

PIERCE TO BE SPEAKER AT MEETING

Union County Pomona Grange to Hear the Executive Saturday

SECOND ADDRESS IN M. E. CHURCH

Governor to Discuss "Prohibition and Law Enforcement" Here Sunday.

Saturday—Governor Pierce to address Pomona grange at Elgin, in afternoon session. Sunday—Governor Pierce to address citizens of La Grande at M. E. church at 5 p. m.

Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, who is spending several days in Eastern Oregon in a tour, will deliver two speeches in Union county this week-end—first at the Union County Pomona grange meeting at Elgin Saturday and the other at the M. E. church, corner Fourth and Spring streets, here Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The subject the governor will speak upon here is "Prohibition and Law Enforcement." His subject for his grange speech has not been announced.

The church doors will be opened shortly before 5 o'clock Sunday and a large crowd, probably more than 500, is anticipated. This is the governor's first speech in his home town for some time.

Elgin Preparing. Arrangements are practically completed for the grange meeting and about 500 persons from Union, Wallowa, Baker and Umatilla counties are expected to be in attendance.

The morning business session will be held in the K. of P. hall and will be followed by refreshments at noon, served by the "Cricket Club." The afternoon session will be held in the opera house with the governor at the leading speaker, Leslie Davies, the Harry Loomer of Oregon, will assist with musical numbers.

At 7 o'clock the Cricket Club (Continued on Page Five.)

OFFER TO BE MADE HEIRS

Last night's city commission meeting proved of short duration, although two matters of importance were attended to at the session.

A proposition to be presented to the heirs of Dr. O'Connor, who died recently, leading to the redemption of Concordia property, and placing a time limit when the proposition could be taken advantage of, was approved by the commission.

A hearing on the vacation of the alley in Block 70, Chapin's addition, occupied some three or four minutes, after which the commissioners voted to allow the vacation.

Fire Bug is Blamed For Loss Here Last Night

A fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the James Harrison home in old town last night. The fire was turned in at 10 o'clock and at that time the fire was blazing about the entire house.

When the fire truck arrived shortly after the alarm was turned in, the fire was almost completely under control. The nearest water main to which the firemen could have attached the hose lines was something over five blocks away and thus made impossible that method of fighting the fire.

The house was somewhat isolated from surrounding property and so no damage other than to the building itself was done by the fire.

Singers Give La Granders Fine Program

O. A. C. Glee Club, Oregon Aggravators and Victor Trask Entertain Large Crowd.

The Oregon Agricultural college Glee club, directed by Paul Peck, and assisted by the Oregon Aggravators and Victor Trask, musician and ventriloquist, appeared at the high school auditorium last evening in concert before a large crowd that was greatly pleased with the program in entirety.

The Glee club left here today for Pendleton where it will appear this evening in concert and dance. The following night at Hood River a concert and dance will complete their Eastern Oregon itinerary.

The concert, one of the best given here by collegians in some time, opened with the O. A. C. song, which was followed by Invidius (Hulu) and an encore. Aggravators Please.

Then the Oregon Aggravators, which local musicians unanimously class as one of the best organizations of its kind on the Pacific coast, took the stage, playing an opening number, two Indian songs—"By the Waters of Minnetonka" and "The Land of the Skyline Waters." These were followed by a Chinese lullaby and some encores.

The college quartet, Messers, Coon, Jenks, Blackstone and Johnston, sang "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and furnished several encores before they gave way to the Aggravators, who played "That's My Girl" and several more encores.

Victor Trask Entertains. Victor Trask, he of the mystifying tricks, entertained the audience for several minutes with a line of hand performances and a line of chatter that produced much hilarity. Later in the program Mr. Trask and his "dumpty" (Continued on Page Five.)

La Grande Insurance Re-Rating Work Starts

J. N. McCune, manager of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau was in La Grande yesterday to supervise the work of re-rating La Grande for insurance. Experts from the insurance rating bureau have been here for several days on the work.

