

LAY PLANS FOR HEALTH WEEK HERE

Chamber of Commerce Committees Outline Program

NEW FEATURE FOR ECONOMIC SESSION

Agricultural Board Decides upon Addition of Women's and Children's Department.

Extensive plans for work in Union county were agreed upon last night when the chamber of commerce, agricultural and health committees, both headed by Dr. W. T. Pfy, and both of the same personnel, met with their chairman for dinner at Hotel Lake.

Perhaps the direct result of the conference which will be seen in the near future will be a Union county health week, tentatively scheduled for the early part of December.

Every civic body, every school, every church in the county will be asked to hold at least one health gathering at that time.

Conference Discussed

Extensive plans for enlarging and widening the interest in the annual Union county economic conference were also laid by the agriculture committee. This has been held for two previous springs with Dr. Pfy its general chairman.

A women's and children's department will be one new feature of the next conference while larger general meetings probably will take the place of smaller group meetings into which the conference has previously resolved itself.

Survey to Be Made

A botanical survey of the soil in Union county was another activity.

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CLUB BANQUET TO BE FRIDAY

A banquet will be given by the boys club of Union county Friday evening, November 20, at the Union hotel. It was announced this morning, Stockton in the county, the county school superintendent, all members of the boys' and girls' clubs and their families and others who are interested in livestock club work, will be guests at the banquet, which will begin at 7 o'clock.

The main feature of the menu will be a calf purchased by the boys club at the fat stock side at the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland.

L. J. Allen, assistant club worker in charge of livestock club work in the state, will appear on the evening's program. It is expected that the remainder of the program will be turned over to the club members.

AUTO COLLISION

Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon two large cars figured in a collision at the intersection of Elm and Adams. Some of the occupants were injured and little damage was done to the cars.

Socialized Recitation Practiced In Schools

"Would you like to go on a long, long railroad journey? Then you may take from your desks seven pins, seven slips of paper, your geographies and readers." That sounded like a strange preparation to the Observer reporter looking on from the rear of the fourth grade room at the Greenwood school Tuesday afternoon. But the pupils accepted Miss Lovett's directions in perfect faith, and because nothing is impossible when one is only nine years old, they were soon speeding across the continent on a fast express intent on finding out what kind of stories are waiting for writers down in Dixie.

This was a class in silent reading. Shades of Debarrel! How the fathers of "expressive reading" would have been with could they have listened to that recitation yesterday and marked the disregard for all the painful old rules that used to govern "the interpretation of the printed page."

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Gets Even



Dr. Charles S. Shoemaker, former mayor of Pomeroy, Ohio, came home one night to find his wife had bobbed her hair. So he declared he would let his beard grow until she let her hair grow. She hasn't yielded, and her locks are staying short while his are growing long and woolly.

NAME WINNERS BOOK CONTEST

Jean McKennon, a fifth grader, and Donald Pouch, sixth, both enrolled at the Central school, won the book prizes that the library offered to the boy and the girl submitting the best lists of books suitable for a child's home library.

Eighteen girls and six boys submitted lists and all of them were good, but the judges said Jean's and Donald's were best because they showed the most careful balance of interests and because they contained no titles of books that could not be recommended for children.

There were supposed to be at least 25 titles in each list. One boy named 122.

Jean's List Jean told Miss Mabel Doty, the

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Special Express Rate Effective December 5

The granting of a special express rate by the American Express company under the old rulings. The special rate will be gratifying to persons who desire to send quantities of fruit and nuts as Christmas gifts.

Individuals and firms have experienced difficulties in sending combination packages to eastern points under the old rulings. The special rate will be gratifying to persons who desire to send quantities of fruit and nuts as Christmas gifts.

After the children had located on their geography maps the part of the country they wanted to visit, Miss Lovett gave them the number of the page in their readers where they could find a story that would tell how to get there.

Then she asked the first of the questions that form the key to the success of the silent reading method. "What shall we do while the passengers are gathering at the station?"

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P-T Council Sponsoring City Program

General La Grande Observation of American Education Week to Be Thursday Evening.

A general celebration of American Education week, one in which every citizen of La Grande is invited to participate, is announced by the City Council of Parent-Teacher associations for 3 o'clock Thursday evening, Nov. 19, at the high school auditorium.

Dr. W. T. Pfy, of Hot Lake, will be the principal speaker, talking for his subject some phase of education and its relation to citizenship. The meeting will be opened with prayer under the leadership of the Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Eduer Stodard will direct a short community sing, after which there will be a selection by Lindsay's orchestra.

Miss Helen M. Geddes will sing a solo just before Dr. Pfy's address. Quartet to Appear.

