

DIVISION 2 WINS PRIZE FOR SAFETY

Employees of Local Sector of O. W. R. & N. Co. to Be Honored

BANNER WILL BE GIVEN AT DINNER

Casualty Rate Not Only Lowest But Shows a Remarkable Proportionate Reduction.

On March 4th safety committee of the 4th Division of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company will be given a banquet in the Odd Fellows Temple in La Grande...

On the Union Pacific system a banner is given every year to the division and the unit which makes the best record in safety and during 1924 the Second Division not only made the best record of any of the O.-W. divisions, but also made the greatest reduction in casualties.

The award is based on casualties to employees, passengers and persons carried, on the basis of man hours worked by the employees, and the Second Division has reduced its casualties per million man hours from 18.19 in 1923 to 8.25 in 1924.

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SENIOR PLAY CAST CHOSEN

Cast for the 1925 Senior play has been selected by Miss Mabel Bennett, head of the English department and high school dramatic instructor and is holding daily rehearsals preparing for the presentation on March 29 and 31.

Booth "Farkington's" drama of puppy love, "Seventeen," has been selected as the vehicle best calculated to display the histrionic talents of the class of '25 and at the same time give the audience the greatest possible diversion.

The cast for "Seventeen" includes Douglas Moo, Ervan Lyman, Lucille Black, Robert Smith, Ruth Brumwell, Ralph Webb, Clayton Colwell, Clifford Scott, Tom Gwilliams, Ettalette Kitchen, George Fuller, Raymond Meyerick, Merle Andrews and Marion Lovett.

FAMILY REUNION IN LA GRANDE IS ATTENDED BY 25

Honoring the eighty-first birthday anniversary of Mrs. J. Courtney a family reunion was held at the J. L. Courtney home on Palm-er avenue. Twenty-five were present and an excellent dinner was served, one feature of which was a large birthday cake on which were eighty-one lighted candles.

Special Will Carry K.P.'s To Meeting

Delegates to the District Convention at Union Accommodated by O.-W. Company.

The Knights of Pythias who attend the district convention of the order in Union on the evening of February 25 will be afforded special transportation by the O.-W. R. & N. company.

A special train will leave from La Grande immediately after the arrival of the branch train at 6 o'clock in order to give the Wall-owa county delegates a chance to make connections. The train will go direct to Union and no changes of cars will be necessary. Upon the conclusion of the convention the special train will return to La Grande and be run direct to Joseph in order to get the visiting members of the lodge back to their homes in time to go to work the next morning.

Many Delegates The district convention will include delegates from the Union and Wallowa county lodges. Jay Upton, grand chancellor and Walter Gleason, grand keeper of Records and Seals, will attend the convention. Mr. Gleason and Mr. Upton went through here yesterday to Baker to attend a similar function in that city last evening.

Dokies to Meet A special meeting of the Klaxed Temple Number 179 of Eastern Oregon D. O. K. K. will be held here tomorrow evening. The Eastern Oregon temple includes the entire territory east of the Cascades.

The meeting was called to make plans for a big ceremonial to be held here about the first of April. A banquet will be held tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock with Walter James, royal visitor, presiding.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE TO WITNESS SPECIAL PICTURE

Interest in the film "The Man Without a Country," to be shown tomorrow and Thursday under the auspices of the American Legion's local post, is running high and a good many people in La Grande who have seen the picture in other cities, loudly proclaim the merits of the show, stating that it is one of the "best motion pictures" they have ever seen.

The ticket sale is progressing nicely for the special matinees on both days. The high school and one grade school are to attend Wednesday and the other grade schools Thursday. A special reduced price has been made for the students. With the matinees reserved for the students, it is advisable that adults attend the evening showings.

The officers of the Legion post desire a large attendance as this money will be used for the relief of needy ex-service men of this community.

BURLEY VOTES BONDS

BURLEY, Idaho (Special).—Burley citizens Monday approved bonds totaling \$29,500 for a city well and cemetery.

PUZZLE ANSWER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: SERIOUS PAGEANT, BASSO LET MATED, SEEP TAT ACIO, DUNE RISEN TRIO, ART QUEERER BEL, ME SUEER NEAT RE, N WEE NOT A, IN TERM DUCT AT, LUT NOURISH HUE, GRAY DRONE MESS, TREY RUN LEAP, CURSE ATE ATTIC, ARE PIERS ECU, BEDOUIN SOUNDED

H.N. GAMBLE TRIAL IS ON HERE TODAY

Selection of Jurors Occupying Time of Attorneys and Judge

TASK MAY TAKE UP MUCH OF TIME

Indications Point Toward Long Trial; First Witness May Take Stand Tomorrow.

