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TRIBUTE IS
PAID LATE
PRESIDENTCharles Hughes Honors
Memory of Warren G.
Harding TodayHOUSE, SENATE
HOLD MEMORIAMHughes Classes Harding
as Belonging to "Aristocracy of Plain People of the Country."

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A tribute to the late President Warren G. Harding was given by Secretary of State Charles Hughes in an address at Harding memorial exercises held in joint session of the Senate and House today.

Hughes said the gathering today "is a tribute inspired by love of country, and by the difference and controversy which seem in inextinguishable bonds of a common patriotism, knowing well that ungrateful republicans cannot endure."

QUARANTINE 4
HOMES DUE TO
MEASLES TODAY

Four cases of measles in La Grande were reported to the police today by the city health officer. The homes were quarantined soon afterwards.

The four cases are reported at the Silver Fox farm, 1504 Adams, E. A. Phornum, 1601 Willow, Andy Erickson, 1508 X and Ed Smith 2012 East Pennsylvania.

Very few cases of measles had existed in La Grande until the four cases were announced today. No danger of an epidemic is possible, it is believed.

ANNUAL ROLL
CALL IS HELD

A joint annual roll call of the Rebekahs and La Grande Lodge 16, I. O. O. F., was held last evening in the lodge hall with about 170 or more present, including visitors from Summerville, Elgin, Coyle and Union.

The evening was begun with a banquet, featuring chicken and fish, such as delight the most critical palate.

Following the dinner those present retired to the lodge room. The singing of "America" opening the meeting which was followed by prayer by the Reverend A. H. Stinson, H. E. Colledge then gave an address of welcome which was responded to by Reverend Stinson.

The roll call was then begun.

During the evening an instrumental solo by Miss Ruth Smith, short speeches, a vocal solo by Mrs. C. P. McPherson added to the enjoyment.

Mr. Colledge also presented James Moss with a 25-year veteran jewel and the occasion being the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McClure, a beautiful cake was presented them.

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Church Controversy
Discussed In Report

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP)—Taking notice of the religious controversy between fundamentalists and modernists, the report of the committee on foreign missions of the Presbyterian World Alliance, presented to the alliance today, examines the problem from the missionary standpoint to determine how far co-operation movements among inter-denominational missions can be salvaged from the wreck.

The report, submitted by the Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay of Toronto, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, referred to the "war of the churches" that was being staged in the press these days, declaring that the "atmosphere is charged with religious contro-

Worrying?



Notice the lines of deep worry on the features of Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, who returned to New York from Europe. The Senate Committee investigating naval oil leases called him to testify once more. Photographed on shipboard.

DR. RALSTON
IS CANDIDATELa Grande Man Files for
Office of Union County
Coroner.

Dr. F. L. Ralston, a La Grande physician, has filed his candidacy with the county clerk, C. K. McCormick, for the office of county coroner in Union county on the Republican ticket at the May primaries.

Dr. Ralston, who has made his home in La Grande since 1900 and has been a general physician here for eight years although at present specializing on eye, ear, nose and throat treatment, is of the belief that the office of county coroner "should be held by a physician instead of a layman and also stated that, inasmuch as he had 'little night work' and is at his office during the day, would, if elected, be available for calls at all times. Friends of Dr. Ralston also point

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NEW RESIDENCE
TO BE ERECTED
ON EAST PENN

Four building permits were issued from the city office Tuesday, one by John Schmidt to erect a two-story frame dwelling on Lot 2, Block 25, in Williamson's addition, fronting East Pennsylvania between Pine and Cherry streets, adding for expenditure of \$1500.

The other permits follow:

W. P. Nelson, to repair a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 2, Block 18, in Grandy's addition, fronting Spring between Second and Fourth. Preliminary estimated cost \$200.

Ralph Worrell, to repair a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 2, Block 25, in Williamson's addition, on Oak between Division and Benton. The preliminary estimated cost is \$1500.

W. H. McMurran, to repair a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 1, Block 2, in Grandy's addition, on Oak between Division and Benton. The preliminary estimated cost is \$1500.

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BASE BALL 9
IS ENDORSED
AT MEETINGChamber of Commerce
Backs La Grande Club
and Financing ItSEVERAL OTHER
MATTERS TALKEDNorth Powder Delegation
Boosts Candidate; Agricultural Conference Discussed.

