

LAND OFFICE GETS HEARING

OFFICE MAY BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN

First Interview in Fight for Land Office Here Is Encouraging

COOLIDGE SEEMS SYMPATHETIC

Senators McNary and Stanfield and Congressman Sinnott Talk with President.

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press).—Senators McNary and Stanfield and Representative Sinnott, of Oregon, in a conference with the president today asked that the proposed elimination of two of the seven public land offices in Oregon be reconsidered.

The first step in the campaign with its object the retention of the United States land office in La Grande has occurred and its results are far from discouraging.

The following telegram was received this morning by J. H. Pease which indicates that La Grande has a good chance to win out in its fight.

"By appointment we appeared before President Coolidge today and made an oral protest against the abolition of the land office at La Grande, using the material supplied us which covered the situation completely. The president was attentive and his suggestion we will supply him a written memorandum showing the most injustice that will follow the closing of the office."

"Secretary Work will return April 27th and the president will take the matter up with him at that time. In case of delay of the secretary, the president indicated that he would suspend the order until the matter would be completely investigated. We were well satisfied with the conference with the president."

(Signed) Chas. L. McNary, U. S. S. E. N. Stanfield, U. S. S. S. J. Sinnott, M. C.

WILL REPEAT HONOR BRIGHT

"Honor Bright" the play presented here and in Baker recently before packed houses, will be staged again in the near future.

Next Tuesday evening it will be given at Union in the high school auditorium, then at Dulbor at the opera house Friday and in La Grande at the high school auditorium Wednesday, April 22th.

Proceeds will be used to help pay off the high school athletic fund debt.

Better Than Normal Rainfall Is Expected

Present indications are that La Grande and the surrounding territory will have more than normal rainfall for April when the month is coming to a close.

Girls' April Antiks Show Big Success

Large Crowd Witnesses Program Which Featured Both Mirthful Skits and Peppy Entertainment.

In planning their program for the April Antiks, given at the high school last evening, the girls must have kept in mind the motto of a prominent manufacturer from "27 varieties" or at least so it seemed from the great diversity of entertainment offered.

Girls, girls, girls, old fashioned girls, business girls, modern girls, western girls, all kinds of girls in one long procession of feminine display well calculated to catch the masculine eye and arouse the admiration of the members of their own sex.

The best part of the whole show was the enjoyment the girls themselves got out of it and the effervescent spirit of the entire entertainment which they were able to convey to the audience.

Excluded from Antiks. The entire production was considerably above the average attained by April Antiks in past years. The program was well selected and went across with the minimum number of delays.

The program was so long and so many girls took part that it will be impossible for us to mention all of them but we will say right here that so far as we could see every girl connected with the production is deserving of a great deal of credit.

The program opened with a skit "The Beauty Shop," which gave the girls an opportunity to put across a number of gags about well-known people of the high school.

"The Circus" was pure horse play but created the maximum number of laughs. The band in the circus was enough to make the entire show worth while.

A light musical comedy, "Lady Francis" was next in order. This vehicle gave Margaret Cronsey, Daisy Bobbs and several other attractive girls a chance to contribute.

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TWO FARMS NEAR ELGIN DAMAGED BY HIGH WINDS

The severe wind and rain of Thursday afternoon resulted in considerable damage to the ranches of A. H. Parsons and Leonard Parsons, located a short distance the other side of Elgin, according to word received in La Grande yesterday.

Approximately two miles of woven wire fence was blown down and tangled until it cannot be used again and a large amount of grain was washed off by the force of the rain. The damage amounted to between \$200 and \$300.

C. M. T. C. Will Be Told Of at Commerce Lunch

Citizens' military training camp will be the main topic of discussion at the chamber of commerce luncheon next Tuesday noon. Hutch E. Brady will be chairman of the day and has scheduled Captain Paul Hothaway as one of the main speakers. Other talks will be made by speakers to be announced Monday.

Oregon Trail Slides Shown at Lake Meeting

HOT LAKE (Special).—The Hot Lake sanitarium did its bit toward advertising the beauties and attractions of Oregon at the program held last evening. It might well have been called "Oregon night" for absolutely hundred and fifty slides of the Old Oregon Trail were shown to the large crowd of patients and the staff. The slides were loaned by the Union Pacific through the courtesy of M. Starnes of Union. Well known scenes along the Oregon Trail as well as products raised were shown. The slides of Columbia River highway scenes were beautifully colored and the pictures carried forth much information. At the conclusion of the program one might well have been made into an Oregonian, if he were not one already.

