

PLANTING OF ORCHARDS NOT ADVISED

Agricultural Economic Conference Ended Here Saturday.

FIVE COMMITTEES HAND IN REPORTS

Horticulture Board Believes More Attention Should Be Paid Packing and Shipping.

The Annual Union County Agricultural Economic Conference closed a three day session here Saturday afternoon with the presentation of the 1925 farm recommendations and agriculture report.

BIBLE CLASS MINSTREL SET

The members of the Marytha Bible class of the Methodist Episcopal church will stage a colored ladies minstrel show.

The following program has been agreed upon: 1. Jiggs & company, consisting of Jiggs, Maggie, Count De Tail, Prof. Fossil Hunter, Ditty Moore, Dugan, Casey & Nora.

FRIDAY DATE FOR OPENING

The re-decoration of Carr's store which was started three weeks ago is rapidly nearing completion and Mr. Carr announces that a spring opening will be held Friday, March 20th.

Court Takes Up Calendar Next Monday

Eight Cases Set for Trial Before Judge J. W. Knowles this Month.

Circuit court will be resumed again a week from today with eight cases on the calendar to be tried by Judge J. W. Knowles.

Calendar

The schedule of civil cases follows: Monday, March 23, 9 a. m.—Winski vs. City of La Grande. Attorneys for the plaintiff, Green and Hess; defendant, George T. Cochran.

FLU PREVALENT IN UNION AND LA GRANDE NOW

UNION (Special)—The epidemic of grippe or influenza, whichever it is that is sweeping over the country, has struck the town of Union rather hard.

TO ATTEND LUNCHEON

A number of members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce will leave this afternoon to attend the annual meeting of the Baker Chamber of Commerce this evening.

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T. S. FROST, EVANS FIRE VICTIM, DEAD

Young Man Who Was Burned in Accident, Answers Call.

FIGHT TO SAVE LIFE DESPERATE

Was Fifth Victim of Fire That Resulted in Death of Mother and Three Children.

Theodore Stevens Frost, aged 21 years, who was terribly burned in the tragic fire at Evans March 7th that resulted in the death of his sister, Mrs. Shells, and her three children, passed on Sunday at the Grande Ronde hospital, where he had been brought and where physicians have been persistently fighting to save his life, but to no avail.

CRICKET FLAT GRANGE MEETS

Cricket Flat Grange held its regular meeting Saturday with a big crowd in attendance.

A special agricultural meeting will be held Wednesday evening when County Agent Avery and Prof. Jackson, O. A. C., will meet with the grange and on April 11th a special dairy meeting will be held in the K. of P. hall in the morning and the opera house in the afternoon.

Scout Defi

The La Grande men who intend to make the trip are, W. C. Perkins, President of the local chamber of commerce, H. E. Watkins, first vice-president, Dr. W. F. Piny, second vice-president, J. A. Tedford, Treasurer, and Warren Gilbert, Frank Appleby, A. W. Nelson, and George Currey.

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Come on, you Boy Scouts, you're challenged! John Houser, above, and Vincent Lowe, below, of Troop No. 51, Salt Lake City, say there are no better scout records in the country than theirs.

OREGON LAW TAKEN UP IN HIGH COURT

Education Measure is Before Supreme Tribunal Today.

CHAMBERLAIN TO ASSIST STATE

Imposing Array of Legal Talent Secured by Both Appellant and Defendants.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Oregon's compulsory education law, requiring that after September, next year, all children between the ages of eight and 16 years, with few exceptions, shall attend public schools, was reached in the supreme court today for oral argument in two cases brought by the state to have set aside a federal district court's injunction against the law's enforcement.

DENNISTOUN ON STAND TELLS OF YOUNG AMERICAN

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Lieutenant Colonel Dennistoun took the stand in his own defense in the hearing of his former wife's suit to recover money she alleges she loaned him before their divorce.

He testified that his former wife had confessed to him within a few months after their marriage in 1910 that she had been unfaithful to him. The man in the case, he said, was Oscar Senhouse, a young American, with whom Mrs. Dennistoun had previously denied there was any undue intimacy.

TEACHERS AT ELGIN MEETING

The program of the Second Union County Teacher's Institute, held at Elgin Saturday, went through without a hitch and the meeting was successful from every standpoint, according to E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent who made the arrangements for the institute.

The next and final teacher's institute of the current school year will be held here on April fourth. At this time J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction will be the guest of honor.

Principal talks at the Elgin institute were given by Professor W. G. Beattie of the Oregon Normal School and Professor R. Blankenship of Whitman College, Walla Walla.

