

PIERCE TO VETO ARMORY BILL

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Governor to Deliver the Main Address at County Grange Meeting

HURRICANE DRILL TEAM IS COMING

Several Other Features Promise to Make the March 28th Session One of Much Interest.

Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, but now busy at Salem, is to be the main speaker for the regular Union County Pomona grange meeting which is to be held at Elgin on March 28, according to announcements today.

The chief executive will address the organization in the afternoon of that day and a special invitation is to be extended by the grangers for the farmers of the county.

Member of Grange. The governor has been a member of the Pomona grange here for a number of years and at one time was a delegate from that organization to the state grange.

In addition to the governor's address, several other features will make the meeting of much importance.

The annual election of officers will be attended to at the morning business session and the report of the legislative committee is being looked forward to.

Drill Team to Be Present. Another special feature will be the appearance in the evening of the Hurricane Creek drill team from Joseph.

A number of other delegates from Wallowa county have also indicated that they will attend the Elgin meeting.

LENTEN TALKS WILL BE GIVEN

The La Grande public library is making plans at the present time for a series of Lenten talks for school children to start a week from tomorrow, Saturday, March 7.

The talks will be illustrated by colored slides from Mrs. E. P. Mosman's collection and the talks will be given by various ladies of the city interested in this work.

The talks will illustrate the last week of the life of Christ, each Saturday representing one day of the last week.

The children have been divided into two groups; the small children coming in the morning at 11 o'clock and the high school students at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Registration will be required in order to accommodate everyone. All children interested are asked to register soon.

Road Judgment Verdict Favors Wallowa County

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—The judgment will be for the defendant.

In the case of Judge Walter H. Evans of the circuit court closed his opinion in the case of the North Pacific Construction company against Wallowa county. The figures prepared by H. N. Kellough as county engineer are upheld without change and the county is called on to pay only the amount of the engineer's fee.

A matter of \$325, which the county tendered before suit was begun. The company sued for \$61,725, states a local newspaper.

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Imbler And Wallowa Vie At 3 Today

Branchline Teams Start Sub-District Basketball Tournament Here This Afternoon.

The Imbler and Wallowa basketball quintets will open the sub-district tournament here this afternoon at 3 o'clock. And by 3 o'clock is meant 2 o'clock, say the officials in charge of the tournament who declare that every game played will start right on schedule time.

The remainder of the games on today's schedule are Joseph vs. Elgin at 4 o'clock, this afternoon, Union vs. Cove at 7:15 this evening and La Grande vs. Enterprise to wind up this evening at 8:15.

Six more games will be played tomorrow commencing at 2:30 in the morning. The winners of today's games will draw after the contests and the losers will be matched in the same manner. Four teams will be selected by tomorrow evening to represent this district at the eastern Oregon tournament at Union in March.

Of the four teams two will have come through the tournament with a clean slate and two will have lost one game.

Tickets for the tournament are now on sale at Glass Drugs and Westerns and Gilbert's. No reserved seats are being sold and business men's and student body tickets are not good at the door.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND TALK ON F. O. E. LODGE

When Del Cary Smith, Eagle lecturer, speaks in Elgin hall tomorrow night concerning the "Fraternities of Eagles," a large crowd of members of the local lodge and citizens who are not members of the order, is expected to be in attendance.

According to information, Mr. Smith has a wealth of information to impart to local people and the Eagles invite all to be present.

PRINCE PAYS UP PRESSMEN UNION DUES BY CHECK

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The New York Pressmen's union was spared the painful necessity of suspending its star member, the Prince of Wales, when a \$7 check, two months' dues, was received from him today.

His grace's period would have expired tomorrow.

President Ebert Now Past the Danger Point

BERLIN (By the Associated Press).—Physicians today believe that President Ebert had passed the crisis of his illness. His condition is now constantly improving.

PUZZLE ANSWER

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150 Pictures Prepared For Library Circulation

One hundred and fifty of the world's masterpieces of art have been ready for circulation at the La Grande public library for the past two days and others are being added to that number each day.

It is hoped by those in charge that the entire collection, 1904 in all, will be ready for circulation by the first of next week.

Each picture has its story and a short biography of the artist attached to the back of it. This

work is under the supervision of Mrs. E. P. Mosman.

So far approximately thirty pictures have gone out from the library and the majority of these are in the hands of small children, who prefer animal pictures.