Baseball, political talk and the Union county agricultural conference to be held here March 7 and 8 occupied a major portion of the time devoted to business at the meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

With the formation of a board of directors and officers of a La Grande baseball team accomplished, the chamber was requested to endorse the club and also permit soliciting \$2,000 for securing of a certain field. Both the endorsement and consent to solicit were given.

J. H. Penro spoke first asking that the chamber endorse the proposed nine. C. E. Short then spoke relative to a field and also on financial problems involved. F. B. Hayes, city manager, and formerly

member of the San Francisco Seal, president of the local club, commented briefly on the team stating that the proposed plan was for La Grande to enter a team in the Blue Mountain league. Other members of the league are Pendleton, Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater, Hermiston and Becho. F. L. Meyer

added his support to the plan. Earl Helm, a director of the club, then moved that the chamber endorse the team and permit them to solicit \$2,000 from the business men to secure a field. The motion was carried.

Shortly afterwards W. K. Gilbert stated that he would like to see concerted action taken to get the chamber to back the construction of a diamond, gridiron and track on the high school property behind the high school building and urged that such steps be taken.

The present plans of the club are to secure a plot of land near the Sacred Heart academy and construct a ball field there. Mr. Gilbert believes that such a field should be built with the intention of making it not only a ball field for the town to use but also a community field that could be used by both town and high school for athletic or community activities. The school board has already included an appropriation in their 1924 budget to build a wire fence about the property behind the high school with the intention of making an athletic field.

Chairman G. L. Larson then urged the baseball committee to meet with the H. Dads this evening and consider the matter thoroughly.

North Powder Present.

A delegation from North Powder, consisting of about eight or nine active boosters for E. J. Sencorbox, for the office of county commissioner of Union county, were present. C. J. Forstrom, Mr. Sencorbox, and Mr. White all spoke.

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"KNIGHTS OF THE
MYSTIC CLAN" IS
LATEST ORDER

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Organization of a new order, to be known as the "Knights of the Mystic Clan," to replace and take in the order known as the "Knights Kappa," was voted here late Tuesday by the gathering of men opposed to the present administration of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The resolution providing for the creation of the new order was adopted by a rising vote of 160 to 4. Klansmen representing 14 states were present at the meeting, it was announced.

Specifying that the headquarters of the organization shall be located at Kansas City, Mo., and that wearing of masks and secrecy shall be banned, the resolution states that the "world shall be given notice that the order is not connected in any manner with the Ku Klux Klan, Hiram Wesley Evans or William Joseph Simmons."

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Trial Of Dr.
Willson Now
Nearing EndDefendant Denies Accu-
sations Made by Miss
Hazel Barnes.

The defense rested in the trial of Dr. Willson at noon today. Arguments will occur this afternoon preceding the turning of the case over to the jury.

Three witnesses for the defense were introduced in the trial of Dr. F. O. Willson, charged with manslaughter, in circuit court this morning. They were H. E. Dixon, Veda Patton and M. G. Allen. The state has rested their case and the trial is expected to go to the argument stage early this afternoon and probably to the jury late this afternoon.

Dr. Willson, defendant, took the stand yesterday and made sweeping denial of all accusations by Miss Barnes, including immoral relations and the performance of an operation alleged made to prevent her from becoming a mother.

Several expert witnesses also testified, including Drs. George Vohra, E. G. Kirby, E. C. Broadus, D. P. McDermott, W. T. Pity, P. L. Ralston and H. H. Foskett. Dr. Foskett is a pathologist of Portland, Ore.

Others who took the witness stand for the defense were Mrs. Willson, Fay Willson, Arnold Welty, John Schmitt, Mrs. Gawth, H. R. Hanna, Edna Frost and Mrs. Elmer Weiss.

The state's last witness was called yesterday morning when Mrs. Clarence Morrill testified.

As on the opening and second day, the courtroom today is crowded with standing room almost at a premium.

LEGION WINS
AN EASY GAME

The La Grande American Legion basketball team, independent champions of Eastern Oregon, last night added another scalp to their assortment when they defeated Union Legionnaires 46 to 16 in an easy contest. Spectators described the game as rough but interesting.

