

9 CASES ON OCTOBER CALENDAR

Circuit Court term to begin Monday with Civil Case

FOUR CRIMINAL TRIALS SET

One Cruelty and Three Liquor Cases to be Fought by Defendants Before Judge Knowles.

Nine cases of just as many different natures were written into the calendar for the October term of circuit court for Union county, when Judge J. W. Knowles met with the jury on Monday afternoon Wednesday.

The city's case against Mary Rasmussen, involving the assessment of taxes on the defendant for land required for a road built through property, will be the first trial Monday morning.

Appearing from the justice of the peace court, the case of the state versus Neel Crawford, charged with illegal possession of liquor, will be tried Tuesday.

Another state case is set for Thursday, when the case of the state versus E. A. Anderson, charged with the killing of a five-year-old boy, will be tried.

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437 Pupils Enrolled At High School

Girls Outnumber Boys by 25; Gain in Registration Seen by Principal E. D. Towler.

Four hundred thirty-seven students are now regularly enrolled in classes at La Grande high school. Of that number, 231 are girls and 106, boys.

Last year at the end of the four-week enrollment totaled 405. It will exceed that figure by from 40 to 45 this year, Mr. Towler is convinced, since he knows of 10 or 12 students who expect to be in school as soon as fall work on the ranches will permit their leaving.

In most cases, the delinquents will be permitted to make up work for credit. Records made in former terms, as well as the type of study course agreed on for the coming semester will determine their ability.

DUCKS SCARCE, HUNTERS SAY

Whether many ducks were killed today—the first day of the open season—had not been learned at noon today. Judging from the number of spotmen who went out hunting for them this morning, however, there will be no ducks left in Grande Ronde valley by tonight—that is if hunters all have good luck.

Several hunters who went out early this morning returned a little later, reporting no luck. Among the trigger-pullers are: Edwin Olson, Joe Carr, Bill Siegert, Herman Siegrist, James McNamee, Walter Leisman, Al Andrews, Elmer Shumate, Carl Cook, Fred Reed, Bert Rominger, W. B. Trevey, Mr. Lee, Bill Wilson, Ernest Scroggins, A. J. Slanger, George T. Cochran and Chase Bohnskamp.

\$4 Debt to Be Paid By 10 Days in Jail

Albert Howsen, a transient, pleaded guilty to the charge of detaining an innkeeper this morning before Justice Hugh E. Brady and was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail. Howsen said he owed for meals amounting to four dollars.

CREW BUSY ON SEAPLANE

ASTORIA, Ore.—The crew of the big United States naval seaplane PB-1 which made a forced landing at Baker's bay and was towed to the local terminal, was busy engaged in preparing to remove the forward engine to be replaced by one ordered from San Francisco. Hundreds of persons viewed the big plane.

The craft is covered with oil from end to end, from the break in the oil pump and water system which forced it to alight. The tip of the lower left wing was slightly damaged while the plane was being towed to Astoria, but the injury is a minor one. Lieutenant Commander J. H. Strong, in charge, declared that it would probably be four or five days before the plane could resume its journey to Seattle.

Inaugurates New Honor System in High School

Machinery for the most satisfactory operation of the honor system prevailing in La Grande high school has been worked out in detail by the faculty and will be set in motion here this morning. A definite number of points, or merits, has been established for each attainment, and nothing less than 12 points will entitle a pupil to honors.

Recognition of scholarship will be given on semester grades as follows: A plus, 16 points; A, 15; B plus, 14; B, 13; C plus, 12; C, 11; D plus, 10; D, 9; E plus, 8; E, 7; F plus, 6; F, 5; G plus, 4; G, 3; H plus, 2; H, 1. A student must have completed a term as president, business manager, or secretary-treasurer of the student body, served as editor of the annual, or as president of the Associated Girls' Students to the satisfaction of the faculty.

For a B, with three points attached, the aspirant may serve as president of the senior or the junior class, vice president of the student body, business manager of the annual, or chairman of the student council, or win his letter in some form of athletics. One point, corresponding to a C grade, will be given each student who completes some outstanding service in any of the other recognized school activities. Everyone who passes the requirements for one semester goes on the honor roll. In order to win a permanent place on the roll, he must be at least a junior and have been inscribed there for two consecutive terms. Semesters will continue to compete in honors for the pin offered by the Hi-End organization. Juniors are eligible to compete for a new prize, which will be in the form of a silver bar pin this year.

