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RAILROAD BANQUET IS A SUCCESS

Large Crowd Witnesses Presentation of the Safety Banner

16 SPEAKERS ON DINNER PROGRAM

Much Praise Given Workers and Officials of O.-W. Second Division for Achievement.

Attended by a large crowd of railroad and business men, the banquet given by the Second Division Safety Committee of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company in the Odd Fellows' temple here last night is classed as one of the most successful and interesting of its kind in years.

The occasion, the formal presentation to the second division of a safety banner, reflected greatly upon the carefulness and attention to duty of the railroadmen in this district. Their efforts, that resulted in the signal honor, is widely appreciated and cities and towns in this division are proud of the record that has resulted in the lowering of casualties to a remarkable degree.

The program began about 6:30 o'clock when G. L. Dutton, president as song leader, launched the crowd into the strains of "America." Following this the orchestra played several numbers and the dinner was served.

Wm. W. Boltons, president as chairman of the meeting and C. F. Roberts acted as toastmaster. Among the first introduced was Mr. Coleman, passenger brakeman, who gave a splendid impersonation of a Scotch singer and dancer.

A solo dance was then given by little Miss Jane Wells, daughter of the mechanical foreman at 11th, whose efforts were highly appreciated. Prior to the reading by the toastmaster of telegrams and letters from J. P. O'Brien, general manager, and other absent officials, the chamber of commerce quartet (Messrs. Dutton, Elmer Stoddard, G. S. Birmle and Sherwood Williams), and the La Grande band, two musical organizations that have done much to place La Grande in its present high ranking in northwestern musical circles, appeared. Much applause greeted their renditions.

The first speaker of the evening, J. G. Grodzki, general safety agent for the O.-W. company, spoke briefly, giving praise to the division workers who were responsible for the winning of the safety banner. Following him F. B. Appleby, owner and editor of the Evening

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RADIKERS TO LOCATE HERE

Envoy J. T. McKay, who has been in charge of the local Salvation Army since Adjutant and Mrs. Peterson were called south, will leave here this week for Baker, where he will take charge. A farewell in honor of Envoy McKay will be held this evening at the army building.

Captain and Mrs. Radiker will be the new officers in this city. Both are experienced in the army work. Corps Cadet Kathleen Radiker will assist them as vocal soloist and the captain's two children will also take part in the meetings.

"The new officers expect to continue the work of relieving the needy poor of La Grande," Envoy McKay stated today.

Committee Appointed For Legion Minstrel Show

One of the best American Legion meetings of several months was held last night at the Honan hall. The auxiliary had a large percentage of their membership in attendance and spent the evening in discussing their program for the sale of tickets for the hope chest that they are going to dispose of in the near future, seeing also occupied their time.

Among the things discussed by the post were: a minstrel show, which the post has decided to stage in the near future, the proceeds of which will be used to finance the drum corps trip to Prineville for the state convention.

Band Dance Enjoyed By Many People

Proceeds from Benefit to Be Used in Purchasing New Uniforms and Instruments for the organization.

A large crowd attended the benefit dance given by the La Grande Municipal band last evening. The music was excellent, the floor was good, everybody was happy and altogether the 200 or so dancers had a most enjoyable time.

A concert was played on the street by the entire band preceding the dance. The band then marched to the hall where it played the music for the dance for the first hour, after which an orchestra composed entirely of band members took the stand.

As the dance was a benefit affair given to raise money for new uniforms and instruments the large turnout was very gratifying and encouraging to the members of the band who feel that in such ways the La Grande public shows its appreciation of the music furnished by the organization.

Approximately \$175 was grossed at the dance and as the music was all donated the net returns will run somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150. This sum will be expended by the band for new equipment.

A public statement was issued this morning by Andrew Louie, Jr., leader of the band, and Ira A. Snyder, secretary expressing the appreciation of the organization for the support of the La Grande public and thanking the merchants of this city for their help in making the dance a success.

RED CROSS TO BE ORGANIZED

It was decided when Miss Nell Holsinger, district field representative of the American Red Cross, was here two weeks ago that a public meeting of the La Grande chapter of the Red Cross would be held at the City Hall Thursday evening, March 5.

Because the La Grande chapter has not been very active during the past year and because the annual roll call has not yet been taken all interested in Red Cross work will meet this evening at 8 o'clock and reorganize the chapter and elect officers. It is required by the constitution of the American Red Cross organization that roll call be taken annually and as this has not yet taken place in the local chapter, reorganization is necessary to retain the chapter.

County Court in Session

The Union county court convened this morning in regular monthly session. U. G. Couch and Commissioners W. W. Stevens of Union, and John Wells of Allice, were present at roll call.

No special business is scheduled for the session, according to Judge Couch.

