

SCHOOL LAW IS VOID

BEARS LOSE THIRD GAME TO PIRATES

Lead of La Grande Team Strengthened by Victory Yesterday

BAKER CLIMBS TO TIE FOR SECOND

Walla Walla in Fourth Place in Blue Mountain League Following Sunday Games.

Table with 2 columns: Club, W, L, Pct. Rows include La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA IN FOURTH PLACE IN BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE FOLLOWING SUNDAY GAMES.

An unusually noisy crowd of fans saw the La Grande Bears beat the Walla Walla Pirates by the score of 5 to 3 in a slow nine innings played yesterday afternoon on the Walla Walla field.

The game was marked by loose playing by both teams and several slugging rallies by the batters. The Pirates got signals mixed several times during the first three innings of play and the Bears chased the ball all around the lot during the same periods. Neither team, La Grande checker, David...

GAME OF CONTRASTS

The whole season was full of contrasts. Brilliant starts by the infielders several times followed particularly poor plays. Even the men on the opposing teams offered many unusual contrasts. The diminutive Pariss, who must be all of five feet four or five inches tall, pitched for the Bears and at the end of each inning changed place with the lanky Hein, who ranges something over six feet in height.

Dickey, the umpire calling the balls and strikes at the plate, was barely able to peer over the shoulder of the gigantic O'Rourke, who is Walla Walla catcher.

The Pirates came to bat first and Hartman, base off man got to first on an error, Hein singled and got on. Cunningham grounded out.

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STARS ARRIVE FOR BIG SHOW

Already some of the star performers for the annual Union Livestock show to be held June 10-12 inclusive, are arriving in Union. Last night Miss Loren Trickey, champion girl rider, Earl Waters, champion truck rider and Sam Gains, champion truck rider, arrived here.

Besides the trio of title holders the race horse owners are getting their stock in and stable. A carload of bucking and trick horses and one hundred can horses are quartered on the track now. Another carload of racehorses is on the way from Grand Junction, Colo. Dan Clark's famous horse is now at the grounds.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY SERVICES HELD SUNDAY

Last evening at 7:20 o'clock at the church of Our Lady of the Valley graduation honors were conferred upon a large class by H. Rev. Joseph P. McGrath, R. C. of Baker. The order of the exercises was as follows: "March On, 1917," "Kreuzstirn," "Ave Maria Stenla" by Rosewig, vocal solo by Mrs. Francis M. Oliver, of Baker; "On Wings of Song," Op. 24, No. 2, by Mendelssohn, violin solo by Alice Jeanette Cooper.

Letter On Fire Rates Made Public

McCune, Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, Promises Reduction If Equipment Made Modern.

Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock polls will be opened for La Grande voters in eleven precincts in this city, with four measures to vote upon—water supply, storm sewer, sewage disposal plant and fire equipment.

In reference to the fourth mentioned measure City Manager Crews today made public a letter received from James J. McCune of the Oregon Insurance rating bureau of Portland, Ore.

The letter, in part, follows: "We have just completed a survey of your city from a fire protection standpoint and would suggest the following improvements:

"That six additional standard front-proof hydrants with pumper connections be installed and that the old hydrants be replaced with standard front-proof hydrants with pumper connections. If your plan of putting pumper openings in the large irrigation conduit at each street intersection in the fire limits is made, it would take care of the six additional hydrants, provided water is kept flowing in this conduit at all times.

More Help Needed. "That four additional paid firemen be employed, two for day and two for night duty. "We recommend the purchase of a 100 gallon standard pumper and that the present apparatus be retained and kept in service.

"If the above improvements are (Continued on Page Four.)

Ray Cook Acquitted by Justice Court Jury

Ray A. Cook, of La Grande, charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor, was acquitted by the jury late Friday evening after two hours of deliberation. Trial was held before Hugh E. Brady, judge of the justice court.

Cook had been tried once before on the same charge but the jury was unable to come to any decision. Henry Hess represented the defendant and Carl Hein conducted the prosecution for the state.

Chicken Dinner to Be Served Business Men

"Details of the luncheon have not been entirely completed, but it is felt that a chicken dinner will be on the program," said Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce, this morning, when asked about the regular luncheon tomorrow noon.

The Ladies Aid of Island City will serve and guarantee the excellence of the fare. Clyde Edgley will be chairman. Cars will leave from the Chamber of Commerce headquarters in the Summer hotel building at 10 minutes of 12 noon. Members with cars with extra seats and those without transportation should make arrangements with Earl Reynolds.