Civil Suits Started in Circuit Court Today

The Springfield vs. Bennett trial opened this morning at the court house. The jury was accepted about ten o'clock and the trial began. The case involves a suit over a land transaction.

Hunter Still Searching For Car Stolen Monday

Gilbert Hunter, one of four car owners who lost an automobile during the past week, has not recovered his machine yet.

Registration Station For Cars Transferred

All automobiles traveling through La Grande from other states will hereafter be registered at the chamber of commerce office in the Sommer Hotel building, according to announcement today.

Hunter, Stoddard Will Argue For Good Roads

Albert Hunter and Earl Stoddard left last evening for Portland where they will be joined by Dr. W. T. Pyle to appear before the state highway commission in the interests of better roads for Eastern Oregon. The movement is sponsored by the chamber of commerce and is the result of investigations comparing traffic conditions in the various sections of the state.

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PLANS MOVE HEAD FOR LAKE WEEK

Chamber of Commerce Enters Vigorously into New Campaign

DISCUSS RESORT PROBLEMS MONDAY

Senator Strayer, of Baker, to Address Business Men at Luncheon on Tuesday.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce has announced to its members that the week beginning March 30 will be known as Wallowa Lake Wonderland Week and that, during that period of time, Eastern Oregon will be told of the proposed Wallowa Lake national park.

Monday noon, the first day of the week, the stockholders in the Wallowa Lake Wonderland will hold a luncheon at the Sommer hotel to discuss plans for the resort.

A major portion of the merchants of La Grande are arranging to decorate their windows in keeping with the week.

Tuesday Senator Strayer, of Baker county, will deliver an address to chamber of commerce members at his weekly luncheon using as his topic "Wallowa Lake Wonderland National Park."

It is probable that the chamber of commerce will erect large signboards at both entrances to La Grande informing the tourist that this city is the gateway to the "Switzerland of America" as it is called.

PROGRAM OUT FOR CONCERT

When the musical concert given tomorrow night for the benefit of the Salvation Army of La Grande is held in the army hall, an excellent program will be rendered by local artists. The concert begins at eight o'clock.

The program follows: Piano solo, "Monotheme" (Jussner)—Eleanor Olin. Reading, "Mrs. Galabault's Busy Day," Miss Isabel Miller. Vocal solo selected—Kathleen Campbell. Violin Duet (a) "Sonatina" (Weber), (b) "Chimie Dance" (S. Quintana), Mrs. Lohmiller and Richard Lindsay. Quartet (a) "To a Wild Rose" (MacDowell), (b) "My Love is a Mule" (Francisco DeNogera)—Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Jr., Raymond Williams, G. L. Dutton.

J. B. STODDARD PASSES AWAY

James B. Stoddard, of Union, had recently a prominent La Grande citizen, died yesterday at Union. He has been partially paralyzed for about three years and has been quite ill since February 1.

Mr. Stoddard lived in La Grande from 1904 until 1922, when he moved to Union, where he has since made his home. He was a member of the La Grande Camp No. 165, W. O. W.

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OIL LEASE SUIT ENDS SUDDENLY

Teapot Dome Oil Lease Annulment Action Came to Fiery Climax Today

"HIGH PRESSURE" WORDS EXCHANGED

Defense, in Closing Arguments, Declares Government Went Outside Records.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (By Associated Press).—The Teapot Dome oil lease annulment suit came to a fiery climax today, ending suddenly with high pressure verbal exchange between the government and defense counsel.

The defense contended that the government went outside the records in its closing argument.

M. I. A. WILL PRESENT PLAY

Fifteen members of the M. I. A. of the L. D. S. church are working hard on rehearsals for a three act comedy drama, "Honor Bright," to be presented here Friday evening, April 5. The play is under the direction of Miss Gladys Metcalf, who is very efficient in this line of work. She was a dramatic instructor.

TO EXHUME TWO MORE BODIES IN SHEPHERD PROBE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Coroner Wolff announced today that he would issue an order for the exhumation of the bodies of Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, mother of William McClintock, and Dr. Oscar Olson.

