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In Portland
At "Phil's
Beanery."

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—The man from Eastern Oregon who strays into the metropolis these pre-holiday days and puts up at "Phil's Beanery," which translates means the Imperial Hotel, is impressed with quite a different out of the ordinary things.

You look out from your room to the north and see the new extension being completed by the United States National Bank of Portland, which displaces the old Elks home. This extension makes a bank building that reaches through an entire block. Elegant in architecture, beautifully finished, it presents a financial monument and shows that aside from good banking methods the United States National is evidently making so much money that it was willing to sink quite a fortune in this permanent improvement.

That is what "eight percent" will do. Interest is the sixth sense with a good banker and he knows how to make it grow.

Yet, where is a business venture that is worth fooling away time upon, if it will not earn eight percent?

A few great and near-great are always to be found around "Phil's Beanery." For instance, a tall man extends the glad hand and an open-faced smile at the same time. His Jewish accent convinces you at once that Joe Singer is greeting you. What a wonderful habit Joe would have made, but he turned his attention to politics and drawn down a regular salary as an inspector at the city hall under Mayor George Baker. Regularly Joe acts as a sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives at Salem and his work is as nearly perfect as a combination of keen Hebrew.

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TO ORGANIZE
FROSH QUINT

The problem of developing basketball material from the lower classes and others who have not had sufficient opportunity to learn the game will have worried high school coaches for years. Few high schools have facilities for handling large numbers of embryonic basketball players. Football players may be developed by merely getting a larger field but at the most a squad of 12 men in all can handle the individual attention required. On the other hand it is just as necessary to have basketball material developed as football, perhaps even more so for it takes years to make a basketball player.

It is to remedy this trouble that a special basketball division has been created at the high school to take care of the freshmen boys who show basketball possibilities. The freshmen team will be under the tutelage of A. H. Young of the high school faculty. Practices will be held in the high school gym several evenings each week. Games have been arranged with the Baker high school freshmen and more will probably be scheduled in order to sharpen the interest by real competition.

CHANG'S TROOPS
TO BE USED FOR
"PEACE" DRIVE

PEKING. (By Associated Press).—It is understood here that General Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian war lord, is placing 40,000 troops at the disposal of General Lu Yung Hsiang, Chinese military leader, for an expedition against Chi Shieh Yuan, military governor of Kiangsu. One brigade has already been started toward Nanking.

A mandate just issued dissolves Chi Shieh Yuan from the post of military governor and appoints Lu Yung Hsiang as "pacification commissioner" for Kiangsu and Anhui, which means the latter is to lead the expedition against General Chi.

La Grande Building In
November Was \$12,680

During the month of November thirty-nine cities show gains over building permits calling for expenditures totaling \$12,639 were issued in La Grande, a recent report states.

This number, somewhat below the total in November, 1923, which was \$20,000, indicates that the building activity in La Grande has also and Arizona states S. W. Straus showed up somewhat in anticipation of the winter months which makes construction difficult.

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OLD OREGON
TRAIL WILL
BE PUSHED

Enthusiastic Body of Association Members Meet in Portland

WORK'S PROGRESS TOLD BY MEACHAM

Urges Oregon to Carry on in a Broader Way the Exploitation of the Great Highway.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Organizing the Old Oregon Trail movement on a broader financial basis, employment of a full time representative to handle the tourist travel bureau phases of the work, concerted efforts to mark with suitable monuments historical spots along the trail and increased magazine advertising were recommended as a program by President Walter Meacham at the annual meeting of the Old Oregon Trail association opening here.

"California has recognized the value of the tourist travel and is spending twenty two times as much money today to attract tourists as Oregon is spending," he said. "She is spending five times as much money per capita on the work. Washington is spending 3 1/2 times as much in gross and 2 1/2 times as much per capita."

Work Is Needed.

"Neither of these states is relaxing its efforts. The Oregon Trail work thus far has proved its effectiveness, and if Oregon is to keep pace with the other states in attraction of tourists, Oregon must carry on in a broader way than ever before."

He pointed out that Oregon and Idaho legislatures have already designated the Oregon trail as a state highway and that similar action is pending in the rest of the states through which it runs while Senators McNary of Oregon and Smith of Idaho have a bill in congress providing for the full designation.

