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GIANT STILL IS CONFISCATED

THREE MEN ARRESTED BY RAIDERS

Fig, Raisin and Corn Mash, and Quantity of Liquor Found.

OFFICERS SEIZE 85-GALLON STILL

Believed to Be the Largest Ever Taken in Eastern Oregon by Enforcement Agents.

What is thought to be the largest still ever taken in Eastern Oregon by prohibition officers, was located Saturday afternoon on what is called the Old Peach Place, 10 miles east of La Grande toward Cove. The officers arrested three men: William Schwobke, Albert Wilkinson and George Harold, who were on the scene of operations at the time of the raid. They are now in the custody of the sheriff and will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Huge Still Taken.

The apparatus for making whiskey which was found by the officers was complete in every detail with the largest capacity of any still ever confiscated here. The net haul, besides the arrests, follows: an 85-gallon copper still, eight barrels of fig mash, two barrels of raisin mash, a vat containing 200 gallons of corn mash, 14 gallons of whiskey and 25 gallons of first run whiskey.

INTERESTING MEET PLANNED

Eight past presidents of local commercial and civic organizations have been located and are to be guests of the chamber of commerce at the Tuesday luncheon tomorrow.

The honor guests are E. L. Meyers, William Miller, J. E. Reynolds, J. G. Snodgrass, H. E. Coollidge, Howard O'Brien, E. P. Mossman and G. L. Larson. Elmer Stroud, retiring president of the chamber of commerce will be the chairman of tomorrow's luncheon.

The talks for the day will be mostly in the way of reminiscence and stories of the development of La Grande and its various organizations through a 24 year period.

A.B. Conley, Pioneer of County, Called Beyond

Another pioneer of the Grande Basin valley answered the last call Sunday when death claimed Archibald Conley, of La Grande and former resident of Cove. Mr. Conley, one of the outstanding pioneers of this county, spent a long and useful life, having an important part in the development of the county in its present stage.

Will Plant Trees Along Oregon Trail

Maples to Be Placed Between La Grande and Union by Highway Commission Officers.

In accordance with their plans to beautify the Old Oregon Trail the Oregon State Highway Commission officers here will begin making plans tomorrow for planting trees at various places along the highway between La Grande and Ontario, Oregon. H. B. Baldock, state highway engineer, and P. H. Boardman, will make an inspection trip to Ontario tomorrow and examine the nature of the soil at these proposed places and decide what kind of trees would thrive best.

In the desert places they plan to plant lotus and antelope trees, as this specimen will grow with very little water. In more fertile places and where water is obtainable maple trees will be planted. Maples will be planted between La Grande and Union.

WASHINGTON HONORED HERE

The birth of George Washington is being observed today throughout the city. At the bank, the post office, the court house, the city office and other public institutions the "Colonial Day" sign has been hung out and no business is being transacted.

While the press of every day affairs makes it impossible for all business to be discontinued things are not quite as usual for everywhere the feeling prevails that this is a day set apart from the ordinary days.

The children of the public schools of La Grande and elsewhere in the state of Oregon were dismissed at noon today out of respect to the "Father of His Country," as provided by the state school law.

This morning at the high school Rev. and William Crosby Ross of the Presbyterian church gave an address on Washington's life and works before the assembled students. Similar appropriate services were held in the other public schools of La Grande before the noon dismissal.

All last week the English and language classes of the various schools were required to write themes and essays with Washington as the subject. From the tiniest tots in the lower grades who learned for the first time the story about the cherry tree to the civics classes in the high school who received instruction on the more complicated policies of Washington's administration all were taught to respect and revere him as one who made it great, republic possible and for his personal virtues of fidelity, truthfulness and devotion.

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A.B. Conley



A. B. Conley, one of the outstanding pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley, passed on here Sunday at the close of a long and useful life. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Conley celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.

LARGE CROWD AT SERVICES

With 670 present, the vesper services, conducted entirely by the women of the Methodist Episcopal church, yesterday afternoon, were unusually successful.

Mrs. Elmer Grant Keith delivered the sermon, choosing as her subject "Woman's Place and Influence." She outlined the emancipation of woman briefly and clearly pointed out the duties that must be faced. She urged women of today to take a leading part in civic life but not to neglect the home and the children. Mrs. Roy Tyler presided and the prayer was led by Mrs. Ed K. Wallis.

A feature of the evening's program was the first public appearance of the Monday Musical club. Under the skilled direction of Mrs. Hoskins, it made a very impressive appearance. Members of the chorus have mastered the fundamentals of group singing—delicate standing, union in attack, confidence and rapid attention to the leader's baton. The vocal quality was good, splendid balance being attained throughout. In the chorus are many voices not usually heard in chorus work.

Mrs. A. E. Kinnaman presided at the concert at Hot Lake.

