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COMMITTEE ARRANGING CONFERENCE

Representative Meeting of Delegates of County Held at Hot Lake

GENERAL PLANS WERE DISCUSSED

County Economic Agriculture Meetings Are to Start at 10 A. M., on March 12-13-14.

Plans for the three day Union County Economic Agricultural conference were discussed and in some cases, agreed upon, last evening at a meeting held at Hot Lake, with Dr. W. T. Fry, general chairman and representing the dairying interests, presiding.

The conference will begin at 10 o'clock each morning and will be held in the Elgin high school, March 12, the Union high school, March 13 and the La Grande high school, March 14.

Among those present were: C. L. Cadwell, of the Union Commercial club; Charles Bean, of the Elgin Ad club; Mr. Weatherston, horticulturist; Karl Bucklow, chemist; J. E. Miller, berries; John Bean, grapes; S. E. Miller, livestock; J. D. Dobbins, farm crops; H. G. Avery, county agriculturist and Karl C. Reynolds, representing the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Further information concerning the meetings will be given at a later time when the program is thoroughly arranged.

Last year a large number of people attended the two day conference and a much larger attendance is anticipated this year.

POWER SCHOOL IS ARRANGED

The Perkins Motor company will hold a tractor school, or clinic, in the main garage of their building here Wednesday, March 4. The purpose of the school is to thoroughly acquaint dealers and owners of Fordson tractors and all other tractors to learn with the construction of the Fordson tractor and also explain a few facts in connection with the care, operation, and accessibility of the tractor.

The school will start at nine o'clock and run to 10:30 will be spent disassembling the tractor; 10:30 to noon, talk on construction and care of tractor; 1 to 2:30, continuation of talk on construction and care of different parts and from 2:40 to 4, talk on power farming and items of general interest about tractors. After four o'clock the machine will be re-assembled.

The school will be in charge of R. N. Kelly and O. S. Lapham, of the tractor department of the Ford Motor company of Portland. It is expected that fifty people will attend the clinic.

UNION COUNTY BILL PASSED

SALISBURY, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The state senate passed House Bill No. 249 to prohibit certain livestock from running at large on public highways in Union county today.

M-H-B-C-S-W People All-Powerful in City

People whose last name begins with M, H, B, C, S or W are the ones who have the greatest voting power in La Grande, or so it would seem from scanning the telephone directory. Take the people having names beginning with one of the six letters and they outnumber in telephone list, people whose names start with any of the other letters of the alphabet. More than 1500 telephones are listed in the directory and the "six-letter people," as one might call them in crossword puzzles, have more than 500 of the phones.

"A Secret"



The mystery of Lou Tellegen's secret marriage has been solved. The actor and Nina Romano, stage and screen star, were married more than a year and a half ago. "We kept it a secret because," she says, "Nina's real name is Isabel Craven Dilworth."

MANY ATTEND K. P. MEETING

A special train of members of the Knights of Pythias from La Grande last evening at 6:20 o'clock for Union, where the District Convention of the K. of P. district was held last evening. Three hundred members met at the K. of P. hall at 7:30 o'clock and the Pythian Slayers of Union served a delicious banquet. Tony D. Smith, of Union, presided as toastmaster, and welcomed the visitors to their city. Grand Vice Chancellor, Robert Lytle of Vale, was present and responded with a toast. Other men responding were Ben Weatherston of the Enterprise lodge, Bruce Jones, of Indio, Alvord, Anderson, of Indio, Jess Crum, of Elgin and Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande. Several excellent musical numbers were rendered by a Union orchestra during the banquet.

Team Work Staged After the banquet, the crowd went to Union gymnasium where competitive team work of the two counties was put on with the Wallawa county team winning from Union county.

Elgin obtained the most votes and the 1924 district convention will be held there.

The convention adjourned shortly before 2 o'clock this morning and the special returned to La Grande.

Sheepmen Will Confer. BEND, Ore.—Owners of approximately 100,000 head of sheep with range allotments in the Deschutes, Umpqua, Cascade and Santiam national forests will be in Bend Friday for a conference with forest service officials.

The conference of sheep men and forest officials will be held to enable the woodsmen to get in direct touch with supervisors of the various forests and with E. N. Kavanaugh, chief of grazing in the north Pacific district. Forest supervisors attending the conference will be H. L. Plumb of the Deschutes, N. F. McDuff of the Cascade and C. C. Hall of the Santiam.

Spring Ave. Section Held Too Narrow

Commissioners Will Attempt to Relieve Condition Pedestrians Encounter.