Mrs. Leavelle and Mrs. Helen Starnes of Union sang a duet which was appropriate to the occasion. Miss Clason, a late arrival on the hospital nursing staff, from the Navy clinic, was also present. Mrs. Starnes also sang a solo. "The Land of the Blue Water."

PORTLAND MEN WILL VISIT LAKE

Ad Club Caravan Plan to Come into Union, Wallowa Counties in June

THREE-DAY TRIP BEING PLANNED

Motor Excursion to Be Arranged to Leave from La Grande for Wallowa Wonderland.

Wallowa Wonderland is daily coming into greater attention over the entire state and the country at large and now comes the Portland Ad club with an announcement that a caravan trip will be made from that city to the lake this summer.

The plan has been in process of preparation for some time. Many prominent business men of Portland are behind the movement to bring Wallowa lake to a wider and justly deserved attention.

Heads of the Portland Ad club and others interested in the plan have been holding correspondence.

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REGITAL WILL BE NEXT WEEK

A joint regital by Mrs. A. T. Richardson, soprano of La Grande, Ella Connel, Jesse, pianist and Mark Daniels, baritone of Portland, will be given here Friday evening, May first. It was announced this morning.

The regital will be given in the Presbyterian church under the sponsorship of twenty-six ladies of the Neighborhood club and of the Monday Musical.

ORDER FORMED LAST EVENING

The Degree of Honor Protective association was organized here Friday evening at the Foley hotel and officers were elected as follows: President, Nellie Swan; past president, Alice Wall; first vice president, E. Heerman; second vice president, Alex Heimker; financial secretary, Elizabeth Walcott; Myrtle Mason; Assistant Cashier, Esther van Houtland; outside warden, Helen Britts.

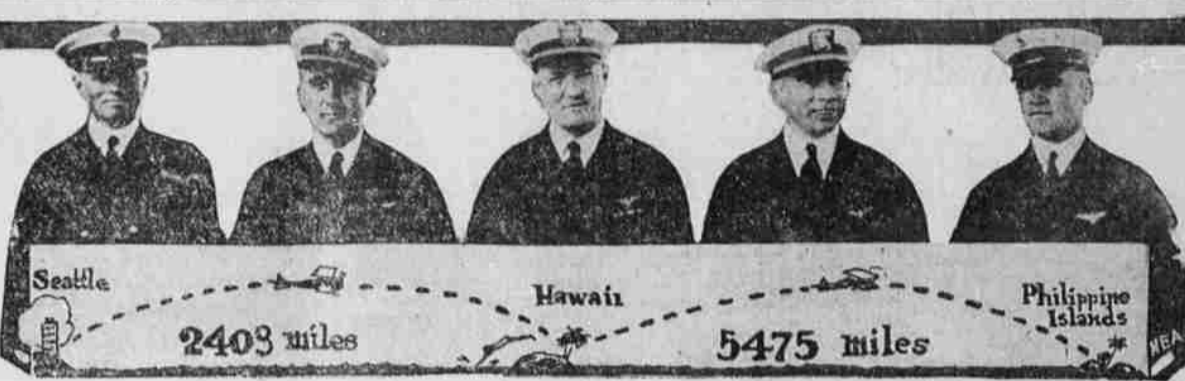
The order is one of the oldest Women's Fraternal insurance bodies in the country.

Minnie Card of Baker, Ore., state vice president, secured the membership here. She will meet with the national president, Francis Dool Gibson, in Portland soon and will then return to La Grande to complete the remainder of the organization work here.

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Naval Aviators Bound for Hawaii and Manila by Air



These naval aviators aren't going to make a round-the-world flight, but their flight from Seattle to Hawaii, and later to the Philippines call for the two longest over-water nonstop flights ever attempted. A mammoth Boeing scout plane is being constructed for the navy at Seattle, and has a cruising radius of over 2000 miles.

PORTLAND MAN IN NORTH TRIP

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Lieutenant M. A. Schur, of Portland, Ore., is among those selected by the United States navy department today to accompany Lieutenant Commander Byrd of Virginia, on the MacMillan arctic expedition this summer.

BORN AT MYRTLE POINT

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Lieutenant Schur was born at Myrtle Point, Ore., and came to Portland with the family in 1902.

Major Joseph Schur, of the headquarters staff, Oregon National Guard, is his brother.