Fishermen May Try Out Five Points Creek Now

The no fishing ban on Five Points Creek were officially lifted at daylight this morning. A number of fishermen were on the grounds at the opening hour but most of them reported but little success although some fairly good catches were made. The fish caught range in size from seven to nine inches. Few larger ones were taken.

Dunn Accepts Post as State Traffic Officer

Alonso G. Dunn, traffic officer of La Grande for more than two years, left Sunday for Salem, accompanied by Walter Lansing, state traffic officer, where he will accept a position tendered him by the state traffic department. Mr. Dunn has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best traffic men in the state, while working for the city, and his promotion has been expected for some time. He will probably work in East Oregon to begin with, with La Grande his headquarters.

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Bribery?



Was there a bribe offer? Phillip Barry, former department of justice agent, charges James N. Callan, pictured above, offered him one to serve as a juror in the murder trial of William D. Coepfer. Callan denies it.

DAMAGE CASE ON TRIAL NOW

Judge J. W. Knowles opened the June term of the circuit court at the county court house this morning with the case, Irene McGrath vs. Charles Hill, et al. Parties in the case live in the vicinity of Tellico.

Mrs. McGrath is suing for \$2,500 damages for personal injuries sustained when a car driven by a minor son of Mr. Hill ran into the buggy in which she was riding. Mr. McGrath is also suing on the same charge, brought about by the same circumstances. This case, H. J. McGrath, vs. Charles Hill, et al., is to be tried tomorrow. McGrath is asking \$5,000.

The attorneys are the same in both cases with E. R. Ringo for the plaintiffs and Smith and Anderson of Baker, lawyers for the defendants.

Several Speeders Pay Up Following Week-End

The week end holiday contributed an unusually large amount of business to the justice court which met last night. Several of the culprits evidently preferred to give a cash bond to the officers and proceed on their way rather than go through the delay of trial. Le J. Murphy, G. E. Tallier, of Salt Lake, and A. H. Connor came under this classification with \$15 forfeits, and W. H. Campbell, of Nampa, forfeited \$10. Day Colclough of La Grande and H. L. Boardley of Home were each fined \$10 and costs by Judge Hugh E. Brady.

Mailing It To Farmers

When an advertiser mails an advertising message to the farm homes on the La Grande rural routes, for example, and tells the duplicate story in the Observer—he duplicates his coverage in 68% of the territory. The Observer's farm circulation is not 100% in Union county but The Observer is read in more farm homes than any other two papers seeking to serve this territory. That is "coverage" and that makes possible The Observer's low reader cost.

DECORATION DAY SERVICE DAY QUIET HERE

Parade, Featuring Six Civil War Veterans, Opened Program

SERVICES HELD AT BURIAL PLACE

C. M. Humphries and H. Brady Delivered Patriotic Addresses at Afternoon Meeting.

Memorial Day exercises here Saturday were quiet with nearly the entire city turning out in reverence to the soldiers who have given their lives for America in wars of the past.

The day's services, in charge of the American Legion, began with a parade at 10:30 a. m. The line of march, which moved on Washington to Fir, on Fir to Adams to Fourth and thence to the Masonic cemetery, was led by the La Grande Municipal band. Following in the order mentioned, was the color guard, the local company of national guardsmen, the veterans of the Spanish-American and Civil war, the Woman's Relief Corps, the American Legion, World war veterans and the American Legion drum and bugle corps. Six members of the Grand Army of the Republic were in the parade.

Services at Cemetery. At the cemetery the American Legion and the G. A. R. and W. L. G. conducted services over the graves of soldiers. The ladies auxiliary to the American Legion placed a wreath of poppies on the grave of each fallen son of Lincoln.

Approximately 100 attended the dinner given in the K. of P. hall by the W. R. C. and the ladies' (Continued on Page Five.)

SUMMERVILLE SERVICE HELD

The annual Memorial service at the Summerville cemetery Saturday called together a large number of people of the Grande Ronde valley and from other cities outside of Union county, including Walla Walla, Enterprise, Pendleton and Walla Walla.

The program at the chapel started at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with O. W. Jones, of La Grande, presiding. Kathleen Campbell and Mr. Duvkin both sang and a men's quartet, consisting of T. K. Bellamy, E. O. Peyton, Paul Knautz and Mr. Duvkin sang three selections.

