

ARISTOCRAT OF SERVICE NOT LOWLY

National Missionary Society Official Praises Welfare Worker

FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENDS

Thirty Women Delegates from Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho Return to Their Homes.

Thirty women devoted to Methodist missionary endeavor within the boundaries of the United States concluded their fourth annual convention of societies included in the intermountain conference last evening with a meeting at First M. E. church that was attended by a fair crowd of interested visitors.

Mrs. Collins J. Brock of Delaware, Ohio, national speaker for the occasion, talked on "Aristocrats of Service," who, she said, rank above the aristocrats of blood, of finance, of intelligence or of sports.

Fourteen young La Grande girls, robed in the purple and white insignia of the Queen Esther order of the Woman's Home Missionary society, exemplified their ceremonial in the initiation of two candidates earlier in the evening. Mrs. R. E. Tyler, their leader, was in charge. Mrs. Sherwood Williams played for the song that they sang. Simple rites of worship were conducted by the Rev. H. W. Parker, pastor of the host church. The music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams, who sang Hoffman's "Art Thou Weary?"

Each of the national convention at Pasadena, Cal., this summer brought to the workers a number of new projects. Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Elizabeth Grice of Boise, the new president; Mrs. G. W. Barnes, Colliater, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. C. D. Weaver of Twin Falls, treasurer.

COUNTY LAND VALUES DROP

The total value of taxable property in this county has fallen off about \$25,500 since last year, according to the summary of assessment roll as turned over to officials this month by D. H. Proctor, county assessor.

An increase of \$3126 in the amount deducted for old soldier exemptions lowers the amount of different registered somewhat. There are 156,927 acres of taxable land, valued at \$7,996,856, recorded in 1925, as against 165,888 acres appraised at \$8,083,155 in 1924.

Timber lands have decreased from 211,767 acres with an estimated value of \$1,448,357 to 184,976 acres valued at \$1,048,350.

By the same token, the county now has 494,620 acres of land reported non-taxable and worth \$1,754,825; whereas the figures for non-taxable land last year were 471,399 acres at \$1,745,460.

Improvements on undeveloped land have decreased by \$97,040, making the present value \$1,142,420.

Mail Carrier Service To Be Extended Soon

Their Sam's free mail carrier service in La Grande will be extended November 1 to include about 80 families not reached by the system as it now exists, according to Major H. H. Hixon, postmaster, through whose efforts the additional service has been secured.

She Wins



"Queen of American Colleges" was the title conferred on Miss Mary Ella Pace, above, of Haskell, Texas, at a beauty contest between co-eds of 38 colleges and universities in Dallas, Texas, recently.

APPLES SOLD TO IDAHO MAN

Sale of 20 carloads of Home Beauties by H. H. Weatherpoon, High apple grower, to A. P. Scritchfield of Weilers, Idaho, took place yesterday according to the latter, who stopped in La Grande before going to Wallawa county where he will remain for a few days on business.

Mr. Scritchfield announces that he will ship the apples to Chicago. The deal, which has been pending for several days before final closing yesterday, involves more than \$15,000.

Mr. Weatherpoon, who raised more than \$75,000 worth of apples this year, has not disposed of a considerable portion of the crop. Some time ago he went east, where he sold about two-fifths of the yield.

Christian Endeavor Official Coming Here

A. J. Sharle, treasurer of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, will arrive in La Grande next Thursday morning from Boston. He will speak at the local Presbyterian church Thursday evening under the auspices of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor union. His subject has not yet been announced. A special musical program will also be given.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Girl's Alleged Assault Found S.A.L.E.M. Ore.—Leroy Rice, farmer living near Scotts Mills, who is wanted in Salem on a statutory charge preferred against him by a 12-year-old girl, was located in an Oregon City hospital where he was reported to be suffering from a wound he was alleged to have inflicted on himself following the alleged crime.

TRACTOR CO. WILL WORK LARGE AREA

La Grande Chosen as the East Oregon, South Idaho Headquarters

C. W. BUNTING AT HEAD OF CONCERN

Establishment Gives City New Prestige as Distributing Point—Boise Branch Maintained.

Among recent additions to the La Grande business district is the establishment of the Bunting Tractor company in the Holmes building at the corner of Jefferson and Elm streets. The local office of the concern will be headquarters for the distribution of caterpillar tractors in Union, Willowa and Baker counties in Oregon and all of Southern Idaho.

This arrangement makes La Grande equally important to Portland, Seattle and Spokane as a tractor distributing point.

C. W. Bunting and his son, Clyde E. Bunting, are at the head of the new firm. Both have had considerable experience in the tractor industry. The former was agent for the Holt Manufacturing company in this territory for a number of years, and the latter was employed until recently by the same company as sales engineer with headquarters in Portland.