BIG DEAL FOR ROOMS CLOSED

A deal was closed some time ago, according to announcements made today for the rooms on the corner of Fir and Adams covering a 30-foot frontage, including the space occupied by the Black Cat cafeteria, which will be enlarged in the near future, the room adjoining, occupied by the Skala Hardware company and the 40-foot room adjoining on the east wherein is located the La Grande Groceries and Market.

The latter is the "Help Yourself Store" which opened for business today.

Sam Harris, who procured the rooms mentioned, in connection with the deal said, "Having been born and raised in La Grande and having watched the steady growth of the city continuously for 22 years I most certainly do not hesitate to further align my limited efforts with the future growth and development of La Grande and East Oregon in general."

Ride Spatters Sentenced

PENDLETON, Ore. — Jail sentences of 20 days and fines of \$50 each were given Ed Jackson and William Ayres by N. Berkeley, justice of the peace, when the two charged pleas of guilty to a charge of riding a ride on a train. Both men pleaded not guilty to charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors. The two men were recently arrested in Seattle by deputy sheriffs of Unmatilla county, where they had gone in the company of two minor girls. On the charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors the men were found guilty to the grand jury.

MAN, 23, GIVES 4 MONTHS

EUGENE, Ore. — Fred Slater, 23, said to reside at Chemula, Wash., was sentenced by County Judge Barnard to serve four months in the county jail for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He had pleaded guilty to the charge. Slater is said to be the first time that a county judge in Lane county has sentenced a man for a criminal offense. The sentence was given under a law passed in 1917. Slater and two girls, Margaret Wood, 15, and Catherine Clark, 19, were arrested in Cottage Grove a few days ago on an open check and locked up in the county jail here. They told the officers they had come from Chemula together in an automobile and the girls stated that they had been paroled from the state training school for girls at Grand Mound, Wash.

Cattle Rate Change Held Need in N. W.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Rates on livestock moving to North Pacific ports from Oregon and Idaho producing territories should be revised, the interstate commerce commission was told today by examiners who have completed their investigation.

The distance scale of rates by which the cost of moving a carload of cattle 100 miles would be \$22, ranging up to a charge of \$156.50 for a carload of cattle moving 1,000 miles, was recommended as a reasonable basis for new schedules.

Double declines of sheep-hogs or calves should be charged at 125 per cent of the cattle rate, the recommendations said, and rates to Seattle and Tacoma should be determined by adding to the Portland scale differentials which now exist. The examiners said the scale should be established tentatively and parties to the proceedings be given the right to ask further adjustments in case the general investigation now pending by the commission into the level of all freight rates should make a change advisable.

SOFIA DEATH LIST GROWING

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—The death list from the bomb outrage in Safford Cathedral at Sofia Thursday has reached 160, including five members of the Bulgarian parliament, according to dispatches received here today.

In addition, many of the wounded are expected to die.

KLAMATH INDIANS TO GET HOSPITAL COSTING \$25,000

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Plans for construction of three new Indian hospitals and an addition to a fourth were announced today by the interior department.

The plans include a \$4,000 general hospital to be built on the Klamath, Ore., reservation at a cost of \$25,000.

A Serious Business Task

The average business man who advertises and who knows the power of what he is doing and realizes the thousands to whom he is talking—pays a lot of time and thought on his advertising message. A forceful advertising cannot be written with three minutes time allotted to do it and three minutes time allotted to think about it—no matter how large or small it may be. It's a serious task. When regarded as such the results compensate fully. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

RANGES SHOW IMPROVEMENT XTRA

PORTLAND, Ore. — The ranges in the North Rocky Mountain, the intermountain and coast states improved during March, while the ranges of the southwest declined from lack of moisture. Cattle and sheep in the better range areas showed an improvement, but lost condition in the southwest according to the monthly range and livestock report issued by the United States Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

Ranges improved in Montana and the western parts of the Dakotas and Nebraska due to early spring and good moisture conditions, while in Wyoming, Colorado and western Kansas dry conditions, which were later improved by rains, held ranges on about the same basis as last month. In the southwest, dry conditions continue to hold back the grass and feed is short, local showers have helped, but generally, ranges are not as good as a month ago. In the intermountain region, ranges are improving after the dry season of 1924 and the spring range outlook is good. California ranges are very promising with good moisture conditions. The condition of the ranges is 89 per cent compared with 79 per cent last month and 91 per cent one year ago.

