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The Weather

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TWO LIVES LOST IN FIRE AT JOSEPH LAST EVE

SUPPORT TO LABOR URGE OF FARMERS

Farmers Organizations' Convention Ends Session

OPPOSED TO TAX PLAN BY MELLON

Coolidge Gives Final Approval to the Shipping Board Resolution; Senator Smith Heads Senate I. C. C. Board.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Renewed support to organized labor in political and economic fields was pledged by representatives of farmers organizations at the closing meeting of their session here.

Resolutions were adopted urging a prompt repeal of the Bach-Cummins law, and freight rate reductions on farm products without cutting of railway employes wages.

Oppose Tax Plan.

Opposition was voiced to the Mellon tax reduction plan.

The immediate enactment of the Norris-Sinclair bill to create a government marketing corporation for farm products was asked.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Coolidge today gave his final approval to the shipping board resolution placing the operation of the government's merchant marine fleet into the hands of the emergency fleet corporation.

The resolution is understood to reserve the board full power of supervision over ship sales, allocations and selections of trade routes and the power to dispense with the services of the fleet corporations at will.

Democrats Elected.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, was elected Wednesday on a chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee.

TURNER OLIVER LAID TO REST

TURNER OLIVER was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the Sumnerville cemetery. One more member of that big of Grande Idaho Valley pioneers removed from the living, leaving a vacancy that will never be filled and that is sincerely mourned not only by his friends and relatives, but by the entire state—for Turner Oliver was not only prominent in Union county but was a figure of prominence in the entire state and in the north west.

Funeral services were held at the new Presbyterian church and were attended by a large crowd of mourners. The rites were conducted under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic

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Property Loss Less By Fire In 1923

A total of 44 fire calls were turned in during the year of 1923, according to the annual report of Fire Chief C. O. Murchison presented to the city commissioners last evening for their approval. Of this number of calls 32 were telephone calls, six box calls, two verbal calls, two silent calls, and one out-of-town call was entered.

A Has-Been



One of the has-been State after-state and city after city in America has banned films showing Mabel Normand. The pretty, but notorious actress, is shown above in one of her latest poses.

SEAT SALE ON FOR CAGE TILT

La Grande to Play Elgin Here Saturday; Reservations May Be Made Now.

The reserved seat sale for the Elgin-La Grande high school basketball game to be played in the La Grande high gymnasium Saturday evening, went on sale this morning in Glens Drugs, Inc. Approximately 100 seats have been placed on reservation with the understanding that the reserved section is solely for the benefit of the business men and their wives and other townpeople who desire to use the section.

A current rumor has been to the effect that the section to be set off is only for the use of the business men but it is to be open to all who are not students of the high school, according to confessions made today.

The idea in reserving the section was simply to give the fans who are unable to reach the gymnasium with the first of the crowd a chance to be sure of having seats and not have to stand up or in any other way be handicapped from having a full view of the game.

The same Saturday evening will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock, coinciding with the closing hour of the business section. Every

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RAY BAGSHAW IS TAKEN TO BOISE, IDAHO

County Sheriff Brown, of Ada county, with headquarters in Boise, Idaho, arrived in La Grande last evening and after identifying Ray Bagshaw, arrested here by the police, left with Bagshaw on Train No. 4 for the Gem State capital where charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses will be placed against him.

Bagshaw is an ex-convict three times having served two terms in the Utah state penitentiary, and one in the Idaho state penitentiary, and used the name of R. Jones in passing checks in Idaho, the Boise officer states.

TWO LA GRANDE MEN BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

C. C. Moxley and Nick Heidenreich were bound over to await the action of the grand jury yesterday afternoon in the justice of peace court here. They are accused of forgery. Moxley was unable to pay \$500 bonds and is held in the county jail. Heidenreich was released under the custody of his guardian, J. L. Mars.