CITY DADS ENACT ROLE OF 'JUDGES'

Preside over Hearing of Mrs. Nickel on Police Chief's Complaint

LAWYERS ENGAGE IN LEGAL BATTLE

Rooming House License Revocation Case Taken Under Adversement When "Trial" Ends.

"Where are we now?" Such was the query put by Commissioner R. P. Landis after wading through legal lore, arguments and somewhat of circuit court testimony that could not be given in the witness stand, in objections that were overruled by "Judge" Commission—a most amazing procedure for the city gray bears to preside at, listen to and deal with.

The occasion was the hearing conducted last night by the city commission to determine whether just sufficient cause existed to warrant revocation of the rooming house license held by Mrs. Birdie Nickel, of the Durland hotel. And after Henry Hess, attorney for the defendant, remarked amiably "I guess that ends the evidence then," the commissioners took the matter under advisement—just as Judge J. W. Knowles takes a case under advisement—with the promise to issue a positive decision in the near future.

Defense Wins Point. Thus Mrs. Nickel won the first step in her fight to retain her City of La Grande rooming house license.

Mrs. Nickel's license was revoked last Wednesday night by the prosecution, and the action was taken by the city commissioners. The commissioners, cast in the role of jurors, figuratively speaking, granted their white wings and prepared to hear the evidence.

The chief of police's complaint, was the first witness sworn in. His complaint alleged that Mrs. Nickel conducted the rooming house in a "disreputable manner." In his testimony he stated that he visited the house, searched the place, found six empty bottles that had contained liquor, six or eight empty whiskey glasses, and two men intoxicated in rooms in the Durland hotel.

City Manager Greiss was next witness for the "prosecution" and said that complaints had been made to him by Mrs. Nickel's neighbors of drunken men going in and coming out of the hotel, and of unseemly sights at the windows.

Attorney Hess asked if any of the complaints were in writing. Greiss replied "No." Hess, stating that (Continued on Page Five.)

LOSES ARM IN RAIL ACCIDENT

John Martin, freight brakeman out of La Grande, had his left arm crushed at the elbow by two cars that caught him between the bumpers while he was working switches in the yards at Huntington at 1:29 a. m. today. Dr. McCall, railroad surgeon of Huntington, accompanied him to La Grande. He was taken directly to Grand Ronde hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the arm about five or six inches above the elbow and above the cut. Martin will be cared for at the hospital for several days. He is about 20 years old, and has a wife and two children in Seattle.

Three Days Left in Which to Pay Taxes

The semi-annual cash in the sheriff's office to pay state taxes before the penalty for delinquency is imposed, got under way yesterday, and was steadily gaining momentum today. There are only three more days for payment—Friday, Saturday and Monday.

INFORMERS NAMED BY SHIP PILOT

Anton Heinen, Who Blames Wreck to Lansdowne Again Testifies

DIRIGIBLE VALVE CHANGES SCORED

Heinen Says James Work and Benjamin O. Hereth Furnished Him with Subject Matter.

LAKEHURST, N. J. (By the Associated Press)—Benjamin O. Hereth, Shenandoah survivor, and James Work, chief draftsman at the air station, were named by Captain Anton Heinen, Zepppelin pilot, as the men who gave him the information upon which most of his testimony was based. The witness furnished the names on direct order of the naval court of inquiry, since the men themselves did not come forward.

Yesterday Heinen said the primary cause of the wrecking of the ship was a failure of the officers in charge to heed 3 a. m. signals that were "shrieking out loud." He asserted the disaster was "entirely and easily avoidable" and placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of Commander Zachary Lansdowne, who went down to death with his ship.

Heinen said Hereth told him what happened as the Shenandoah broke up. Work, he said, told him that those at the station had been fighting the valve change in the Shenandoah all along, but without success.

Heinen, in withholding the names yesterday, said he thought the men should be permitted to volunteer the information. Heinen said a man named Buckley at the air station told him the men were afraid to make a trip on the Shenandoah. He was unable to say whether Buckley was a member of the ship's crew.

No Mistakes Signs

The sign which the storm gave to the airship's Shenandoah before she was wrecked is one of the greatest danger signals in the air, Heinen told the court of inquiry. "When I saw the sign, I saw storm clouds going apparently against the wind, he observed one of the biggest danger signals we know in the air," he declared. "This sign is most feared by airship men and nothing is more certain than that the ship's course should be changed at once."