Cattle Showing Gain

Cattle in the states east of the Rockies and north of Oklahoma and New Mexico have wintered in good shape and are going on to the range in better shape than usual. Cattle in the southwest are thin and the shortage of feed is causing a further decline. In Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Oregon, cattle are showing a little gain after a dry year, the mild winter has helped, and the feed supply has been ample. California cattle are in very good shape. Several sections report a little strengthening in cattle prices with a little more optimistic outlook for the cattle industry. The condition of cattle is 84 per cent, the same as last month; one year ago the condition was 92 per cent. Sheep have wintered well and are generally in very good shape in all the range country except Texas and New Mexico. A marked improvement is being shown in the sheep of Idaho, Utah and Oregon, due to good weather and spring grass. Arizona sheepmen are finding the shortage of feed in causing a further decline. In Texas the drought has reached the point where the lamb crop will be short of normal. There has been no activity in the wool or lamb market following the earlier contracting which brought good prices; however, there is a good strong demand for breeding ewes in the range country. The condition of sheep is 91 per cent, and the same.

Deputy Warden Is to Return With Convict

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Deputy Warden Little, of the state penitentiary, will bring tonight for Sacramento to bring back Oregon Jones, escaped convict.

LINDSEY RETAINS OFFICE

DENVER, Colo. (AP).—Judge Roy H. Lindsey of Denver's juvenile court, retaining the bench said he has held for more than 20 years, Judge Julian H. Moore ruled in district court Friday, in throwing out the election contest suit brought by Royal H. Graham, defeated candidate for the office.

Bank Interest Sold

ASTORIA, Ore. — Announcement was made today that H. Barker Astoria clothing merchant, had purchased the interest of James Bremner, president of the Bank of Commerce in that institution. Mr. Bremner has severed his connections with the bank. At the next meeting of the directors, officers will be elected and places on the board left vacant by the retirement of Mr. Bremner and the recent death of Frank Parker will be filled.

SHIPS' SALE IS CRITICIZED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The wide split in the shipping board over the sale of five ships to the Dollar interests was emphasized today when views of discharging commissioners were submitted to the District of Columbia supreme court in an injunction case brought by the Pacific Mail.

ECONOMY IS INSPIRATION, CHIEF SAYS

Coolidge Declares Women's World Fair in Chicago Praiseworthy

BUDGET LADIES USED COMMENDED

Lax Methods Are Deplored in Radio Address Delivered by the President Today.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—President Coolidge in a radio address delivered today on the occasion of the opening of the women's world fair in Chicago, said an advantage to be gained from government economy and efficiency is the inspiration they provide for pursuit of such methods in business and in the home.

"If the people," asserted the president, "in the daily management of their modest domestic affairs, note that the great interests of their governments and of their semi-public institutions are dealt with in a spirit of laxity and a mood of carelessness, they find little inspiration to apply better methods in the management of their own concerns. The great business operations which are constantly under the public eye ought to be handled so as to make them an example in sound procedure. Right Economy Stressed.

"The importance of sound business methods was never so great as it is today. It is particularly true that government business should be placed on a basis of right economy."

"In our modern society, public and private savings are unskillfully transmitted into capital available for production. The increased production makes goods more plentiful and therefore cheaper; and at the lower price level people can afford to consume more."

"The real disaster to a modern community comes when easy and ill-considered consumption prevents the storing away of new capital to meet the ever-increasing demands."

Comments Sponsors. Mr. Coolidge commended sponsors of the fair for placing their work on a business basis by establishing a budget, with a result that all expenses were met before the doors were ready to be opened. This financial accomplishment, he added, presents a "strict contrast to the average project of like character supported in easy fashion out of public funds."

"I know of nothing more calculated to promote the pride of a vigorous community life, the sentiments of self-respecting nationalism, the truest loyalty to high traditions of national character, than these distinctive assemblies."

SNOW FALLING AT KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Two inches of snow fell here this morning and more is falling.

Airplanes Cost Little But Carriers Make it Up

WASHINGTON (NEA special).—"Aviation is no cheap," argue proponents of the substitution of seaplanes for surface warships. A battleship costs about \$45 million. That would build 1000 bombing planes at \$45,000 each.

Yes, but, said Secretary of the Navy Willard, at the launching of the plane carrier Saratoga, planes can't operate over distant foreign waters without carriers to take them there. To carry 1000 planes, approximately a million tons of shipping would be needed, or 25 vessels, each of 25,000 tons, the Saratoga's displacement. The Saratoga cost \$45 million. Multiply that by 20 and you have the total of 1200 million. There would be other extras, too, adds the secretary.

Is aviation really so economical? The prohibition unit invites suggestions of slogans for the poster campaign. It plans to remind thoughtless people how wrong it is to break the dry law. It has received some already, but, perhaps.

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