

CITY FIGHT COMMISSION ORGANIZED

Only First Class Matches to Be Sanctioned in La Grande Hereafter

FARNAM HEADS SUB-COMMITTEE

Promoters' Boxing or Wrestling Programs to Be Strictly Probed Before Okehed.

At a meeting of the newly appointed La Grande boxing commission, held last evening in the city hall building, organization was effected and a committee for promoting first class exhibitions was appointed to act in conjunction with Commissioner R. A. Farnam, chairman.

One thing decided upon by the members of the boxing commission is that nothing but "A No. 1" boxing or wrestling bouts will be staged in La Grande in the future.

According to the state law, the boxing commission has the right to promote its own matches but it is very unlikely that this will be done.

The promoters that will be followed when some person promotes a match will be as follows: The program must first be submitted to Mr. Farnam, head of the promoters commission, who will in turn submit it to the members of the board.

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EAGLE LEADER TO VISIT CITY

Del Cary Smith, prominent in Eagle circles, will be in La Grande Saturday, February 28, and will deliver an address before the local society, Fraternal Order of Eagles, that evening in the Eagles hall, main floor.

The topic of his address is "The Fraternal Order of Eagles" and many interesting and vital facts are touched upon. During the past two years the organization has grown from 450,000 to 600,000 members and more than ever, it is assuming a highly important place among organizations of its kind.

MINAM-WALLOWA HIGHWAY MUDDY, SOFT AT PRESENT

Because of the wet weather conditions prevailing here the highway from the top of the Minam hill grade to Wallowa has been cut up to some extent and is rough and muddy at the present time, according to announcement made by the state highway office here this morning.

There is no load limit on this stretch of the highway at present, as it has not been necessary, however, if the weather condition does not change soon and the road be given a chance to dry a load limit ruling may be needed.

Many La Grande K.P.'s To Attend Union Meet

Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge from branch line points will arrive in La Grande this evening at 6:15 o'clock on the branch line train, where they will join the La Grande K. P.'s and go to Union on a special train which leaves here at 6:30 o'clock for the district convention of the Knights of Pythias to be held at Union this evening.

Imbler Bank Taken Over By Williams

President of La Grande Investment Company Acquires Control of Institution.

Control of the State Bank of Imbler at Imbler, Ore., has been taken over by Sherwood Williams, president of the La Grande Investment company of this city.

According to announcement by Mr. Williams no definite plans for the institution have yet been made by the new management but the majority of stock has been transferred.

A. B. CONLEY LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Archie B. Conley was held yesterday afternoon at a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased present to pay their last tribute to the departed.

The funeral service was held at the Baptist church, Reverend G. A. Pollard preached the funeral sermon. A quartet composed of Mrs. Stanton Lapham, Mrs. Thomas Maxwell, G. L. Dutton and George Blenke sang several well selected songs. Mrs. Dallas Green was at the piano during the musical portion of the service.

The pallbearers were all grandsons of Mr. Conley. These were Grant Conley, Tuck Conley, Burl Conley, William Miller, Nip Conley and Arch Conley. Interment was at the Island City cemetery.

Dr. Ray Murphy Heads Public Speaking Class

At a meeting of the Public Speaking Class held last evening at the Ralph Byers home on K avenue Dr. Ray Murphy was elected president of the organization and Earl Reynolds secretary and treasurer.

A portion of the time of the meeting was devoted to outlining the future plans of the class. It was decided to continue holding meetings in private homes and keep on with the joint discussions as well as the special talks.

Hondurans Will Buy Arms from Americans

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A formal request of the new Honduran government for the purchase of 2000 American military rifles, 2,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and 20 machine guns has been approved by the state department and is now before Secretary Weeks who will work out terms of the sale.

PUZZLE ANSWER

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PROGRAM OF TRANSPORT EVENTS FOR MEET READY

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Arrangements Made

PLATES ARE TO BE LAID FOR 400

Marshall N. Dana, Elmer I. Stoddard, W. C. Perkins to Speak; Installation Planned.

Tickets for the annual chamber of commerce banquet which is to be held in the I. O. O. F. hall on the evening of March 2, went on sale today. As was previously announced no tickets will be sold at the door on the night of the banquet unless reserved beforehand.

Preparations are being made for 400 guests and indications are that this number of tickets will be sold early, according to Earl Reynolds, executive secretary of the chamber of commerce.

The banquet is to start at 6:30 and will open with the singing of "America" by the entire assembly. The program as it will be presented is as follows:

Invocation—Rev. W. C. Ross. Selected song—Chamber of Commerce quartet. Treasurer's report—H. E. Coolidge. Secretary's report—Earl Reynolds.

