

W.C. PERKINS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Union County Chamber of Commerce Selects Officers for 1925

INSTALLATION TO BE NEXT TUESDAY

Directors Are Messrs. Dixon, Coolidge, Brady, Gilbert, Larison, Nelson, Stange, Phy, Perkins, Stoddard, Tedford and Watkins.

Following the chamber of commerce luncheon today, the new directors met and elected W. C. Perkins president, Ernest Watkins vice president, W. T. Phy, second vice president and J. A. Tedford treasurer.

At the luncheon in the Odd Fellows hall today the twelve directors elected were announced as follows: H. E. Brady, H. E. Coolidge, H. E. Dixon, Warren Gilbert, G. L. Larison, A. W. Nelson, W. C. Perkins, W. T. Phy, A. J. Stange, Ernest Stoddard, J. A. Tedford, and Ernest Watkins.

Elmer Stoddard, retiring president of the club, presided at the luncheon and thanks were returned by William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Seven past presidents of La Grande organizations were present: J. E. Reynolds, who is ill, and H. E. Coolidge, who was called out of town, being absent.

E. L. Meyers, who was first president of the La Grande Athletic Club, organized in 1891, with headquarters in the old Blue Mountain University buildings, was the first speaker, telling of the good work done in 1891.

William Miller, past president of the athletic club, read an extract from the minutes of the organization meeting and a list of the men who became members.

J. G. Snodgrass, a president of the La Grande Commercial Club, told of the starting of the good roads movement during his incumbency and how largely due to Walter M. Pierce and Karl Stackland, the initial movement was started five to one.

A. J. Stange, who followed Mr. Snodgrass, was leader of the club in 1913, told of the starting of the movement for the Y. M. C. A. building, the organizing of the Union.

Approximately 250 members of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Union and Wallowa counties will meet tomorrow evening at Union, for a district convention. A special train will leave La Grande tomorrow with members from La Grande and the branch line en route to that city and will return after the meeting.

The meeting will start in the K. of P. hall at Union at 7:30 o'clock, when a banquet will be served, after the banquet the remainder of the evening's program will take place in the Union gymnasium.

Eight Teams To Enter La Grande Tournament

In order that the district basketball tournament which is to be held here Friday and Saturday may be conducted in the best possible manner the services of Ralph Coleman as referee have been secured for the games. It was announced this morning by E. L. Towler of the district board.

Mr. Coleman is one of the best known sports officials in the state and has a number of times conducted state tournaments and other important games. With Mr. Coleman as referee, fast games will be played with accurate decisions assured.

8 Teams Compete. With eight teams competing in

La Grande's Exhibit Wins First Place

Chamber of Commerce Booth, in Charge of Edward Fitzgerald, Takes State Honors.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore. (Special)—La Grande, Pendleton and Dallas were winners of first, second and third prizes, respectively, in the chambers of commerce exhibits at the second annual educational exposition here.

A miniature lumber mill formed the background of the La Grande booth, which was in charge of Edward Fitzgerald of La Grande, freshman in commerce. The mill was used as a background for the products and scenic pictures of Union county.

Pendleton Is Second. Fred Hall of Pendleton, junior in commerce, was the student in charge of the Pendleton exhibit, which won second prize. Blankets, bath robes, shirts, hose and all woolen products featured this exhibit.

"Dallas, the Prime City," was the motto of the Dallas display, which was in charge of Belya Boote of Dallas. Boxes of prunes formed the greater part of the exhibit, samples being given to visiting high school students.

Twelve chambers of commerce exhibits were arranged on the third floor of the commerce building during the exposition. Brick and tiles, butter, honey and prunes were the products exhibited in the Albany booth. A miniature beach and golf links were part of the Seaside exhibit. "The Trail's End City," was the motto of this display.

Myrle wood novelties, such as candlesticks, nut bowls and flower holders, featured the Coquille exhibit.

Lumber Industry Displayed. A display showing the large lumber industry of Bend featured the Bend exhibit. Pictures of mountain streams and beautiful surrounding scenery were shown.

"The Lane County Home Center," was the motto of the Eugene exhibit, which featured cedar chests, canned fruit, wool blankets and other products.

An orange and black booth showing the industries of Benton county made up the Corvallis display. Flax and Salem fluff rugs were the main features of the Salem exhibit. Frames, Loganberries, strawberries, cheese and paper were also on exhibit.

Milk and dairy products were shown in the Silverton booth which (Continued on Page 5.)

CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL EARLY IN MARCH

Although a number of civil cases are still on the circuit court calendar, sickness of the principals in some of the cases and other causes have made it necessary to discontinue court until March when court will be resumed. It was announced by Judge J. W. Knowles this morning.

