

IRRIGATION OPPOSED BY GRANGERS

Time Not Ripe for Move in Grande Ronde Valley, Body Believes

FEARS HELD OF DAMAGE TO FARMS

Support Withheld Until System of Drainage Can Be Found to Eliminate Seepage Water.

Winding-up an all-day session of granges of Eastern Oregon here, resolutions were passed at a closed meeting Saturday night...

In regard to irrigation, the grange resolution opposed the construction of any project until an adequate system of drainage can be found within the reach of the water...

The resolution also recommended that a caravan be formed to visit the district around Vale.

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COUNT SHOWS TRAFFIC GAIN

A traffic count taken by the state highway department Saturday, September 19 and made public today, shows an increase in the number of cars traveling over the highways leading through La Grande...

On the highway between here and Pendleton 1614 cars were counted, almost twice the number counted one month ago, which was 855.

Parker Will Take Church Pulpit Here

Boise Minister Assigned to M. E. Church; Union Chosen for 1926 Meeting of Churchmen.

Dr. Henry W. Parker, of the Emmanuel M. E. church, Boise, Idaho, was assigned to the First M. E. church of La Grande at the annual conference closed last night at Cascade, Ore.

Dr. Parker has been a member of the Idaho conference for more than 10 years. He was pastor at Naupia for eight years before he went to Boise a year ago...

Union is to have the annual conference in 1926. A amalgamation of the northern and southern divisions of the Methodist denomination was discussed before the conference...

Several changes in membership will be noted when La Grande Ministerial association resumes its sessions this fall. Rev. S. W. Creasy, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church, leaves to become vicar of the Eastern Oregon diocese...

The Rev. L. D. Mergers, pastor of the Holy Name church, has been in the city only four months, coming here from Enterprise.

While the Rev. O. Nooy, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church, is in Europe, the Rev. Alphonsus Steider is acting pastor over the parish.

The Rev. J. A. Hall, who succeeded Mr. Creasy, will be the veteran among La Grande clergymen after Mr. Jones leaves. Mr. Ross began his ministry here in May, 1922.

The church of Latter Day Saint had election a week ago and named Lester Stoddard to succeed George H. Lyman as bishop, and Grant Bean to succeed Louis Adams.

Marketing Discussed At Afternoon Grange Meet

Marketing and its relation to farm prosperity, was discussed by four of the speakers on the lecturers program given before a large audience of grangers at Union county Pomona grange at J. O. O. F. hall Saturday afternoon.

Mr. W. T. Day, Hot Lake, dealt with four themes in his address, which was first on the program. He urged his hearers to keep healthy in order that their period of usefulness might be prolonged.

3 WALLOWA PRISONERS MAKE BREAK

Charles Bauer and Two Comrades Flee Road Camp Saturday

OFFICERS FIND NO TRACE OF MEN

Escape Made in Touring Car Owned by Bauer, Having Oregon License Number 152-452.

Charles Bauer and two other prisoners escaped in a touring car from a road camp near Wallowa Saturday, when they were paroled to work on the county jail at Enterprise, and have not been seen or heard of since.

The car, bearing the license number 152-452, was one that Bauer bought from Tracy Hollister, of La Grande, and had partly paid for.

NEW BISHOPS ASSUME POSTS

The new bishops and counselors chosen last Sunday at the regular quarterly conference of the Latter Day Saints church were installed yesterday.

A. Lester Stoddard was installed as bishop of the first ward, to take the place of George H. Lyman, by W. D. Hanks and Elmer Stoddard, Lloyd Walsh and Elwood S. Williams were installed as counselors of this ward.

At the second ward C. J. Black, and Holger M. Larson acted as installing officers in the placing of William Grant Bean as bishop, and David Eugene Nelson and James H. Thompson as counselors.