PUZZLE ANSWER

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8 TEAMS TO COMPETE AT UNION TODAY

District Basketball Tournament Begins This Afternoon

LA GRANDE PLAYS ENTERPRISE FIVE

Three Other Interesting Contests Drawn Up for Opening Round; No Team Has "Cinch."

3 p. m.: Wallowa vs. Muddy Creek.
4 p. m.: Joseph vs. Prairie City.
5:30 p. m.: La Grande vs. Enterprise.
8:30 p. m.: Baker vs. Vale. Ralph Coleman, referee.

When Referee Coleman tosses up the basketball between the Wallowa and Muddy Creek centers this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Union, Ore., gymnasium, the second annual district basketball tournament will officially begin with eight teams: Wallowa, Muddy Creek, Joseph, Prairie City, La Grande, Enterprise, Baker and Vale, competing for the honor of representing Wallowa, Union, Baker, Harney, Malheur and Grant counties at the state tournament at Salem next week.

Wallowa is favored to win the opening contest inasmuch as the dope sheet shows two victories over Baker by the branchline quintet. Baker is conceded to be stronger than Muddy Creek although the line is not too wide. Joseph to play. Joseph high, which, until its defeat by La Grande, was expected to win the tournament, will meet Prairie City at 4 o'clock in a game that may prove more thrilling than many expect. Prairie City and Vale enjoy the title of "dark horse" this year and anything may be expected.

La Grande's Tigers will meet Enterprise at 7:30 o'clock in the evening and a Blue and White victory is expected, inasmuch as the Wallowa county-seaters have lost three games to La Grande this year. Even so, a close contest may result, and the possibility of victory for Enterprise is not too remote.

The final game of the first round will follow the La Grande-Enterprise contest when Baker tries out Vale's wares. Baker is undoubtedly one of the strongest teams in the district and is out to win back prestige lost last year when La Grande eliminated her from the first annual tournament.

Large Crowd Expected. A large crowd, especially this evening, is expected at Union. Al-

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AUDIT MADE OF CITY'S BOOKS

Report by L. I. Busey, who has just completed auditing the city books, was heard last evening at the city commission meeting, which was attended by President A. T. Hill and Commissioners R. F. Landis and Charles Payne.

According to Mr. Busey the city books were found in very good shape, only a few errors being found. These were of a minor nature and affected the cash not at all.

Mr. Busey's report showed that the cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924 was \$44,788.37. Receipts for 1924 totaled \$54,964.05. Disbursements for 1924 were \$27,576.12 leaving \$56,442.93 on hand December 31, 1924.

Warrants issued during the year totaled \$472,562.17.

Several other matters were handled by the commissioners, including the approval of the fire and police chief's reports for the past month.

A petition for a sewer on North Fifth, two blocks in length, beginning at Y avenue, was granted. Peddlers' and hawkers' license fees were discussed to some length.

C. L. Payne inquired concerning attempts to widen Spring street at the Fourth street entrance. City Attorney reported that Mrs. Gibbs was unwilling to sell part of her property. The matter was referred back to the city manager and city attorney for further investigation.

The city manager was given authority to use his own judgment in handling the flood water condition that developed yesterday.

INCREASE IN BUSINESS IS INDICATED

January and February of 1925 Show Large Increase over 1924

OFFICE HERE GETS HIGH RATING

Figures at La Grande Post Office show Perceptible Pickup in Total Transactions During First Two Months.

Steady growth in La Grande business is indicated by figures on postal receipts at the local office, made public this morning by Ralph Huron, postmaster.

The amount of business at a postoffice is an accurate barometer by which to judge the growth of a city, thus La Grande's showing over a period of time is particularly encouraging.

Comparisons of figures for the first two months of the year with those of 1924 during the same period show an increase of approximately 12 1/2 per cent in one instance and 1 1/2 per cent in the next.

Total revenue received at the postoffice from the sale of stamps, money orders and by other regular routine business during January, 1924, was \$3,458.56. The first month of 1925 \$3,225.93 was received at the postoffice this showing an increase although, according to Mr. Huron January 1924 was considered an unusually heavy month at the time.

The month of February just concluded showed a corresponding increase. February this year was one day shorter than February 1924, but still showed a good pickup.

Last year during February the La Grande postoffice took in \$2,757.62, and this year \$2,796.78, thus showing an amount of \$39.16 on the credit side of the ledger in favor of 1925 although February

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EBERT BURIED WITH HONORS

BERLIN (By Associated Press)—Germany paid final honors Wednesday to the first chief executive of the new republic, Friedrich Ebert, who died Saturday. The streets along the route for the funeral procession were jammed. It was a sunshiny day—Hohenzollern weather, many members of the remarked laconically, for it was a tradition that the deceased house always had pleasant weather for all public occasions.