Earl T. Collier, formerly of Spokane, Wash., is in charge of the parts service for the new firm. He was employed lately in the parts department of the Holt branch in Spokane.

W. H. Webber, former representative of the Holt interests at Davenport, Wash., is in the sales department and will make his headquarters here.

V. C. Henderson, will head the company's interests in Idaho. John Stewart of La Grande, has been secured to handle the service requirements.

To Keep Big Stock. A complete stock of spare parts

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Jones Takes Up Duties Of State Church Post

The Rev. O. W. Jones, recently elected financial secretary of the Christian church of Oregon, will leave La Grande tomorrow for Richland on his first official visit. Mr. Jones will travel all over the state, but will continue to make La Grande his home. A new pastor for the church here has not yet been selected.

Endowment Fund Day To Be Held November 4

Federation Endowment Fund day, a red letter day of the La Grande Neighborhood club, has been postponed from Wednesday, November 4, to Wednesday, November 11, it was announced this morning by members of the club. A candy sale will be one of the features of the day.

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. H. A. Zurbick, chairman, Mrs. R. P. Landis, Mrs. Clyde Mackey, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Walter Leiseman, Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mrs. C. E. Sting, Mrs. H. E. Dixon, Mrs. Chase Bohlenkamp, Mrs. C. M. Hearnshaw, Mrs. Pete McDonaid, Mrs. Gilbert Barron and Mrs. Harry Turner.

Everett Keown Buys Barber Shop Interest

Everett Keown, who formerly had the third chair in the Foley barber shop, owned by Otis Veal and George Perry, has purchased Veal's interest and will take possession Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veal will leave Saturday night for Aberdeen, Wash., where he has purchased a barber shop.

Remington to Conduct Services Here Sunday

Bishop William C. Remington, Pendleton, Ore., will be present to conduct services in St. Peter's Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Killers To Be Executed January 8

James Willos and Ellsworth Kelley Hear Death Sentences—Both Dehy Guilt.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—James Willos and Ellsworth Kelley, convicted found guilty of the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12, were sentenced today by Judge Kelly to hang January 8. Kelley and Willos were a dejected appearing pair when they were brought before the judge for sentence.

They did not seem nervous, but both were unshaven and pale. Willos' pallor was particularly noticeable.

Both Dehy Guilt. Before sentence was passed, both made statements denying guilt.

The defense was given until December 26 to file a bill of exceptions preparatory to appealing to the supreme court.

MAY NAME NEW AMBASSADOR

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—It has been learned on high authority that Senator Victor Henry Berenger will shortly be appointed to succeed Emile Daeschner, French ambassador to the United States.

The French government's decision to change ambassadors is closely related to the American debt funding negotiations. Foreign Minister Briand has impressed upon Premier Painleve that another effort should be made to settle the debt. Berenger is regarded as the best man available to bring this about.

Berenger, with his financial authority, intimate acquaintance with the debt question, and ideas he has derived from recent experience in Washington as a member of Calhoun's debt mission, is regarded by the government as the man to handle the problem if anything is to be done on the American debt.

Grocery Will Open in South La Grande Nov. 2

The grocery at 206 Fourth street which burned several weeks ago, has been rebuilt, remodeled and a fresh stock of both staple and fancy groceries has been installed. The store will be opened Monday morning by George Baker under the new name of Baker's Grocery. The equipment is new and modern.

It is good news to the people of South La Grande for a grocery store of this type to open in that section of town, it is said.

PENDLETON COSTS RISE

PENDLETON, Ore.—The cost of operating the city of Pendleton during 1924 will be \$25,402, according to the budget that was tentatively adopted by the budget committee at its meeting last night. This compares with a cost for 1923 of \$28,345.

The greater part of the increase in cost has come from the necessity of paying for improvements already made or in prospect, to pay for property or equipment which was purchased on the installment plan without resorting to bond issue. Some of the extra payments thus entailed for 1924 are as follows: Dump grounds, \$1750; sewer cleaning machine, \$500; automobile park payment, \$1000; 10th street sewer, \$225; road to dump grounds, \$475; levee repairs, \$200.

It's Gratifying Evidence

Nothing is quite so gratifying to the Observer as the very definite trend toward the purchase of Observer space exclusively for the advertising of a local business.