The speaker for the day was Reverend Elmer Grant Keith, of the La Grande Methodist Episcopal church. Reverend Bert A. Powell of the La Grande South Methodist church, offered prayer. Dinner and supper were served at the hall in Summerville to a large number of people.

Blaze at Haines Laid To Man's Carelessness

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Fire held to have been started from a cigarette stub thrown away the night before by members said to be attending a Ku Klux Klan meeting caused \$10,000 damage to two Haines, Ore., buildings early Saturday morning.

Baker County Judge Is Arrested on 2 Charges

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Judge J. L. Dodson, a Baker county judge, is charged with operating on a public highway and driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated in a complaint filed in the justice court by Pete McGovern, district court warden for Baker county. When the arrest was made Dodson was said to be driving at an excessive rate on a highway of Baker and when signaled to halt, sped on. McGovern, accompanied by W. O. Hadley, state inspector of fisheries, gave chase and arrested Dodson after a two mile run. Sheriff Henry McKinley was notified and took the county judge into custody. As unusual feature of the case is that every principal involved in a public official. No personal feelings are held by any of the parties involved, it was stated.

EXPORTS IN PAST YEAR WERE GREAT

Oregon Ranks Seventeenth Among Different States of Union

TOTAL U. S. EXPORTS NEARLY 5 BILLIONS

Wheat, Grain Led the List in Foreign Shipments from State; Wheat Flour Second.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Finishing the year 1924 in 17th place among the different states of the union in the race for export markets, Oregon's merchandise shipments abroad totaled \$76,563,329, according to statistics just released by the Department of Commerce. Just ahead of Oregon in the race was Maryland with a trade margin of less than \$700,000, while runner-up in the struggle was North Carolina, whose total exports for the year were more than \$5,000,000 less than those of Oregon. The total export trade of the United States for the year under review amounted to \$4,498,151,926.

Wheat, grain, exports amounting to \$28,565,151 led the list of foreign shipments from Oregon, and wheat flour was second with a valuation of \$10,173,549, the two forming the mainstay of Oregon's exports. Others on the list follow in the order of their relative importance: Boards, planks and scantlings valued at \$5,946,419; timber \$6,562,162; apples (in boxes) \$2,885,705; prunes and canned fruits, \$2,375,549; hops \$2,098,403; canned and pickled salmon, \$1,179,577; milk and cream, \$1,445,438, and barley with a valuation of \$480,828.

High Export Figure. Exports amounting to more than \$100,000,000 for the year were attained by eleven of the fifty-two states and regions included in the tabulation. They were Texas, with figures of \$737,218,927; New York,

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FIFTY GASSED IN ANNEMASSE

ANNEMASSE, France (By the Associated Press)—Fifty persons were gassed in the streets here yesterday as a thick screen of yellow billows from a tank of liquid chlorine swept over the town. The container exploded from the heat. Twelve victims are in serious condition.

SIX MINERS KILLED IN BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

Six white miners were killed last night in a mine accident at Rogers, Ala., reports to the Little Cahaba Coal Company, owner of the mine, said today.

Adverse Reports Due On Muscle Shoals

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Adverse reports upon the proposed leasing of power at Muscle Shoals are expected to be recommended to the war department by the Muscle Shoals commission.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Dr. Murphy, accompanied by Mrs. Murphy and son Jack, are spending the week in Portland, Ore. Dr. Murphy is attending a state dental convention. He will resume his regular practice in La Grande after the first of next week.

LA GRANDE LADY NAMED

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Governor Fergus today appointed members of the state board of Cosmetic Therapy Examiners and the State board of estheticians, created by the last legislature. The appointments include Mrs. K. L. Lott of La Grande, on the cosmetic board,

McReynolds Delivers Opinion

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Oregon lost in the supreme court today its fight to compel children to attend public schools. The court held that state in enforcing compulsory education laws, cannot require the attendance of children in public schools to the exclusion of private or parochial schools.

The Oregon compulsory education law, requiring children between the ages of 8 and 16 to attend public schools is therefore declared invalid.

The decision was awaited with unusual interest because of the peculiar circumstances of the litigation and because many other states have compulsory education laws. The Oregon law was attacked by the Society of Sisters of Holy Names and the Hill Military academy. There are many charges that the statute was inspired by the Ku Klux Klan.

