

OPENING OF CONFERENCE TOMORROW

Agriculturists of County to Gather in Elgin on Thursday Morning

FRIDAY MEET TO BE HELD AT UNION

Third and Closing Day of Annual Economic Meetings Will Find La Grande the Host.

Final arrangements are being made today for the second annual Union County Agricultural Economic conference, which will begin tomorrow and continue Friday and Saturday.

A feature that has been announced and received with approval will be the serving of a free cafeteria luncheon at noon Thursday, Friday and Saturday by the commercial clubs of Elgin, Union and La Grande, respectively.

Many to Attend. Everyone is urged to attend as many of these meetings as possible as an interesting and helpful program is being arranged.

Matters that are gone into at the annual conference are not only of interest to the agriculturist but also to the business man or anyone else vitally concerned for the advancement of the community in which one lives, according to an announcement by those in charge of the movement.

Paul Carpenter, county agent of Baker county, will discuss the control of the alfalfa weevil at the Friday session at Union. D. E. Stephens, from the More experimental station, will work on the farm crop committee in place of E. R. Jackson. A. R. Hunter has been assigned to the irrigation committee.

The agricultural report of the Union county survey by the chamber of commerce, agricultural committee will be presented to the conference.

W. W. LANGFORD HERD JUDGED

"Interest in Oregon cow testing associations is increasing," reports N. C. Jamison, dairyman of the college extension service. "Hog River association began testing the first of this year, and two associations are being organized in Coos county."

Results encourage testing. For January 2329 cows were tested in seven associations, with 15 detected as loafers and killed. The average production was 696 pounds of milk with 23.3 pounds of fat. Of the cows tested, 252 produced 40 or more pounds of fat. The best herd in each of the seven associations were as follows:

Thillamook, No. 1, G. A. Schell, averaged 41.45 pounds of fat; No. 2, William Glick, 29.01; No. 3, Joe Grab, 34.69; Columbia, Lee Korpella, 47.3; Redmond, herd No. 9, 42.56; Union, W. W. Langford, 29.9; Rogue River, W. Bohner, 42.26.

The highest honor purebred cow belongs to G. R. Aniker of Columbia association, a Holstein that gave 1826 pounds of milk with 38.4 pounds of fat. The highest grade producer is owned by J. Dowling of the same association and gave 847 pounds of milk with 47 pounds of fat.

"Reports indicate that better (Continued on Page 5.)"

Inheritance Tax Action Brought Up

Judge Knowles Takes Up Matter in Connection with Perkins Estate under Adversement.

Action in reference to the amount of the inheritance tax to be paid to the state came up before Judge J. W. Knowles, in the circuit court yesterday, in connection with the late Perkins estate.

Charles T. Haas and J. T. Stevens, prominent Portland attorneys, appeared representing the treasury department. George Cochran, Colonel Eberhard and Robert Bakin were attorneys for the estate.

Judge Knowles has taken the matter under advisement and at some future time, his decision will be made public.

DECIOUS BUYS OREGON HOTEL

Ben Decious, of this city, owner of the Savoy hotel here and formerly owner of the New Sommer hotel which he recently sold, has purchased the "Hotel Holland" in Medford, Ore. he announced today. Mr. Decious will take possession April 1st and will leave La Grande about the 20th of this month. He will make his home in the western Oregon city.

The "Hotel Holland" is a four-story, modern building, lately built. In addition to 60 rooms it has 15 two and three room apartments. According to Mr. Decious, it is about the best hotel along the line being well situated and enjoying a fine patronage.

The hotel was formerly owned by H. C. Smith, reverting to his widow, Mrs. Kathleen Smith, upon his death last December.

Mr. Decious, who has been in business here for many years, owning the Silver Grill before he bought the Savoy and Sommer, will receive the hearty good wishes of this community in his new location.

HI DADS ARE TO BANQUET CAGERS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The boys' and girls' basketball teams will be entertained by the Hi-Dads at a banquet to be served in the domestic science rooms at the high school a week from today. The banquet will be served at 6:30 Wednesday, March 18. The program has not been entirely completed yet but some good things in the way of special features as well as the good things on the table have been promised by G. L. Dutton, in charge of the general arrangements.