ROGUE RIVER'S SMUDGE FOUGHT SERIOUS FROST

MEDFORD, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Approximately half a million smudge pots were fired in the Rogue River valley last night and today, to repel the first serious frost of the year.

According to County Agent Gatz, there is little likelihood of serious damage but the final outcome will not be known until late today. Last night's smudging was the most extensive in southern Oregon history. The minimum temperature here was 28 above.

Crop Forecasts Prove Valuable to Farmers

Great improvements in the adjustments of the supply of farm products to the demand are made possible as a result of recent innovations in crop estimating and forecasting by the United States Department of Agriculture. Forecasts of the production of some crops and livestock have attained such accuracy to indicate future trends. Farmers can use such forecasts in planning their planting and breeding operations. In this way up and down, both in production and prices, can be made more extreme and orderly marketing is facilitated. Indeed, some regulation of production is almost a prerequisite of orderly marketing.

When efficiency in seed selection, soil culture, and crop rotation is supplemented by an intelligent adjustment of production to probable market demands, farming is much more likely to show a profit than when crop and livestock enterprises are undertaken regardless of indicated price trends and supply conditions.

Crop and livestock reporting by the department now covers 74 crops and all classes of livestock. (Continued on Page Four.)

Scene of Teapot Dome Oil Trial



Federal building at Cheyenne, Wyo., scene of the Teapot Dome oil trial. Left to right—John W. Lacy, Martin E. Littleton and George P. Hoover of Sinclair counsel, discussing the case, inset—Judge E. Blake Kennedy of the United States district court, who is presiding at the trial.

SHEPHERD TO STAY IN JAIL

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Release from jail on bail later Wednesday was denied William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder by typhoid of William N. McClintock, his foster son, to gain the boy's million dollar estate.

"The most I can hold out for this defendant," said Chief Justice Jacob Hopkins of the criminal court in rendering the decision, "is a speedy trial if he wishes it." The judge made it clear he was ruling only on the question of fact as to whether proof of guilt was evident or presumption great.

"If Falman's testimony is true," said Judge Hopkins, referring to the statements of C. C. Falman, also under indictment in connection with the death of Billy McClintock, "the defendant and Falman entered into a conspiracy diabolically conceived and cruelly executed."

"If Falman's testimony is untrue," he continued, "the defendant is the victim of a monstrous injustice, encompassed in a net of coincidences and circumstances that are unprecedented and painful to contemplate."

LOVER OF GOATS 'CREAMED COFFEE' IN ORIGINAL WAY

SPOKANE (By the Associated Press).—A fondness for goats led Clayton F. Higgins of Spokane to milk one at the breakfast table directly into his cup of coffee, according to Regina Higgins in the trial of her divorce suit here in superior court yesterday. Mrs. Higgins also testified that Higgins insisted upon keeping one of his two goats in the house. The case was continued until today.

WALL OF STEEL HURLED BY NAVY AT SEA TARGETS

ADOBE T. S. S. CONCORD OFF SAN PEDRO (By the Associated Press).—Seven dreadnaughts, the most powerful of the American sea forces, yesterday belched forth a deluge of flame and steel unlike anything ever before loosed on the Pacific.

For six minutes the great battle fleet rent the air with appalling vibrations in the annual force practice, simulating a terrific naval battle.

The ships cut loose with all the gunnery available. It was the supreme test of effectiveness against an enemy fleet, represented by towed targets. The signal "commence firing" changed a beautiful line of grey ships to a wall of smoke and fire.

NEW ANGLE INDICATED BY DEFENSE

Counsel May Attempt to Prove "Jazz Girl" Did Not Shoot Mother

JURY SELECTION NOT COMPLETED

Dorothy Ellingson, Defendant, Fainted Yesterday; Father Revived Her.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press).—The possibility that the defense may attempt to contest the state's charge that Dorothy Ellingson actually shot and killed her mother appeared in a new phase of interrogation opened by the defense in examining a juror at today's session of the trial.

The defense counsel asked Mrs. Julia Ott, prospective juror, whether she would be prejudiced against a verdict in favor of the girl, should evidence disclose that Dorothy did not shoot her mother, but admitted the act to shield another.