HOPES HIGH FOR BAKER CO. PROJECT

Congressman Sinnott Wires Committee Votes for Re-appropriation

MONEY SAID TO BE AVAILABLE

Delegation From Oregon Is Busily Engaged at Capital Pushing the Project.

BAKER (Special)—A wire received here late Wednesday from Congressman N. J. Sinnott from Washington by the Baker Herald states:

"The House committee on appropriations today voted to re-appropriate for the fiscal year 1925 the unexpended balance of this year's fiscal appropriation for the Baker irrigation project. This will make available for the project approximately \$500,000 until June 30, 1925. The bill containing the above was reported to the House this (Wednesday) afternoon."

The Oregon delegation at Washington is on the job in force and doing good service in the fight to put the Baker reclamation work over the top, states the Baker news paper.

Money Available

PORTLAND (Special)—According to a local newspaper's Washington news service bureau, a dispatch yesterday stated: "By the interior department appropriation bill laid before the house this afternoon by the appropriations committee, the unexpended balance of appropriation for the Baker reclamation project for the current year is made available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925. This will provide almost \$500,000 with which to proceed with the work."

Under the "jobs" received from the committee recently it is believed the interior department will go ahead with the work.

"Hearings on the bill, made public today (Wednesday) disclosed several sharp passages between Chairman Crampton, Representative Carter and Commissioner D. W. Davis of the reclamation service over the Baker project. Crampton insisted that information be given as to why construction of the project is not under way after appropriations by congress in two successive years. Finally this colloquy occurred:

"Crampton—In the event that congress for the third time should make an appropriation for the Baker project what is likely to be the course of the reclamation service with reference to it?

"Davis—The bureau of reclamation is willing to carry out any of the orders to build any project, I assure you."

"Crampton—They would understand that if an appropriation was made a third time, congress really meant it—like the man that was thrown down stairs finally concluded that they did not want him in there."

"Representative Carter—You simply take up those projects you are called upon by the secretary of the interior to take up, do you not?"

"Davis—I was under the impression right up to this minute that no project could be begun without the approval of the secretary of the interior."

"Reters Question "Crampton—Then I should make my inquiry whether it would be

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Joe Thomas Must Serve Term In Jail

Austrian's Plea for Clemency Not Granted by the City Commission.

Joe Thomas, Austrian by birth must serve his sentence. Such was the decision rendered by the La Grande city commissioners last evening in their regular session held in the city hall.

Thomas, who was arrested before the holidays for possession of a gun, pleaded guilty before Judge R. J. Ketchum and was fined \$250 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail. He was paroled until after the holidays when he was supposed to serve his sentence.

Last night a petition from Thomas to the commission asked a parole of the jail sentence stating that he "was ignorant of the facts that the keeping of the gun was an offense" and claiming that he, wife and eight minor children

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OBJECTIONS ARE ENTERED

Objection was expressed in a petition presented to the city commission last evening by a number of residents of La Grande relative to the proposed building of a funeral service parlors on a lot recently purchased by Snodgrass and Zimmerman on the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Fourth street.

The signers to the petition were Mrs. George Stoddard, John Stoddard, Elmer Stoddard, W. H. Lehmann, P. L. Lilly, P. L. Hodgson, E. A. Eames, Mr. Gus Ley, Julius Roesch and Margaret Anson who claimed that the erection of such a building would damage their collective properties to the extent of \$1,000.

Mr. Snodgrass this morning announced to a reporter of the Evening Observer that the lot had been purchased and that they were contemplating building a funeral service parlors in the future at that point.

The city commission last evening decided that they had no jurisdiction over the matter and referred it to their city attorneys for investigation.

POST REWARD FOR POISONER

Following a cowardly set committed yesterday afternoon at Second and O streets, when poison was spread over a piece of bologna sausage and thrown on the parking only to be eaten a few moments later by little Jazz, the house dog of C. E. Short, a reward was offered for the apprehension of the party who committed the crime. First a reward of ten dollars was mentioned and immediately it was raised to fifty dollars by people of that neighborhood.