The selection of the jury to try H. N. Gamble, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of first degree murder of William Wigglesworth of Union on November 16, 1924, began this morning.

The trial so far has been a battle of legal wits with Carl Hiett, district attorney and Colonel J. S. Ivanhoe, examining the jurors for the state and Blaine Hallock and James Nichols of the firm of Nichols, Hallock and Donald representing the defendant.

The selection of jurors for such a trial is a long and arduous task as both sides are particularly careful to disqualify all prospective jurors who give any evidence of being prejudiced beforehand. The state has preemptory challenges and the defense has 13 which may disqualify any juror without giving any reasons.

The trial has disclosed no indication of the line to be taken by the defense. For James Nichols who with Blaine Hallock is representing Gamble, refused to make any positive statements this afternoon on the matter but indicated that the plea of not guilty entered by his client at the preliminary hearing would be followed to the letter throughout.

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In other words they will not attempt to prove any mitigating circumstances.

ENDEAVOR IS RANKING HIGH

La Grande Presbyterian Intermediate Christian Endeavor society is the first in the state, except Portland, to register one hundred per cent attendance for the C. E. convention to be held at Portland July 4-10, inclusive, according to an announcement made by local C. E. officials yesterday.

A certificate of recognition has been received by the society and will be posted in the church. The quota raised by the La Grande organization was twenty-five members and twenty-seven have already signed.

SENATE FAVORS NOMINATION OF FRANK KELLOGG

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press).—The nomination of Frank K. Kellogg of Minnesota, who will succeed Charles Evans Hughes as secretary of state, was confirmed yesterday by the senate.

BILL'S TOTAL RAISED

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press).—After adding \$2,000,000 the senate commerce committee today approved the rivets and harbors bill authorizing a total expenditure of more than 49 million dollars for construction, repair and preservation work throughout the country.

Local Merchant Named On Resolutions Board

Clint Van Fleet, La Grande merchant, has been named on the resolutions committee at the session of the 21st annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association now under way in Eugene, Ore., who received here this morning stated.

Shop Is Made Modern By Recent Repair Work

The Rex Barber Shop at 212 Depot street, recently purchased by Joe Kelley, has been refurbished and renovated. With cream tinted walls, ivory woodwork, new floor and new white chairs, it has a very pleasing appearance, and with a shower bath in connection, is now a well equipped and up-to-date shop. A cigar stand has also been added.

Barbers employed are Ben Holiday and Dan Brown.

Creamery Is Inspected By Business Men

Tour of Local Plant Is Made by Chamber of Commerce Following Luncheon.

Following an excellent luncheon in the basement of the former Y. M. C. A. building, now known as the Odd Fellows building, members of the chamber of commerce adjourned at 12:35 o'clock and visited the Union Creamery, on Jefferson avenue. Approximately half a hundred went through the plant from "basement to garret" and approved of the improvements that Mr. Anderson, proprietor, has recently made, bringing his creamery up-to-date in every respect.

After looking through the Union Creamery, one comes to the conclusion that La Grande is very fortunate in having the creamery facilities that it has. Besides the Union Creamery, the Peerless Creamery on Fir street and the Blue Mountain Creamery on Washington avenue are strictly modern and with such creameries in existence, furnishing the surrounding territory as well as this city's population with excellent butter, cream, ice cream and other products one realizes that fortunate is exactly the word to apply.

The products of the Union Creamery (Meadow Harvest butter, cream, etc.) and the Blue Mountain Creamery (Blue Mountain butter, ice cream, cream, etc.) supply a large territory and are much in demand throughout Eastern Oregon.

Egg Processing Features

In addition to the regular work at the Union Creamery, much emphasis is laid upon handling of both fresh and processed eggs. Mr. Anderson has several special installations, including a new air cooler of his own design for drying processed eggs thus doing away with the old brush method now generally in use, to care for his egg trade.

The cleanliness of the entire establishment impresses one immediately upon entering. A contest staged by Mr. Anderson today resulted in much fun among the workers. A churn, containing butter, was shown and the object was to estimate the amount of pounds of butter it contained. Harvey Matthews came closest, being presented with a Tillamook cheese. L. S. Weeks came second, receiving a pound of butter and Reverend W. C. Ross received consolation—a generous portion of Limburger cheese. Each member was given a small jar of Thousand Island Dressing.

J. G. Snodgrass was chairman at today's luncheon and Reverend Ross opened the meeting by returning thanks. During the luncheon, Elmer Stoddard thanked the La Grande National bank on behalf of the workers.

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ART CLASSES ARE STARTED

Classes were started in art work at the Richardson Art and Gift Shop yesterday and will continue for a week or ten days under the direction of Mrs. George Sauer, a graduate of Pratt Institute of New York City, New York. The work is known as Italian Plaque work and though easily done is beautiful when completed. The foundation for the article to be made is of wood, on which is placed Jesso in any design desired.

