

300 TEACHERS HERE TODAY

EDUCATORS ARRIVE FOR CONFERENCE

Two-County Institute Is Launched with Assembly This Morning

COMMERCIAL CLUB GREET VISITORS

University of Oregon Instructor Gives Opening Address on New Reading Circle.

Two hundred twenty-five visiting teachers from the public schools of practically every town and country school in Wallawa and Union counties came by train and bus and in their own cars this morning to join La Grande's staff of 75 educators for the opening session of the two-day teachers' institute.

Without waiting for a formal registration, they assembled in the auditorium of the high school building for a general session. The Rev. W. C. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, uttered an invocation over the meeting. The choir's chorus brought a welcome in two songs under the direction of Miss Isabelle Miller, music instructor.

Greetings of the city were extended in talk by Earl C. Reynolds of the Union county chamber of commerce, who explained the assignment of visitors to rooms in private homes and extended a cordial invitation to the reception and dance that the commerce chamber will give Friday evening at the Ellis temple.

An orchestra has been engaged, a reception line and preparations made for the evening of refreshments, he told the assembly.

Alfred Powers, of the extension division of the University of Oregon, gave the opening address, using as his subject, "The Oregon Teacher's Two-Foot Book Shelf." He explained the teachers' reading circles, and gave paragraph reviews of the books—most of them pedagogical—which are included in the work.

Miss Maude Hergan of Portland (Continued on Page Five.)

EXCURSION TO INTAKE DATED

A sightseeing excursion to the Beaver creek intake—La Grande's city water source—in view the improvements being made there is planned by the Union County Chamber of Commerce for Monday morning.

Springs and streams are brought into Beaver creek through ditches and pipes now nearly completed. The pipes have not yet been covered, and is in good shape to reveal just how the work is done, according to Earl C. Reynolds.

W. C. Gross, city manager, will escort the excursion, which is to be composed of business men and others interested in the project. The route leads over the new Jordan creek road, which is said to be in excellent condition. Nine o'clock Monday is the time set for starting from the chamber of commerce office.

New Lighting System Is Sought By Petitioners

A petition, bearing signatures of several of the property owners in the district provided, was presented to the city-commissioners last night asking for the formation of an improvement district along Adams avenue in the business section, and including portions of intersecting streets, for the purpose of installing an ornamental lighting system.

The system the petitioners wish installed is commonly known as the "stagger" system and has been discussed at some length in civic and commercial organizations recently.

The matter was referred to W. C. Gross, city manager, with authority to prepare the necessary resolutions for forming such a district. K. K. W. Parade An application was presented by

No Blame Is Placed Upon C. H. Getchell

Driver of Car That Figured in Fatal Accident Exonerated by Coroner's Jury.

Claude H. Getchell was freed from blame in connection with the death of James Romig Jr., killed when Getchell's automobile struck the victim's parked car on the highway at Hot Lake Monday night—by a coroner's jury that brought in a verdict of "death through unavoidable accident" at the adjourned inquest held by Dr. F. L. Raiston at the Bohnenkamp chapel last evening.

Testimony, which Monday night appeared inadequate for a decision was augmented that night by witnesses who included Dr. W. T. Piny, who was summoned by some of his employees at the sanatorium after he had heard the crash; Dr. W. P. McQuary, who treated Mrs. Getchell's wounds after she had been returned to La Grande from the accident; Mrs. Agnes Connolly, who was the last person to see young Romig alive, and whom he told he might stop at the lake to fill his radiator before he left Hot Lake after taking her home from a theater in La Grande; Dr. Raiston, who was called to examine the body within an hour after the accident; J. M. Burton, Hot Lake barber, and H. J. Muthersbaugh, a tailor there, who were in a car following Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, Mr. Muthersbaugh bringing Mrs. Getchell back to La Grande after she was hurt; J. E. Soper, of the wrecking crew with the train that stopped at Hot Lake shortly after the accident, and Lewis Bidler, brother of Mrs. Connolly.

Mrs. Getchell was unable to be present. Her injuries, consisting of three bad cuts across her forehead, right cheek and chin, and several bad bruises on the upper part of her body, are causing her much distress today.

Several La Grande friends were among the attendants at the funeral services conducted for James "Mac" Romig Jr. at 8 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. L. L. Williams delivered the sermon; Stephens Episcopal church; Willard Stearns of Union, and the vocal numbers.

The funeral procession led to La Grande where interment took place at the L. O. O. F. cemetery. Military rites were observed in honor of the decedent's service as first lieutenant during the World war.

