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The Weather

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REALTORS MEET HERE TOMORROW

Northwest Real Estate Association's Annual Meeting Arranged

ABOUT 100 ARE EXPECTED HERE

Program Calls for Business Sessions in Morning and Afternoon—Banquet in Evening.

Approximately 75 to 100 members of the Northwest Real Estate Association are expected to arrive in La Grande tonight and tomorrow morning to be in attendance at the annual meeting of the association which will begin at ten o'clock in the morning in the city hall building.

Business sessions will be held in the city hall building in both the afternoon and in the evening. The realtors will gather in the North Grill for a banquet.

Discussion relative to real estate ratings will be the opening topic in the morning following the roll call. Ernest G. Day, of Boise, Id., will lead this discussion.

In the afternoon William M. Deer, of La Grande, will lead a discussion on real estate subdivisions. Fred Germain, of Portland, will discuss zoning and R. E. Hodge, of Spokane, will discuss advertising.

The banquet will be opened at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Delegations are expected in La Grande from Spokane, Boise, Lewiston, Baker, Union, Enterprise, Pendleton, Pocatello and other cities in the northwest. In both the afternoon and in the evening, the realtors will gather in the North Grill for a banquet.

SOVIET RUSSIA RECOGNIZED BY ITALIAN RULE

ROME (AP)—The representatives of the Italian and Russian governments signed the commercial treaty Thursday and thus, in conformity with Premier Mussolini's previous decision, established de jure recognition of Russia. The Italian government will immediately appoint an ambassador to Moscow, thus restoring diplomatic relations.

HIGH TEAMS GO TO PENDLETON

Headed by Coach Lester MacTavish and Coach Mima Murchison, the La Grande high school girls' and boys' basketball teams left this morning for Pendleton where they will meet the Bucklefoot contingent this evening. Both coaches took slight players.

Captain Price, Coker and Lynch left this morning on No. 17 but the remainder of the boys and girls team left later in the morning by stage. A large number of rooters accompanied the team.

Announcement of the referee has not been made but he will be selected from four Walla Walla referees, all approved by Whitman College.

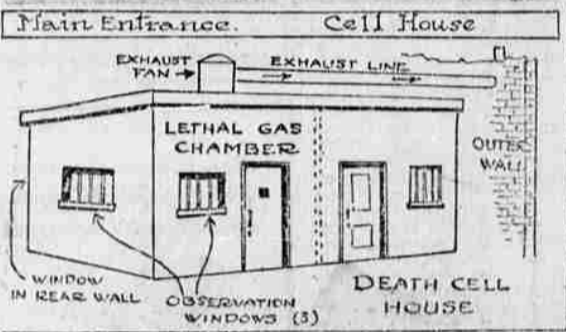
Saturday night the girls will play Imbler high here and the boys will play Union high. Jamieson of Baker will referee. The girls game will be called at 7:45 o'clock in the high school gym and the boys contest will follow the opening game.

Oil Burners Popular. LONDON (AP)—Thirty-five percent of all the marine tonnage now under construction in the world, according to Lloyd's statistics, is to be fitted with internal combustion engines as against steam. This shows the remarkable development taking place in this method of propulsion.

Former La Grande Folk Gather in California

LONG BEACH, Calif. (Special to the Observer via Mail)—In the sunny south, at Bixby's Park, Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 3rd, a La Grande picnic was held. The tables groaning with good things to eat but every one was so busy visiting that each seemed to get their share. Following the picnic lunch the fo-

Execution by Lethal Gas



Photos show sketch of lethal gas chamber constructed especially for the purpose near the outer wall of the Nevada State prison at Carson City; the two Chinese, the younger of whom received a commutation of the death sentence and the other of whom died today, and the third, a Mexican, who was scheduled to die with Gee Jon.