FEDERAL POSTAL
HEAD WILL URGE
HIGHER POSTAGE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Postmaster General New will advise congress that the way to raise enough revenue to meet proposed increases in postal rates is to increase rates on practically all classes of postal service except letter mail. Such increase would involve more postage on newspapers and periodicals, a subject of many heated fights in congress through many administrations and also would be distributed throughout the fabric of postal service. He then urged such a plan if they would be absorbed by the public generally.

At the request of the senate post office committee, the postmaster general is about to conclude a survey showing how the additional revenue may be brought in, and this week he will discuss it with President Coolidge. Soon thereafter it probably will find its way to congress, probably in the form of a proposed bill for consideration if congress decides to override President Coolidge's veto of the bill passed at the last session increasing the salaries of postal employees.

In the senate a futile attempt was made to obtain an agreement to postpone until February a vote on repealing the vetoed bill. It already had been repealed over the veto in the house. There was a sharp debate which left the status of the bill unchanged and it is not subject to a motion for a recess until after the senate has disposed of the Muscle Shoals legislation.

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"Too Much!"



His name was H. M. Smith. There were four other H. M.'s in his office. Two hundred more towns, San Francisco, and about 4000 other Smiths. "Enough is too much," decided this H. M. Smith. So he changed his name. "I'm just another Smith," he told the court. And the court recorded him as Another Smith.

GOMPERS ABLE
TO EAT TODAY

LAREDO, Texas (By the Associated Press).—Samuel Gompers was able to sit up on the side of his bed and take slight nourishment as his train left here en route to San Antonio.

Gompers and his party arrived here from Mexico City at 7:50 o'clock this morning. An official bulletin issued on his arrival here said that the patient's respiration was 24 and his pulse normal at 7 o'clock. Gompers' condition improved slightly as he reached American soil. Cheerfulness was more perceptible and he was joking with his attendants.

NOTED CHURCH
MAN TO COME

Elder Orson F. Whitney, a member of the Quorum of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning to attend the quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday in the L. D. S. Tabernacle.

Elder Whitney is one of the most able speakers in the church and has only recently returned from presiding over the European mission.

The meetings will be held at ten and two o'clock both days. The general public is invited to be present.

Knight Templars Name
Officers for New Year

Installation of the recently elected officers of the Eastern Oregon Commandery of the Knight Templars will be held in the lodge rooms on the evening of December 22.

Fred E. Kiddle has been elected commander for 1925 and will be formally installed on this date. Other officers to take charge of their official duties are Carl G. Holm, Generalissimo; Don Myers, Captain-General; August J. Stange, Senior-Warden; J. D. Smith, Junior-Warden; L. H. Russell, Recorder; and C. K. McCormick, treasurer.

Los Angeles (AP)—Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer who died here last month after falling ill aboard a yacht in San Diego harbor left an estate of approximately \$1,000,000. It was revealed Thursday by Charles Fournier of counsel for the executors. Virtually all of the estate goes to the producer's widow and three children under the terms of the will, which Fournier says will be filed for probate this week.

Sunday Band
Concert Will
Lead Others

Excellent and Difficult Program Is Arranged; Several Solos Are to Be Rendered.

Announcement of the program to be given by the municipal band at the Arcade theater Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock shows a very varied and interesting array of musical numbers. Careful and earnest work has been put in by the members of the band with a view to making this concert one of the finest yet given by this organization.

The opening overture, "Il Guarany," is a number very seldom attempted by any other than professional bands. It is a very massive and beautiful overture, full of wonderful climaxes.

Incidentally there has been quite a bit of expense in connection with the rendition of this program. To make the effects necessary to a proper rendition of the program, several expensive accessories have been purchased, including orchestra bells, Turkish cymbals, and numerous imitations. Several Solos.

A very beautiful and difficult cornet duet, "The Swiss Boy," will be played by the solo cornetists of the band, Elmer McManus and Raymond Biggers.

Everett Rosenbaum and Ed Ford will have charge of the percussion end of the band and the work of the tympanists, played by Ed Ford and the orchestra bells by Rosenbaum, will be a treat to hear.

The complete program follows: 1. Overture "Il Guarany," Gomez. 2. Cornet Duet "Swiss Boy," Alf Varie—Arr. Paul De Ville. 3. Descriptive "Death of Custer," Johnson. 4. Selection "Children of Normandy," Planquette. 5. (a) "Aubade Printaniere," Lacombe. (b) "Celebrated Menuet," Paderewski. 6. "American Fantasia"—Victor Herbert.