It is evidence that advertisers are analyzing their market, that they are getting education facts that they are discovering the Observer has the greatest country or city coverage to be had in the county—and that reader-cost in the Observer is far less than mail advertising, or any other medium. Combined with these facts is a high reader-interest of particular value. Spending advertising money exclusively in the Observer results naturally from a study of the facts.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

GOVERNOR EXPLAINS PARDONING

A. J. Weston, Sent to Prison for Murder Held Victim of "Frame-Up"

DOESN'T BELIEVE STILLWELL'S TALE

Pierce Refers to Witness as "Drunken Sheepherder and Illicit Distiller."

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The full pardon granted A. J. Weston by Governor Pierce was based on the theory that there was no murder committed and that Robert H. Krug, the dead man, was burned to death accidentally in a cabin near Sisters, Ore., according to a statement by the governor today.

Pierce expressed the belief that Weston was the victim of a "frame-up."

In his statement, Pierce said he does not believe the story told by George Stillwell, one of the witnesses against Weston.

The governor referred to Stillwell as a "drunken sheepherder and an illicit distiller." He said he interviewed Stillwell at length and that Stillwell's story differed in many particulars from that told on the witness stand.

SANTA BARBARA FEELS QUAKE; NO DAMAGE DONE

SANTA BARBARA, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Santa Barbara experienced a sharp earthquake at 5:20 this morning, following a little job at 1:45 o'clock. No damage was done.

Realty Board Will Elect 1926 Officers

The La Grande Realty board will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the office of George H. Curry. The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting. Plans for the Northwest Realtors convention which will be held here next summer will also be continued.

La Grande Stores May Close Armistice Day

Stores in La Grande will be closed for the joint celebration of Armistice day if the recommendation of the merchant's committee is accepted by the business men represented at the regular luncheon-meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon.

The recommendation came out of a special session of the merchant's committee this evening at the commerce chamber offices.

WEAVER OF "BALLOONS" MADE VICTIM OF ATTACK

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP)—Dad Sechrist, high school student, appeared at classes here wearing a pair of 20-inch Oxford bags.

Half an hour later he was lying on the school grounds unconscious and his "super balloons" were floating from the top of a nearby tree.

Fellow students declared it might be all right for the cowboy to wear flowing shapes, but that Sechrist's trousers were a bit too wide.

School authorities are conducting an investigation of the incident.

MISSING BEDDING FOUND

ALBANY, Ore.—Lost, including five silk floss mattresses and 26 blankets, was recovered here by Sheriff Richard and Marshal Rodgers when they raided the imperial lodging house, operated by Mrs. Mattie Dow Greenfield, A. Superstein, formerly of Portland, identified the bedding as that stolen from his store several months ago.

Harvesting the Ghosts



Tomorrow night is when the jack o'lanterns will glow—to frighten ignominious grown-ups and give great glee to joyful youngsters. Above is where the ghosts grow, and no doubt the two little girls, looking over the crop, are already picturing what can be done with the yield.

CANADA VOTES CONSERVATIVE

OTTAWA, Ont. (By the Associated Press)—Frederic King today denied rumors that he had decided to resign as the result of the Canadian parliamentary election.

In Nova Scotia, out of 14 seats, the conservatives have elected 11 members, and the liberals three. In New Brunswick the conservatives elected 10 and the liberals one out of a total of 14 seats.

The overturn in these provinces had been expected for both provincial elections in the recent provincial elections.

Nova Scotia had hitherto been a liberal stronghold, returning in every seat in the last election a supporter of the King government.

In every province, which has thus far reported, conservative gains are announced.

Ontario Conservative

Ontario is returning to the conservative fold. Of the 52 seats which have thus far reported in that province, the conservatives polled 47, the liberals four, Miss MacNeil, a progressive and the only woman member of the last parliament, and an independent liberal account for the other two.

Quebec alone of the provinces retained in the main the liberal allegiance. Two conservatives had captured three seats on the island of Montreal, but for the rest the liberals seem to be holding their ground.

District No. 9 School Praised by E. A. Sayre

Complete satisfaction with the condition of schools in the outlying districts of this county was expressed by E. A. Sayre, county superintendent, Thursday evening when he returned from the last of his visits to the schools that are difficult to reach in winter weather.

"I have never seen pleasanter schoolrooms or teachers and pupils more content with their work and surroundings than those I have visited this fall," declared the superintendent.

"I am particularly happy about the prospects in the district No. 9. We used to call it the Hardscrabble district, but the community is so prosperous and progressive that it certainly deserves a better title. One of the finest schools in the county has just been built out there. It is a modern two-room building, with ample woodsheds and a barn for horses and cars. It stands on the highway between Alsea and Cove, which is soon to be hard-surfaced. The district is waiting now for the new seats and desks to arrive. Otherwise, the building is all ready for occupancy. Superintendent Sayre visited Lone Star and Valeria schools Thursday, and Tuesday he was a visitor at the Haller, Medical Springs and Park districts.