One Executed By Gas In Carson, Nev. Today

CARSON, NEV. (By the Associated Press)—Gee Jon, convicted of a long murder, was executed today with lethal gas. Physicians said that the death occurred six minutes after the gas was turned into the chamber and that the end came painlessly. Thomas Russell, who was also condemned to die by lethal gas today received an eleventh hour commutation of sentence from the state pardon board. He was sentenced for killing his Indian sweetheart.

The Chinaman was led to the death chamber shortly before ten o'clock this morning. Newspaper men acted as official witnesses, grouping with physicians around the window of the cell in which the condemned man was strapped. Gee Jon was placed in the chair when the newspapermen arrived. Guards reported that he wept a little as he was placed in the chair. The captain of the guards said to him "brace up" and after that he displayed no emotion.

When the gas was turned on he raised his head and looked around at the hissing sound caused by liquid hydrocyanic acid being blown into the room from an adjoining compartment of the little building.

His expression remained placid during the six minutes he continued to breathe.

CARSON CITY, Nev. (US)—Kee was a man of the East who

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OFFICERS FIND BIG STOCK OF MOON LIQUOR

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia's "biggest bootlegger" was raided Thursday and liquor valued at more than \$100,000 seized. A few hours after Director Butler has charged 100 detectives with treachery, graft and infidelity and told them he knew of the existence of a "bootleg king" with a fabulous stock, police raided an old warehouse in the down town section and placed its store of liquor under guard.

Prince of Wales Has Broken Collar Bone

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The Prince of Wales broke his collar bone while exercising one of his hunters at Wellington Manor near Ascot, today. The horse fell in jumping a fence.

JURY RETURNS FIVE SECRET INDICTMENTS

Busy Term of Court Is Foreseen; Seven Bills Reported—Jury Still in Session.

Indications that the February term of circuit court will be a long one were furthered late yesterday when the grand jury reported five true bills of indictments. No untrue bills were reported.

The grand jury is still in session probing other cases and to date has reported a total of seven true bills, all of a secret nature, and no untrue bills.

It is to be expected that these secretly indicted will be forced to face trial before Judge J. W. Knowles as soon as the present civil cases not for trial are disposed of.

The trial of the civil case of W. L. Kidd vs. Umatilla county had progressed this morning to the taking of rebuttal testimony.

OREGON SOLON COMES WEST ON BUSINESS TRIP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Stanford is now on his way to spend ten days at his business headquarters in Weiser, Idaho. He will not be present when some of the most important testimony is taken before the senate land committee in connection with the government naval reserve leases. He expects to be back before the testimony is concluded, however, and will take an important part in the discussions of the committee preliminary to a report to the senate.

2-NIGHT PLAY NOW PLANNED

Enthusiasm at the public interest demonstrated in preliminary announcements and the high state of perfection of dramatic talent displayed by the cast, the Grande Rondo chautauque association heads have decided to present "The Lion and the Mouse" two nights instead of one.

February 19 and 20 are the definite dates. The original plans called for the presentation on the night of February 20.

The energy put into the production, the merit of the drama itself and lastly the far more than ordinary ability of the dramatic cast clearly convinced all those in authority that the production should be played two evenings.

"The Gracie," like some talent plays at every one knows and that "The Lion and the Mouse" will be well received is fore ordained," declared one of the officers of the association on this morning.

Nightly, part of all of the cast is being put through it's paces at the library.

Miss Grandstrom Expends Money Raised in America

ST. KNOX, (AP)—Miss Emma Grandstrom, called "The Angel of St. Knox," has begun the investment of the \$100,000 which she raised by her popular lectures in the United States last year in the cause of the widows and children of central European war prisoners in Russia.

Miss Grandstrom has established a children's home at the castle of Nemours, near Milwaukee, in Wisconsin, where the children can be brought up in cheerful surroundings and under the best of care. The instruction is to be individual and practical, including such things as household management and gardening.