A song by the chamber of commerce quartet, a reading by Miss Florence Thompson and a solo by R. J. Hammer will be the concluding numbers on the program.

Every day this week sees special programs devoted to the interests of education in America.

At Sacred Heart academy, the high school and upper grade pupils are writing essays on the subjects recommended by the United States bureau of education for attention on successive days of the week. The younger children are learning about the constitution, patriotism, conservation and thrift in connection with their regular lessons.

The Rev. George A. Pollard, pastor of the Baptist church, addressed a patriotism assembly at the high school auditorium Tuesday at 2 p. m. Miss Frieda McKennon read the winning essay on "Patriotism" that she wrote for a contest conducted in the English department. The third number on the program was a pantomime called "United States, the Morning, Pot of the Nations," presented by a group of girls under direction of Miss Eleanor Vernon and Carolyn Gauman.

Each girl appeared in the costume of the land she represented, crossed the stage to the strains of music appropriate to that country, and disappeared into the improvised melting pot. When all had crossed, Miss Muri Gore, at the piano played "The Star Spangled Banner," and as the assembly stood to join in the singing, Miss Liberty appeared leading the girls of the nations with her.

Those who took part were: Jennie Holbow, as Japan; Dorothy Brownson, China; Edwardine Malone, Turkey; Daisy Robb, Italy; Jennie Nelson, Scandinavia; Willie Gaskell, Holland; Marjorie Miller, Scotland; May Clay, Ireland; Frances Kelley, Miss Liberty.

An assembly at the Central building this morning, Superintendent J. T. Longfellow told, the school "what good citizenship means, and how they might become good citizens while they are children. The assembly saluted the flag, recited the preamble of the constitution and sang "America the Beautiful." When the program was finished, the children marched back to their rooms singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Members of the North Powder Grange, headed by Master J. A. Nee, will be present to assist in the program. The gathering will be held in the assembly hall at the Eastern Oregon experiment station west of Union with Robert Wilby, county superintendent, taking an active part in preparations.

The meetings will be open and Dr. Pfy urges all farmers who come under the jurisdiction of the Union Grange to attend.

PLAN FATHER, SON BANQUET

Preparations for the traditional Father-Son banquet, which is to be given early next month, will be made at a meeting of committees representing the chamber of commerce, the Ministerial association and the laymen of the churches, Friday noon, the place to be arranged later today.

Rev. William Crosby Ross and Dr. Henry W. Parker will represent the Ministerial association, on the committee of laymen are A. W. Nelson, Dr. Ray Murphy and Horace Nelson. The chamber of commerce will be represented by the boys and girls committees, which include Mr. Ross, Robert Aiken, Harvey Matthews and Charles H. Reynolds.

Last year the banquet entertained nearly 300 boys and their dads. The committee hopes the number this year will be even larger.

School District Will Give Community Play

The Lower Cove school district No. 9 will present a community play, "The Neighbors" (Zona Gale) which will be followed by a school program and basket supper Saturday evening, November 21, at 7:30 o'clock.

The announcement was made today by Miss Grace S. Hendrickson, teacher, who urged all who can to attend.

ONE KILLED WHEN TRAIN IS DERAILED

Engineer Is Scalded, Then Buried Under Two Feet of Sand

WOMAN, SHIELDER OF BABE, MAY DIE

Tangled Wreckage of Engine and Three Coaches Today Mark Scene of Accident.

OLYMPIA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—The tangled wreckage of a locomotive and three coaches today marked a spot two miles west of here where last night one man met death and a score were injured as the fast Northern Pacific train No. 424, running from Grays Harbor to Tacoma, left the rails.

E. M. Putnam, Tacoma, engineer, was killed when scalded and then buried beneath two feet of sand as the embankment crumbled under the impact of the heavy engine.

Mrs. Laura Hahn of Aberdeen, a passenger, was probably fatally hurt while shielding her year-old infant.

The others injured will recover. A partial list of injured given out by the Northern Pacific division last night follows:

R. H. Whitman, Tacoma, fireman.

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WELSH CHORUS TO SING HERE

Dr. Bowen's Royal Welsh Gleemen will sing for La Grande at the tubernacle of the Latter Day Saints Monday evening, November 20.

It is not often that the northwest is paid a visit by Welsh choristers. This is the first time that any part of the United States has been privileged to hear this remarkable group.

Dr. Bowen's gleemen were organized at Perth, in south Wales, in 1909 expressly for the purpose of competing for the gold medal and diploma of honor at Brussels in 1910. So thoroughly and wonderfully did they respond to the

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UNION GRANGE DATES RALLY

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Christmas Shopping Is Due

Christmas lists are being made out—thrifty gift buyers are already casting around for the most sensible outlet for their gift budgets. The holidays are close and only a few weeks remain for this important job of Christmas shopping.

