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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP)—Occasional rain tonight and Wednesday. Cooler tonight excepting near coast.

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OREGON TRAIL MEET OPENED

MEETING IS
OPENED BY
W. MEACHAMTemporary Organization
Formed at Morning
SessionNOON LUNCHEON
AT I. O. O. F. HALLDelegates From Wash-
ington, Idaho and Ore-
gon Gathered in La
Grande Today.

Gathered from all points of Idaho, Washington and Oregon ardent boosters of the Old Oregon Trail movement, members of the association, hearing the name of the historic trail met in La Grande this morning in the city hall building for the opening meeting of their annual convention.

Temporary organization was formed and with Walter E. Meacham, president, in the chair the minutes of the last meeting were read. Other matters were attended to before adjournment for luncheon.

At noon the delegates were guests at a luncheon presided over by A. W. Nelson, secretary-treasurer of the association, held at the I. O. O. F. hall with the Union County Chamber of Commerce as host.

The second meeting will convene this afternoon at two o'clock in the Evening Observer goes to press.

In the evening the delegates will be banqueted in the First Methodist church by the Union County Chamber of Commerce with Dr. W. T. Phay, of Hot Lake as chairman. The interest expressed by the visiting delegates to the meeting is exceedingly high and one of the most successful meetings in the brief history of the association is forecasted early this afternoon.

Among the delegates here today attending the Old Oregon Trail association annual meeting are A. C. Latta, former owner of the La Grande Observer, now managing editor of the Portland Telegram, David Hazen, of the Portland Telegram, Paul R. Kelly, news editor of the Oregonian, Marshall M. Dana, special writer on the Oregon Journal, Herbert Colburn, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Fred Vinson, president of the State chamber of Commerce, A. S. Dudley, manager of the state chamber of commerce, Paul T. Shaw, president of the Portland Ad club, Roy Feik.

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Harding at Immigrant Springs



The above photograph was taken during the Old Oregon Trail pageant held at the Top O' Blue Mountains July 3 and 4. The late President Warren G. Harding, who was in attendance, is shown dedicating the Old Oregon Trail at Immigrant Springs in the evening of July 3, 1923.

Financial Report For
Past Year Read Today

BULLETINS

Election Date Set.
SALEM. (AP)—Governor Pierce late last evening issued a proclamation setting Tuesday, March 21, for a special election in Coos county on the question whether that county shall be declared a high-way improvement district.Roseburg to Protest.
ROSEBURG. (AP)—Roseburg will enter a formal protest against an increase in electrical rates of the California-Oregon Power company and, going further, will file with the public service commission a petition setting forth that existing rates are too high and will ask that present tariffs be lowered according to a decision reached last night by the city council.

City Attorney Wilberly will represent the city at a hearing in Medford February 19 when the public service commission will hear the power company's application for a new rate schedule which will be uniform over Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Douglas counties.

Two Burned to Death.
EUGENE. (AP)—Mrs. Mattie Newman, wife of G. E. Newman, rancher, and their two-year-old daughter, are dead as the result of burns received when their home, two miles east of Lowell, burned.

PORTLAND. (AP)—Eggs are one cent lower on today's markets, 25 to 28¢. Lard steady. Butter steady. Extra butter 49¢.

BAKER, OREGON
MAN IS GUILTY
OF FRAUD

OMAHA, Neb. (By the Associated Press)—Edwin R. Gurney, ex-president of the defunct Lion Printing & Supply company of Omaha, which operated in 19 mid-western states, was fined \$2500 in federal court when he pleaded guilty to using the mails to defraud in connection with his activity with the concern. Mr. Gurney is now vice-president of the Baker White Pine Lumber company of Baker, Oregon.

Thirty-six other defendants in the case, 25 of whom are bankers in Nebraska, outside of Omaha, were discharged, Mr. Gurney assuming the entire responsibility.

TRAIN SMASH
INJURES FIVE

DAVENPORT, Iowa. (By the Associated Press)—Five persons were injured as the result of a collision between the Northbound Milwaukee freight train and the southbound Burlington passenger train at five o'clock this morning in the eastern part of this city.

Both trains were behind their schedule and were traveling fast. The engineer of each thought he had a clear track.

The two locomotives smashed into each other and were badly damaged. Cars piled on top of each other and were demolished.

Championship Helix 5
To Play Here Tonight

Basketball fans of this section are expecting one of the most brilliant displays of the court art this evening seen here in many moons when the championship Helix 5 team meet the La Grande Legionnaires on the high school gym floor.

Helix comes to La Grande with a record worthy of many college teams. They have played William college, won and lost to the Purple Giants, and are at the present leaders of the Emmet County Basketball league. There is not the slightest doubt but that the Helix team will extend the La Grande

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NOT TO ASK
RESIGNATION
OF DENBY

Senate's Request Is Ignored by the Chief Executive

SOLONS VOTED
FOR OUSTING

The Resolution Demanding Denby's Resignation "Immediately" Is Passed 47 to 34.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge has ignored the senate request for the resignation of Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy with the statement Monday night that "no official recognition can be given to the passage of the senate resolution relative to their opinion concerning members of the cabinet or other officers under executive control."