"The Past Year"—Elmer I. Stoddard. Installation of officers—Dr. W. C. Perkins. President's address—W. C. Perkins.

Selected song—Chamber of Commerce quartet. "Community Loyalty"—Marshall N. Dana. Benediction—Rev. G. A. Pollard. Elmer I. Stoddard, retiring president of the chamber of commerce will be toastmaster. The main address of the evening will be by Mr. Dana's talk on the subject of "Community Loyalty."

Mr. Dana is a forcible talker and a clear thinker as well as an Oregon booster and his talk will no doubt be of unusual interest. Mr. Dana is associate editor of the Oregon Journal. He has spoken in La Grande on several former occasions.

Although not scheduled on the program, music for the occasion aside from the songs by the chamber of commerce quartet will be furnished by the Sunset orchestra which will play a special program of classical and semi-classical numbers.

Another feature of the banquet announced this morning was the

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LEGISLATURE'S DAY BUSY ONE

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The session picture censorship bill sponsored by the house committee on public health and morals was killed in the senate today by indefinite postponement.

SALEM (By the Associated Press)—The house yesterday voted down a motion to concur with the senate amendment to house bill 412, regulating trucks and truck lines, after much debate. It was charged by Coffey that the railroads had brought influence to bear upon members of the house and that that accounted for the final vote.

The house passed house bill 422, commending the present primary law as relating to the duties and election of party committees. The bill killed at the end of last week, but a reconsideration vote was had yesterday favoring the resolution. It will provide for the election of two precinct commissioners in each precinct, empowered to hold meetings, make and issue party platforms and nominate candidates.

Following this, the house passed a bill appropriating money and levying a tax for re-opening the Ashland normal school. The senate defeated two measures for the establishment of branch schools for normal training, and approved a bill, allowing \$145,000 for the establishment of a training school at Independence in connection with the state school at Monmouth.

PROGRAM OF TRANSPORT IS RAIDED; RUM FOUND

Liquor Discovered in the State Rooms of U. S. Navy Officers

DRASTIC STEPS TO BE EXPECTED

U. S. Marines Conducted Seizure Under Orders From Rear Admiral Wells, Commandant.

NORFOLK, Va. (By the Associated Press)—A raiding party of U. S. marines boarded the navy transport Beaufort when she docked last night from the West Indies and seized several hundred gallons of liquor.

The marines raiders said the liquor was taken from state rooms of officers, ranging in rank from pay clerks to lieutenants.

Rear Admiral Wells, commandant of the fifth naval district, issued orders for the raid. "DRASTIC STEPS DUE" WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Violation of the law as well as of navy regulations is apparently involved in the Beaufort case, according to government officials. It was said that those found guilty might be tried either by a federal court or by court martial.

ACID THROWING LIKELY FATAL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—A meeting of reconciliation which ended in acid throwing and an attempted suicide "Monday" night secured certain to claim the life of one of the principals in the tragedy.

Mrs. Darby Day, who was brought to a hospital here Monday night, suffering from poison which, according to police reports, she took after hurling acid into the face of her estranged husband, Darby Day, the son of the president of the Underwriters of America, was declared by hospital attendants to be at death's door. She had been unconscious all day it was said, and had out a slight chance for recovery.

The husband, on the other hand, was said to be recovering "satisfactorily" at the home of his mother in Beverly Hills. His face was badly swelled and, according to his physician, he probably will lose the sight of one eye.

GIRL BELIEVED DEANGED CHICAGO (AP)—Darby A. Day sr., prominent Chicago business man and leader in social work, left here hurriedly Tuesday night for California after learning that his son, Darby A. Jr., had been partially blinded by acid thrown in his face by his bride of six months, who immediately after the act successfully attempted to commit suicide by poisoning herself.

A message received by Mr. Day, Tuesday from his wife, who is with the young couple, stated that