Breeders Welcome Contest

PENDLETON, Ore.—Hog breeders in the west end of Umatilla county have welcomed the announcement that a state ton-litter contest will be conducted this year, and a number of breeders have indicated an intention to compete. Some breeders of this district lent their influence toward having the contest, adopted, so that Oregon breeders may have a chance to show their skill and the favorable conditions for the business in this state, as compared with the corn belt district.

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SPRING TO DAWES LATE; SEE BRIGHT NOMINATION COLOR WORN IS FAILURE

Feminine Wear for Season Features Little of the Drab Shades

SHORT SKIRTS TO BE POPULAR

Ensembles Favored by La Grande Women; Crepes in Demand for Semi-Formal Dresses.

(By M. M. M.) With the coming of the spring season the thing that is foremost in the minds of the feminine population is "What will be fashionable this season?" It is evident that skirts are getting shorter every day and according to local dealers of ladies' ready to wear will be worn from 10 to 15 inches from the floor, although some of the smart sports costumes will be as short as 8 inches.

Printed crepes, large flowers, preferably, are the newest and best thing this season. The ensemble suit, which is most in demand of ladies' wearing apparel and the most practical costume to be had, in most cases has a coat of plain color and a dress of print. These costumes will be found in silk tulle, kasha, Bolary Planchet, silk tulle and charmer. Buttons still predominate for trimming suits, coats and dresses. Persian trimming is also very good, however.

Bright Colors Popular. Sports costumes, which are always very popular, are good again this season and the brighter the color the more fashionable. Stripes in all the bright colors are now at present for flannel sports dresses. Later in the season dresses of the same nature in wash silks, English broadcloth and crepe de chine will be worn. Sweaters and skirts are always good for sports. The skirts this spring are of soft pleated material.

In tailored coats the new Prince of Wales model is the best. This is a very manly creation. Irish Castle coats are also very good. Sport coats are shown in downy wool, kasha, Hat and Hat and Polaire. The fashionable colors for suits, coats and dresses are: tan, fallow, rus, cocoa, brick, sandalwood, rosewood, ashua of roses, fire red, lanna and slatter green. The more elaborate coats for trimming is the newest thing, fox and squirrel being the most fashionable.

Crepes in Demand. Semi-formal dresses and street dresses for afternoon and evening will be found in flat crepes. Canvas crepes and satin crepes. Prints are very good for these dresses and bordered materials are new. Later georgette will be the best for this style of dress. These dresses are made on stender lines, many with a pleated or circular flare at the bottom.

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XTRA

LONDON (AP)—Mrs. Ian Oswald Dennistoun, through her counsel, today rested her case against her former husband, Lieutenant Colonel Dennistoun, for money she alleged she loaned him before their divorce.

WARREN IN CAPITAL. DETROIT (AP)—Charles B. Warren left today for Washington for a conference with President Coolidge and Republican leaders.

BARE RITH ON DECLINE. NEW YORK (AP)—The Evening Herald today prints the following from a special correspondent at St. Petersburg, Fla.: "Habe Ruth has very little to show for his arduous years in the big leagues. His country home at Sudbury, Mass., where he might farm in later years, is all that really possesses today, with the exception of his wife's holdings. Ruth has passed the shadow line of youth and is growing old and fat. Time is collecting its toll. His best days are behind him."

DOG POISONED LATE TUESDAY

"The inhuman dog poisoners are at work again," reports George Richardson, who lives in the 2008 block on Second street. "Yesterday afternoon some one poisoned a fine Airedale dog belonging to him, death taking the animal so quickly that aid could not be summoned to combat what is believed to have been arsenic."

Mr. Richardson has been particularly unfortunate, having had several dogs poisoned. He reports that the person responsible must live in his neighborhood as three dogs have been done away with during the past few months, two belonging to him and one to Joe Williams. Years ago Mr. Richardson lost three dogs in less than a year from poisoning.

La Grande has been infested by dog poisoners for many years and repeated efforts have been made to bring them to justice, but with no results. A standing reward of \$1000 is offered for the capture of any person or persons who had engaged in attacks of this nature on canines.

John Riddle Resigns Ambassador Position

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge has accepted the resignation of John W. Riddle, as ambassador to Argentina.

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Scotts' Marital Difficulties Still Furnish Gossip for Washington



The center of Washington social activities is in Alpena, Mich., where the marital difficulties of Congressman Frank D. Scott, and his wife, Mrs. Edna James Scott, are being further aired. Mrs. Scott some time ago threatened to tell all she knows about high life and gay parties at the capital.