EMBARGO PUT
ON CHICKENS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The board of health late Thursday placed an embargo against shipment of live chickens to New York City from North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska. The embargo was ordered after it was found that a mysterious disease had affected chickens here in the past few weeks. The embargo does not affect the shipment of other kinds of poultry.

HAIKINS AROUSED.

CHICAGO (AP).—The embargo on chickens from states in the central west by the board of health of New York is a national calamity, in the opinion of W. T. Hawkins, general secretary of the National Association of Poultry Dealers, which is holding its annual convention here.

MCCOY IN ROLE
OF HERO; SAVES
PRISONER'S LIFE

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press).—Kid McCoy, on trial charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Moss, probably is responsible for saving the life of George Waterson, a fellow prisoner in the county jail, when Waterson attempted suicide by hanging early today.

McCoy was awakened by Waterson's gasping and, assisted by another prisoner, removed him from an improvised noose. Waterson was taken to the hospital in a critical condition.

Italy will not accede to present peace treaty. Rome (By the Associated Press).—Premier Mussolini's declaration in the senate that former Premier Salandra did right in not signing the Geneva peace protocol, was interpreted as a further indication that the protocol must be carefully revised to obtain the ratification of Great Britain and Italy.

DELAY OF
WAGE BILL
IS SOUGHT

President Seeks Postponement of Postal Employees' Increase

CONFERS WITH G. O. P. SENATORS

Determined Opposition to Staving Off of Vote on Vetted Measure Is Expected.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press).—An effort to bolster up the administration forces in the senate opposed to an early vote on overruling the executive veto of the postal pay increase bill was made today by President Coolidge at a conference with a dozen Republican senators. McNary, of Oregon, was among those summoned to the White House.

The president discussed the possibility of staving off a vote on the bill until the postoffice department can lay before congress a plan for raising more postal revenue by increasing postage rates on all except first class mail.

Coolidge's Opinion. The president urged that a postal pay increase must go hand in hand with legislation increasing mail rates.

He is understood to have declared that postal employees are entitled to wage increases if the revenue to cover such an increase could be raised.

Opposition Forecast. Several senators expected to the president's request but reminded him that efforts to increase postal rates would meet with determined opposition from many quarters.

WILL HEARING
CONTINUED IN
CIRCUIT COURT

Litigation involving the estate of C. J. Allen of Wallawa, deceased, is being continued by the heirs. An argument which was commenced last Wednesday was resumed in the circuit court here before Judge Evans this morning.

Mr. Allen's estate is valued at about \$72,000 all of which with the exception of a very small sum he bequeathed to two of his sons shortly before his death. At his death he willed the remainder to his wife cutting the four remaining children off in the will with a small sum each.

The four children last referred to are attempting to have the estate equally divided alleging that the two brothers to whom the property was bequeathed in the form of ranches used undue influence on Mr. Allen.

Cody to Be Sentenced
At Vale, Ore, Monday

VALE, Ore. (Special).—Sentence will be pronounced Monday on Archie Cody, found guilty of murder in the first degree Tuesday afternoon, following 29 hours of deliberation by the jury, in connection with the shooting of Sheriff Austin Goodman of Harney county at Folly farm August 28. Dalton Biggs, circuit judge who heard the case, will pass sentence.

Cody, claiming he acted in self defense, shot Sheriff Goodman when he tried to arrest him at the Folly farm on a charge of passing a bad check. Cody claimed that the sheriff attempted to arrest him without a warrant and had fired the first shot.

Not One
Of The
"Also Rans"

You never relegate a business man who is a regular, intelligent advertiser to the class of "also-rans" and "has-beens."

The fact that he takes the pains to put an advertising message before you each day indicates, alone, his sincerity and dependability. It also indicates his confidence at being able to please you. That's one reason thinking people read the ads always.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

"Pa" Dempsey Loses Bride



At Shelby, Mont. when his son Jack was training for his fight with Gibbons, "Pa" Dempsey met Leotie Dexter Hoffmeyer, 23, pianicist. His 67 years didn't hamper his courting any and last August he married Leotie. Two months was enough, however, and now Leotie is bound for Hollywood, having won her divorce in Salt Lake City.

HALF HUNDRED
IN OPERETTA

The curtain for the first public performance of the high school operetta, "Once In A Blue Moon," is scheduled to rise at 8:15 this evening. As something of a co-incidence the Boise high school is also presenting "Once In A Blue Moon" in Boise this evening at the same hour.