At the end of the first half the score stood La Grande 22, Union 5. A rally by Union during the latter part of the game netted several points then.

MacFavish, at center, was high point man with 17 markers. Garly scored 12, McDonald 6, Thomas 5, Proctor 2 and Taylor 1. Boock, of Union, refereed.

Man Wounded in Feud
Near Oregon City

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP)—Daniel Edwards, 40, was seriously wounded Tuesday by a shot alleged to have been fired by a neighbor in a line fence feud in the Marquam section. The sheriff and a posse are out seeking the assailant.

The feud is between Edwards and a neighbor, who is alleged to have been fired by a neighbor in a line fence feud in the Marquam section. The sheriff and a posse are out seeking the assailant.

Late News Flashes

BAKER MAN FILES.

SALEM (AP)—James Harvey Graham of Baker has filed with the secretary of state a declaration of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress in the second district.

YOUNG CARMEN DEFEATED.

PORTLAND (AP)—Sid Barbarian of Detroit, won a fierce ten-round bout last night from Young Carmen, of Portland.

HECKER MUST HANG.

OREGON CITY (AP)—Russell Hecker, convicted of killing Frank Bowker, Portland musician, April 17, 1922, was sentenced today by Judge Campbell to be hanged Wednesday, May 21, between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Hecker, formerly of Albany, confessed killing Bowker while in an automobile enroute to a liquor

cave.

CALIFORNIA HAS FIRE.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Forest fires burned over an eight-mile stretch in the foothills back of Monticello and Santa Barbara last night, destroying the Rancho La Paz, a small resort hotel, the home of Mrs. G. E. Lithgow, and a caretaker's cottage on the H. H. Bothin estate. Lemon and orange groves were swept.

2 MORE DIE
FROM DREAD
"BOTULISM"Poisoned Sausage Toll
Mounts in Italian
CommunitySMALL BOY AND
MAN NEW VICTIMSTwo Others Near Death
—Hopes for Recovery
Practically Abandoned
Now.

STERLING, Colo. (AP)—The death of Dominio Cametto, 31 years old, and Joe Notario, 5 years old, at the Sterling hospital late Tuesday afternoon brought the death toll of persons stricken following the eating of poisoned sausage to five. Two others, Camille Dotter and John Notario, are in the hospital here and doctors have abandoned all hopes for their recovery. Physicians in attendance have diagnosed the fatal malady as botulism poisoning.

Tony Notario, 35 years old, his daughter, Grace, nine years old, and Neo Dotter, 17 years old, succumbed as the result of the poisoning late Monday. Eleven others who ate the sausage are confined to their homes but their conditions are not declared to be critical.

Samples of the meat supposed to have caused the illness were taken to Denver Tuesday afternoon by Dr. C. Hayes, city physician of Sterling, for analysis.

All of the stricken are members of a prosperous Italian farming community in the Atwood-Merino district near here.

On Friday evening members of several families gathered at the home of Tony Notario, one of the victims, five miles south of here, to make sausage. A large quantity of the food was prepared and a portion was served at an evening meal.

The sausage then was divided among the members of the families who had assisted in its manufacture and quantities were taken to four or five homes.

During the night Notario was taken ill. The following morning his daughter, Grace, became affected. A physician who attended them was unable to diagnose the case and a second one was called into consultation. Investigation placed the blame for the illness on the sausage and it was found that it was to all who had shared in the food. Much of it had been consumed, however, and one by one the members of the families were stricken.

Mrs. Notario, wife of Tony and mother of Grace and Joe, the three victims, in one family is under a physician's care at her home. She is expected to recover.

WOOD MAKES
QUICK DEALS"When You're Ready,
Shoot," Is Slogan of
the Old Western Stage
Driver.

When Joe Wood pulled the ribbon over six fine stage horses years ago he was noted for being quick on the trigger. If anyone was trying to get him it was a case of hurry or Joe would get him first, for Wood believed "when you're ready, shoot."

To show that early habits take hold of all men when they grow older Joe Wood is the same in business as he was in stage driver days. Today he sold the Waverly apartments, which he has owned for some time, to Frank and Phoebe Engel for approximately \$15,000 and immediately purchased the Kelly apartments on Second street, between Washington and Adams avenues.