Sheriff After Mace On Defrauding Charge

On a warrant issued September 29, 1924, Sheriff Jesse Breshers will leave this evening for Bartlesville, Okla., to bring here for trial one Joseph H. Mace, charged with embezzling funds belonging to the White Sewing Machine company, which he represented here at some past time as agent.

The sheriff went to Elgin last evening for a short visit with his wife and family, and particularly to see his 18-year-old daughter, Ruth, who has been ill for several days. The little girl is reported much better.

In Jail for First Time in 76 Years

William Reed, Scotch, admitted in police court this morning that he had a "reee bit" of liquor when arrested last night. So Judge J. B. Slater found him guilty as charged on the count of possessing liquor and fined him \$75, which Reed paid. Reed, who gives his age as 76 years, says this is the first time he has ever been in jail.

Grand Jury Meeting Is Delayed by Trial

The meeting of the grand jury scheduled today was delayed by the trial of the state's case versus L. H. Keefer, which required the presence of Carl Helm, district attorney, in the courtroom.

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YOUNGSTERS UPHELD BY CARL DONEY

Youth of Today as Sound as Parents Were, Educator Insists

FRANKNESS GIVES ELDERS A SHOCK

Modern Tendencies Are Shown by the Younger Generation But Heart Is Right, He Avers.

"The boy and girl of today are as sound as their parents were in their youth—maybe sounder," asserted Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University, to an Observer reporter this morning.

"This talk about flappers—well, that is mostly superficial. It doesn't get at the heart of the matter. 'Tis true, the young people of today do many things that the older folk would rather they didn't. We don't like to see a girl smoke, or red her lips—at least in public. But that isn't the most important consideration.

"Our boys and girls are sound at heart—sounder, perhaps, than their parents were.

"Why shouldn't they? They are short skirts, but why shouldn't they? Our young people jump around a great deal, but we would have them jumping around, wouldn't we? They are restless with the restlessness of their age. They are not satisfied with things as they are and they think they ought to fix them.

"I find them in groups discussing questions that I couldn't have talked intelligently about at their age. And their comprehension of the problems of the day is beyond that of the average man of the

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KEEFER CASE EXHIBITS MANY

After but three minutes consideration, the jury in the case of State of Oregon vs. Keefer returned a verdict this afternoon of "guilty as charged."

Bottles, jugs and barrels of moonshine, wine and homebrew, along with the 100-pound sack, raisins and prunes in 15-pound packages, a neat bottle cap and several yards of rubber hose compose the exhibits introduced by the state as evidence in the case against L. H. Keefer that is hearing the close of arguments to the jury in circuit court this afternoon.

Carl Helm, district attorney, took the witness stand this morning to recite his visit to the Keefer home at the time of the raid and while the supplies were still in place in the basement of the house.

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Patterson Announces Candidacy

Dirt Farmer Is Aspirant for Republican Nomination for Governor's Post.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Like Patterson, dirt farmer, today announced his candidacy for the nomination for governor on the republican ticket at the primary election in May, 1926.

Patterson's statement follows: "In announcing my candidacy, I desire to call attention to my business experience, including my activity as a practical farmer for many years.

"I have had legislative experience and believe I have a knowledge and grasp of state affairs that would enable me to be of service to the people of Oregon.

"I am going to make a vigorous, clean and constructive campaign for the republican nomination on issues, saying nothing and doing nothing against any other candidate that could be used against him in the event of his nomination.

"I favor placing the penitentiary under the state board of control. That is the only way to remove it from politics. Also, I favor abolishing the parole board.

"I believe in the impartial enforcement of all laws, and, if elected, will work to that end, and will appoint no man to enforce a law who is not known to observe that law."

LADIES AID IN COUNTY MEET

A UNION, Ore. (Special)—The conference of Methodist Ladies Aids, which was held here yesterday, although the first of its kind to be arranged here, was a decided success.

More than 100 members of aids in other communities in the county were in attendance and much interest and enthusiasm was shown by the ladies, both local and visiting.

All brought a covered dish lunch and a committee of members of the Union aid furnished coffee and "the trimmings." The opinion was expressed following the all-day meeting that this organization will do much good and it has been decided to continue the conventions. The next meeting will be at Cove next year.

Practically every Methodist church in the county was represented.

LA GRANDE TAKES PAIT

At least 50 members of the Ladies Aid society of the La Grande Methodist church attended the county convention held at Union yesterday. A report of the two divisions of the society was given by Mrs. Sherwood Williams.

It's Readers They Want

After all, the intelligent advertiser is chiefly interested in how many people read The Observer—because that's what counts. They aren't interested in the number of copies printed if they know how many of you are interested in the paper and go through it from front page to back.

