

# Local News In Brief

### COMING EVENTS

June 4, 5, 6 — Union Live Stock Show at Union.  
June 29-July 2 — La Grande Chautauqua.

### BUSINESS

#### SITUATION DISCUSSED

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and Kentucky show losses of 5 per cent each.  
"The agricultural sections of the central west are still suffering. Minnesota is making the best showing of the lot just now with a loss of but 2 per cent on last May. Missouri comes next with a favorable sales territory with a loss of 6 per cent. Iowa and North Dakota are running 11 per cent under last year. Nebraska shows a 14 per cent loss, Kansas a 17 loss and South Dakota a 25 per cent loss in sales volume.

"Turning to the South we find conditions somewhat better with Florida leading the group and Louisiana as the most favorable sales territory in the eastern division. Alabama and North Carolina are holding their own as compared with last year. Mississippi shows a 7 per cent loss, Georgia a 12 per cent loss, South Carolina and Tennessee a 15 per cent loss, due largely to slowing up in textile industries.

"Texas has suffered severely from weather conditions but still offers a fairly good sales territory. Louisiana is also holding up well in the matter of volume. Arkansas is running 12 per cent below last year and Oklahoma is showing a 23 per cent loss.

**Oregon-Washington Leading**  
"In the northwest we find general business in the states of Oregon and Washington leading their group with a gain of about 10 per cent over the last year. These two states offer attractive sales territory at the present time. Idaho is not faring quite so well and is running 14 per cent below last year's figures for total business. Wyoming shows a loss of 15 per cent while Montana is 21 per cent behind May of last year.

"In picking the best market in the southwestern group we select Arizona for first place with a gain of 6 per cent over last year. Colorado and California are just about holding their own. Utah comes next with a loss of 6 per cent and New Mexico which made a good showing early this year is running 10 per cent below last year's figures. Nevada is showing a loss of 22 per cent.

"With general business in the majority of states running materially below that of May 1923 we have some real ground for the pessimism that has been evident these last few weeks. General business as reflected by the Babson index is now running at a level 16 per cent below normal and present indications are that it will continue so for some time to come in completing the readjustment from the five years of inflation between 1918 and 1921.

"The investor in stocks can still afford to wait, but the business man who must do business regardless of the weather will find his best markets in the states of Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

"It looks as though we will have to row against the tide for the balance of this year," concluded Mr. Babson, "but that is no reason why we should not row."

The prize for pessimism goes to the actor who, when the audience applauded him, muttered, "Aw, they're just doing it for the exercise."

Perhaps they call it "soup and fish" because the average man feels like he's a fish for wearing it and "in the soup" when he has it on.

**NEW TODAY**  
Due to difficulty experienced in collecting charges for advertising that is listed under classified advertising and under the "new today" heading, the Evening Observer will hereafter take no classified advertising or advertising to be run as "new today" unless the advertiser is accompanied by cash.

**NOTICE**  
POUNDS—Large bunch keys. Inquire Observer. 5-26-24

# REPORTERS TO BE ABETTED

### Madison Square Garden Will Afford Ample Facilities to Army of Journalists.

NEW YORK (AP)—Only two events in history, the Versailles Peace Conference and the Washington Disarmament Conference, have attracted so many representatives of the press as have applied for accommodation at the Democratic National convention in this city in June.

Not only has there been an unprecedented demand for facilities for working newspapermen but, according to those responsible for equipping Madison Square Garden for this important phase of the party convalesce, the expected number of requests from publishers and editors for seats in the visitors' galleries has been exceeded by hundreds.

James D. Preston, veteran superintendent of the United States senate press gallery at Washington and for many years advisor to both the republican and democratic parties in drafting national convention press accommodations plans, has undertaken to meet the demand as fully as possible.

A great part of the \$25,000 being spent in reconstructing the Garden to meet convention requirements is going into facilities for transmitting the news of the sessions throughout the world without delay. When completed the accommodations, in point of size and completeness, will exceed anything heretofore installed under one roof for a single event.