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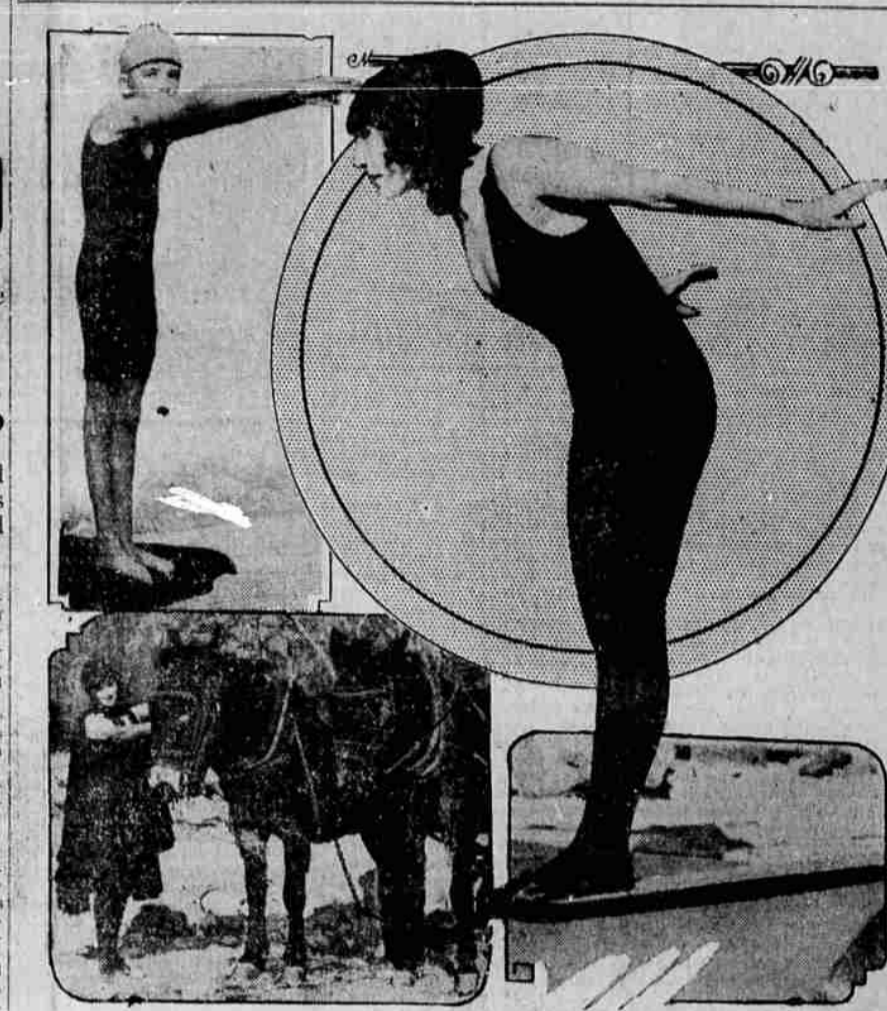
HOUSE O.K. PUT ON LA GRANDE ARMORY

SALEM, Ore. (AP Press Time Flash)—Representative Grassm, Washington county, today succeeded in having the hour bill providing for an armory appropriation for Forest Grove taken from the table and passed. Representative A. R. Hunter of Union county, then got the bill providing an armory for La Grande withdrawn from the table and put up for final passage. The house then passed the bill appropriating \$40,000, providing that the sum be matched by private subscription.

The bills, which covers seeking appropriations, had passed on the table and apparently given up because of the recommendations of the ways and means committee that all armory measures be withdrawn.

ENDEAVOR PLAY THIS EVENING AT HIGH SCHOOL The Christian Endeavor play, given by the Christian church organization, will be held this evening in the high school auditorium. The curtain rises at 8:15 o'clock.

Annette Kellerman To Aid Kiddies



Upper left—Billy Campbell, who is being restored use of limbs through swimming exercises. Right—Miss Kellerman in a characteristic diving pose. Lower left—Miss Kellerman watching work of developing "Hidden Ranchito" into a health haven for children.

ANNETTE WILL HELP KIDDIES

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LOS ANGELES (NEA Special)—Thirty-six years ago, in Sydney, Australia, lived a 6-year-old girl who thought she would have to carry her legs in braces throughout life.

With the imagination of the hopeless, she dreamed that a good fairy would strengthen her weak, inefficient limbs.

Her mother, a great pianist, spared no expense to have her cured. Without avail.

One day it was suggested to her mother, "Teach her to swim."

Nothing the mother nor the girl realized it, but it probably was a message from the good fairy, of whom the girl had dreamed.

The experiment was tried—and it succeeded. Soon the girl could run and play and dance, as did her playmates.

"Some day," declared the girl, "I will help others as I have been helped."

That promise was never forgotten, though intervening years brought triumphs such as few women know.

The girl became the outstanding aquatic marvel of the time, and records which have never been broken, was starred in vaudeville, theaters and motion pictures, was

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Sheik Is On Warpath In Asia Minor

CONSTANTINOPLE (By the Associated Press)—Kurdish insurgents are reported to have captured the city of Kharpuf, in Eastern Asia Minor.