Justice McReynolds in delivering the opinion, said the inevitable practical result of enforcing the Oregon law would be the destruction of the present parochial schools and other private primary schools, which are engaged in an undertaking not inherently harmful but long regarded as useful and meritorious.

"Certainly there is nothing in the present record to indicate they have failed to discharge their obligations to patrons, students or the state," the court continued, "and there are no peculiar circumstances or present emergencies which demand extraordinary measures relative to primary education. We think it entirely plain that the act of 1922 unreasonably interferes with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control. As often heretofore pointed out, rights guaranteed by the constitution may not be abridged by legislation which has no reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the state. The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments in this union repose excluded any general power of state to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not a mere creature of the states. Those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations."

MARSHALL DEAD AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Thomas Hilley Marshall, war time vice president of the United States, died here today.

He passed away at the New Willard hotel where he has been ill several days with a cold and heart affection. Marshall's death resulted from a recurrence of a heart attack which he suffered a week ago. The end came unexpectedly as he had shown improvement in the last week. When death came he was sitting up in bed reading a Bible. Only one nurse was at his bedside. Suddenly crumpling down upon the pillows, he passed away without a word, apparently without pain.

SECRETARY WEEKS IS "NOT SO GOOD" TODAY

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—Secretary Weeks passed a restless night, physicians announced today. His general condition is described as "not so good."

Robbers Loot Cicero Bank of Large Sum

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Five robbers held up and virtually cleaned the Baker State bank in Cicero of all available cash estimated at \$15,000, today. They escaped in an automobile.

Efficiency Bureau Is Not "Too Efficient"

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The efficiency expert was a city dweller. The country was new to him.

It shocked him, too—its inefficiency did. The cows, in particular, there was a pastureful of them. They reared about aimlessly. They'd eat grass for awhile on a sunny slope in the early morn. As noon drew on, they'd walk clear to the other end of the pasture and eat in the slash of some trees. No system about it at all.

"If I have cows," said the efficiency expert, "would line up in a queue, and eat right along, the way a lawn mower runs, and then eat back, a parallel, adjoining swath, they'd get a heap more food for a lot less exercise, and naturally they'd give more milk."

The efficiency expert undertook to make the cows do this. But he worried the cows so, and had 'em eating grass on the boiling hot hillside at noon, and in the chilly shade of the trees, at dewy eve, and they gave 1,288 milk.

"This parable," said a harassed government employe, "shows how the federal bureau of efficiency works. It works in conjunction with the procrastination board."

"I mean to say the classification board. The procrastination board is what we call it in governmental slang."

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HIGH COURT DECISION IS MADE TODAY

Compulsory Educational Law Declared to Be Unconstitutional

LONG FIGHT IN COURTS IS ENDED

Ruling Is That Oregon Cannot Compel Children to Attend Its Public Schools.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Oregon lost in the supreme court today its right to compel children to attend public schools.

In educational and religious circles keener and wider interest was shown in the attack upon the constitutionality of the Oregon public school law than in any other controversy which reached the supreme court in recent years.

Like most states, Oregon has a compulsory education law which requires children to attend school, and prescribes the course of study. The right to enforce such regulations has not been seriously questioned in the courts. But in 1922 the voters of Oregon, 115,506 to 103,685, went a step further, and enacted a law under which children between the ages of 8 and 16, with some exceptions, would after September, 1926, be required to attend "public" schools.

Suits Brought Promptly. Opponents of this step charged that the law was due to the activity of the Ku Klux Klan. Suits were promptly brought in the federal district court by the Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, conducting parochial schools, and by the Hill Military academy, a private school.

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MANY KILLED IN JAP RIOTS

BHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—New outbreaks in the Japanese spinning mills strike agitation continued today, resulting in the killing of four more Chinese students, bringing the total dead to 16 since the rioting started Saturday.

In the latest outbreak the Sikh police fired into the crowd of demonstrators, mortally wounding one student. The rioting spread to the main business section. A clash between the police and the disturbing element resulted in wounding more than 20 agitators.

An afternoon outbreak followed the sporadic disturbances throughout the morning during which the foreign police patrol, armed with sabres and rifles, paraded through the streets.

The total number wounded thus far is given at 26, including several known to be mortally wounded.

Three Russian agitators were arrested today. The police charged that Bolshevik propaganda was responsible for the students' demonstration.