WOMAN LISTED AS 'MULATTO'

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The name of Mrs. Alice Beatrice Jona Rhinelandler, former waitress and housemaid who is being sued by her husband, Leonard Kip Rhinelandler for annulment of their marriage on the grounds that she is a negro, appears in the March supplement to the Social Register, the directory of the city's socially elite, it became known today.

Shortly after their marriage it became known that the census taker placed Rhinelandler's bride in his records as a "mulatto."

IRRIGATORS HERE ELECT OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR

The directors of the La Grande Irrigation company met recently and elected officers for the ensuing year. A. J. Stange was elected president, A. J. Broadlove, vice president and Thomas Baylis, secretary.

This company maintains the irrigation ditch which runs through the northeast part of town and supplies water for the new mill of the Mt. Emily Timber company.

BOY FALLS ON FORK, DIES

EUGENE, Ore.—Lloyd J. Johnson, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson of Trent, died here as a result of an injury sustained yesterday at his home.

While playing in the barn he fell upon a pitchfork, one of the tines of which penetrated his brain.

Danzig Like a Powder Magazine, Reports Say

PARIS (By Associated Press) "Danzig is like a powder magazine," says the Le Journal correspondent, who, with a few Matins representatives, went to the free city to investigate difficulties between Danzig and Poland.

"The day Europe blows up it will be because Danzig has exploded," the correspondent continued. "Two Prussian artillery men await, one at Koenigsberg, the other at Berlin, guns in hand, ready to act when the time comes."

Both correspondents arrived at the same conclusion—that the free city is neither free or neutral and is preparing an army to aid Germany in wresting from Poland her outlet to the sea.

No Reason For Being In Business

A few business men in all communities say they have nothing to advertise—which is nothing of interest in their business and no reason why you should patronize them.

If there is no reason, in their minds, why you should trade there, they not only have nothing to advertise—but they have no reason for being in business. The advertiser is sold on his goods and services—and they are certain to have merit.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service" (Continued on Page 5.)

Mrs. Stokes Takes Stand In Defense

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes took the stand today in the Stokes conspiracy trial.

CHICAGO (By Associated Press)—The wife he is charged with conspiring to defame in an effort to further his unsuccessful divorce suit will take the witness stand today in the trial of W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire hotel owner of New York.

Her testimony, while marking a departure under the Illinois statutes which prohibit a spouse appearing for or against a mate, except under three special exceptions, will be severely circumscribed.

Mrs. Stokes, according to the decision late Tuesday of Judge W. M. Gemmill, will be permitted to testify regarding "certain matters and certain matters only."

She has fought for an opportunity to take the witness stand and enter formal denial of the testimony of two sleeping car conductors that late in 1922 she made overnight trips with men other than her husband. She has testified that she did not want to testify against Mr. Stokes, her sole wish being to defend the attacks on her good name.

Hai K. Billing, young Chicago (Continued on Page 5.)

SHAMROCK TO BE SENT BACK

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—More than 1000 packages of shamrock, intended in brightest Boston homes St. Patrick's day, were ordered returned to Ireland today by agriculture department representatives. The action was taken because of the danger of pests.

In one box inspectors found a small bottle of Irish whisky with a note reading: "This will keep the Shamrock fresh, so St. Patrick said."

7 Sons Perform Final Services for Mother

DENVIER, Colo. (AP)—Cared for to the last by those of her own blood and flesh, Mrs. Nora McCandrews was lowered into her grave Tuesday by six of her stalwart sons, while a seventh, a priest, intoned the last rites at the grave side.

Rev. Joseph M. McAndrews of St. Louis conducted the services. Besides her seven sons, Mrs. McCandrews, who was a native of Ireland, is survived by three daughters, all of Denver.

WIND, HAIL STORM HITS TWO STATES

Indiana and Illinois Suffer Greatly from a Near-Tornado

DAMAGE IS MORE THAN \$500,000.00

Houses and Barns Demolished; Several Persons Reported Injured But Not Seriously.

INDIANAPOLIS (By the Associated Press)—Indiana and southern Illinois are today taking stock of damage done by a severe wind and hail storm which swept over these states late yesterday, causing damage estimated to be more than half a million dollars.

Several persons were injured but none seriously. Wire and rail communications were impaired, houses unroofed and trees and barns blown down.