At the close of the meeting, Saturday a group of resolutions were drawn up by a resolution committee representing the teachers, thanking Mr. Sayre, Mr. Beattie and Mr. Blankenship for their help.

Campaign Against Tobacco Began Three Centuries Ago LONDON (AP)—Some of the first books ever published on tobacco, for and against its use, are to be sold in March when the British Court Library will be offered to the highest bidder.

The defense of tobacco is represented by a copy of a book which came to light in 1602 entitled "Dr. Bellamy's New and Short Defense of Tobacco." Attacks on the use of the newly discovered weed for smoking purposes were frequent in those days and simultaneously with Dr. Bellamy's defense, there appeared another book, "Work for Chimney Sweepers," designed as a warning to tobacco users.

Three Guesses at What is Coming



Prominent La Grande Man Called By Death

Nolan L. Skiff, formerly of La Grande, passed away Saturday in Portland at the termination of a long illness, according to word received in La Grande this morning by relatives and friends.



NOLAN L. SKIFF

Mr. Skiff was born near La Grande and spent the greater part of his life in the Grande Ronde valley. He later moved to Halfway, then returning to La Grande. During several years residence here he held several important positions.

GOVERNOR TO TAKE A REST

SALEM, Ore. (Special)—Governor Pierce will leave here this week for Hot Lake, eastern Oregon, where he will spend several days recuperating from the strain attending the recent session of the legislature and his wife's last illness.

Cross Word Puzzles

If you're a crossword puzzle fiend, you watch the Observer's daily puzzles with interest in each issue. They are not difficult but they offer excellent entertainment—and are especially popular with the children. Get them interested in the puzzles—it's a fine educational feature. And that's only one reason why "everybody reads The Observer."

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ACTION ADDS TO PRESTIGE

BUENOS AIRES (By the Associated Press)—Ratification by the United States senate of the Isle of Pines treaty is the subject of editorial comment by the leading newspapers here.

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XTRA

WARREN LOSES AGAIN WASHINGTON, (AP)—The senate today rejected for the second time the nomination of Charles H. Warren to be attorney general.

REDUCTION ASKED SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The public service commission has requested the transportation freight bureau to put into effect a reduction in the freight rates on household goods from all points east of the Mississippi River to Oregon.

COURT DECISIONS WASHINGTON, (AP)—Persons charged with violating the Volstead Act may be tried in state courts, the supreme court declared today, dismissing for lack of jurisdiction a case brought from California.

TREATY IS FORMED WASHINGTON, (AP)—A new extradition treaty with Mexico, the most comprehensive covenant of such a character ever negotiated by the United States, is awaiting signature. It covers not only narcotic smugglers, but provides for extradition of customs and prohibition law violators along the border.

FRUITCOTS ARE IN BLOOM HOOD RIVER, Ore.—While the earlier varieties of trees of the orchard level of this section are showing no signs of blossoms, apricot blossoms in the city were fully opened, despite the winter-like atmosphere.

Senate Not Inclined to Take Dawes Seriously

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—A forecast of a collision that seems certain to come when the new congress gets under way next fall or winter was given spectators in the United States senate when Charles Gustav Dawes, newly sworn in as vice president, addressed to that body his views as to what its conduct has been in the past and should be in the future.

BANK FILES NOT TO BE CONSIDERED

Judge Rules Government Cannot Introduce Testimony.

SEVERE BLOW TO THE PROSECUTION

Attorney Roberts Announces He Will Reverse Procedure In Teapot Dome Trial.

CHEYENNE (By the Associated Press)—Evidence intended to reveal the secrets of the bank accounts of former Interior Secretary Fall was barred from the record of the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit today.

Attorney Roberts, of the government counsel, announced he would reverse his procedure previously followed in an attempt to show the alleged passage of bonds between Sinclair and Fall by tracing the bonds from Sinclair to Fall instead of from Fall to Sinclair.

DEADLINE ON TAX MIDNIGHT

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—The income tax penalty clause falls at midnight today on the heads of all who have not filed due returns for 1924.

DUNLAP NAMED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—Renick W. Dunlap, of Kingdon, Ohio, was named today by President Coolidge as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Student Bards Write One Poem Each Week SEATTLE (AP)—To produce poets in the purpose of a course in the dramatic art department of the University of Washington, Glenn Hughes, assistant professor in the department, teaches the class for hours which has already turned out a book of verse to show the world that poets are made as well as born.

In Mr. Hughes' class no attempt is made at first to teach rhyme. He avers that if the students begin on rhyme their verse will be "doggerel" or lacking in the elements of poetry.

Then, as Dawes pointed the desk in front of him and renewed his exhortation—the senate laughed. That laugh revealed one thing (Continued on Page 5.)