A number of things may be made in this manner, such as seascapes, chests, bookends and candlesticks. A display of the work may be seen in the window of the art store.

Heart Disease Kills Woolen Mill Ex-Head

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Oscar Gumbinsky, former president of the Daniel Boone Woolen Mills company, dropped dead today from heart disease. An announcement of his death, quotations on the company's stock fell to \$2.75 per share.

Millinery Shop Ready For Spring Business

Mrs. H. Metcalf is now in her new location in the Foley building, next to Ault's, and is ready to serve her patrons in her usual excellent manner. She has the rooms formerly occupied by Norton's Kidney Shop, which have been remodeled and re-decorated to suit her needs. This shop will be known as "The Bonnet Shop."

In addition to millinery she will also have in stock ladies' ready to go hats. Although this time has not yet been installed it will be in the very near future. Mrs. Metcalf has just returned from Portland, where she attended the spring millinery opening and also did some buying.

RANCHER IS BURNED ON WEED BLAZE

P. J. Shmidling Nearly Cremated Near Baker Yesterday Afternoon

BECAME DIZZY, FELL INTO FIRE

Remained There Several Minutes Before He Was Enabled to Crawl Out; Died Shortly Afterwards.

BAKER, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Subject to spells of dizziness, P. J. Shmidling, Missouri Flat district rancher, yesterday afternoon was overcome and toppled onto a pile of burning weeds and was so severely scorched by the flames that he did not survive.

The deceased, 59 years of age, must have remained in the blaze several minutes before crawling out to a place about 40 feet distant, where his son, Julius, found him. He died shortly afterward. He held a pitchfork in his hand and all of his clothing from the knees up had been burned off.

Mr. Shmidling is survived by four children, four sisters and three brothers. He is a member of the local Masonic Blue lodge. Funeral arrangements are pending.

BODY WILL BE LEFT IN TOMB

CAVE CITY (AP Press-Times Flash).—Collins' funeral was held today at the mouth of the rescue shaft. The casket, which was placed on the tomb, which was sealed, leaving him locked in Nature's arms as he was caught 18 days ago.

CAVE CITY (By the Associated Press).—Floyd Collins' body will be left in his natural tomb, and funeral services will be held this afternoon at the mouth of the shaft which was dug in a vain rescue effort.

Collins' aged father consented to the arrangement after Dr. Hudett, of Chicago, had himself examined Collins and pronounced him dead. Hazlett said Collins had been dead for some time.

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ENGLAND'S KING SUFFERING FROM BRONCHITIS, FLU

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—A bulletin issued at Buckingham Palace this afternoon said King George is suffering from a bronchitis attack, due to influenza, despite a restful night, the bulletin said, his general condition is satisfactory.

The bulletin was signed by Lord Dawson, physician extraordinary to the king, Sir Milson D'Es and Sir Frederick Stanley Hewitt. The fact that they visited the palace palace fears that the king's illness was worse than had been thought. It was pointed out, however, that these three physicians invariably have a consultation if the king's condition is anything but normal.

Many Different Ways

If a business needs publicity, there are lots of excellent ways to provide it—direct-by-mail, billboards, newspapers, window and counter displays, personal solicitation, movie shows, word-of-mouth advertising, etc., etc. But in proportion to the number of people reached regularly, surely and easily, newspaper advertising is the most economical. The Observer's circulation is guaranteed—a fact that is fully appreciated by careful business men.

Publicity Men's Choice



Publicity men choose Olive Borden as 1925's most promising product of publicitide. She's one of 14 choice. Never mind the rest. Yes, she's from Hollywood, too.

War Prevention Is Big Problem League Faces

League Settled Many Political Questions During Past Year

GENEVA (By the Associated Press).—The problem of preventing war by a carefully organized system of arbitration, of reduction of armaments, and of mutual assistance against a covenant-breaker, ranks foremost among the questions before the League of Nations in 1924, says an official communique issued here which presents a detailed review of events which came last year before the Geneva peace organization. But while bringing its main efforts to bear on this peace problem, the summary goes on to say, the league settled a certain number of political questions, pursued its administrative work, and by the agency of its technical organizations, promoted international cooperation in the most varied fields.