A number of cases will be tried in Wallowa county in March also, according to the judge.

PUZZLE ANSWER

L A T I N C O D A L S R E P O S E S E L T I O N I T E M W I L D T O N E V S E T R A M M E N S E N S H Y I F A B A T P O T E E L M O P N I L S T A Y S E W E R H A I L E L E D P A T G A S R O O T C E D E D G A G A E R N N O P R O W D O B E L A D B T A I M N U L A G D B S E M M N U R A P W A T E R G A T E S E V E R A L N O T I C E S D A I L E S B O D E D

Seven games will be played Thursday commencing at half past nine in the morning. Drawing will be made Friday evening for the Saturday games.

The tournament is being run on what is called the double elimination.

Governor



George A. Parks, appointed governor of Alaska by President Coolidge, was greatly surprised, he told his friends. He has been in Alaskan field service since 1907, was supervisor of surveys, is 42, a bachelor, and the first resident of Alaska to be governor.

ENDEAVOR TO PRESENT PLAY

A two act comedy, "The Laughing Cure" will be presented by the Christian Endeavor of the Christian church tomorrow evening, starting at 8:15.

"The Laughing Cure" is recommended to those suffering from the blues, dyspepsia and other troubles, mental or physical.

The members of the cast as they will appear are: Dr. St. George Cary, A. C. Dunning, Jimmie Mason, Claude Landry, Dr. Whitcomb, J. A. Williams, Mr. Hanson, Ernest Landry, Laura Hanson, Mrs. Dallas Greene, Gay Hanson, Mrs. E. W. Landry, Mary Elton Perry, Edith Ebell, Kirby Steele, Beryl Jones, Nora, the maid, Marjorie Corntie.

The staff is composed of A. C. Dunning, director; C. D. Landry, business manager; Lester Corntie, stage manager and E. W. Landry, advertising manager.

CLUB RENDERS SONG PROGRAM

The Neighborhood club rooms were crowded to capacity last evening when the Monday Musical of the "Oriental and Civil War periods." The program was under the able direction of Mrs. G. S. Birnie and was excellent in every detail.

Miss Isabel Miller sang two English ballads "Barbara Allen" and "She Wore a Weave of Roses," in her usual excellent voice, after which Twila House, Gilda Ashby, Jane Stange and Sally Slegert, dancing students of Mrs. Weisk, gave a mimed, Little Miss Judy Niagara appeared in a solo dance at the beginning of the musical.

The colored orchestra, Mrs. A. E. Kihman and Miss Mae Stevens, furnished music for the dancers. Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller sang "I Know Not If You Love Me," a Spanish-California folk song.

The children, under the direction of Miss Ingeborg Russell, gave a Virginia reel, accompanied by the colored orchestra. Those taking part were: Mrs. Mae Andrew, Lawrence Roberts, Mrs. Louise Hope Klebber, Mirrored Hartman, Robert Bales, Thelma Stoddard, Margaret Dixon and Merrill Sargent.

Mrs. Ray Carter appeared in two Francis Hodgson songs "My Days Have Been on Wondrous Free" and "For the Hike" after which Elmer Stoddard led those present in the singing of patriotic songs. Two plantation songs were rendered by "Florence Slippy" and "Salamander Jones" and two Stephen Foster songs by the Neighborhood club quartet. The last number on the program was a group of Civil war songs by the Chamber of Commerce quartet.

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FEAR RIOTS IN CHICAGO ELECTION

Special Squads of Policemen Detailed to Voting Polls

14TH WARD HAS MAN KIDNAPED

Several Shots Fired by Gunmen at Political Meeting Last Night Opened Hostilities.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Special squads of guards, formed of policemen, were detailed to the polls in today's aldermanic election here as the result of hints of trouble, charges and counter charges of fraud.

Shots fired by gunmen at a political meeting held last night were regarded by officers as the opening of hostilities.

The first reported violence today came from the fourteenth ward where an election worker for Michael J. Costello, candidate for the position of alderman, was overpowered by three unknown men, all of whom were armed, and hurried away from the scene in an automobile.

One hundred ballots are reported missing from one precinct, the police were informed.

HEARING FOR THREE IS SET

George Harold was fined \$1000 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock upon his entering a plea of guilty. Schwelke and Wilkinson plead not guilty and Justice Brady bound them over to await the action of the grand jury. Their bonds were placed at \$1000.

As the Observer is going to press the preliminary hearing of William Schwelke, Albert Wilkinson and George Harold is being held before Judge Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace with Carl Helin, district attorney, representing the state.