The executive declared he did not sacrifice "any innocent man for my own welfare" nor refrain in office "any unit man for my own welfare."

"As soon as a special council can advise me as to the legality of these old leases and unexpired terms of the various transactions," the president added, "I shall take such action as seems essential for the full protection of the public interest. I shall not hesitate to call for the resignation of any official whose conduct in this matter in any way warrants such action upon my part."

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CHARRED BODY
OF BAKER, ORE.
MAN IS FOUND

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Charred by fire, the body of Dunc McDonald, miner and prospector for the past three decades in the Grand district about half a hundred miles west of here, was found in the ruins of his home which burned to the ground Monday.

McDonald, who had a wide acquaintance in mining districts throughout eastern Oregon, came to this section from Montana. He was between 50 and 60 years of age, little is known here of his relatives save his wife, who is now in the state hospital at Pendleton, said to be in a critical condition.

Local K. P. Lodge Is
Host to Imbler-Union

A delegation from the Knights of Pythias met with the local Knights of Pythias last evening to choose a drill team to attend the convention at Wallawa the 20th of this month. The Wallawa county Knights of Pythias and the K. of P. of this county are to have a contest of this kind and a team is being selected and drilled for the occasion. They will go to Imbler tonight for practice work.

Following the business meeting last evening those present enjoyed a banquet and a good time.

BAKER BUSINESS
MEN ANNUAL MEET
HELD A SUCCESS

BAKER. (Special to the Observer)—A successful Oregon "Producers" banquet, election of directors, numerous speeches supervised by a hostmaster who wielded a 44 caliber revolver and pounded a mighty gong, and the annual report of the secretary, Walter E. Meacham, were just a few of the features of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting held last evening in the Elks hall here.

The meeting, which was attended by more than 100 persons including representatives from many Oregon cities, was characterized as the "greatest ever." The success of the meeting was vouched for on all sides.

YEAR'S REPORT
OF PRESIDENT
IS READ TODAY

Walter E. Meacham, Head of Old Oregon Trail Association, Reviews Year; Formation of Association Explained; Future Ambitions Given.

The annual report of Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association, made today at the annual meeting of the organization in La Grande, follows:

The Old Oregon Trail association was formed in the city of Baker, Oregon, on February 23, 1922, for the following purposes:

To perpetuate the name of the Old Oregon Trail from the Missouri River, through the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon, and into Washington, and by so doing to honor the memory of those brave pioneer men and women who raced the perils of a savage land to carve out new names in the "Oregon Country."

To permanently mark the "trail" in enduring bronze to be a constant reminder to the younger generation of the hardships endured by those who blazed the way and saved an "empire" to America.

To correctly and consistently advertise the Old Oregon Trail to the world as the shortest and best route to the Pacific coast, the "world's most historic highway," the "road which saved an empire."

Establish Name in Two States. Our first step was to get the name "Old Oregon Trail" established in Oregon and Idaho. We made several trips into Idaho, speaking before commercial and civic bodies, in various towns along the trail and found a ready response to our appeal. The "Oregon Country" at one time was composed of the present states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Northwest Wyoming, or from the shores of the Pacific to the summit of the Rockies, and from the northern border of California to the southern border of British Columbia.

We found a strong sentiment in Idaho for the Old Oregon Trail which had saved a vast empire to the United States. Later on, Wm. J. Hall, Commissioner of Public Works for Idaho, designated officially the East and West Highway through Idaho as the "Idaho Section, Old Oregon Trail."

The Oregon Legislature, in its 1923 session, passed a bill designating the East and West Highway across the State of Oregon, from the Idaho border to Seaside on the Pacific, as the "Old Oregon Trail," so we have the name "Old Oregon Trail" today officially recognized by two states.

National Recognition. Senator C. L. McNary, of Oregon, has introduced a bill in Congress, asking that the Old Oregon Trail be officially recognized and designated by Congress as a National Highway from the Missouri River through to the Pacific Ocean.

The Governors of Oregon and Idaho have endorsed this movement as has the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and various cities in Idaho and Oregon.

Old Oregon Trail Books. We have printed and distributed during 1922 and 1923 fifty thousand copies of our book on the history of the old "Trail." These have been distributed thru Tourist Bureaus in the Middle West and East, passed out by traveling tourist and sent out by hundreds of copies have been used in our schools in the teaching of history; have been sent to libraries and historical societies.

Meetings in Idaho. On April 10th, your President, (Continued on page 6)

TWO DROWNED IN
PACIFIC WHEN
BOAT IS UPSET

PORTLAND. (AP)—Johannes Hansen, second mate; Nels Erickson, Galveston, Texas, seaman were drowned and Fred Johnson, Seattle, was thrown into the sea but rescued when a boat belonging to the Steamer Elkridge upset in the Pacific while the men were repairing a towline, with which the Elkridge had been towing the Norwegian steamer Hatto, according to advices received here.

The towline snapped Sunday about 100 miles north of Honolulu. Two hours search failed to reveal any trace of the lost men.