Rally Day Observed At Lutheran Church

Yesterday was Rally Day at the Lutheran church. In the morning W. E. Salzman, president of the Columbia district Luther league gave a short talk and the choir sang two special numbers.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock a special program was given. B. J. Lammer, baritone, sang two selections "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "A Dream of Paradise."

Salvation Army Board Meets This Afternoon

Matters to the organization, were discussed by the advisory board meeting of the Salvation Army at 4 p. m. today at the hall.

France Debt Problem Yet Hanging Fire

Commissions Lay Out a New Method of Approach in Session; Callaux Stands Firm.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A new method of approach was laid out today at the joint session of the American-French debt missions which are trying to find a common ground for settlement of France's four billion dollar war debt.

A statement by Callaux is said to have been a blunt representation of the French financial position and to have elucidated the minister's declaration last night that his original proposal is considered him and his colleagues to be the best they felt they should make.

Callaux made some new suggestions relating to France's capacity to pay, presented in defense of the principles of his first offer, which was unacceptable. The meeting required less than 30 minutes.

CARS DERAILED NEAR KAMELA

Train No. 24 was delayed several hours today because of a freight derailment on the main line track at Kamela. A number of cars were turned over on the main track, completely blocking it.

HORSE SHIES; RIDER HURT

Andrew De Loney, a carpenter living at the south edge of town, was badly bruised about the head when his horse, frightened at a gun being handed the rider by Parley Hutchinson, pitched him to the ground, where he landed on his right cheek.

Man Faces Charge of Defrauding Innkeeper

Albert Howson was arrested near Naupia Sunday evening by Sheriff Jesse Breushers and committed to the county jail on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper of La Grande. His trial will be conducted in justice court on the return of Hugh E. Brady from Portland.

Correspondents Throughout 2 Counties

More than a score of correspondents constantly cover the news of their various communities for The Observer. Every day of the week and every week of the year Observer readers have news of Union and Wallowa counties.

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"RED TAPE" HANDICAPS AIR SERVICE

Board of Investigation Resumes Inquiry into Aircraft Problem

DIFFICULTIES ARE OF ORGANIZATION

Major Walter G. Kilner, Testifying, Says Chief of Service Should Have Full Power.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Resuming its inquiry into the aircraft problem today, the president's special board was told at the outset that "red tape" hinders the work of the army air service and that operations of the service should be entrusted to flying men.

Major Walter G. Kilner, executive officer of the army air service, declared the difficulties confronting the service were "not ones of personalities" but of organization.

ARMY IN NEED OF MONEY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Disclosure to the president's air board by war department witnesses that the approved project for expansion of the army air service would cost approximately \$70,000,000 a year for the first 10 years and \$50,000,000 a year thereafter to maintain a peace-time fleet of 25,000 planes and other auxiliary aircraft service, Sunday brought to light that this is only one of nearly a score of similar projects now under study at the department.

Some of these, which are regarded as even more urgent from a national defense viewpoint than immediate air service expansion, involve almost equally as large expenditures in addition to present army budget figures.

There is much speculation at the department as to whether the president's air board will not find it necessary to weigh those similar non-air service projects as well as some extent before recommendations for aviation can be formulated.

National Authority to Speak on Merchandising

W. H. Farley, Dayton, O., national authority on merchandising, will address a meeting of merchants and their employees at 8 p. m. today in the city hall. The meeting is called under the auspices of the merchant committee of the chamber of commerce. There will be no charge of admission.

16 Airplanes Take Off On Long Test Flight

DETROIT (By the Associated Press).—The commercial airplane reliability tour, a 1900-mile flight through the middle west, was formally inaugurated today at Ford airport, when the first of 16 planes entered took the air in a stunt from Edsel Ford. The others followed at short intervals.

C. E. Society Organized At Elgin Last Night

Fifteen members of the Christian Endeavor society of the local Lutheran church, went to Elgin last evening and organized a C. E. society of the Christian church there. Besides the society they gave a short program, consisting of a solo by Miss Gertrude Wagoner and a piano number by Miss Edith Ebell.