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Details regarding the outbreak in Kurdistan, reported from Constantinople, have thus far been insufficient to establish whether a serious revolt against the Turkish rule is in progress, or whether, as officially is reported at Ankara, the trouble is merely local.

Sheik Said, leader of an important Dervish organization with ramifications in Persia, Khavla and Bhorak, is named as head of the uprising, which is reported at Constantinople to have among its aims the restoration of the caliphate and the establishment of an independent Kurdish state.

Portland Fireman Was Starter of More Than Half Hundred Blazes

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Chester G. Buchtel, former member of the Portland fire department, who confessed last week, that he had started more than 50 fires, most of them small, Tuesday added to the list of his incendiary operations fires which wrecked Temple Beth Israel, the German Lutheran church, St. Charles Catholic church and the Grace English Lutheran church. Fire Marshal Gruentli and the district attorney's office announce.

Fires at the Kier motion picture studio in Portland, the Grange hall at Milwaukie, Ore., and other places were also confessed, adding \$200,000 to the \$200,000 damage previously admitted, the officials announced.

The new confessions were announced following a trip to the scene of the fires in company with officers of the fire bureau.

Montpelier, Idaho, Bank Forced to Close Doors

MONTPELIER, Ida. (Special)—Montpelier today is without a bank. The First National bank of Montpelier, founded in September 1904, failed to open its doors and was placed in the hands of Marshall Hooper, national bank examiner Tuesday morning.

"Continual withdrawals, due to lack of confidence, officials said, was responsible for the failure. Assets total approximately \$600,000, while outstanding liabilities come only to \$125,000, they asserted, as a large recovery for depositors is forecast.

Joseph Kinney was president, R. A. Sullivan, vice president, and H. Ferguson, cashier.

There is one bank left in Bear Lake county, the Bear Lake State bank at Paris.

To Meet An Emergency

Have you ever wanted a doctor, lawyer, dentist, or other professional person in a hurry to meet an emergency?

Such emergencies are constantly arising—especially among new residents in a community. And the nearest thing for you to do, if you have no acquaintance at the time, is to use the newspaper's Professional Directory.

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SENATOR IS FOUND DEAD AT HOTEL

Medill McCormick, of Illinois, Passed on in Capitol City

SOME DOUBT AS TO DEATH CAUSE

Physician Says Internal Hemorrhage, Coroner Claims Heart Disease Ended Life.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, was found dead in his room at the Hamilton hotel here at 10 o'clock this morning.

Circumstances surrounding his death are not immediately available. The office declined to make any statement.

It was said at the hotel, however, that death was the immediate result of gastric hemorrhage.

Not Agreed On Cause. The first doctor to examine McCormick's body issued a certificate giving internal hemorrhage as the cause of death, but the coroner held the senate had been the victim of heart disease. Both agreed that death was due to natural causes and that the senator had died almost instantly.

McCormick's death was discovered when physicians who had been attending him found the door locked and got no response to requests for admittance.

Was Worried. Although he was apparently in fair health, friends today said he had been greatly depressed by political developments during the last few months. He was defeated for renomination for the senate last summer and had been mentioned since for a diplomatic post. McCormick, during the Versailles treaty fight, was an irreconcilable.

U. S. FLAGSHIP ON THE ROCKS

MANILA (By the Associated Press)—The U. S. S. Huron, flagship of the American fleet in Asiatic waters, is aground off Malampaya Sound, Island of Palawan, 250 miles south of here, a radiogram received here today said.

The Huron is "resting easy" according to the message and probably will be refloated by three navy tugs which left here for the scene.

TEXAS RANGER LAW UPHELD

WASHINGTON (AP).—Lewis S. Gannett, associated editor of The Nation, in New York, charged before the senate committee today that without the knowledge of the American people or the consent of congress, the United States has been committed by bankers in loans and financial contracts to a "policy of empire" that has brought 10 South American republics almost under complete domination of our government. The committee is considering a resolution to prevent American military intervention in Central and South America.

Taft To Administer Oath Of Office to Coolidge

(By Harry B. Hunt.) WASHINGTON (NEA special)—For the first time in the country's history the oath of office is to be administered to a president by one of his predecessors.

This will be on March 4, when President Coolidge is sworn into office by ex-President Taft.

Taft will be acting in his capacity as chief justice of the supreme court. He is the first ex-president to hold this position, and he said it upon the present chief executive took his oath of office

following President Harding's death. But on that occasion the oath was administered by Calvin Coolidge's father, John Coolidge, in his old New England farmhouse.

When President Harding took the oath, at the preceding inauguration, it was administered by Chief Justice White.

Coolidge's inauguration next will be the "big splash" of former

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