

PLAN FOR CONFERENCE NEXT MARCH

Chamber of Commerce Committee Decides Tentative Date

LA GRANDE TO BE SCENE OF SESSION

Health and Agricultural Committees Meet with McKennon; Health Week Set for Jan. 10.

Union county's third annual conference, for which a tentative date in March was chosen last night, when the agricultural and health committees of the chamber of commerce met at the home of Frank McKennon, will probably be a three-day affair this year.

The plan is to not only lengthen it but to make it bigger by having demonstrations of various phases of farm work supplement meetings which, in the past, have been more or less a study of Union county conditions.

All meetings will be held in one place in the future. La Grande will doubtless be the scene of this year's conference, but it will be passed around in the future to various other towns in the county, according to Dr. W. T. Phy, chairman of both the health and agricultural committees, and who has been chairman of the two conferences previously held here.

Reports on the battalions survey of Union county soil were made at the meeting last night. Though the work is progressing, it will be spring before it is completed.

The agricultural committee has been asked to work in conjunction

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LA GRANDE TO OBSERVE DAY

Stores and offices in La Grande will be closed all day Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving day. Dry goods stores will close at 4 o'clock this evening and not open again until 8 o'clock Friday morning. Grocery stores and meat markets will stay open until 12:30 this evening to give everyone a chance to purchase the last necessities for the Thanksgiving dinner, but will be closed all day Thursday. Drug stores will be closed a part of the day. Playhouse service station will be closed after 1 o'clock.

The Observer will issue an early morning paper. No advertising will be accepted Thanksgiving day for the Thursday morning issue. Thursday, being a non-judicial day, all offices at the courthouse will be closed. Nevertheless, if anybody's spirit of thankfulness hangs on a marriage license, Keno, cash McCormick, clerk of courts, will be permitted to sacrifice part of his holiday provided the couple can find him.

24 Gridmen To Be Taken To Baker; L.H.S. Hopeful

With everything to win and very little to lose, the La Grande football team expects to throw every bit of fight, strength and determination into an attempt to win from the undefeated Baker Bulldogs tomorrow afternoon at Baker.

Smarting from the licking given them by the Union team last Friday, the Tigers are determined to redouble their efforts and permit their opponents to taste the bitter dregs of defeat.

Whether this is possible or not remains to be seen. Admittedly, La Grande will have as strong a team on the field as it has mustered this season. McKennon will be back in the lineup and his work at halfback is likely to strengthen the offense to a great extent.

The defense, stubborn at all times, is pepped up to a point where it is doubtful if Claude Hines and his white brethren can gain consistently, as they have been doing against all comers so far this year.

Twenty-four men, the entire personnel of the grid squad, will make the trip, giving La Grande plenty of reserve strength. Preparations for the battle

C. LaBine Is Acquitted In Local Court

Restaurant Man Freed of Charges of Selling Moonshine Whisky to McDaniels.

Four bottles of moonshine whiskey and an envelope containing \$8.50 in marked bills and silver were admitted as plaintiff's evidence in the case of the state v. Charles LaBine, but it was probably the introduction of the brown overcoat that had most to do with the acquittal of the defendant by the jury of one woman and five men that had tried him on a sale of whiskey charge in the justice court Tuesday.

From 1 o'clock in the afternoon until after 4:20 last evening, Mrs. Chester Thompson, Tol Baker, Roy Healey, J. M. Choate, Robert Newlin and Max Turn listened to the state's accusations and the defendant's counsel's pleas.

The case grew out of a raid made by state and federal prohibition men, with assistance of an undercover agent from the National Law Enforcement League, at the French restaurant on Thursday, Nov. 12. McDaniels, as the story runs, was sent into the French restaurant to make, if he could, a purchase of whiskey from the LaBine brothers, whom the enforcement officers suspected of traffic in intoxicating liquors. According to testimony given on the witness stand by McDaniels, George Pierce, W. A. McKenzie, M. P. Burnett and Lewis M. Kleising, state and federal agents, McDaniels was first searched for both liquor and money, and sent into the place with only \$8.50 in bills and silver, each piece of which was marked for future identification.

McDaniels was followed into the restaurant by a federal officer, who stationed himself at the counter and ordered a plate of snails to ward off suspicion while he kept guard.

As soon as McDaniels reappeared the officer at the counter signalled those stationed outside. The place was immediately put under arrest. McDaniels was searched and a pint flask of whiskey found in the pocket of the brown overcoat which he stated Charles LaBine had given him to conceal the bottle until he could get out of the restaurant.

A search of Charles LaBine yielded all of the marled money, which the undercover man claimed he paid to the restaurateur for the bottle of whiskey and for other

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Pleads Not Guilty to Right-of-Way Charge

Jack Gibbons pleaded not guilty this morning when he was arraigned before Justice Hugh E. Brady on a charge of interfering with a right of way. He was arrested by Traffic Officer Dunn. The trial was set for Tuesday morning, December 1, in the justice of the peace court.