Records of recent years went through last evening when the business before the weekly commission meeting, was attended to in half an hour's time. Usually the meetings last from an hour to two hours but last night was the exception.

Several matters were taken up, chief among them being a request, entered by James Walnum, to investigate conditions concerning possible widening of Spring avenue at the Methodist church corner.

Considerable discussion followed and the upshot was that the matter was referred to W. C. Cochran, city manager, and George Cochran, city attorney, with authority to act. In all likelihood Mrs. Holmes, owner of the property at the corner of Spring and Fourth, will be made an offer by the city for a portion of her property adjacent to Spring sufficient to permit the installation of a sidewalk and curb, in line with the sidewalk on the north side of Spring. This would do away with the present condition that requires pedestrians to walk in the street along that strip.

A. J. Hill, president of the commission, asked that Mr. Cochran and Mr. Cochran inquire into the matter immediately, the other commissioners, Dr. B. P. Landis and Charles Phayle, concurring.

INCOME TAX EXPERT HERE

F. C. Schafer, of the federal income tax department arrived in La Grande this morning and until March 6th will be located in the civil service room 222 in the post office building for the purpose of helping local people in filing up their tax reports.

Mr. Schafer requests that all taxpayers reporting on the inventories, including with them copies of their report for the past year when making consultation.

W. S. Shanks of Portland is expected this evening and will assist Mr. Schafer in the work.

The men will be in the office in the post office building from 8:30 in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening during their stay here.

WHEAT UP TO TWO DOLLARS

WINNIPEG (By the Associated Press)—Wheat touched two dollars today. This is the third time this year it has reached the \$2 mark.

JULY WHEAT CLIMBS CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Foreign buying sent July wheat up high as \$1.64 3/4 here today.

Debate Title at Stake. ALBANY, Ore.—Albany, Salem and Woodburn high school debaters will meet Friday night to decide the championship of the Willamette valley in this section. The winner will enter the state tournament at Eugene later in the season. Albany has eliminated Prossville, Toledo, Stayton and Monmouth in two tiegame debates, and Salem and Woodburn have been successful in the north part of the circuit. The Albany affirmative team will go to Woodburn and the Albany negative team will meet Salem's affirmative team here. Salem's negative team will entertain the Woodburn affirmative team at Salem.

PUZZLE ANSWER



GAS BLAST BLOWS OFF ANNEX ROOF

One-Story Building Top Sent High into Air by Explosion

TWO MEN BURNED QUITE SEVERELY

Force of Blast Smashed Windows, and Pushed Building Walls Out in Portland Accident.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A gasoline explosion today blew the roof off of the annex to Allyn's Cleaning and Dyeing works here. Frank Cushing and William Keuhn, employees, were severely burned in the blast. The annex, a concrete building adjoining Allyn's main plant, was especially constructed for handling high test cleaning gasoline.

The roof of the one story building sailed into the air higher than the three story main building.

Windows were smashed and walls pushed out by the explosion. Cushing was in the basement. He rushed out and rolled on the ground in an effort to extinguish his burning clothing. He was burned about the body, hands and face. Keuhn was burned about the hands and face.

HOUSE FISH CODE BILL AGAIN GOES THROUGH SENATE

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The house fish code bill, passed by the senate yesterday and then recalled for amendment was again passed today. It was amended to reduce the size of crabs from seven to six and one-half inches.

The house today concurred in the senate amendments in regard to cigars and tobacco. The amendment eliminates cigars and chewing gum from the tax.

CHINA PROTESTS RUSSIAN WHITE ARMY ON GUARD

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—It is reported from Peking that the soviet ambassador has protested to the Chinese foreign office against the maintenance of 1000 Russian white troops between Nanking and Shanghai.

The ambassador is said to have urged the abandonment of the white legion without delay, declaring its maintenance threatened the continuance of friendly relations between China and the soviet government.

GLORIA SWANSON, MOVIE STAR, IN \$17,500 CONTRACT

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Competition for Gloria Swanson's services has resulted in signing a new contract with Famous Players-Lasky, calling for \$17,500 a week, the Los Angeles Examiner said today.

WESTERN STATION OPEN. OAKRIDGE, Ore.—The first passenger, freight and telegraph station to be added by the Southern Pacific on its outward line to Oakridge is now in operation at Westfir, announces L. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent in Eugene.

Max J. Miller, relief agent of the Southern Pacific, is temporarily in charge, but will probably be replaced in a few weeks, it is stated.

Westfir is the location of the big Western Lumber company sawmill, which made the new station possible. The mill is not operating at full capacity, but will as soon as it is good weather. Several hundred men will be employed.