The three men were arrested Saturday afternoon and will face charges of violating the federal liquor law. Whether they will plead guilty or not guilty is not known at the present time.

At the time of their arrest they were said by the officers to be tending a giant still of 85 gallons capacity in the basement of the Schwelke farm house about ten miles east of La Grande.

Besides the still, 300 gallons of corn mash, eight barrels of fig mash, two barrels of rye mash, 14 gallons of whiskey and 25 gallons of first run whiskey was confiscated by the officers and is now being held for evidence.

Work on Bridge Resumed. ALBANY, Ore.—After a month's lay-off, occasioned by the high water in the Willamette river, the crew on the Albany bridge resumed work. Foundations for the concrete work on the north approach were commenced by one crew and the destruction of the frame work around the completed portion of the south approach occupied the workmen on the south side of the river.

A New Family In Town

There are constantly in any community, with the normal change of population, many new families during a year's time.

They constitute valuable people to know for the professional or business interests in that community. If a man wishes to maintain contact with those people, space in The Observer's Business and Professional Directory is the natural way to do it. The monthly charge is small.

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BUILDING IS WRECKED BY BEER BLAST

Vigilantes Believed to Have Been Cause of Tacoma Explosion

CLARK ADMITS "BEER JOINT"

Flames, Following Blast, Endangered His Life, But Owner Crawled to Safety.

TACOMA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—A terrific explosion, apparently set off early today by men who are believed by officers to have been members of a vigilance committee, wrecked the building occupied by H. P. Clark, and endangered Clark's life.

Following the explosion, flames broke out and Clark was trapper for a few minutes by the fire, but finally escaped by crawling over some wreckage.

He admitted to police that he had been running what is commonly known as a "beer joint."

The vigilance committee was organized to combat liquor selling in town.

SILVER-TONGUED BOLSHIEV BOY CALLED TRAITOR

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A thirteen-year-old boy greater has come forth to answer the silver-tongued boy Bolshiev who recently thrilled a Lenin memorial meeting here.

At a flag rally in Carnegie hall last night, Detroit Stern won applause by denouncing Morris Speer for "a traitor" for his advocacy of Communism at the Lenin meeting.

The boys are both the same age.

Kentucky Senator Is Run Down by Auto

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senator Stanley of Kentucky, was severely, but not critically injured today in an automobile accident here. He was taken to the hospital where attendants said that in addition to his bruises, he appeared to have suffered a fractured rib.

Physicians said no serious consequences were expected and predicted an early recovery. Stanley was struck by an automobile while crossing the street.

FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

ALBANY, Ore.—Auditors of the accounts of county officers during 1924 have reported their findings at the conclusion of the audit and show that Linn county is in much better financial condition at the beginning of 1925 than at the same time in 1924.

In 1924 the net liabilities of the county amounted to \$327,434.31 and in 1924 to \$224,478.31. This drop in the liabilities was made in spite of an additional outlay of \$55,000 in bridge bonds and warrants on the Albany and Harborsburg bridges which was not in the 1924 list of liabilities and expenditures.

She Worships Vikings



Dorothy Seastrom has a right to be thrilled over "strong blond-haired, blue-eyed explorers" at that. Her home was in Norway before she came here to take beauty honors from 14 other girls seeking to be named the perfect 1925 model.

NOMINATION IS FAVORED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A favorable report on Charles B. Warren's nomination for attorney general was ordered today by the senate judiciary committee.

The vote was unofficially reported to have been nine for and four against.

FILM CENSOR BILL PASSES

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The moving picture censorship bill passed the house late yesterday with but 10 dissenting votes, following half an hour of debate. Tucker, of Linn county, father of the measure, declared the censorship board with authority to eliminate salacious films would increase attendance 20 per cent.

The bill would create a board of censors to receive \$2400 per year. A charge of four dollars a reel would be made for censorship, the viewing to be done before the films are distributed. An allowance of \$2000 for extra views would be made. German, Hamilton, Hammond, King, Kirkwood, Longman, Meindl, Pierce, Ruskight and Shelton voted against the bill.

Other Measures Acted Upon. The house bill by Potter and Howard, requiring sheriffs to place at work outside the jail prisoners serving time for violation of the prohibition laws, was indefinitely postponed by the senate on an adverse report from the committee on alcoholic traffic.

A group of independent senators had agreed to support Pierce's veto of the \$100,000 appropriation for a public service commission if it became known today. The senator also agreed to sustain the governor's expected veto of the fish conservation bill.

Forty-third Day Ends. The legislature ended its 43rd day of session today an eleventh hour attempt to provide necessary revenue to meet \$7,149,675 in pending appropriation bills.