Church is Leveled. In Edgar county, where the damage is estimated at \$75,000, about a dozen homes and a Methodist church were leveled.

At Rochester, Ind., where the storm assumed the proportion of a tornado, numerous barns were razed, the grandstand at the county fair grounds demolished, causing \$75,000 damage.

Many other towns reported houses and barns destroyed.

STORMS HALT SPRING WORK

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The storm conditions of the weather here for the past several days has delayed the starting of any farm work.

Many of the farmers expected to be able to commence plowing on some of the well drained ground within a short time, but the snow squalls and freezing at night keep the surface of the ground quite soft yet.

Reports from the upper parts of the valley, near Enterprise and Joseph, say that spring plowing started in that section last week.

GUNS, KNIVES USED IN FEUD

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (By the Associated Press)—Three men were stabbed severely and four slightly hurt by bullets in a mountain feud near South Connelville yesterday, it was learned today.

Women members of the families are reported to have joined in the fighting, although none were hurt. The fight started, officers said, over a debt amounting to \$180.

Pastor Chosen School Head

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Odell Union High school board announced the election of Rev. William Byars, pastor of Asbury Methodist church here, as principal for the year beginning in September. Mr. Byars, who was reared at Goldendale was formerly pastor of Lincoln Methodist church in Portland. He will continue his pastorate here until next fall.

WILL OBSERVE FOREST WEEK

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge in a proclamation today called upon the state governors to co-operate in observance of the week of April 27-May 3 an American Forest Week, and recommended that, wherever possible, Arbor Day be celebrated within that week.

American Forest Week will replace the period heretofore designated as Forest Protection Week and its observance will be directed by a national citizens' committee headed by former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois. The committee is to include 100 representatives of national organizations which are being enlisted in an effort to make observance nationwide.

In his proclamation the President urged all patriotic citizens to unite in the common task of forest conservation and renewal. "The forests of the future must be started today," he said. "Our children are dependent on our course. We are bound by a solemn obligation from which no evasion and no subterfuge will relieve us."

His Proclamation. "In proclaiming American Forest Week, I desire to bring to the attention of all our people the danger that comes from the neglect of our forests.

"For several years the nation has observed Forest Protection Week. It is fitting that this observance be enlarged. We have too freely spent the rich and magnificent gift that nature bestowed on us. In our eagerness to use that gift we have stripped our forests; we have permitted fires to lay waste and destroy them; we have all too often destroyed the young growth and the seed from which new forests may spring. And though we already feel the first grip of timber shortage, we have barely begun to save and restore.

"We have passed the pioneer stage and are no longer excusable (Continued on Page 5.)

Inauguration Of Value As Advertising Agency

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—As a bit of national observance the Coolidge inaugural exceeded all previous presidential pageants. This partly because of purity in spite of President Coolidge.

From an administration standpoint, the inauguration was shaped further to advertise "Coolidge economy" to the country.

It was designed as a selling demonstration for horse sense and reduced expenditures.

The little two-by-four reviewing stand built in front of the White House, estimation of an elaborate "court of honor," curtailing of the parade itself and lack of lavish and expensive decorations all united to give force and effect to the idea of economy.

All this advertising of the administration's viewpoint and purpose was with the full aid and approval of the president.

The advertising that was achieved in spite of the president, however, was accomplished by the great new Mayflower Hotel, which is making its bid for the patronage of statesmen and dignitaries, and which was hurried to completion in time to cash in on the publicity (Continued on Page 5.)

Trackmen Out Now At La Grande High School

Spikes, running tracks and other track paraphernalia is being dug out of the out of the way corners of the attic, the old trunk and other places where it was stored for the winter.

The hurdles are being overhauled and brightened up, the vaulting equipment is being overhauled and now of evenings the dull thud of the shot as it hits the ground after being propelled through the air by some aspiring athlete is heard about the high school.

Which all indicates that the track season is opening up in earnest. The first official meet-

ing was held last evening by Coach MacTavish with about 30 prospective athletes out.

Actual field work will commence after school this evening. First training will be in the nature of light field work for loosening up muscles in bad shape from the inactivity of the winter months.

MacTavish has about a month in which to get his men ready before the first dual meet. The schedule this year includes meets with Pendleton, Baker and Union, the district tournament here and the Eastern Oregon track meet which closes the season at Union.