The local production is featuring a cast of nearly 50 people counting principals and chorus. Seats have been nearly all sold but a few straggly ones are still left and may be obtained at the Glass Drug store or at the door this evening. Another performance will be given tomorrow evening at the same hour.

BRITISH NOTE
IS ANSWERED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Ambassador Kellogg reported to the state department today that he had delivered to the British foreign office the American reply to the communication from London questioning the right of the United States to collect war claims from Germany from benefits received by that country under the Dawes plan.

The reply is understood to firmly support the position that the Washington government has every right accorded to the allies and associated powers to make collections under the Dawes plan.

Earthquake in Alpine
Region Damages Houses

FRANKFURT, Germany (By the Associated Press).—Reports from southern Germany state that the Swabian Alps region has been visited by an earthquake, resulting in heavy damage to numerous houses at Pitzshausen, Essingen and Mittelstadt.

Chicago Hotel Fire Is
Fatal to One Today

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press).—One man was killed and several other lodgers escaped in sunny attire, today in a fire in the Westgate Hotel.

HERBERT PRESIDES AT BEDSIDE MEETING TODAY

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—Premier Herriot, ill with grippe, presided at a meeting of his cabinet ministers who gathered around his bedside today.

FOUR MORE
IMPLICATED
IN ROBBERY

Two Women Taken to Baker This Morning by Local Officers

HUSBANDS HELD IN JAIL HERE

Approximately \$1,000 in Stolen Jewelry Uncovered at Baker; Plans Changed.

"The plot thickens," in the parlance of the scenario writers. In reference to the developments in the La Grande, Pendleton, Baker house robbery case, of course.

This morning, at 10:20 o'clock Chief of Police Clint Haynes and City Manager F. B. Hayes escorted, via automobile, Mrs. A. H. Riva and Mrs. L. H. Shelton, alias Tarter, alias Mitchell, to Baker. The two women are believed to be implicated with Jones, a Canadian Indian, and Russell, who were arrested in Baker a few days ago.

Jailed by County. Mrs. Riva's husband is now in the county jail, paying fines amounting to \$1,000 at the rate of servitude that subtracts \$2 from the \$1000 each day. He was arrested some time ago and found guilty on two counts of violating the Volstead law.

Mrs. Shelton's husband, who gives his name as Tarter, is being held in the city jail as a suspect. Disposition of him will be determined.

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XTRA
GRANGE PLANS
MEET IN BAKER

Baker is to be the Mecca for grangers in this part of the state Saturday, December 13, when the grangers of Baker and Union counties hold a joint meeting in the Woodman hall. The meeting will begin at 10 and the first part of the morning will be taken up with the organization of a Pomona grange for Baker county. Later a business session for the Union County Pomona grange will be held.

Baker county grangers will furnish a banquet at noon and in the afternoon an open meeting with speaking and musical numbers will be given. A number of prominent speakers will be on the program including Dr. W. T. Phy, Rev. G. H. Pease, lecturer of Wal-lawa County Pomona grange, and C. E. Davies, master of the Wal-lawa County Pomona grange, the largest county organization in eastern Oregon.

The evening session will be taken up with exemplifying of the fifth degree on a class of close to one hundred members by the Union County team and followed by speech.

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GENERAL WHITE
TO SPEAK HERE
TUESDAY NOON

The chamber of commerce will be afforded the pleasure of hearing Adjutant General White, Major McMurtry and Ralph Huron speak at the regular weekly luncheon held Tuesday on a subject of much interest to La Grande, the erection of the armory in La Grande.

Plans have been in operation for some months to secure funds and make arrangements for an armory here to house the local unit of the national guard and also be available for community purposes.

Cleaver Hands Pierce
Official Resignation

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The resignation of George L. Cleaver, whose conviction by the state prohibition enforcement department has been the target of incessant criticism by the press, district attorneys, sheriffs and police officials of the state for the past 20 months, is in the hands of Governor Pierce.

The resignation, offered voluntarily by Cleaver, is verbal in form and has been tendered several times during the past few months, the governor admitted in reply to a specific query as to the truth of reports in circulation here that the prohibition commissioner had resigned.

Refuses to Talk. The governor said that he would neither discuss the question of whether or not he would accept the resignation, nor "I have hung onto Cleaver because he is fearless and incorruptible, qualities hard to find in a man who will accept such a job," Governor Pierce added.

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