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NEW INCOME TAX RATES SUGGESTED

Secretary Mellon Offers New Schedule to the House Committee

TENTATIVE RATE IS REARRANGED

Instead of Five Per Cent Tax on Incomes Above \$2,000, Mellon Proposes Sliding Scale.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A new schedule of normal income rates was presented to the house ways and means committee today by Secretary Mellon.

The proposal suggested a rate of 1 per cent on the first \$2000 taxable income, 2 per cent on the next \$2000, 3 per cent on the next \$2000, and 5 per cent thereafter.

These arrangements, the secretary said in a letter to Chairman Green, probably will be "more satisfactory" than the recently submitted treasury schedule suggesting 1 per cent on the first \$2000 taxable income and 5 per cent thereafter.

Mellon submitted the new figures not as a "definite" proposal but as an alternative to the plan laid before the committee in writing Monday.

His letter reached the committee as it was beginning its fourth day of hearing on tax revision. Representative Hawley of Oregon, republican, presented a petition from the Western States Taxpayers' conference asking a repeal of the inheritance levy. Milbank Johnson, president of the conference, in a message to the committee, said the conference unanimously disapproved of the tax except in such emergencies as war.

DOKIES DISCUSS CEREMONIALS AT BANQUET HERE

Fifty men attended the D. O. K. K. banquet held last evening at the K. P. hall. Robert Lytle, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, of Vale, was present and gave a very interesting address during the banquet. Ralph Byers presided and talks were given by Archie C. Miller, of Enterprise, P. G. DeLoe, of Union and William Miller, of La Grande.

Several resolutions, which will be discussed, were read, and one of these will be held at Wallawa as soon as the new K. P. hall has been completed there. The other will be at Union. No definite dates were set.

A ceremonial to be held at Ontario some time this fall was also discussed. A class of candidates from various points in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho will be initiated at this meeting.

Aged Store Keeper Is Found Dead in Bed

William Douglas McFarland, 68, was found dead in his bed this morning by his wife, who had stayed up to nurse him through the night and fallen asleep in her chair beside him.

Mr. McFarland, who came to La Grande a little more than two years ago, was known as the keeper of the little grocery store at 124 Y avenue, in the rear of which he and Mrs. McFarland reside their home. He had been ill for some time, and for a few weeks before his death had suffered extreme discomfort from asthma. His wife helped him to bed last night, and after calling in a physician, stationed herself in a chair to watch the patient through the night. It is believed that he died about midnight.

The Moon lodge, of which the decedent was a member, will have charge of the funeral services. Arrangements depend upon word from a daughter who lives in New York state.

DAVID ARTHUR INDICTED

BAKER, Ore.—An indictment charging manslaughter was returned by the grand jury against David Arthur in connection with the death of G. T. Tucker, who was stabbed by Arthur in an altercation at the Mother Lode mine, of which Arthur is foreman. Tucker was stabbed in the side with the hook of a miner's lamp. Ten true bills and two not true bills were returned by the jury.

Dancing Grandmother



Anna Chandler is married again. The pretty and youthful woman who three years ago claimed the world's title for speed in becoming a grandmother has just taken another husband. He is Lester Lee, said to be 23, the pianist who accompanies her in her act at the Hoffman cabaret on Broadway. She has been married twice before. When her daughter became a mother, Miss Chandler gave her own age as 31.

ADMISSION TO U. S. REFUSED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Countess Karolyi, wife of Count Michael Karolyi, former president of the Hungarian republic, has been denied permission to enter the United States on a lecture tour.

The American consul general at Paris refused to approve her passport, his action being approved by the state department. The refusal was based on laws which bar persons of known revolutionary views.

The state department in approving the action acted in line with the policy adopted when S. Saklatvala, communist member of the British parliament, was refused admission as a delegate to the interparliamentary union conference.

Prosperity and Peace Foreseen by Schwab

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Peace and prosperity are peering over the horizon with a promise to be born companions of American business in the years immediately ahead, Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel company, told the second annual conference on education and industry, held in connection with the annual meeting of the Institute of American Meal Packers at the University of Chicago Wednesday.

Blackmailers Exact Tribute in Chicago

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Blackmailers preying on bootleggers, gamblers and others who, like themselves, have defied the law, have exacted a tribute of upwards of one million dollars in the last few months, the Chicago Herald and Examiner said Wednesday.

While reluctant to reveal the extent of the blackmailers' operations, some of their victims have been molested to such an extent that they have taken their troubles to federal agents and, as a result of a federal investigation, arrests in large numbers are anticipated.

Arlington Citizens Commended

ARLINGTON, Ore.—Mayor Whelan has received a letter from A. E. McKee, superintendent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, commending and thanking the citizens of Arlington for the prompt and efficient aid rendered on the night of the derailment of the Continental Limited.

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