La Grande stores are getting ready to meet your demands. They will tell you of the latest and most attractive gifts in advertising in The Observer. It will pay to watch their suggestions—it will save you time and money and effort. And remember that the advertised gift is always dependable.

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New Orleans Docks Swept By Big Fire

Damage to Wharves and Contents Estimated Today at \$3,000,000 or More.

NEW ORLEANS (By the Associated Press)—Fire, starting just before midnight last night, swept seven blocks of the Mississippi river wharves before it was brought under control this morning. The damage to the wharves and contents is estimated at \$3,000,000 or more.

No lives were lost in the fire, but one man was killed by the fire chief's automobile.

Vessels near the docks were towed to safety. Poydras and Girod street docks, practically new, which cost more than a million dollars, and scores of freight cars were burned.

The flames originated in a building used for dock repairs was stored, and within 10 minutes had spread rapidly over a five-block section of the waterfront.

A network of railroad tracks lying between the business section proper and the docks hampered fire apparatus and permitted the fire to gain additional headway.

One ship—a freighter moored at the dock where the flames visited—was saved by being cut loose and towed down the river.

DAVE ARTHUR IS FREED BY BAKER JURY LAST NIGHT

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Dave Arthur was acquitted last night of a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of G. C. "Cooks" Tucker, September 1.

A jury in the circuit court required only 15 minutes to consider the verdict, which was reached, it is believed, on the first ballot.

Colonel Coolidge Is Not Dangerously Ill

PLYMOUTH, Vt. (By the Associated Press)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, who is ill here with an affection of the heart, suffered another stroke of "heart block" early today.

The attack, however, and his physician said he did not regard the patient's condition as critical.

Crime Wave Not Result Of War, Governor Says

PENDELTON, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Denial that the so-called crime wave is a result of the war and prohibition was made yesterday by Governor Walter M. Pierce, speaking before the closing session of the Unadilla county council of religious education.

As the governor sees the situation, crime prevalence is largely due to the fact that all are living under new conditions, which are creating a "crime hanger," however, and predicted that the problem will be worked out as other problems have been met.

University President Would Cancel Contest

BERKELEY (By the Associated Press)—President W. W. Campbell of the University of California, said yesterday that he would be compelled to call off the "big game" between California and Stanford next Saturday if it is proved that a California student set fire to the tower of oil-soaked wood prepared by Stanford students for a rally preliminary to the annual contest.

The bonfire was set afire yesterday while the guard of Stanford freshmen was at breakfast.

FATAL FIGHT RECALLED

BAKER, Ore.—The trial of Dave Arthur, prominent Baker mining man, on charges of manslaughter arising from the death of G. C. Tucker after a fight between the two men at the Mother Lode mine early in September, opened here.

W. H. Clayton on the stand told of the relations between Tucker and he was going to "battle" with Dave Arthur.

NEW COMET IS DISCOVERED

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis. (AP)—A new comet of between the eighth and ninth magnitude, appearing in the constellation the Hunting Dog, was discovered Tuesday, Dr. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago, announced. It was discovered by Professor George Van Biesbroeck of the university staff.

Never Called On Her Again



Jack Long, 20, of Los Angeles, left the home of his sweetheart one night and was waylaid by two rival suitors. They put him in a barrel, nailed it up and put it on a railroad track. Long managed to roll himself off the track and went down a 20-foot embankment, where he was found hours later. He is recovering in a hospital.

BOY CHARGED WITH MURDER

ALBANY, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—John Schwindt, 15, today is charged with first degree murder, the result of shooting his father, Joseph Schwindt, Sheriff Hitchard filed the complaint.

The lad shot his father while the latter was punishing another son. The wounded man died Sunday after hovering between life and death for two weeks with a bullet in his brain.

A hearing will be held Thursday to determine whether the case will be transferred from the circuit court to the juvenile department.

Shenandoah Court's Action Is Attacked

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Representative Reilly, Colonel Mitchell's counsel, today asked the Mitchell court martial to call the "high-handed procedure" of the navy's Shenandoah court of inquiry.

The court martial was informed that Major Frank M. Kennedy, ordered to testify before it today, had been subpoenaed also by the navy court and had been threatened with contempt proceedings if he failed to respond to the navy's summons.

CHURCH WORKERS MEET

PENDELTON, Ore.—Church workers from all parts of the county were in Pendleton for the annual convention of the Unadilla county council of religious education, held in the Methodist Episcopal church. The officers were re-elected for another year. Mason L. Thompson is president and Mrs. E. Swanson is secretary-treasurer. Both live in Pendleton.