But this procession was quite unlike those of the time of the emperors. There was few soldiers—only a company of cavalry, three infantry regiments, a battery and a few policemen to escort the dead Socialist president and there was little gold lace and little glitter.

The president's body passed through the central arch of the Brandenburg gate, a passage which was open only to the emperor in nomenclature days.

The seventy-fifth psalm, selected for use in the private funeral in the executive mansion, was especially appropriate for a man of Ebert's simplicity, who came of a tailor father and represented the German laboring classes by six trying years as head of the nation.

Many spectators were unable to find space in the great circle before the Reichstag building where President Loeb's of the Reichstag, delivered the funeral address after services in the executive mansion.

Services in the executive mansion were brief. Chancellor Luther delivered the funeral oration and the body was removed from the mansion and the funeral procession started for the Reichstag.

REPUBLICANS FAVOR MOSES

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, was selected today by the senate Republicans as their candidate for president pro tempore of the senate to succeed Senator Cummings.

Sixteen Sets of Twins!



Luther Burbank's plant creations are not the only things that flourish in Santa Rosa, Calif. Here are 16 sets of twins, residents of Santa Rosa, Calif., ranging in ages from three months to three score years.

BLOODY FIGHT NEAR JARABUB

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—A special Cairo dispatch says that reports are current there of fighting near Jarabub between Italian troops and the Bedouins with Egyptian territory.

Fifteen Bedouins were killed and an army captured. It was stated.

The Italians are also declared to have been sharply engaged with the natives near Bengazi and to have suffered considerable losses.

Italy and Egypt are disputing regarding the latter's western frontier. Italy claims Jarabub belongs to Tripoli.

Two Hours' Sleep Is Quite Expensive for British Hotel Keeper

WINDERMERE, Eng. (AP)—The proprietor of a leading hotel in this district will sleep with one eye open for the future, since he was fined \$20 and costs by the county court judge for failing to let a traveller in the hotel for several hours one morning.

The traveller told the court he was stranded through his baggage being lost and tried to obtain admission to the hotel at 5 o'clock in the morning. It was after 7 when he got in and during the wait was exposed to rain and cold.

The traveller said that he did not bring the action in a vindictive spirit, but wished to register his protest against the proprietor's refusal to entertain travellers and to show him that innkeepers had a duty to the travelling public which they were bound to carry out.

The court upheld his views and fined the proprietor.

COVALLIS CO-EDS WIN

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis.—The co-ed negative debate team of Oregon Agricultural college won a 2-to-0 victory over the co-ed team of the University of British Columbia here, but the Corvallis affirmative team at the University of British Columbia lost by a 2-to-1 decision of the judges. As a result of the vote, the Corvallis co-eds claimed the series, having obtained four votes to their opponents' two.

The question debated was: "Resolved, That the United States Immigration laws should be amended to admit Japanese on the same basis as Europeans."

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When a business man has been in business for a long time and has accumulated a good following and made lots of acquaintances, he possesses something of great value.

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Paris Girls Wear Skirts Above Knees

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Skirts above the knees, curled eyelashes and red ears are the latest Paris modes, New York has just been informed.

Some passengers, returning yesterday on the Olympic, had on skirts reaching only to the knees.

Mrs. Bertram Parker, European fashion editor for a New York publication, was a passenger and was asked if these were fair samples of the Parisian designers' latest.

"What! Those skirts?" she asked. "Why they're way down to their knees. In Paris they are above the knee."

Miss Nina Baldwin said the new Parisian makeup included reddened ears and nostrils, blue or greyed eyelids and curled eyelashes.

YOKEL BEATS L. PERGANDAS

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Mike Yokel, Salt Lake City wrestler, defeated Louk Pergandas, of Chicago, here last night.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF INAUGURATION SENT BY WIRE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Photographs of the inauguration, including a picture of President Coolidge taking the oath, transmitted over telephone wires of the American Telephone & Telegraph company were received yesterday in New York, Chicago and San Francisco in time for publication in the late editions of the afternoon newspapers.

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Astoria School Head to Quit

ASTORIA, Ore.—City Superintendent of Schools Strange, who has headed the city schools for the past five years, has announced that he will tender his resignation to the school board in a few days.

Mr. Strange was president of the Oregon State Teachers' association and one of the best-known educators in the state. During his tenure here he has played an active part in civic affairs.

VIENNA SCRIBES NUMEROUS

VIENNA (AP)—The wave of self-destruction attributed to the general distress prevalent in Vienna reached a new high peak in February. One hundred and seventy suicides or attempted suicides were reported.

PRESIDENT BEGINS FOUR YEAR TASK

Coolidge Was at Office This Morning Before Nine O'clock

FRANK KELLOGG SUCCEEDS HUGHES

W. M. Jardine Becomes New Secretary of Agriculture; Gore to Become Governor.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Calvin Coolidge today took up the four-year burden placed upon him by the people with no indication that he might change his simple program of "doing a day's work."

