when his plane fell 1500 feet today.

## Three Ex-Officers Given Penitentiary Sentences

(By Associated Press)  
ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Apr. 7.—Mayor H. M. Scriber, former chief of police Thomas Cox, and Lawrence Pedigo, were convicted today of conspiracy to sell and protect lawless privileges. They were sentenced to the penitentiary for intermediate terms. Cox was also fined \$2,000.

## LEGAL FORCES AUGMENTED IN MANDAMUS CASE

The trying of the mandamus proceedings, which was begun yesterday morning in the circuit court before Judge J. W. Knowles, continues today with appearances of either completion late today or possible adjournment until Monday. The action is brought by Mayor Joe Trippier of Cove, and others, against the Union county court, demanding that they build a hard surface paved road between Island City and Cove and that they expend the full sum of \$270,000 on the construction of said road.

Testimony is being introduced for the defense today.

J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general of the state of Oregon, is assisting the attorneys representing the county and A. A. Smith, of Baker, is also representing the plaintiffs.

## LOSS ON OIL FRAUDS HUGE

Oil Stock Frauds Have Been  
Cause of \$100,000,000 Loss  
in the Past Five Years.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7.—Oil stock promoters operating in the state of Texas during the last five years have filched more than \$100,000,000 from the public. Postmaster General New was advised Friday by John H. Edwards, solicitor of the post-office department, and Chief Postal Inspector Simmons, who are in Fort Worth, co-operating with the department of justice in mail frauds involving promoters.

In making public the report the postmaster general also declared the postoffice department intended to move in the most vigorous and persistent manner possible for the enforcement of both the oil stock frauds and the fraud order statutes against the fraudulent use of the mails, not only in the sale of fraudulent oil stocks, but all other cases involving fraud in the mails.

Mr. New said the government had been appealed to "by disillusioned stockholders to stop the oil stock frauds" after "wildcat promoters" had escaped prosecution by state authorities. Postoffice inspectors, he added, have been working since last summer on more than 200 cases, many of which have already gone to the grand jury now in session at Fort Worth.

## BAKER AUTO SHOW VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Baker Auto Show, which opened in the natatorium April 5, is a great success and far exceeds the highest expectations of those who sponsored the exhibition. A representative of the Observer visited the show last night and it is only just to the wide-awake automobile dealers and business men of Baker to say that the event has never been exceeded in the state of Oregon, with the exception of the Portland show, which has been an annual event for several years.

The spacious natatorium was a veritable bower of beauty. Beautiful electrical effects, combined with fragrant potted plants and green palms, together with the many highly polished cars presented a scene that was a little less than marvelous, and were one to view the show only in its generalities he would be well paid for the trip to Baker.

The magnitude of the show is none the less surprising than the beauty of it. Every available foot of space on both floors is occupied with automobiles and their kindred lines. In short, the show is such that it is not only proving a source of entertainment to thousands but is giving the various dealers a value in advertising

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## OREGON SINGERS IN CONCERT HERE

University of Oregon Glee  
Club Scores Before Large  
La Grande Audience.

Harmonious rendition of long-loved songs, special solo features, and amusing skits that sent the audience into gales of laughter featured the concert given in the high school natatorium last evening by the University of Oregon glee club, under the auspices of the La Grande high school student body.

The program, in entirety, and the numerous encores, were of a much higher quality than usually issues from amateur glee clubs, and the large audience present, in leaving, were high in their praise of the Oregon singers.

In addition to the numbers by the glee club as a whole, several soloists made their appearance. Roy Bryson, tenor, made an immediate hit with local music-lovers. He appeared first, accompanied by the glee club, singing "Her Home" (Coombs), and followed with a "Banjo Song" (Homer). He responded to two encores, Bryson's voice, clear and melodious, charmed the entire audience into

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## America To The Front; New York Couple Dance Over 36 Hours, Record

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Apr. 7.—A new world's record for continuous dancing was claimed today by Miss Ruth Holbeck and Jack Butler, who tripped the floors in the Broadway Jazz Palace for 36 hours and 13 minutes. The old record of 27 hours was recently set by Miss Alma Cummings, of Texas, with several partners.

## MRS. RANDLE ASKS HALT IN SUIT INQUIRY

Secretary Weeks Refuses  
Request on Grounds That  
Publicity Must Be Given  
Case.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Secretary Weeks today refused the request from Mrs. Edwin H. Randle that he cancel his order directing an investigation into the controversy between her husband, Captain Edwin H. Randle, and Colonel L. C. Conger, commanding the Twentieth Infantry at San Antonio.

Randle's \$100,000 suit on the grounds of defamation against Col. Conger was dropped yesterday and presumably Mrs. Randle asked that the war department investigation be dropped, but Secretary Weeks said that publicity given to the case required that all facts be known.