Educational work during the coming year to stress Christianity in home life will be done by the council. It was decided at the morning session, Governor Pierce was the chief speaker at the night session.

MAN SHOT BY SON DIES

ALBANY, Ore.—Joe Schwindt, 34, Jordan farmer who was shot by his 15-year-old son, John, November 4, died at the hospital here after having battled for 10 days with a bullet in his brain. Death was due to infection of the wound. The boy, in jail here on an open charge, said he shot his father while the latter was beating another son, Joe Jr., 16.

As a result of the father's death, some form of murder charge, not yet determined, will be lodged by District Attorney Lowelling against the son. An autopsy will be held.

Irrigation Director Re-elected

PRINEVILLE, Ore.—E. S. Barnard was re-elected director of the Cheigo irrigation district at the annual election held Tuesday, according to unofficial returns given out at the district office.

368 TAKEN FROM LINER IN FLAMES

All-Night Race With Death Ends in Victory over Red Demon

ONE LIFE LOST; SEVERAL INJURED

Huge Ocean-Going Vessel Travels 30 Miles to Lewes, Del., After Fire Breaks Out.

LEWES, Del. (By the Associated Press)—After winning a race with death, 368 passengers and members of the crew who spent a harrowing night aboard the blazing Clyde liner Lenape, safely landed here today and were cared for in the townships.

At least one person lost his life. Fishermen picked up a body off Lewes which was later identified as Robert Leverton. More than a dozen were injured.

Many women and children were among the passengers and some left the blazing vessel before dawn scantily clad.

Rescue for Lenape

The fire started at 10:45 o'clock last night when the Lenape was off Atlantic City. The flames spread rapidly and the captain decided to race for Lewes, 30 miles away.

When the ship arrived off this port the fire was apparently under control, but shortly afterward the flames swept the ship from stem to stern.

Meanwhile the passengers and crew had been taken off by small boats.

Hotel accommodations here are insufficient to care for the Lenape survivors.

Church Thrown Open

The Presbyterian church was thrown open for the comfort of the men, women and children, many of whom were suffering from the cold.

Tales of heroic rescue by Capt.

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WEST OREGON PLAIN AIRED

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Western Oregon in inadequately provided with transportation and growers and shippers there are suffering as a result, H. F. Wiggins, state expert of the Oregon public service commission, testified today in an interstate commerce commission hearing on a petition to increase rail freight rates by 3 per cent.

A petition pending before the commission, he said, for the construction of a line from Eugene to Grants, Ore., to give western Oregon shippers a more direct route to eastern markets.

This is in addition to the 25 per cent fund which returns one-quarter of the national forest receipts directly to the state for roads and schools.

There has been a total of \$7,755,494.17 appropriated for Oregon under the federal road and trail funds since they were established, according to the report. This is nearly one-eighth of the total for the entire country, \$58,538,330.54. Thirty-two states have participated in the distribution, with Oregon second.

Through these road appropriations the forest service has been a very important factor in the good roads and community development, particularly in the national forest regions, according to forest officials. They point out that the state and communities have profited from these funds, and still have the forests to continue producing future wealth.

Forest officers emphasize the fact that local cooperation is required by the forest service from communities, counties, or the state in road work under forest highway, section-3, and 10-per cent projects, usually on a fifty-fifty basis. On the forest development projects local cooperation is sought only where the road is largely for community development.

The bureau of public roads in cooperation with the forest service takes charge of location and construction of roads under the forest highway and section-3 acts and the more important of the forest development and 10-per cent projects.

Oregon To Receive Big Lump of Federal Money

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Oregon will get the benefit of nearly a million and a quarter dollars of federal money for forest roads and trails during the fiscal year 1926, according to word just received by district forester C. M. Graner.

The total road and trail appropriation amounting to \$1,245,805.85 is divided between four separate funds. This is direct appropriation by congress for Oregon, which with the addition of \$158,392.50 from the 25 per cent road and school fund, makes a grand total in these funds alone of \$1,412,698.35, to be spent in Oregon by the federal forest service, as compared with \$675,215.50 the total amount which the federal government took in last year from the sales of timber, grazing fees, and other sources from all of the 14 national forests in the state.

Two of these funds, the so-called section 3 and forest highway funds, amounting this year to \$718,555, are direct appropriations in the nature of compensation for taxes on national forests. The money is used on roads of primary importance to the state, county or local community.

The 10 per cent fund which this year amounts to \$67,521.68 for Oregon, is also in form of taxes. It is made up of one-tenth of all the national forest receipts in the state from sale of timber and other resources. The 10 per cent fund is used for smaller projects of benefit to local forest communities.

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