La Grande School May
Enter Essay Contest

A Union county high school girl—maybe a high school boy—will be given an opportunity to make \$5,000 and three free trips for writing an essay and then delivering it. The essay must be on the American constitution or one of seven kindred subjects. The prizes are to be cash and the state prizes will be given by the Portland Telegram. David W. Hagen, staff reporter on that paper, is in La Grande today to talk with school authorities on the subject.

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Washington
Honors Birth
Of Lincoln

La Grande Judicial and Scholastic Circles Pay Tribute to 'Honest Abe'

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—The capital celebration of Lincoln's birthday centered in a memorial program in the House of Representatives and the departure of President Coolidge to New York to address a Lincoln's birthday anniversary dinner of the National Republican Club.

The Senate is in recess in observance of the day. Several senators took part in exercises arranged by the schools and patriotic and other organizations.

Representative Rathbone, Illinois, in the memorial speaker in the House of Representatives.

In La Grande judicial and scholastic circles are paying tribute to the memory of the Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln, in a fitting manner. Exercises of a memorial type were held in the high school and grammar schools this morning.

Dr. Keith, of the Methodist church, addressed the high school students, Dr. R. P. Landis, member of the board of education spoke to the Central Grammar school children, E. R. Hingo spoke to the Riveria Grammar school children and R. A. Wilkerson, principal of the Greenwood grammar school conducted special memorial exercises.

At the high school Dr. Keith presented a Lincoln medal, given by the Illinois State company, to Ella Neiderer, winner of a essay contest conducted within the Senior class. Outside judges determined the winner. Ruth Scott and Bonnie Oliver won second and third honors.

In judicial circles Lincoln was honored by a session of work. Circuit court, in the midst of the February term, adjourned until tomorrow and other branches observed the day likewise.

In private circles Lincoln's birthday anniversary is being observed in appropriate manner.

TUT'S MUMMY
CASE VIEWED

LUXOR, Egypt. (By the Associated Press)—The lid of Tutankhamen's sarcophagus was raised today revealing the most splendid gold mummy case ever found in Egypt. The case is about three meters long. The royal mummy case has not yet been opened.

FIVE ILL TODAY
DUE TO POORLY
PREPARED PORK

PORTLAND. (By the Associated Press)—Five persons, members of two families, are seriously ill here of trichinosis, from eating improperly cooked pork.

MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL
BE HELD IN CIRCUIT COURT

Thursday afternoon at three o'clock memorial services will be held for the late C. D. Huffman and Turner Oliver in the circuit court which will be presided over by Judge J. W. Knowles.

LEGALITY OF WRITINGS QUIZZED.

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The legality of writings by Albert B. Fall, while interior secretary, which permitted the leasing of unallotted lands on Indian reservations for mining and the production of oil and gas was questioned today by the house Indian affairs subcommittee after an investigation of the former secretary's action.

SCHOONER REPORTED BURNING.

LONDON. (AP)—A five-masted American auxiliary schooner, the Republic, is reported afire in latitude 32.03 north, longitude 14.11 east, according to the Lloyd wireless from an Italian steamship, the San Rosor. The Republic was built in Tacoma, Wash., in 1918, and formerly belonged to the French government.

LABORITES'
PARLIAMENT
ASSEMBLED

Public Interest Keen Today When Labor Administration Meets

WORKING CLASS
ON FRONT BENCH

First Time in England's History Industrial Representatives Seated in Power.

LONDON. (By the Associated Press)—Members of the British parliament assembled today for the first time under a labor government.

The fact that the Laborites, in their own words, are taking office without power, did not diminish interest in their accession and all available public space in the house was bespoken long in advance by people eager to see the representatives of the working class occupying the front ministerial bench, which had never before been filled except by Alternative, Conservative and Liberal administrators, or their earlier counterparts, the Tories and Whigs.

The new labor ministry had an initial experience in being grilled by the opposition party today when the MacDonald cabinet made its first appearance in the House of Commons.

In Fighting Mood. Tories in a fighting mood opened hostilities by loud shouts of "speak up" when Ben Spoor, chief of the government whip, made a motion in a few words.

This was repeated with other ministers and a departure from the forbearance usually given a new cabinet.

The feeling ran high during the question period and controversial questions were hurled at the government from many quarters today.

NEWSPAPER SAYS
SETTLEMENT GOES
TO KLAN FOUNDER

ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated Press)—Settlement of all differences between William Joseph Simmons, emperor and founder of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard, for a consideration of \$146,000 paid to Colonel Simmons, was reported by close friends of parties involved, according to stories today in the Atlanta Journal.

The settlement of all differences between Simmons and Dr. Evans, according to the story, are substantially as follows:

First—Colonel Simmons sold his contract with the Klan for \$36,000, constituting an eight year, income at the rate of \$1000 per month, under the terms of the agreement with the order.

Second—he also received \$50,000 for his rights in the Knights or Kamela an order similar to the Klan which he founded recently.

Late News Flashes

SINCLAIR SAILS FOR NEW YORK. SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. (AP)—Harry F. Sinclair sailed today for New York. He refused to make any statements.

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