It was at his desk before nine o'clock this morning and immediately plunged into routine work.

KELLOGG SWORN IN. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Frank H. Kellogg was sworn in today as secretary of state, succeeding Secretary Hughes, who has held the post for the last four years.

The oath was administered at 8:30 o'clock at the state department by Justice Butler, of the supreme court.

BECOMES SECRETARY. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—William M. Jardine, of Kansas, today became secretary of agriculture, succeeding Howard M. Gore, who retired yesterday to become governor of West Virginia.

STOKES TELLS OF TROUBLES

CHICAGO (By Associated Press)—W. D. Stokes, millionaire New York hotel owner, took the witness stand in his own behalf Wednesday. He immediately launched into testimony designed to prove a reason for the investigation of his wife, Helen Ellwood Stokes of Denver, Colo., which resulted in his present trial for conspiracy to defame her.

Originally one of seven indicted in the alleged plot to mar Mrs. Stokes' reputation, the aged millionaire found himself left to face the jury with only Robert Lee, Chicago negro. Earlier in the day, the prosecution moved to dismiss the indictments against Daniel E. Nugent of New York, Mrs. Stokes' former attorney, and Hattie Johnson, New York negroess. Two other persons obtained separate trials which have not been called and one man never has been apprehended.

Mr. Stokes testified he met his then Miss Ellwood while she was a guest with another woman at his New York hotel in 1911. He said they complained of a noisy radiator which he fixed up for them.

The aged witness recounted the marriage, his provisions of three elaborate homes for his bride and luxuries and money he heaped upon her.

The first difficulty, he mentioned, came in September, 1916, when Mrs. Stokes, he said, told him that she could not live with him because of a question as to the legality of their marriage and she moved to another hotel. Two months later, he said, Mrs. Stokes, when he returned to provide a \$25,000 tax apartment on Fifth avenue, Mrs. Stokes attacked him with her fingernails and left scars which he displayed to the jury.

A short time later, he said, he refused Mrs. Stokes a divorce because of their two children, born in 1912 and 1913.

XTRA

PORTLAND (AP)—Presentation of a pageant to be called "The Rose," was decided upon today by the rose festival directors. Mrs. Doris Smith, a local musician, wrote the pageant. The music was composed by Charles Wakefield Cadman, nationally known composer.

LABOR DELEGATION QUITS. LONDON (AP)—The entire labor delegation today, in the House of Commons, led by former Premier Macdonald, walked out of the house when the speaker ordered David Kirkwood, Scotch labor member to leave the chamber after having interrupted the speech of Foreign Secretary Chamberlain.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE TODAY. WASHINGTON (AP)—The list from which Secretary Weeks will recommend to President Coolidge the successor to Brigadier General Mitchell as assistant army air chief has been reduced to three officers. The final decision will probably be made late today. None of the officers under consideration ranks below the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

MEDFORD RANCHER SHOT. MEDFORD (AP)—Orin W. Train, 69, a rancher of the Evans Creek district, was found dead last night at his ranch with a bullet through his head. Although the dead man had a revolver in his hand no shell had been exploded the officers are doubtful of the suicide theory. Train was of cheerful disposition, had no financial worries and was thought to have no motive for suicide, according to friends. He sought supplies on the morning of his death.

NOMINATION CONFIRMED. WASHINGTON (AP)—The senate confirmed New's nomination as postmaster.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge today returned to the senate the re-nomination of Charles Beecher Warren for attorney general. Warren's nomination failed of confirmation at the last session. Postmaster New was nominated to succeed himself.

ACTORS JUMP ROOM RENT. DESMOINES (AP)—Four movie folk with their managers were arrested here today charged with jumping their hotel bill. They spent two hours in jail before their managers raised \$277 due an Omaha hotel. The arrested included Anna May Wong, Cullen Landis, Edna Gregory, Jack Daugherty, H. L. Tighe, H. A. Devaux and Harry Anderson.

States Also "Kick" At Federal Income Taxes

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press)—Some states, by less than some individuals, have a grievance against Uncle Sam's income tax law, in the opinion of Representative Ernest Akerman of New Jersey.

Akerman thinks the tax collector bears entirely too heavily on the incomes of New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

These four states, he points out, pay in personal income taxes \$34,000,000 more than is paid by all the other 44 states together.

And to add insult to injury, he finds that while clipping in most

heavily to the government revenue they are not cutting in proportionately on the money dispensed in the various lines of federal aid.

While paying \$34,000,000 more than the remaining states in income taxes, they receive \$52,000,000 less than the others from their funds Uncle Sam spends in partnership with the states.

"This means," says Akerman, "that these industrial states are carrying on their activities under a tax load that is a brake on the wheels of permanent progress."

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