Fainted Yesterday. Dorothy Ellingson fell in a faint on the stone floor as court adjourned at noon yesterday in her trial.

The girl, deathly pale, a crumpled and forlorn figure, was carried into an anteroom where her father and attendants worked over her several minutes before she recovered. Her father kissed her constantly. She looked far different from the pleasure mad girl who faced the police defiantly after shooting her mother and going to a party the same night.

The interrogation of jurors yesterday produced several droll responses and sallies between counsel. Once spectators laughed aloud and Judge Harold Louderback directed the bailiffs to eject about 20 of the spectators, several of them women. After that the trial was breathless quiet.

GIRL, THOUGHT DEAD, RETURNS

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. (By the Associated Press).—One West Frankfort family was reunited today.

The two-year-old daughter of Jerry Sullivan and wife, who last Monday buried another child as their own, is back again with her parents.

The child was missing after the tornado and was mourned as dead. A child's body was found in the ruins of the Sullivan home and buried as theirs. The Sullivan girl was found alive and well at a neighbor's home.

PRINCE READY FOR JOURNEY

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press).—Everything is in readiness aboard H. M. S. Repulse for the Prince of Wales' voyage to South Africa and South America, starting Saturday.

The grim battle cruiser has been scrubbed and polished until she looks like a jeweled ship, with brass and nickel blazing in the sun and with her decks spotless.

The prince will have a complete gymnasium, besides a bedroom, bath and smoking room.

hour after hour of the show, with his crowds of late comers getting never a look-in.

Would they have paid for admission? Well—no doorkeeper estimated if he had been able to count in on the pleas personally made to him to "see what he could do" with the first it would be worth his while, he could have spent his summer vacation on a Mediterranean cruise!

The "big crush," of course, came on March 16, when the Senate had agreed to vote for a second time on the Warren nomination, which had previously been lost, due to the mid-afternoon nap of Vice President Davis.

The Senate was to meet this (Continued on Page Five.)

XTRA M'CORMICK IN COMMON LABOR

MILWAUKEE (By the Associated Press).—In a four-dollar a week room here, Fowler McCormick, 27, grandson of the founder of the International Harvester fortunes, works 10 hours a day as a common laborer in the Milwaukee plant of the harvester company.

He declares he is learning, not earning, his way. His presence and occupation was revealed through Phil Potted Stillman, who yesterday admitted she was here to visit her "good son." For several weeks McCormick has been quietly living in the rooming house. The small room, containing an iron bed, two chairs and a dresser, has been his home.

India's Eyes Turned Toward Bombay Trial

BOMBAY (By the Associated Press).—Widespread attention throughout India has been attracted to the trial which opened here today of nine persons accused of attempting January 15th to kidnap Mumtaz Begum, beautiful dancer and former favorite of the Maharaja of Indore.

Several of the accused held high positions under the maharaja and it is alleged that the girl, who had escaped from the maharaja's household when she believed she no longer was his favorite, had been threatened with abduction unless she returned willingly.

JUDGE SPANKS TWO BOYS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—An old fashioned spanking was the penalty imposed in juvenile court here Tuesday on two 10-year-old boys who had "played hooky."

Judge Henry Meade himself used the "rod," which was a Congressional Record wrapped tightly in paper covering.

"That the first real use I have found for a Congressional Record," the judge observed.

The names of the boys were withheld because Judge Meade believed they would fulfill their promise not to play hooky again.

All Elements of Drama Seen at Short Session

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Many thousands of dollars could have been gleaned for Uncle Sam's treasury had provisions been made for cashing in on the amusement value of the short special session of the Senate which convened March 4.

All the elements of drama, for which folks pay out hard cash, were supplied on a scale that has been equaled by no theatrical presentation seen in this city in a decade.

Daily, long queues of spectators waited in line at the gallery doors for a chance for even a few minutes of the free entertainment provided within.

But it was a case of first come first served, and those who came early and got seats stuck through