Hot Lake (Special)—The annual concert which was given last week by the Cove Orchestra at Cove was repeated Sunday evening at the Hot Lake Sanatorium. The large crowd which attended the concert and filled the Sanatorium ballroom was very much pleased with the program. The thirty-five members of the orchestra fully demonstrated their ability in every respect.

Endeavor Secretary to Broadcast C. E. Message

Word has been received in La Grande that Edward P. Gates, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, will broadcast a message from station KJW, Portland, Oregon, Sunday evening, March 1, at 6 o'clock. The C. E. of the local Presbyterian church are planning on "listening in" at the W. C. Kelly home.

CONCERT BY LOCAL BAND A TRIUMPH

All-Star Program Directed by Director Loney Sunday Afternoon

"IL BACIO" SUNG BY MRS. RICHARDSON

Drdla's "Serenade" and Kling's "A Summer Evening in the Alps" Beautifully Rendered.

Another triumph was registered by the La Grande Municipal band here yesterday afternoon when a concert was given in the Arcade Theater, by courtesy of Meyers & Ford. Led by Director Andrew Loney, Jr., late of Kroy's band and with an imposing record in musical circles, the local organization, ranked as one of the finest in the northwest, presented an all-star program to several hundred La Grande music lovers in a manner that left no doubt but that Loney's band is all that it is said to be.

The concert also marked the appearance of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, soprano, who sang with the La Grande band at the state fair at Salem some time ago. Mrs. Richardson's opening number "Il Bacio" (Arditi) was enthusiastically received and was followed by "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling," a truly beautiful selection.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the band crashed into the strains of Sousa's "The Rifle Regiment," an inspiring march. "Hungarian Fantasia" (Moses-Tobani) followed and was applauded loudly. An encore preceded one of the most difficult selections on the program, Drdla's "Serenade." Selections from "Houson Time" (Franz Schubert, Bertie and Romberg) completed the first stanza of the concert and was followed by Mrs. Richardson's appearance.

A descriptive number by Kling, "A Summer Evening in the Alps," ranked with the Serenade in popular appeal and in faultless execution. The five movements—"The Dance of the Shepherd's Song," "Dance of the Shepherd's Love," "Serenade," "The Storm," and the Song of Joy—were each worthy of special praise. Another encore, one of the most pleasing of the program, preceded the final selection, an overture, "Fest," by Leutner. When the final strains had been sounded the audience moved to many good voices that it all had to end, but realizing completely that the two

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HILGARD LADY PASSES AWAY

Sarah P. Beauchamp Hilgard lady, who passed on Saturday morning, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the Hilgard cemetery by W. H. Bohnenkamp company, directors.

How To Get Acquainted

Many new people—and people who have new needs—are constantly being forced to call for a professional man's services. Many of them turn naturally to a newspaper's professional directory in such emergencies. It is the easy way in which to make these new acquaintances, space in The Observer's professional directory is available at a small monthly cost.

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La Grande Municipal Band



One of the recent pictures of the La Grande Municipal band, ranked as one of the finest organizations of its kind in the northwest. The band, which played at the Pendleton Found-Up, the Salem state fair and many other important events, appeared in public concert, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, soprano, yesterday afternoon in the Arcade theater.

Major General Wilson, G.A.R., Succumbs Today

Was Last Corps Commander of Either Union or Confederate Armies of Civil War

WILMINGTON, Del. (By the Associated Press)—Major General James Harrison Wilson, 57 years of age, retired, died here today.

Major General James Harrison Wilson was the last of the corps commanders of either the Union or Confederate forces in the Civil war and the last member of General Grant's staff. In his long, distinguished career he was a soldier, engineer, railroad man and author, and in each he showed marked ability with consequent success. He was famous as the captor of Jefferson Davis and was one of the best known of the cavalry generals in the Union army. While at the head of 15,000 mounted men, he conducted the campaign through Alabama and Georgia known in Civil war history as "Wilson's raid."

Retired in 1870, General Wilson retired from the military service in 1870 to devote his time to railroad work, only to return to the army during the Spanish-American war and the Boxer campaign in China. His latter years were spent in writing. He was the author in collaboration with Charles A. Dana of the life of General Grant, written in the early seventies. When the Spanish war started General Wilson was appointed a major general of volunteers and commanded the Sixth army corps. He accompanied the military expedition to Porto Rico and was appointed military governor of the island. He remained in command of Porto Rico and southeastern Porto Rico until ordered home. He served in the army of occupation in Cuba in command of the department of Matanzas and Santa Clara and was honorably discharged out of the volunteer service.

In recognition of his long military career, General Wilson was appointed in February, 1921, a lieutenant general of the regular army by act of congress and was retired for age shortly afterward since which time he was engaged in private business at his home in Wilmington, Del.

Sun Yat Sen Weaker; Unable to Take Food

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—Sun Yat Sen is weaker today than he has been for some time following a cancer operation January 25 (19). He is unable to take meals today and indications are that his condition is weaker.