A summary of the review follows: The league's work during the past year in connection with the prevention of war may be said to begin with the draft treaty of mutual assistance prepared by the fourth assembly, and to culminate in the protocol for the pacific settlement of international disputes, drawn up by the fifth assembly. The draft treaty of mutual assistance, was debated in September, and subsequently the assembly adopted a joint resolution "to strengthen the solidarity and security of the nations of the world by settling by pacific means all disputes which might arise between states." On the basis of this resolution the assembly drew up the protocol for the pacific settlement of international disputes, which contained a system of arbitration from which no international dispute, whether legal or political should escape. It provided for a military, financial and economic cooperation, which, by guaranteeing the security of states, would render possible a considerable reduction of national armaments. Thus the three factors of the problem, namely, arbitration, security and reduction of armaments, were combined.

Control Planned

With regard to the investigation of Austrian, Bulgarian, German and Hungarian armaments, the council drew up a scheme for the exercise, if and when required, of its rights of control as contemplated in the peace treaties. This control would be exercised through commissions appointed by the council. A draft convention on the supervision of the arms traffic was elaborated during the year and will be finally discussed at an international conference convened for May 1. In the political field several dis-

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Capitalist Kills Wife And Shoots Self Today

ST. PAUL (By the Associated Press).—Thomas L. Wann, 47, retired capitalist and prominent socially, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide in their apartment here today.

LA GRANDE ARMORY IS DEFEATED

All Appropriations for Armories Turned Down by Committee

ACTION AFFECTS 6 OREGON CITIES

Besides La Grande, Others Losing Out Were Cottage Grove, Forest Grove, Astoria, Portland, Silverton.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—All appropriations for armories were turned down by the ways and means committee last night. The action affects La Grande, Cottage Grove, Forest Grove, Astoria, Portland and Silverton.

CHILD LABOR BILL LOSES SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Oregon joined the states defeating the child labor amendment to the federal constitution when the senate late yesterday voted 20 to 16 against ratification after defeating 19 to 10, a measure referring the question to the vote of the people of Oregon.

PLEADS FOR BILL

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—An impassioned plea to have this bill, setting forth required course of study subjects in high schools of the state, was made before the house revision committee last night by Senator Eddy. The bill passed the senate a few days ago. Educators from Portland and Salem schools, college professors and Representatives Woodward and others were present to denounce the bill as dangerous to the high school educational system of the state.

NO TIME LOST BY GOVERNOR

BAKER, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Immediately action resorted when Governor Walter M. Pierce appointed William Stephens Levens, Baker attorney, yesterday to succeed George J. Cleaver as prohibition commissioner. The appointment was made, Cleaver's resignation accepted, and Levens notified all in a short space of time.

The new prohibition commissioner left at once for Salem where he will go into conference with the governor. Mr. Levens refuses to issue any statement regarding his appointment or possible policies.

MYSTERY NOTES FOUND

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—With Mrs. Budlong, wife of Milton J. Budlong, vice president of the North Central Texas Oil company, refusing to give up her self-imposed imprisonment in her husband's apartment there, two notes calling for aid and purporting to be written by her, were found on the street under her window.

One note declares information has reached the writer that three men were expected to break into the apartment.

NO FURTHER CLUES

No further trace of the person or persons responsible for the house robberies during the week-end has been found by officers, according to police reports today.

XTRA

NEAR MURDER OCCURS KIAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP)—John Coleman, rancher and candidate for sheriff at the last election, is near death at a local hospital with the back part of his skull cleft and his face terribly cut from blows of a hay knife. Coleman was attacked today at his ranch by a man police declared to be Gus Yorden, ranch hand. According to Coleman, Yorden attacked him following a misunderstanding over ranch work.

STATES APPEAL LOST SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The Oregon supreme court today denied a petition for reopening in the case of State of Oregon vs. E. O. Wilson, appellant against a Union county conviction for manslaughter.

STOKES GIVEN DAY IN COURT

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—W. E. H. Stokes, New York millionaire, who with others is charged with conspiring to defame the character of his wife, Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes of Denver, had his day in court Monday.

Having heard the state accuse him for two days, he heard himself defended by his attorneys, who described Mrs. Stokes as a "mother" who deserted her children in an attempt to put their father in jail.

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Brig. Gen. Mitchell Took "Chance"; Hits Hot Water

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell is always ready to "take a chance." That quality, perhaps more than any other, was responsible for his rapid promotion in the army air service. Everything man has accomplished in the air has been accomplished by the fellow willing to "take a chance." And to these accomplishments Mitchell has contributed no little.

The situation in which Mitchell now finds himself embroiled, with court martial, denouement of a dismissal from his post as assistant chief of the army air service openly hinted, is the direct result of his willingness to "take a chance" to advance the cause of aviation. From Mitchell's viewpoint the development of aviation as an invaluable arm of America's military defenses by handicapped and handicapped by being under the jurisdiction of old-time army and navy officers who went through West Point and Annapolis when the idea of "flying machines" was still a joke. These men were taught that the ground army and the capital ship navy constituted the main arms of national defense, and that every-

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