Hubby Has to Anyhow



While Mr. and Mrs. John Sotobehrer were newlyweds they agreed that if a child came to them it would be supported by the mother. A child did come, and later divorce; but Judge Walter S. Gates ignored the pact and ordered Sotobehrer to provide for Bobby, the 3-year-old son. Photo shows Mrs. Sotobehrer and Bobby.

SUN WELCOMES OREGON FAIR

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Mellow sunshine, bringing the promise of a full week of pleasant weather, greeted the opening of the 64th annual Oregon state fair here today.

NEW YORK LIFE MUST PAY TAX

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Two hundred insurance companies in the United States which are selling combined life and accident policies are affected in a ruling by Federal Judge Grubb today ordering the New York Insurance company to pay to the government \$100,000 in accrued taxes.

GUARDSMEN WILL HOLD QUARTERLY MUSTER TONIGHT

Company E, 184th Infantry, O. N. G., will hold the quarterly muster this evening in the quarters of Captain Dutton in command. Inspection will be held from seven until nine o'clock. The officers of the company extend a special invitation to the general public to attend.

Wrecked Auto Found on Bridge

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—A badly wrecked automobile, listed as the property of J. Heck, 341 Oak street, Portland, was found Saturday by Traffic Officer Devin and Night Marshal Coover, blocking the roadway on the Columbia highway. The driver could not be found. The automobile was without lights and a message to traffic. Officers believed it had been stolen.

Rain Threats Spoils Pickers

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Many orchardists and their crews picked apples. Threat of rain, which frequently at this season of the year is accompanied by wind storms, was an incentive to growers to get their fruit under cover. Weather conditions have brought about an early maturity of fruit, and a strong wind would result in heavy damage.

NO JUNIOR OFFICERS ON CRAFT

Sub Commander Denies That Inexperienced Men Manned S-51

HOPES FOR RESCUE OF 34 MEN SLIGHT

No Responses from Interior of Stricken Ship Received by Relief Expeditions.

NEW LONDON (AP Press Time Flash).—Advices to the submarine base here at noon said the sea and weather at the scene of the S-51 wreck are so bad that rescue operations had to be suspended. The Century was ordered back to Block harbor.

NEW LONDON, Conn. (By the Associated Press).—When informed by the Associated Press today that owners of the City of Rome had an affidavit which stated that the submarine S-51 was commanded by student officers, Lieutenant Commander H. Flanagan, executive officer at the submarine base here, denied that any officers of the submarine at the time of the disaster were inexperienced.

No response from the interior of the submarine, sunk off Block Island with 34 men aboard, has been obtained by the relief expedition working at the spot where the submarine went down. It is reported officially to the submarine base here.

A message from Rear Admiral H. H. Christy, in charge of the relief operations, said that an American warship, the Century, had attempted to lift the submarine but had failed in the attempt.

FOUR KIDDIES ARE CREMATED

EVERETT, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peters, of Silver Lake, were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the Peters home.

The children, three boys and a girl, were six, five, three, and two years of age. The children's parents are in the county jail. Peters runs a dance pavilion near the lake. Acting Coroner Challacombe said Peters and his wife had been drinking and quarreling last night after the dance closed. Mrs. Peters is said to have been at the home of a neighbor. Peters denied being in the house when the fire started, apparently from an overturned lamp.

Marshal Lyautey Quits French Moroccan Post

FEZ, French Morocco (By the Associated Press).—Marshal Lyautey, governor general of French Morocco, has resigned.

No Weakening Seen of La Follette's Backers

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—G. O. P. regulars are having a hard time finding a bright side to young Bob La Follette's sweeping victory at the Republican senatorial primaries in Wisconsin. They had hardly expected him to lose but they did hope the La Follette forces in the Badger state would prove to have been weakened by the death of the present Senate candidate's father.

That young Bob will be elected is accepted here, even by his bitterest opponents, as a foregone conclusion.