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FINAL FUND BILL IS UP TO HOUSE

Appropriation Measure Reported Favorably by Committee

CALLS FOR MORE THAN 54 MILLION

Includes Appropriation for Postoffice Air Mail Service; New Routes May Be Contracted.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$54,426,562, which is \$476,974 under the budget estimate, was reported by the house appropriations committee today. It is the last supply measure of the session and will be taken up tomorrow in the house of representatives.

The bill includes 20 million dollars for naval construction. The bill provides that not to exceed \$250,000 of the appropriation made available for mail transportation during the coming fiscal year can be used by the postmaster general in contracting for the air mail service.

Air Mail Routes Planned. The post office department, the committee report said, plans to make contracts for air mail service between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City; Chicago and St. Louis; Boston and New Hampshire; and perhaps a route from Elko, Nevada, to a point near Portland, Oregon.

SENATORS FACE ACCUSATIONS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With one senator already under indictment on charges of accepting a fee for practicing before a government agency, the justice department investigation charges that two others improperly used their influence.

Senator Wheeler is awaiting trial in Montana; Senator Spencer, of Missouri, a Republican, is accused of assisting in obtaining from the commerce department a renewal of the contract for the Foulke Fur company, St. Louis, under which the company handles government seal skin and buram, Republican, of New Mexico, is accused by Carl Magee, New Mexico newspaperman, with entering a contract to sell cattle in Mexico and with having approached agents of the war finance corporation regarding the financing of the sale. Both denied the charges and said they would welcome investigations.

FERREL HESS LAID TO REST

UNION, Ore. (Special)—The body of Ferrel Hess, who was found dead near Longview last Saturday, was shipped to Union and the funeral held at the L. D. R. church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Prior to the burial the remains were at the Cook Brothers undertaking parlors. The deceased is well known in Union and has a host of friends here who regret his untimely death.

Methodists Lead Others In U.S. House and Senate

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NSA Special)—Few think of congress in terms of religion. The public mind, in fact, more frequently connects our legislators with religious than with religious matters.

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13 BODIES BLACKLISTED WASHINGTON (AP)—Thirteen veterans organizations are listed by the justice department as "unworthy" and are being investigated. Vincent W. Hughes, justice department agent, testified before the house committee today investigating the National Disabled Soldiers' League. When the committee sought to question Hughes further Randolph Shaw, the committee's counsel, declared it would not be advisable to go further into the subject because of indelicacy. The department is about to make arrests.

ALIEN SMUGGLERS CAUGHT FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—An organized gang of alien smugglers operating on the Texas-Mexican border, is believed by police to have been uncovered here today with the arrest of nine aliens and one American in the railroad yards. The aliens arrived here Saturday night in a boxcar, evidently arranged for their transportation from the border, according to officers. The car was set out to await orders from a Fort Worth man who had consigned the car to himself from Ysketa, Texas, 12 miles from El Paso.

Credit Control Urged By Senator Shipstead

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Control by the federal government of all American banking and investment credit in the international field as a means of promoting world peace, was advocated today in the senate by Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, farmer-labor member of the foreign relations committee.

Good Eyesight Needed To Drive Maryland Cars

BALTIMORE (AP)—A night test has been included in the examination given applicants for automobile operators' licenses in Maryland as the result of an investigation made by the state commissioner of motor vehicles, which revealed that a number of automobile accidents were due to the defective eyes of drivers.

Persons who wear glasses will be required to keep them on during the examination. In cases where color-blindness only is found, the applicant will be restricted to daylight driving, while those who fail completely will be refused a license.

British Plan to Keep Alive Memory of Noted Sportsman

LONDON (AP)—A group of English sportsmen are taking steps to open a national sports museum in London. Exhibits would include busts and pictures of noted sportsmen, and bats, rackets and clubs used by famous sportsmen, amateur and professional. A large library would also be a part of the museum.

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NEEDED PEACE STEPS DEFINED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Proportionately, as nations make progress in the creation of effective tribunals for settlement of international differences, they will find themselves able to lessen their military establishments, President Coolidge told delegates to the women's conference on national defense for peace insurance today.

"If the rule of law were established and certain, there would be far less need of armaments, so as we advance toward security under law, we shall be able to reduce the strength and cost of armaments," the president said.

Ignorance Conference

Coolidge made his direct reference to the pending move for another arms conference but took occasion to say that "a country as powerful in numbers and wealth as our own, can and should set an example of moderation in armament and should invite others to pursue a similar programme. The only enduring peace must be a peace of law, order, security and honor."

sculptor Depicts Progress In New Figure of Justice

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The statue of Justice, by Carlotta Scarpitta, Italian-American sculptor, will adorn the facade of the new Hall of Justice here, presents a striking departure from the age-old traditional personification of Astraea. The eyes of the artist's conception of modern Justice are unshaded. The traditional scales are present, but are balanced on the crossbar of the two-handed sword which she holds point downward. She stands on an attitude of repose and her expression is that of contemplation. Something of the Sphinx is symbolized in the tightly-closed eyes and pursed lips.

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