A new telegraph wire has been strung to take care of the additional service on the line. Prior to this time the Westfir residents have been served through this point. Donald Known in Portland. MEMPHIS, Ore.—Dick Donald, promoter of the Excess club in Los Angeles, and mentioned in news dispatches as having been critically injured when his car overturned on the highway 22 miles from San Jose, is well known here, where he lived for a year or two, as manager of Bud Anderson, the ex-fighter. His wife was formerly Mrs. Frankie Jackson, whose mother resides here.

He Absolutely Stopped The Race



Clipping it along at 125 miles per hour, Stuart Wilkinson, entry in the 250-mile classic at Culver City, Calif., Washington's birthday, spilled himself at a turn. His car, as the photograph shows, blocked the speedway; and he, thrown clear, landed on the railing and was only slightly hurt. (Arrow points to him). The race, which had gone but two laps, had to be called off because the wrecked car could not be removed quickly enough. It will be run Sunday, March 1.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED

CONSTANTINOPLE (By the Associated Press)—The grand national assembly of Ankara has unanimously approved the Turkish government's action in proclaiming martial law in Kurdistan, and declaring it a reasonable offense to make political use of religious affairs.

WINTER WHEAT IS PROMISING

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Inclinations are at present that but very little of the fall wheat acreage will have to be reseeded in this section of the county.

Only a few instances are reported where the grain has been killed by freezing weather of the early winter. Where the snow has melted off the grain fields, the wheat is growing nicely.

The wheat which did not come up last fall, due to the extreme dryness of the ground, is now sprouting in fine shape, giving promise of a good stand with anything like favorable conditions from now on.

D. S. O. Medals Awarded U. S. Army World Flyers

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge today signed a bill awarding distinguished service medals to the army world flyers and advancing them on the army promotion list.

LOAD OF LOOT REGAINED

FENDELTON, Ore.—A wagon load of goods said to have been stolen was recovered here last night by members of the sheriff's force when Dave Lilly, 25, was arrested at the ranch of Carl Seeger, where he said he was concealing the loot. A confession has been obtained from Lilly that he stole the goods, according to Sheriff Cookingham.

Some of the loot was taken from private homes and some from stores in Oregon and Washington according to the confession.

To Meet An Emergency

Have you ever wanted a doctor, lawyer, dentist or other professional person to come to meet an emergency? Such emergencies are constantly arising—especially among new residents in a community. And the normal thing for you to do, if you have no acquaintance at the time, is to use the newspaper's Professional Directory. It's a value convenience and reference. The monthly cost for space is small in the observer.

Jurors Find Ponzi Guilty Of Larceny

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—A jury today found Charles Ponzi, former international postal return coupon tumbler, guilty on charges of larceny from clients.

Ponzi was given until tomorrow to file a motion for arrest of judgment.

The complainants were persons who in 1920 invested in Ponzi's "enterprise" which guaranteed fabulous returns.

LIQUOR PROBE OPENS IN OHIO

CLEVELAND, O. (By the Associated Press)—Maj. Roy A. Haynes, United States prohibition commissioner, arrived here yesterday to participate in the federal grand jury investigation of the Armand Drug company, Cleveland, alleged illegal withdrawals of whiskey from the Harney distillery at Troy, Ohio, variously estimated in value at between one and three million dollars. He conferred with United States District Attorney A. E. Bernstein.

"I am here to cooperate in every way possible with Mr. Bernstein and Mrs. Mabel Walker Wilbrandt, assistant attorney general, in Cleveland for the investigation," Major Haynes said.

Four girls in close touch with the business of Harney distillery at Troy, Ohio, variously estimated in value at between one and three million dollars, are being investigated by the grand jury.

Two Girls Testify

Two of the girls who testified were Miss Margaret McFarland and Miss Ethel Guerin, both formerly employed in the federal prohibition office at Columbus and transferred to Pacific coast office shortly after the period covered by the alleged conspiracy.

Miss Guerin arrived Wednesday from San Francisco in response to a subpoena and outlined a lengthy statement to John B. Foster, government prohibition agent, which was presented to the investigators before she took the stand in the grand jury room.

Miss Guerin, related among other things, according to reports about the federal building, a tale of investigation, rejected by her, from a man high in political favor in the state, that she approve certain "doctored permits."

Later in the day she spent 45 minutes before the federal grand jury.

Miss McFarland, it was reported, told the investigators of telephone calls between certain persons employed in the Columbus federal prohibition office and persons whose names have been linked with the Armand case.