There will be desks for 350 working reporters in the main auditorium, on platforms encircling and only three feet below the speakers' platform, which in itself will seat 200 persons. Each desk will command a good view of the speakers' platform and of the entire auditorium as well. Each will be readily accessible to telegraph, telephone and wireless stations in the Garden basement, and to the battalions of messengers who will shuttle between the news writers and the news senders.

Two wide runways which the animals are wont to tread from the underground menageries to the street level arena when the circus is in town, will lead from the rear of the press section to the senders' stations. Down there, replacing the animal quarters, the Garden swimming tank, the property rooms, and the portable cloakrooms, will be the heart of the news broadcasting system.

There will be facilities for 1000 editors and telegraph operators. Eight hundred telephones will be installed for the special use of newspaper men. Thirty-six workrooms will be set up for news associations, domestic and foreign, and for individual representatives of the out-of-town press.

Cable and wireless companies will maintain substations, and radio apparatus will be centered there for such convention highlights as are to be broadcast. In remote places, away from the din of the instruments of communication, will be several loud speakers leading from the auditorium overhead. A last stand for news men will be maintained at the nearest entrance; a restaurant will serve them light refreshments without charge. Good lights, a specially installed ventilating system costing \$3000, and comfortable furniture will be innovations at which veteran convention news handlers will be entitled to rub their eyes.

The New York Newspaper club has undertaken to establish a fellowship with visiting members of the profession, through Charles G. Hembridge, its former president and one of its founders.

Two floors have been taken over in addition to the club's established headquarters for the convention period. Dining room facilities and accommodations for the preparation of news will be greatly enlarged, and lounges, libraries and amusement rooms will be extended.

The club will have a program of convention entertainments all its own, which will include indoor as well as outdoor diversions. The feature of the latter promises to be a midnight frolic at Coney Island, in which it is expected upwards of 2000 of the journalistic craft, local and out-of-town, will participate.

# MAN ESCAPES FROM OFFICER

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tion that the snow water is running off much earlier in the season than usual. Many farmers fear that this will mean short irrigation water later in the season. Practically all farmers in the valley section have been busy irrigating during the past two weeks. The ground had become very dry, and a large head of water has been necessary in order to get over the ground well. The depth of snow high in the mountains is reported to be about half of what it has been in other years. Examinations made earlier in the season stated that the snow was much more solid than at times, when larger amounts of snow had fallen, but from appearances it has melted away at a more rapid rate than in former years. A considerable shortage of water was felt in the territory irrigated from Bear creek, and the south fork river, in the latter part of last season, many predict that the shortage in these sections will be more acute this season unless cooler weather and more rain comes.

The first frost which has done any noticeable damage to fruit and vegetable in this section, came Sunday night. Reports from many points over the country state that the thickness of a window pane, was noticed in watering troughs, and other places. No damage to the wheat crop is feared at this time, due to the fact that the grain has made a slow growth, and has not reached the stage where it is easily damaged by a freeze. The earliest sowings of all wheat are just beginning to joint nicely and will not be in great danger of being severely damaged by a light freeze for two weeks at least. The fruit crop has been damaged to a considerable extent, cherries on many orchards have reached the size of peas, and many of them show signs of having been badly nipped by the frost. The chance of a bumper fruit crop on nearly all orchards was very promising before the freeze and many of the early garden truck has been set back by the tops being killed.

Giles Pass was at Wallowa Wednesday taking in the demonstrations being made in the use of calcium cyanide, in exterminating the ground squirrels. I. N. Gabrielson, of the biological survey, accompanied by Roy Fugate and J. E. Garrison, were busy all day Wednesday at a number of places in the vicinity with the work. Investigations made by digging into many of the burrows a few hours after the poison-producing chemical had been placed in them, revealed that some very effective work had been done. Many of the farmers are very favorably impressed with the results obtained, and due to the fact that the county court have seen fit to stand a portion of the expense in order to get farmers to take hold of the new method, it is probable that a large amount of the chemical will be used this season. Of the ton which has been ordered by the county court for distribution at the four corners of the valley, two hundred pounds will be placed here for distribution by S. T. Balle. It is stated that the shipment will be sold to the farmers at 35 per pound. In this way it will cost less than one cent per burrow, as a pound of the powder will treat from ten to 12 burrows.