Chief Urges Marketing Co-operation in Talk

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—After an address by Secretary Wallace, the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Marketing associations here today was asked by Aaron Shapiro, prominent in organizing such associations to draw up a "bill of particulars," criticizing the U. S. agriculture department's policy toward co-operative marketing.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Endorsement of the co-operative marketing movement by President Coolidge and

STILL CAUSED EXPLOSION IS THEORY TODAY

Seattle Dry Squad Lays Blast Causing \$100,000 Damage Yesterday, to Liquor Still.

SEATTLE, Wa. (By the Associated Press)—An explosion which yesterday afternoon nearly wrecked a four-story building and imperiled the lives of nearly a score of persons was believed today by the City of Seattle's dry squad to have been caused by a liquor still on the second floor.

The explosion caused a fire that did what is estimated as \$100,000 damage.

WOMAN TO HANG MAY 20; KILLED HUSBAND OCT. 19

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (AP).—Mrs. Katherine Trach was sentenced Wednesday night by Justice J. F. Leithby to hang May 20, after a jury returned a verdict of guilty on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of her husband in the Fish Creek district October 19. During the trial testimony was introduced to show that she was persuaded to poison her husband by another man.

BOND SCANDAL INQUIRY ASKED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The smouldering controversy which first blazed two years ago with a wholesale dismissal of employes by President Harding has again been fanned into flames.

Charles H. Brewer, department of justice attorney, who investigated charges of duplication of government securities, brought the case into the open Thursday with the filing of sensational charges against the treasury, and

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WILL WELCOME TRAIL BACKERS

When the Old Oregon Trail association's annual meeting is held in La Grande next Tuesday members of the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens in general are expected to turn out and show just how hospitable the City of La Grande really is.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the association, to be held in the city hall, are open to the public and the public is urged to attend although non-members will have no vote in any action taken.

At noon the Chamber of Commerce, headed by A. W. Nelson, chairman of the day, will be hosts to the delegates at a luncheon in the J. O. P. hall and one of the largest gatherings of the past year is expected to welcome the Old Oregon Trail association delegates.

In the evening a banquet will be held in the First Methodist church basement and the general public is cordially invited to attend. Reservations, however, should be made immediately with Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, whose office is now located in the Sommer Hotel Building.

Final plans for the annual meeting are being prepared and by Saturday, it is expected that the Tuesday convention program will be completed.

SECOND ATTEMPT TO BLOCK CHAPEL ERECTION IS MADE



Petitioners Present Plea to Commission; Order Restraining Issuance of Permit Given.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Republican party must clean house or the people will do it for them, Senator Hiram Johnson, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination declared in a statement today.

Cruiser Ordered to Honduras. WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Cruiser Rochester, now in Colon, has been ordered to Savello, Honduras, in response to an appeal to the state department from American residents who fear revolutionary developments will jeopardize their interests.

STATE STRONG FOR COOLIDGE

So Says Patterson, Oregon Campaign Manager for the President, While in La Grande.

"I am delighted with the sentiment that I have found in my two days stay in Union county for President Coolidge," remarked J. L. Patterson, former state senator and at present manager in Oregon for President Coolidge. Senator Patterson left this morning for Baker where he will investigate political conditions. During his stay in this county he visited many Republicans in the interest of President Coolidge and his belief is that Coolidge sentiment runs high here.

The Coolidge committee selected by Republicans while Senator Patterson was here consists of A. T. Hill, Lester Stoddard, F. S. Ivanhoe, C. R. Eberhard and Dr. E. P. Mossman.

This committee will attend to circulating the Coolidge petitions securing names to have the president's name placed on the Oregon ballot and later will organize a Coolidge club in the county.

Senator Patterson has visited many of the Oregon counties and according to his report this state is very strong for the nomination of Mr. Coolidge. His observations are that relief in various lines of industry such as agriculture that have been depressed for some time is expected through the Republican party and he finds no disposition on the part of the people to forsake the party that stands for a protective tariff. In Republican ranks Senator Patterson says the sentiment appears almost universal to him to favor President Coolidge for an elective term in the White House.