The poison was thrown on the lawn between 1:30 and 2 o'clock for it was but a few minutes after three o'clock when the dog ate of the prepared death trap and his death followed almost instantly. Dr. W. H. Riley, veterinarian, was seen at the scene but the poison had claimed its victim. Dr. Tibby took the remaining portion of the sausage meat which will fit into the investigation by and the chief of police are carrying on in this city. A number of dogs have been poisoned lately and the officers are determined to locate the ones who are engaging in this cowardly and heathenish practice.

OREGON GIANT KNOCKED OUT IN PORTLAND BOUT

PORTLAND (AP)—Joe Gordon and Mike DePinto, local featherweights, traveled ten rounds to a draw here last night. In the other ten round bout Hase Rotberg, of San Francisco, took a decision from Eddie Richards, Portland middleweight. In a preliminary Moose Norbeck, ex-wrestler, of Portland, knocked out Jack Horner, "Oregon Giant," in the second round.

SEPARATIST LEADER IS DEAD TODAY

Assassinated in Speyer, Bavarian Palatinate, Late Yesterday

FIVE OTHERS ARE KILLED IN CLASH

Herr Heintz, Shot by Assassin, Was Separatist Leader and President of Government.

SPEYER, Bavarian Palatinate, (By the Associated Press)—Herr Heintz, separatist leader and president of the autonomous government of the palatinate, was assassinated here yesterday.

Later five persons were killed in a clash between the separatists and populace of this city.

BANK ROBBERS KILLED

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The notorious Ashley-Mobley gang of bank robbers were wiped out by sheriffs and their posse here yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Fred Baker, and five members of the bank robbing gang, were killed.

Weeks Testifies

CHEHALIS (AP)—According to Thad Weeks, of Skinner Eddy's corporation, Percy Sinclair, when consulted about business in the Ilwaco bank, said "whatever the boy does is alright," meaning Myron Sinclair. Testifying relative to a statement of the conditions of the bank to state bank supervisors June 30, Ralph Knapp, examiner, said the handwriting on the document was the same as Senator Sinclair's had been previously.

Market Today

PORTLAND (AP)—Cattle slow and steady. Hogs weak to 15 cents lower. Medium to choice (150 to 200 pounds) \$7.75 to \$8.25. Sheep steady. Eggs one cent lower, now 23 to 33 cents. Butter steady.

Anti-Klan Organization

MONROE, La. (AP)—Representatives of various anti-klan organizations in Louisiana and Arkansas met here and organized the Constitutional League of America with a membership of 3,000 citizens of two states.

Jap Stabs Wife, Killies

SACRAMENTO (AP)—Kawashima, a Japanese, fatally stabbed his wife as they were lying in bed today and probably fatally cut his wife, then hanged himself from a rear porch. According to other Japanese Kawashima was insane and brooded over the possibility of being deported. He has been in America 20 years.

Waive Demands

ATHENS (AP)—The royalists virtually waived their demands for the return of King George as a condition to further peace parleys with former Premier M. Venizelos following promises of Venizelos to guarantee an honest referendum on the question of a republic or a monarchy. This is considered a most important victory for Venizelos.

Severe Storms

LONDON (AP)—Unusually severe storms, accompanied by lightning cold, are sweeping Europe. Off the coast of Spain and France the disturbance is proving a serious menace to shipping, while in the North Sea and Scandinavian waters, ice flows are so heavy that navigation is difficult. More casualties than in years are reported in the Swiss and French Alps.

Bergamo, Italy (AP)

Some villages in the province of Bergamo are reported buried as the result of heavy storms.

Taxpayers Getting Attention



Under the big white dome of the capitol, at Washington, the taxpayer of the United States is receiving attention. The Republicans are backing the Mellon tax plan, the insurgent Republicans have one of their own and so have the Democrats. A triangle that should work out to advantage to the rest of us.