NOT GUILTY PLEA MADE BY COLONEL

Mitchell Smilingly Denies He Violated Army Discipline

READY TO STAND TRIAL, HE SAYS

Accusers of Superiors, After Failing in Effort to Stop Courtmartial, Will "Face Music."

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Having lost every preliminary effort to halt court-martial proceedings against him, Colonel William Mitchell pleaded not guilty today to charges against him and informed the court he is ready to stand trial.

Mitchell stood smiling to answer the charges. He said "not guilty" as each specification was read by prosecuting officers.

His plea did not deny the accuracy of the charges that Mitchell accused his superiors of criminal, almost reasonable conduct in administering the air service, but merely comprised a denial that this accusation constituted conduct in violation of discipline.

The defense's request for a bill of particulars was thrown out by the court after a heated argument. Sentative Reid of Illinois, Mitchell's attorney, declared the charges as worded by the war department were "top vague."

To Reopen Monday. Reid then contended the prosecution had not met its burden of proof.

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LEAGUE ENDS 'WAR' SESSION

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The council of the League of Nations, hurriedly summoned last Monday to prevent threatened hostilities between Greece and Bulgaria, adjourned today with its task accomplished.

Official notification from the allied military experts on the scene was presented at a final meeting that the Greeks had completed evacuation of the Bulgarian soil eight hours before the time limit set by the council.

The closing session was featured by an address by President Briand, who declared that the league had justified its existence.

WATER MEETING CALLED

SALEM, Ore.—Representatives of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana and the department of the interior will meet at Spokane when the allocation of the waters of the Columbia river will be considered. Rhea Liver, state engineer, will protect Oregon's interests at the conference.

Any recommendation that may be made at the conference will be subject to approval or rejection by the legislatures of the four states and the department of the interior.

XTRA

HIGHWAY HEARING ON MEDFORD, Ore. (AP)—Commissioners Duly, Van Duzer and Malone, members of the state highway commission, and State Highway Engineer Kline, will open a hearing in Jacksonville at 2 o'clock this afternoon regarding the creation of a superior road district from Williams to the Oregon caves.

PILLAGE CHARGED SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)—Sofia newspapers are printing columns of eye-witness "stories" today charging that the withdrawal of Greek troops from Bulgaria was marked by scenes of pillage and destruction. According to these accounts, the Greeks took away food, clothing, furniture, household utensils and, in some cases, left behind them only bare walls of the homes they looted. The foreign office declares Bulgaria will insist before the league of nations council that Greece make reparation both for lives lost and property destroyed or stolen.

Pastor Unearths Vice In Seattle Underworld

SEATTLE, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Following charges by the Rev. Bailey, of the First Baptist church, that vice is general here, several raids have been made.

Two girls, four men and a woman were taken in today's raid. One of the men, Donald A. Holt, was said to be a Colton, Cal., attorney.

The Rev. Bailey said he would again tour the underworld in disguise.

MAN HURT STRETCHING WIRE

SWEET HOME, Ore.—Lester Morehead, forest service instructor, was injured while stretching wire on his farm above Sweet Home, when the stretcher slipped and struck him on the head, cutting a deep wound.

Even Princes Sow Wild Oat Crop, Writer Says

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—King Rama VI of Siam, who has just deposed his queen for not being dignified enough, wasn't always so dignified himself, as certain muddy old reports in the United States secret service files show. Chulalongkorn ruled in Siam and Rama was only crown prince when the latter toured America nearly 25 years ago. Just out of Oxford, he was on his way home by the western route.

As a royal visitor, two secret service men met him when he landed in New York to guard him until he sailed from San Francisco.

The prince's secret service guards found they had a hard job. The prince was on vacation. His school days were over. His ruler hadn't begun. He wanted a good time—to cut up. In fact, Steve Wright, cameraman for the now defunct Inter-Ocean, had been trying to get the prince's picture during the whole length of his stay in the Windy City.

There was but one elevator he could descend to the lobby by. Steve set up his camera in an inconspicuous corner commanding this elevator and waited. Obviously nothing would do but a flashlight.

Steve was unsparring with his powder. In fullest evening dress, a ribbon across his shirt front sparkling with decorations, the prince appeared.

A blinding flash! A strong concussion! A smoke-filled hotel lobby! Steve had pulled the trigger.

With a yelp, the prince tumbled backward into the elevator and was at the top of the building in the twinkling of an eye. The secret service men pulled guns. Attendants ran and screamed. Steve's camera fell. In the cloud of smoke Steve had disappeared, with a unique picture of a crown prince in the act of being assassinated—or so he thought.