## "APRIL ANTIKS" TO BE FRIDAY THE 13TH; A LUCKY DAY, GIRLS

Preparations for the presentation of "April Antiks," the annual dramatic production of the Associated Girl Students of the La Grande high school, which is this year set for April 12, in the high school auditorium, are progressing apace. Under the direction of Miss Comstock, A. G. S. faculty advisor, the various skits and stunts are being developed. Live work, the smoothing off of spots and the grinding away that produce as nearly a perfect program as is possible will occupy the days before presentation.

Just a little hint as to what to be expected in the "April Antiks" by Inez Hughes and Ruth Smith, their Spanish tango, a number of darkies will make their appearance and the Culinary Concert Club will render a few really astounding selections.

Despite the fact that the date for "April Antiks" happens to be Friday the 13th, superstition of the kind that penetrate into the A. G. S. camp, they believe that the combination be their lucky one.

FACES BLACKMAIL CHARGE  
(By Associated Press)  
VANCOUVER, Wash., Apr. 7.—Lillie Page, 19, was arrested, charged with sending blackmail letters intended to extort money from Captain John Stewart, of Vancouver, Bartrucks, and A. L. Simmons, of Vancouver, a resident. Sheriff Thompson reported she signed a confession today.

## RUM RUNNER SINKS, EIGHT LIVES LOST

Steamer John Dwight, Carrying  
Big Rum Cargo,  
Goes Down

BOTTLED ALE FLOATS  
UPON OCEAN WATERS

Tragedy Occurred in Vine-  
yard Sound, Near Vine-  
yard Haven, Mass.

(By Associated Press)  
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Apr. 7.—The Steamer John Dwight, of New York, carrying a bottled cargo of ale, believed intended for this port, went down in Vineyard Sound yesterday with a loss of at least eight lives, that number of bodies having been recovered by fishermen today.

The water was reported strewn with barrels of bottled ale.

## HUGE RAID MADE NEW YORK, Apr. 7.—Prohibition agents today made one of the largest raids since the Volstead act be- came effective. They seized 10,000 cases of champagne, wines, fine liq- uors valued at \$2,000,000. Seven men were arrested.

## GARDEN WEEK IS TO BE FEATURED

Civic Committee of Neigh-  
hoods will feature garden week  
on the Victory way. The main  
events of the week.

Mrs. Cochran requests that as many as can plant Asters for in August the club is to give an Aster show. But she also admonishes all not to sacrifice the ground for family vegetables in order to plant flowers. A happy combination is a fine vegetable garden with a bed of Asters as a beautifier.

WELL, HERE WE ARE AGAIN



Monday, April 15th  
Commencing at 10:00 a. m., with Free Lunch at Noon  
52 - Head of Durham - Cattle - 52  
Eight Head Fresh Now; Ten Head Fresh Soon; Four Head Bred Milked Some Time; Twelve Head 2-Year-Old Heifers; Eight Head 2-Year-Old Steers; Three Short Yearlings; Six Suckling Calves; One Durham Bull (milk strain) 3 Years Old.  
(Certificate furnished with all milk cows showing they have been Tubercular Tested.)

8 - Head of Horses - 8  
Two Saddle or Driving Horses; One Black Mare 7 Years Old (in foal); One Bay Mare (in foal); Two Bay Geldings, wt. 1400 lb., 6 Years Old; One Black Gelding; One Percheron Stallion, Weight 1800 lb.; One Duroc-Jersey Brood Sow and Three Shoats

Farm Implements, Household  
Goods and Harness  
One 6-Foot Dining Room Table (new); Two Dressers; One Bed Stead and Springs; One Sanitary Cot.  
One Set Lead Harness; Two Sets Butcher Harness; One Buggy Harness; One Saddle.  
One 31 Low Wheel Wagon and Stake Rack; One 31 Low Wheel Wagon and Hay Rake; One Top Buggy; One Hack; One Hay Rake; One Grain Drill, 16-hole Double Disc (brand new); One Side Delivery Hay Rake (new); One Derringer Mower (new); One Disc; One 2-section Spring Tooth Harrow; One 2-section Drag Harrow; One 12-inch Walking Plow; One 12-inch 2-way Plow; One Alfalfa Cultivator; One Muzzle Sprayer; One Circular Wood Saw; One 1 1/2 horse power Gas Engine; One Drag Wood Saw, gas power; One Cream Separator (Anchor-Brand); 900 sq. ft. Mulchbed Roofing; Three Barrels Lime, and many Other Articles Too Numerous to Mention.

TERMS  
Sums of \$25 and under, cash. Over \$25 a credit of six months, purchaser giving bankable note drawing 8 per cent. interest from date.  
GRACE I. COUCH  
COL. T. B. JOHNSON, Auctioneer  
J. E. REYNOLDS, Clerk