Anderson, after seeing this sign, advised Commander Lansdowne to turn south, but the commander turned to wait for more concrete danger signals.

Janitor Resigns After 13 Years of Service

T. W. De Bore, known as Tom around the courthouses, where he has been janitor for 13 years, today left for his home in Union, where he expects to make his home on his ranch. "Dan Beard, who succeeds him, began work today.

29 620 Dry Law Cases Net \$5,000,000 in Fines

WASHINGTON (AP)—The secretary of the treasury handed 29,620 cases involving violation of the national prohibition act in the fiscal year ending June 30, and collected in fines and expenditures more than five million dollars.

NEW Circulation Collector

To further increase the efficiency of the Observer's circulation, a new collector has been added to the circulation staff, Mr. Gerald Stachura, formerly of Baker, who takes up his duties as caretaker in 1912, as he recalls it.

Irregular and Unsatisfactory Conditions in the Past Have Resulted in This Move and Circulation Will Cover Both Business and Residential Districts in the Future to Give Subscribers Regular Opportunities to Take Care of Their Accounts.

He is an experienced city circulation man and will be devoted to the job of seeing that you receive constantly improved service from The Observer. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

The Great American Melting Pot



Twenty-four nationalities are represented in this group of 21 children attending a Sioux City, Ia., school. The nationalities follow: Top row, left to right, German, Indian, Hebrew, Russian and Norwegian; middle row, Brazilian, Luxemburg, French, Bulgarian, American, Mexican, Danish and Polish; lower row, Rumanian, Irish, Lithuanian, Spanish, Grecian, Bohemian, Dutch, British, African, Scotch and Austrian.

SUBMARINE IS STILL IN SEA

U. S. SUBMARINE BASE, New London, (AP) Presstime Flash.—The Monarch and Century failed to lift the S-51. The full lifting strength of the two giant cranes was applied but apparently the submarine did not budge.

U. S. SUBMARINE BASE, New London, Conn. (By the Associated Press)—Rescue work on the submarine S-51 is progressing as planned.

With favorable weather the giant crane ships Monarch and Century attached to the sunken submarine at 11:45 a. m. and work immediately began to raise it.

It is expected to take several hours to bring the undersea boat to the surface.

The body of John L. Gibson, first recovered from the submarine, will be shipped to Portland, Ore., to his mother's home, for burial.

CHURCH VOTES CONSOLIDATION

EUGENE (By the Associated Press)—By the overwhelming vote of 29 to 2, the seventy-third annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today approved the proposed union between the north and south branches of the church. The conference voted 74 to 20 to admit laymen to conference.

Non-Support Charge Against Medley Holman

Medley Holman was arrested by Sheriff Jesse Bishars yesterday and conducted to county jail waiting a hearing on a charge of non-support of a minor child.

SPANIARDS ADVANCE MADRID (AP)—An official communique today reports the Spanish troops in the Alcazar of Segovia, following up their advance yesterday, today captured the important heights of Aduar and Seblida in the direction of Aduar, the Biffian capital.

OFFENSIVE SUCCESSFUL, FEZ, French Morocco (AP)—An official communique says the offensive began yesterday ended with "every objective taken, the French having carried their lines seven and a half miles north of Fez."

O. A. C. Enrollment Shows Great Gain

O. A. C. Cornwallis, Ore. (Special)—A net increase of 208 students over the corresponding day a year ago is shown in the report for the third day of enrollment, which has been held for several years, is being reconstructed. This power plant, with diversion work with a potential power capacity of 500 horsepower, was purchased from the local power company two years ago, including 125 acres adjoining the power site on the hill, which contains valuable gold, iron and copper deposits. These mines have been leased to the local smelter company for 25 years on a royalty basis.

Final Day On Debt Is Hectic One

WASHINGTON (AP) Presstime Flash.—Negotiations settling the French war debt ended today when Finance Minister Caillaux agreed to place before his government a temporary arrangement covering a period of five years. Under the proposed arrangement France would pay 10 million dollars a year for the next five years and would resume negotiations for full settlement during that time when conditions warranted.

France Debt Funding Body's Proposals Rejected; Last Minute Efforts Being Made.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—France's proposals to date for the settlement of her war debt to the United States have been found unacceptable and today is the last day of the scheduled stay in the United States of the French financial mission. Feverish efforts are being put forth in an attempt to find common ground for an agreement.