TRINCHER GOES TO PRISON

KEENE, N. H.—Joe Gilstrap, Cheshire rancher convicted here on the charge of operating a still, today was sentenced by Judge Skipworth to one year in the penitentiary. Sentence has not yet been pronounced upon his nephew, "Kid" Gilstrap, who was jointly accused with him.

LEGION WINS FROM UNION

The La Grande American Legion basketball team overwhelmingly defeated the Union Legion team here last evening. The final score was La Grande 66, Union 14.

Next Tuesday evening the Legionnaires will play the Hells, Oregon, basketball team in La Grande. The Hells team now leads the Coast States county league and has won from the Purple Giants, King, who played with the Purple Giants when they appeared here last year, in one of the Hells team's star players. The game will be played in the high school gymnasium.

The game last evening was a walkaway for the local quintette. At the end of the first half the Legionnaires lead Union 30 to 11 and in the last period a whitening finish netted them 26 points while Union gathered 2.

Summary: La Grande 66, Union 14. La Grande: MacTavish 14, Thompson 14, McDonald 6, Garity 22, Ash 2, Prector 8, Reynolds, L. Stoddard.

Union: Bell 4, Geortson 3, Johnson, Serrino 2, Dallen, Martens 1, Hibbert 4, Collins.

M'ADOO TO TESTIFY TOMORROW

Will Take Stand and Explain Relations With Doheny Interests

FORD SAYS NEW INQUIRY NEEDED

Senate Oil Committee Should "Probe Connection Between Oil Interests and Mexican Attitude," He Claims.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—McAdoo is to appear before the Senate oil committee tomorrow at his own request and will explain his professional relations with the Doheny oil companies from which he yesterday severed connections.

DETROIT (AP)—The Senate oil committee "might do well to look into the possibility of a connection between the oil interests and our attitude toward the Mexican difficulty," Henry Ford said today in a statement issued in an answer to a request that he join Michigan citizens in urging a fair deal for Secretary Denby.

Ford urged an inquiry into the activities of international banking houses and he believed President Coolidge would give Denby a fair chance.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Woodrow Wilson, publisher of the Denver Post of Denver, Colo., appeared today as a voluntary witness in the effort to assist Leo Stack to enforce a contract Stack had with Midwest and other oil companies supposed to own acreage in the Teapot Dome reserve before it was leased to Sinclair.

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GUARD UNIT SEEMS SURE

That La Grande will have a unit of the Oregon National Guard now seems assured, according to those interested in the formation of such a unit.

It was announced some time ago that an additional allotment had been made to the National Guard of Oregon, and later it was learned that it was the belief of the Oregon Adjutant General's office that part of the new organizations should be located in Eastern Oregon.

Several qualified men in La Grande having expressed their interest in the idea, the proposition was laid before the Chamber of Commerce who passed a resolution endorsing the plan to organize an infantry company here and appointed a committee to take such steps as might be necessary to accomplish the purpose.

All necessary forms are now on hand and the first form which will be filled out by applicants is now in the hands of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Earl Reynolds, Sommer Hotel Building. The secretary and others who are interested will assist any one who wishes to join the proposed company to complete this form.

No other steps will be taken until after the minimum number for a company have signed.

Late News Flashes

ACTRESS FOUND DEAD IN BED. NEW YORK (AP)—Bound to the posts of her bed, with her mouth securely gagged, Louise Larson, aged 24, a motion picture actress, was today found dead in her room in a fashionable apartment on West Seventy-Seventh street.

POINCARÉ EXASPERATED. PARIS (AP)—Premier Poincaré, with all of his cabinet ministers, exasperated by the opposition's attacks, walked out of the chamber of deputies today. The session was immediately suspended.

LAWRENCE STACKMAN DEAD. PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Lawrence Stackman, charged by a coroner's jury last night with having slain Miss Kate Harter in her home here Wednesday night, died at the Colfax hospital today from bullet wounds inflicted at the same time Miss Harter was killed.