The Pyramid Land company made the deal for the sale of the Waverly which included furniture as well as the real estate, and the George H. Curry real estate company made the deal which transferred ownership of the Kelly apartments to Mr. Wood.

GRAIN EXPORTS
ARE INCREASING

WASHINGTON (AP)—Grain exports from the United States last week totaled 1,413,996 bushels, an increase of approximately 200,000 over the previous week.

The exports, announced by the department of commerce, show the following figures and comparisons for a week ago:

Wheat, 616,000 bushels against 277,000; corn, 379,000 against 527,000; barley, 3000 against 419,000; oats, 1090 against 2080; rye, 20,000 against 17,000.

There were no exports of wheat flour from the United States, Canadian flour in transit totaled 345,000 barrels and gain in transit amounted to 2,337,000 bushels.

To Wed Egyptian Royalty



Mrs. Jean Nash, daughter of an American millionaire, who eloped at the age of 17, now is engaged to King Faud of Egypt. One report is that Mrs. Nash will embrace the Mohammedan faith.

McNARY BILL
UP THURSDAY

Committee Favors McNary-Haugen \$100,000-000 Farm Relief Policy.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The McNary-Haugen bill proposing creation of a \$100,000,000 farm produce export corporation will be the first of several major farm relief measures under preparation in the present session of congress.

The senate agriculture committee, by a vote of 10 to 2, has authorized Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, to report the bill

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REVIVALS BEGUN
AT METHODIST
CHURCH SOUTH

The Methodist Church South began a revival meeting last evening which is to last for two weeks.

Reverend I. N. Hughes, an evangelist of wide reputation, is conducting the meetings and is assisted by the local pastor, Reverend N. D. Wood.

A large congregation was in attendance last evening and much interest is being shown.

Three services each day will be held at 10 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Officials For District
Tournament Selected

(By Scoop)

Final selection of officials for the Union, Ore., district one basketball tournament has been made, according to announcement by Roy Conklin, superintendent of Union schools, also in charge of the tourney.

H. C. Casella, of Seattle, and Mr. Rich, of Walla Walla, are referees.

John Workman will be chief timer and will appoint assistants.

C. C. Snow of La Grande, will be chief scorer and will appoint two assistants for each game.

Noah Skiff, La Grande, will be chief clerk and announcer.

Robert Wakefield and David Kent will serve as public scorers.

The ticket committee consists of W. V. Connor, Audrey DeLap, Walter Stevens and James Jones.

The committee on officials consists of H. M. DuBols, president of

MORE NAMES
DISCLOSED
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SON MENTIONEDWhite House Employees
Occupy Very Prominent
Part in Disclosures
—Leased Wire Suggested.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Telegram to Edward B. McLean, A. B. Fall and other at Palm Beach revealing to the Senate oil inquiry, were read today in the oil committee record.

John Major, an employee of McLean, wired him and suggested a leased wire from the Washington Post to McLean's cottage in Florida so the publisher could have "easy access to the White House."

The message also said that Slomp, the president's secretary, would be in Florida shortly.

Another message said Major had a "talk with Smithers at the White House" (Smithers is chief telegrapher at the White House) and another message was signed by E. W. Starling, a member of the White House secret service staff.

Zeverly Mentioned.

In another message Major told McLean he had talked with J. E. Zeverly, Palmer's law partner, who said the matter would be attended to in a "manner satisfactory to you."

Another message said that Fred Starek, a director of the war finance corporation, was anxious to get in touch with McLean on an important matter.

Palmer and Zeverly told me tonight that under no circumstances should you send a message to the committee," one message to McLean from Major said. "They said," it continued "that after the man at Warden Park (Fall's hotel) testified and the committee wanted you, they could take care of you."

McAdoo's Son Involved.

Major reported to McLean that

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A RED CROSS
BOARD NAMED

Last evening at the call of Miss Nell Holminger, representing the Pacific division of the Red Cross, a meeting was held in the city library and the old officers and board members were relieved of their duties when a complete new board was elected. The new board consisted of David I. Stoddard, chairman; Oswald Lilly, secretary with the following executive board members: C. R. Eberhard, R. P. Landis, Mrs. W. D. Hanks, Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, Mrs. B. P. Mossman and Ray Williams.

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