Gloria Swanson Still Critically Ill, Report

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Gloria Swanson passed a better night, her husband told friends today.

He added, however, that physical condition did not yet consider her out of danger.

SUN YAT-SEN WEAKER. Peking (AP)—Sun Yat Sen continued to grow weaker today.

NEW POSTAL MEASURE IS AGREED TO

Conferees From Senate and House Adopt a Compromise Bill

SUBSTANTIALLY LIKE HOUSE BILL

Action Is Taken Today in Meeting of Representatives of Former Measures.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A postal pay and rate increase bill in substantially the form as that passed by the House of Representatives was agreed to today by conferees on the House and Senate measures.

In the form agreed to by the conferees, the bill would increase postal salaries as of January 1, this year and the rate increases would become effective next April 15.

Representative Kelly, Republican of Pennsylvania, said the bill as agreed to would raise 60 millions, or two millions less than the original bill. He plans to call it up tomorrow in the house.

One Modification. The only important modification in the house measure was made in second class rates, the conferees accepting some of the lower rates in this class carried in the senate bill.

DECISION REVERSED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—By a vote of five to one the house military aircraft committee today reversed its decision of last Saturday to reopen its hearing next Thursday.

The only explanation of today's action given by committee members related to the committee finances. It was said that instead of having emptied its war chest, as previously supposed, the committee was found to have more than \$2,000 left for expenses.

AGED SWEDISH PREMIER DEAD

STOCKHOLM (By the Associated Press)—Hjalmar Branting, 64, former premier, died today.

Hjalmar Branting, the first Socialist prime minister in the history of Sweden, and one of the outstanding public men of that country in his time, was regarded by the Swedish people as their country's most prominent international politician.

Devoting virtually his entire life to the amelioration of the conditions of the working classes and the attainment of the Social Democratic dream of universal peace by universal understanding, Dr. Branting worked unceasingly and with a fine optimism for the realization of his ideals. He spared himself no personal sacrifice, and even sat in prison for his championship of the cause of those whose caste and culture were inferior to his own.

Interference with these activities, which he regarded as his more important international work, prominent Swedes said at the time, was the real reason for Dr. Branting's resignation as finance minister in the Eden government in 1918, although he had said he was withdrawing from the cabinet because of the condition of his health.

The ministry from which he resigned left in 1920 and Dr. Branting succeeded to power, forming an entirely Social Democratic administration. His government remained in power, however, only from March to October, when it resigned.

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BURSUM DENIES CHARGES. WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Bursum, Republican of New Mexico, today denied in the senate charges now under investigation by the justice department that he improperly used his influence before the approval of a government agency in connection with efforts to sell cattle in Mexico in 1923.

EDWARDS IS SELECTED. WASHINGTON (AP)—John H. Edwards, former speaker of the Indiana house of representatives, has been selected assistant secretary of the interior by President Coolidge.

ATTORNEY OUSTED. OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—The supreme court today barred Elmer S. Smith, Centralia attorney, on charges of "having advocated and approved sabotage, syndicalism and general violation of the law as a means of social reform." Only two judges dissented. The charges were based principally on speeches Smith is alleged to have made in 1919 advocating general strikes.

FARM RELIEF BILL UP. WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill designed to encourage export of American farm products, patterned on the lines of the McNary-Haugen bill, was reported today by the house agriculture committee.

The vote was 41 to 2. Friends of the proposal declared there was practically no chance of having it enacted before adjournment, a week from tomorrow. Republican house leaders said the house would do well to pass the Haugen cooperative marketing bill carrying recommendations of the president's agricultural commission.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON QUINT DOWNED, 18-12

According to reports received here today, the University of Oregon's basketball team was defeated at Walla Walla last night 18 to 12 by Whitman college.

Valentine Day Lucky One For Nicholas Longworth

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Nicholas Longworth was good to Nicholas Longworth.

For not only did the day of that good saint bring Nick a baby girl, just 13 years, lacking three days, after he and "Princess Alice" Roosevelt were married, but that same good day clinched the result in the contest for speakership of the next congress in Longworth's favor.

Unless some entirely unlikely and unexpected combination can be effected by the supporters of Congressman Martin B. Madden of Illinois, before February 27, Longworth will emerge from the majority's caucus on the gavel and the perch of that office.

Except for the "honor" involved, the post of speaker offered little either to Longworth or Madden.

As floor leader of the Republicans, Longworth has wielded during the last two congresses an influence virtually as great as will be his in the speakership.

The power of Madden, who continues as chairman of the Appropriation Committee, will be no way weakened by his defeat for (Continued on Page 5.)