The squirrels continue to move into the grain fields in great numbers. Many of the farmers have used much of the county raised poison during the past few weeks with very satisfactory results.

A light shower of rain fell in this section late Saturday evening, but did not continue long enough to do much good.

R. C. Cotrell of Maxville, was brought to town the last of the week. It is stated that he had failed to make sufficient payments of repairs on a car which was damaged a couple of weeks ago, when it was crashed into by a Ford which Cotrell was driving. He was given a hearing before Justice Rod McCrea, and was released on his own recognitions.

J. P. Martock has installed a large underground gas tank and pump at the edge of the curb in front of his garage for the convenience of motorists wanting gas. He reports that his gas sales have doubled since the new service has been working.

John Anderson and Doc Gastin returned from Topock the last of the week where they have been for several days, making some improvements on Mr. Anderson's homestead there.

Roy Gastin and Delk Galloway made a trip to Union Sunday to look over some machinery at that place.

Many of the farmers are experiencing considerable difficulty in working down their commercialized due to the fact that much of the ground baked badly this spring, and with the absence of rain, remains very clumpy and rough. Some have quit the job for the present and intend waiting for a while, in hopes rain will come, when the ground can be worked into a better condition with much less work than when it is so dry. The moisture has not been sufficient to start any weeds on the summer-fallow yet. In portions of the hill sections much plowing remains to be done yet. Frank Walker has over two hundred acres to plow on his ranch in Leap. He has been busy plowing and putting a large amount of spring grain on his Trout creek farm.

The Wallowa grange will hold an all-day meeting, with dinner here Saturday, May 21. The committee having charge of the organization of the pure bred dairy bull association of the county will be present. It is expected that plans will be completed for the purchase of a number of pure bred bulls by the association, which will be shipped to different sections of the county for the use of those interested in the organization.

# THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



# HUNT'S LETTER

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just as susceptible to the lure of millinery as the lowliest of her absters, whether she has the cash or not.

Washington has received a journalistic jolt. It's still a bit dizzy from the blow, but is sitting up in a daze, waiting for the fireworks to start.

All of which is the result of the announcement that George Harvey of Peacham, Vt., picker of presidents and ex-ambassador to the court of St. James, will take charge on June 1, as "Editorial Director" of the Washington Post. This Post is owned by E. H. McLean, whose private wires and telegrams were the subjects of considerable interest during one stage of the Fall-Sinclair oil lease investigation. It was McLean who was first named by Fall as the source of the \$100,000 which Doherty afterward testified he had supplied the former secretary.

The question that is puzzling official Washington, and which politicians would give a lot to know is: "What will Harvey do with McLean's newspaper?"

The attitude of both McLean and Harvey toward the Coolidge candidacy is a topic of endless speculation. McLean was one of the closest friends of President Harding, but it has been intimated there is little love lost on either side between Coolidge and McLean. Harding made Harvey ambassador to Great Britain, but Harvey resigned the post shortly after

# Coolidge entered the White House.

All of which may or may not be significant.

Harvey, as a democrat, played an active part in putting over Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson for president. Switching to the republican side, he helped roll up a 7,000,000 majority for Harding in 1920.

The McLean papers originally were democratic. Later they were "independent." During the Harding campaign they took their place as active supporters of the republican program.

"What'll they do in 1924?" is the present question. The answer, however, is awaited with curiosity rather than trepidation by both sides.

The probable answer is that George Harvey of Peacham, Vt., will support Calvin Coolidge of Plymouth, Vt.—Green Mountain from his past record, first with the Springfield Republican and Chicago Daily News, later with the New York World and still later as editor of Harpers Weekly, the North American Review and Harvey's Weekly, the only thing certain is that his position is uncertain.

An actress dresses to suit the plot, and a musical comedy has practically not plot so—

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