OREGON UNIVERSITY TO PLAY MULTNOMAH CLUB

EUGENE, Ore. (Special)—University of Oregon will open its football schedule Saturday afternoon on Hayward field against the Multnomah club team of Portland. Last year the clubmen emerged victorious by a 6 to 0 score, and according to advance indications they are even stronger than in 1924.

WASCO COUNTY GETS RAIN

THE DALLES, Ore.—Much-needed rain measuring 48 of an inch, fell here and through Wasco county, lack of rain had delayed fall planting of wheat in many localities, while moisture was needed in fields that were already seeded. Grading of the county's unimproved roads started.

SENATE G. O. P. WILL NOT RECOGNIZE LA FOLLETTE

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP)—Robert M. La Follette Jr., elected United States senator from Wisconsin to succeed his father Tuesday, will not be recognized as a Republican senator and will not be given membership in the interstate commerce committee, once held by his father. United States Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, told a Republican rally here Wednesday, "I am tired of seeing men coming about the country under the banner of Republicanism when there are not Republicans." Senator Watson said.

REPUBLICAN CONTROL IN SENATE IS THREATENED

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (Special)—What politicians say and what they really think often are two quite different things. For instance, Republican politicians say they expect to gain control of the senate at the next congressional election. Also for instance, Democratic politicians predict that their crowd will gain control of the house.

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When the Republicans speak of controlling the senate, they mean genuine control. They control it on paper now, but they can't depend on all their own votes—that is, the votes of independents only nominally classed as Republicans. The way they tell it, the actual cultural states are so much more conspicuous than they were that public sentiment has solidified and they're confident that these states will choose "regular" Republican in place of "insurgent" Republican senators in 1926.

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The point the Republicans are great to stress is that all the changes favor their loss of at least six senate seats to the Democrats and that there's no prospect the Democrats will lose any seats to them. Seven Democratic senators' terms will expire next year and all will succeed themselves or be succeeded by other Democrats. This is certain because the selections will be made by the voters of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and North and South Carolina, and they always do select Democrats. At the same time the terms of 25 Republican senators will expire and the states they represent include Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri and Oklahoma, which generally select Democrats.

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They have this, the Republicans will have to fight hard in Idaho, Nevada, New York and Utah. The Democrats may make some gains in the lower house. They hold few, if any, seats representing normally Republican districts and the Republicans do hold a number of seats representing normally Democratic constituencies—three in Kentucky, two in Maryland, seven in Missouri, two in Oklahoma, two in Tennessee and one in Texas. The Democrats may gain some of these but hardly enough to give them control unless there should be a landslide, of which there's no suggestion at present.

KELLOGG GIVES UNION WELCOME

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Extending the American government's welcome to assembled delegates, Secretary Kellogg declared before the opening session today of the Interparliamentary Union that the presence in Washington of so many representatives of self-governing nations "shows that in this remarkable age the attention of the world is centered upon the problems of self-government."

COMMISSIONERS BERT HANEY, BENSON, PLUMMER AND THOMPSON VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION STRIPPING PALMER OF HIS POWERS.

Commissioners Bert Haney, Benson, Plummer and Thompson voted for the resolution stripping Palmer of his powers. Chairman O'Connor abstained and Commissioner Lissner and Hill were absent.

PALMER IS STRIPPED OF POWER

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Broad powers delegated to the fleet corporation last year at the suggestion of President Coolidge were withdrawn today by the United States shipping board. By rescinding the resolution entrusting the corporation with extensive administrative powers, the board returned President Palmer to a position of employ rather than that of an officer with independent power over many details of the shipping administration.

DEAD LEFT IN STORM'S PATH

TOKIO (By the Associated Press)—Twenty persons are reported killed today and many injured in the most torrential rain storm here in fifty years. At Yokohama fifty houses were crushed by a landslide. Serious damage is reported in the Kanto district.

BRIDGE WORK PROGRESSING

According to Mr. Sorenson, state highway bridge engineer, who is stationed here during the pouring of the concrete at the Midway overhead will be completed by the end of this week. After the pouring is finished, the bridge will be completed, with the exception of grading the approaches. This will be started in about 28 days and will probably take about one month. The bridge is expected to be open to traffic about December 1.

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