Accident Takes Life Of A. D. Webb, 77

Falling Tree Strikes La Grande Man in Back; Death Follows Soon

A. D. Webb, aged 77 years, met an untimely death yesterday afternoon when he, his 100, V. A. Webb and his son-in-law J. H. Reber were engaged in felling trees in Mill Canyon, about seven miles southwest of La Grande. Mr. Webb was struck by the tip of a falling tree and his back was severely injured, death coming within five minutes after he had been brought to his home in La Grande by his son and son-in-law.

Elves Divorce

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Mrs. Carol B. Bourne filed a divorce suit in the circuit court here for a divorce and alimony from ex-husband Jonathan L. Bourne of Oregon, who has his home here. She charges voluntary abandonment about at an end.

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OREGON TRAIL WORK DECIDED

PORTLAND (AP)—Funds available to the state highway commission do not permit much new work this year. Most of the money in sight had already been pledged for projects under way or voted upon, according to announcements at a meeting of the commission here yesterday.

Bakers and Rainier will restore 22.7 miles of the Old Oregon Trail from Umatilla to Nalla for \$38,426. J. W. and J. R. Hillstrom, of Marshfield, will build bridges near Coquille at \$22,255. Wallawa county has requested the aid of the commission on ten miles of untate highway from Flora north.

WOMAN AND GRANDSON ARE BURNED

Explosion Started Fire Last Evening in G. M. Tucker Residence

SEVERAL BURNED BADLY IN FIRE

Dead Are Mrs. G. M. Tucker and Her Four-Year-Old Grandson, Grant Tucker.

JOSEPH, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—Joseph was the scene of an appalling tragedy last night in which two lives were lost. The dead are Mrs. G. M. Tucker and Grant Tucker, four-year-old grandson of Mrs. Tucker.

About seven o'clock in the evening the town of Joseph was startled by the fire alarm and residents rushed to the home of George M. Tucker to find it in flames.

It was learned that Mr. Tucker had replenished the heating stove

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PEACE OFFICERS BACK FROM MEET IN PORTLAND, OR.

Peace officers returning from a meeting in Portland, invaded La Grande this morning. Sheriff Fred Thinehart of Wallawa county finished his portion of the work in Portland and passed through La Grande on his way home.

Chief Hayden, La Grande's chief of police, returned early this morning from the metropolis where he had been on liquor enforcement business and attending the peace officers convale.

While John P. Hannan, the old O-W detective, did not come in from Portland he is here today looking after railroad business. John Hovey in Walla Walla, now and he says the Chinook is on its way to the Grande Ronde and that winter across the mountains seems charges voluntary abandonment about at an end.

Late News Flashes

SEEKS DISSOLUTION.

WASHINGTON.—Clarence H. Verner, stockholder of the Southern P acific, petitioned the supreme court today for an order to compel the dissolution of control of the Southern Pacific over the Central Pacific as directed by a supreme court decision delivered May, 1922.

In making the plea Verner said the attorney general had announced the government would not appeal from the decision of the federal district court in Utah approving the action of the interstate commerce commission in authorizing the Southern Pacific to continue control over the Central Pacific. After the supreme court decision the federal court of Utah ordered the dissolution but the interstate commerce commission permitted the Southern Pacific to continue in control, the Utah court giving approval, holding that while the dissolution decision had been based on the grounds that construction was prohibited under the Sherman anti-trust act, the order of the commission was warranted by the transportation act of 1922.

Verner in the petition contended that the Utah district court should hold that the interstate commerce commission was without its jurisdiction to consider the application of the Southern Pacific as it aimed to "nullify the mandate of our highest court."

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST.

LONDON (AP)—An admiralty message says that the British submarine L-24 has been lost off Portland, England, in a collision with a dreadnaught, the Resolution. It is feared the entire crew perished. The submarine was reported carrying 30 men.