WATER BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Measure, Affecting Oregon, Sent to House for Consideration

POSTAL PAY BILL UP TO PRESIDENT

Senate Approved Measure Late Yesterday by Vote of 69 to 12; Leaders Hopeful of O. K.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Authority for the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana to enter an agreement respecting the disposition and development of waters of the Columbia river and tributaries would be granted by a bill passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

The bill provides that two persons appointed by the president participate in any negotiations. The agreement would deal particularly with water for reclamation purposes.

POSTAL BILL PASSED WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The postal pay and rate increase bill received final congressional approval Thursday and now goes to the president.

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PRESBYTERIAN ORGAN PUT IN

The new Presbyterian church organ is being installed this week. It is a representative of the George Killeen and Son company of Chicago from whom the organ was purchased has been here for several days doing the installation and tuning of the instrument.

The new organ is one of the finest in the city. It contains several hundred pipes including wooden pipes, metal pipes and reed pipes. These vary in size from small reed pipes the size of a lead pencil to the large wooden ones perhaps a foot square.

The instrument is what is called by organists a two manual organ with two rows of keys one above the other besides the foot pedals which are used in playing the bass notes.

The organ is operated entirely by electricity. A very intricate wiring system connecting each note and each pedal is responsible for the action of the organ which is unusually rapid.

Plans for the formal opening concert on the organ are not complete yet but Reverend W. C. Ross said this morning that he hoped to be able to make definite announcement in this respect at the church next Sunday.

CHURCH BANQUET IS TO BE HELD THIS EVENING

The men of the Christian church and their friends will meet this evening in the basement of the church at a banquet which will be served by the ladies of the church. An excellent menu is being planned and one hundred guests are expected.

O. W. Jones will preside as toastmaster and Joe Williams will respond with a talk on "Challenges of the Church." L. S. Weeks will talk on "Backing the Church's Program." Dr. J. L. McPherson will have as his subject "Backing the Service of the Church." J. J. Hallett, "Every Day Religion" and G. A. Pollard, "The Call of the Church to Men."

Meat Market Installs Grocery Department

The Grande Round Meat company will open a grocery department in its City Meat Market tomorrow, February 28. The company is installing a fresh stock of fruits, vegetables, staple and fancy groceries.

Clark Webb, who has been employed by the company for a number of years as bookkeeper will have full charge of the new department, according to announcement made today by P. A. Epling.

Band Plans Concert And Dance Mar. 4

Proceeds to Be Used by Municipal Organization to Purchase Musical Instruments.

La Grande, like Washington, D. C., will have an inaugural ball on the evening of March 4th. The dance however is to be given by the purpose of raising funds for new instruments.

A concert will be played on the street at 8:15 on the night of the dance and the band itself will play the dance music for the first hour. At 10 o'clock a 15-piece orchestra made up of members of the band will take the stand and put out the music for the rest of the evening.

Band Members Not Paid. Contrary to general impression the band members are not paid by the city for playing. Neither are their instruments furnished.

Andrew Loney Jr., receives a salary from the city for his services but no other members of the band receive any remuneration whatever for their work.

Nearly all of the instruments used by the band are the property of individual owners with the exception of some of the larger instruments which have been purchased out of the general fund raised by the efforts of the band. It is to improve the standard of the band by the purchase of new instruments that the dance is being given.

COOPERATION LEVENS' PLAN

BAKER, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—"I intend to hammer away on the principle of co-operating with, and encouraging the activities of district attorneys and sheriffs," said W. S. Levens when interviewed here last night.

"The best results must come from their efforts, and I believe that a policy of assisting one officer by showing him how another has solved the same problem; of keeping in constant touch with county officials; and of intelligent co-operation and co-ordination, will go further toward enforcing the prohibition law than any other method. Of course always having in mind that the people must help.

"There will be about six men working directly under me. The governor and I have not yet definitely decided whether my headquarters are to be in Salem or Portland.

"I hope to make good in this position, and intend to use my best efforts in enforcing the law. It cannot all be accomplished at once, but I am hoping, by hard work to accomplish something worth while for the state.

"I will be in town for a few days, clearing up business matters, and then go to Salem, returning for the session of court in March. After that I will take up my residence in the new headquarters, and assume the duties of commissioner."

W. S. Levens arrived in Baker yesterday, after conferences with Governor Pierce and other state officials at Salem. While here, he was extended the honors of the state legislature. Mr. Levens is already very popular with Portland and Salem people, and all indications are that his administration will be a highly successful one.

EGG CONTROL BILL NOW LAW

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Compulsory grading and labeling of all eggs displayed for sale is provided in a bill passed by legislature, and signed by Governor Pierce. The law goes into effect within 30 days.

The law also provides that all eggs imported into the state from foreign countries be labeled as foreign eggs.