XTRA

WOMAN IS ATTACKED

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. R. E. Weiser was brutally attacked by a man who entered her home just outside the city limits, early today, officers reported after being called to her house. The suspect, whose name is withheld, was taken into custody. Finger prints on the window are being examined to obtain a clue as to the woman's assailant. Mr. Weiser was away from home and two children were sleeping in another room when the intruder entered.

DICKINSON BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON (AP)—By a vote of 84 to 55, the house today passed the Dickinson cooperative marketing bill. The bill is a substitute for the Haugen measure reported by the agricultural committee.

A bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to waive grazing fees on national forest lands in drought stricken regions of the west and southwest was approved today by the army department committee. The measure was reported as a substitute for two senate bills, by Philip and Cameron.

CONSPIRATOR ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The second conspirator in a supposed plot to murder Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hotelling through shooting or poison, was arrested here today, police announced. The plot failed when Hotelling discovered poison in the milk. A man known as "Lou" was arrested today. Ralph King, supposed ringleader, has already been arrested.

RELEASE IS SOUGHT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A United States district attorney will represent the army department shortly when habeas corpus proceedings seeking the release of Lieutenant Frank E. Kennedy from the Napa insane hospital is argued.

Summer Resort to Be Built

MEDFORD, Ore.—The Crater national service headquarters located here announced that a summer resort including a general store will soon be established at the beautiful Lake of the Woods. In this county, high up in the mountains where a number of Ashland and Medford people have built the summer homes. Forest Supervisor Rankin said he had been authorized to grant a permit to construct the resort, the minimum requirements of which will be the expenditure of \$15,000 in permanent improvements within three years, to include hotel and boat house.

Jardine Declares That He Is An "Agronomist"

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NRA special)—William M. Jardine, selected President Coolidge to be secretary of agriculture after March 4, is not a "bird farmer." Jardine's actual physical experience in "farming" is limited to the years of his youth when, as a young man, he rode range in the cow country of the Little Belts in Montana. Jardine describes himself as an "agronomist." And, technically, Jardine describes himself as an "agronomist." The dictionary defines an "agronomist" as an expert in that branch of agriculture dealing with the theory and practice of crop production and the scientific management of land. Practically, Jardine's agricultural knowledge has been applied in teaching young men of the middle class how to farm rather than in holding the plow handles himself. And it is on the basis of his success as an agricultural educator that President Coolidge now names him to head the department. Instead of having for his pupils the students of the Kansas State

BOURBONS CHALLENGE WARRANT

Indiana Senators Refuse to Answer Summons Served Them

BOLTED ASSEMBLY MEET IN PROTEST

Gerrymander Bill Riled Legislators Who Left State Without Quorum in Senate.

DAYTON, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—A blanket warrant for the arrest of Democratic senators of the Indiana general assembly, who bolted legislature yesterday, was served today. The warrant served said the senators refused to acknowledge the warrant, challenging its authority.

BOURBONS FLEE SENATE

DAYTON, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—Thirteen Democratic state senators of Indiana who crossed the Ohio line into voluntary exile late Wednesday afternoon in protest against the gerrymander bill in the senate announced on their arrival here at 7 o'clock Wednesday night they plan to remain in exile until the bill is quashed.

The 13 senators made reservations at a local hotel and arranged to spend the night in this city. The 13 senators who arrived in Dayton left two of the total number of 15 that fled the state at Indianapolis. These two were Senators Dunham and Etnis, who went to Cincinnati by train.

Eighteen Democratic members of the Indiana senate bolted this body Wednesday seeking by their action to prevent passage of a gerrymander bill, which they declared would react against their party in the Second Indiana congressional district.

Reports were received Wednesday night that 15 of the bolters were at Dayton, Ohio, and Jerome Brown, principal doorkeeper of the senate, departed for that city armed with a mandate from the senate to arrest the fugitives.

Emulating the Rhode Island Republicans who performed a similar coup several months ago, the Indiana Democrats left the city secretly and for several hours were the ob-

ONE THOUSAND SLAIN IN EAST

DAMASCUS (By the Associated Press)—One thousand inhabitants of Transjordan were killed and many wounded when taken by surprise by forces of 10,000 Wahabi tribesmen, who crossed the border of Transjordan toward Amman, says an announcement today by Sultan Ibn Saoud, political representative here.

MOB LYNCHES NEGRO KILLER

SHREVEPORT, La. (By the Associated Press)—Joe Airc, negro, alleged slayer of N. A. Yarbrough, state highway officer, was lynched today near Benton, La., by a mob after being wounded by a deputy sheriff, according to a report reaching here.

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