Retailers selling foreign eggs must inform purchasers and restaurants and hotels using or serving foreign eggs must display a sign in a conspicuous place to this effect. The measure is endorsed by the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers, as designed to protect the public against eggs unfit for consumption.

Secretary of Agriculture and Family



Here is the latest picture of W. A. Jardine of Kansas, recently appointed secretary of agriculture by President Coolidge, with his family. Jardine was president of the Kansas State Agricultural college. The Jardines have three children, Marian, upper left; Bill, right, and Ruth.

XTRA STORMS KILL MANY

HULL, Eng. (AP).—Eighty-four persons are believed to have been lost in fierce gales which have swept the Icelandic fishing grounds during the last four days.

SARREBOURG (AP).—Seven persons were killed and 15 injured here when a workshop was destroyed by wind.

SIMS TAKES STAND. WASHINGTON (AP).—Rear Admiral Sims, retired, today vigorously opposed before the house aircraft committee the creation of a unified air service as urged by Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief. The admiral endorsed the building up of a powerful air force by the United States, however, declaring that the "airplane will play a predominant part" in the next war.

He predicted that the capital ship of the future will be an airplane carrier.

SLEUTH AFTER SLEUTH. CHICAGO (AP).—How detectives shadowed detectives in connection with the contested divorce suit of W. E. D. Stokes, New York millionaire, was related today in the Stokes conspiracy trial. Stokes and three others are charged with conspiring to defame his estranged wife, Edward W. Alitz, head of the Chicago Detective Agency, formerly retained by Stokes to obtain evidence against Mrs. Stokes and Hall Billing, is named by Stokes as correspondent in the divorce suit.

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GRADE CROSSING PETITION FILED BY HELM TODAY

A petition for a grade crossing on the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway near the Conley warehouse was filed this morning by Carl Helm, district attorney, acting for the county court.

The crossing at the branch line road near the Conley warehouses has long been a source of annoyance and danger to property holders in the district but with the petition in the hands of the public service commission it is expected that action on the matter will be taken some time in the near future.

Turks Stage Comeback; Defeat Kurdish Forces

CONSTANTINOPLE (By the Associated Press).—The Anatolian agency here issued a statement today saying the rebellious Kurdish forces had been repulsed and that the Turkish government troops had recaptured Kharpuz and the town of Ehsak, recently taken by the rebels.

ELEVEN MEN ROBBED ON SPEEDING TRAIN

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Nine passengers and two members of the train crew of the New York Central railroad Western Express were lined up in a locked sleeping car as the trail sped Chicagoward between Chertonton, Indiana, and Gary, last night, and robbed by two men who threatened them with a sawed-off shotgun and an automatic pistol.

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LA GRANDE MEASURE TO BE SCORNE

Both Senate and House Agreed to \$40,000 Appropriation

46-DAY SESSION ENDS LAST NIGHT

Songs, Stunts and Story Telling Marked Closing; Solons' Wives Served Cake.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Governor Walter M. Pierce today announced that as fast as they reach him all armory bills passed by the legislature will be vetoed.

Passes Buck to Solons. "Due to the failure of the legislature to provide sufficient revenue, I shall be obliged to veto all armory bills passed at the last session," the governor said.

"I cannot approve appropriations which exceed the available revenue."

La Grande Included. Yesterday the senate passed the La Grande, Forest Grove and Cottage Grove armory bills.

SESSION COMES TO END. SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The thirty-third legislature, which has been in session forty-six days, adjourned last night.

Songs, stunts and story telling marked the closing of the session. After the final gavel members enjoyed coffee and cake served by the senators' wives.

Last Day Busy One. The last day was marked by a

ELGIN MAY GET PLANING MILL

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—Elgin is to come back into its own as a planer and mill town, states a local newspaper.

Negotiations are practically completed with the Ponderosa Lumber company to put in a planer plant in this city.

William Moore, who until recently was connected with the White Pine Lumber company in this county, has a definite proposition before the business men and citizens and at a meeting of the Ad club in the city hall, Mr. Moore received assurance that his proposal to establish a planing mill in this city would be accepted.

Briefly, Mr. Moore's proposal to establish a planing mill here is contingent upon Elgin furnishing him with a site and building. This, however, is not to be in the nature of a donation. Mr. Moore made it plain that he was not asking the city to give him anything. His offer is to lease the property for a term of years at a reasonable rental, a sum per month sufficient to take care of taxes and insurance and guarantee the investors a fair annual interest. Mr. Moore will do the business under the name of Ponderosa Lumber company and announced his readiness to begin business not later than the first of June.

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