Fire Bell Installed In New City Tower

Transferring of the fire bell from the old tower to the new one and the cutting out and cutting in of the alarm system are now completed. It is announced by C. G. Murchison, fire chief.

The removal and installation of the bell took less than 24 hours, but the system as a whole was only out of service for about three hours. Yesterday afternoon and is still in progress today, but will end this afternoon.

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which will begin at 2 o'clock, are complete. Dope points to a Baker victory by a 10-point margin, but the Tigers are willing to bet that the dope is near to useless.

Considerable of Baker's gains this year have resulted from forward passes, and against this method of advance the Tigers are expected to do a nice job. Plowing through the La Grande line is an achievement that only one man—Cos. of Union—has been able to attain this year, and it is doubtful if another player of his caliber wears the moosekins in Eastern Oregon this year.

La Grande Has a Chance The general feeling is that if the La Grande Tigers will match their playing skill with an equal amount of fight, the blue and white has a chance to win.

Fight has not been as consistent as displayed by this year's Tiger eleven as in past seasons—and lack of it nearly led the Pendleton game. Misdirected fight lost the Union game, and now the Tigers feel that it is up to them to redeem themselves once and for all.

If La Grande loses, she will have

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A Radical



Countess Karolyi as she looked when visiting America a year ago.

MRS. HAMILTON IS RECOVERING

Mrs. O. G. Hamilton is bearing up bravely at the Grande Hotel hospital today under the burden of loneliness and sorrow that was laid upon her with the news that her husband had succumbed to injuries received when the car in which they were returning from Pendleton Monday evening plunged from the highway over a 100-foot embankment into a pile of rocks.

She heard the announcement from her physician without comment and then, with remarkable fortitude, proceeded to outline arrangements for the disposal of Mr. Hamilton's body. For the present the remains will lie at the Holmenkamp chapel. Word was sent yesterday to his family in Missouri, from which has come a message requesting that Mrs. Hamilton's wishes govern all preparations for the funeral.

Mrs. Hamilton's own condition continues to be hopeful, although she suffers intensely from her several serious wounds. She is reported to have spent a fairly restful night.

Deep sympathy is expressed for her on every side. The Hamiltons were known to be a devoted couple, and his death leaves her without relatives of any kind. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton early in their married life, but all of them died in their infancy while the couple still lived in Missouri. His mother, a sister and several brothers have been located in that state.

Revival Meetings Are Attracting Crowds

The Rev. Ralph Conrad of Bakerfield, Cal., is drawing good-sized crowds every night at the Church of God chapel where he is conducting a series of evangelistic services.

"If I Die and Am Lost, Who Cares?" is his subject for the sermon tonight. Spirited congregational singing will be led by the pastor, Claude C. Pratt. Some special musical selection features on every program. The meeting begins at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Conrad commenced the revival services at the chapel a week ago tonight. Interest has increased steadily. It is the present plan to continue the meetings through the rest of this week and next Sunday.

LOWDEN SEEKING AID FOR LIVESTOCK OWNERS

WASHINGTON (AP)—An appeal for an increased federal appropriation for eradication of tuberculosis among cattle was made to President Coolidge and the department of agriculture Monday by Governor Small of Illinois and a delegation of state officials.

While no specific increase in federal appropriations was requested to promote co-operative testing and identification of cattle owners whose cows were destroyed, the governor said he hoped the government would bear half the expense, matching the state, dollar for dollar, or at least contributing half of the state's bill.

LA GRANDE SELECTS NEW COACH

Thorson Bennett to Come Next Week as Athletic Director

TO DIRECT TRACK AND BASKETBALL

Authorities Make Decision Today; Bennett to Be Here Remainder of School Year.

Thorson A. Bennett, 23, graduate of Pacific University, was selected by high school authorities today as athletic director for La Grande for the remainder of the 1924-25 school year. He will coach basketball and track.

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent, announced the selection this afternoon, stating that Mr. Bennett was undoubtedly the best prospect in the numerous applicants for the position I. C. MacTavish formerly held.

"Mr. Bennett will come highly recommended, especially in reference to basketball and track," Mr. Longfellow said. "All reports are that he is a dependable, reliable, and capable man for the position."

Bennett played basketball, football, and baseball and was middle distance star at Pacific university. He also attended Columbia college at Milton, Ore., his home town, for some time.

G. L. Dutton, who has been coaching the football squad, will give up his position December 1. Mr. Dutton, a local business man, stepped into the position left vacant early in the season and has brought the grid team through a successful season.

A letter received from T. F. Frank, coach at Pacific, has the following to say: "Thorson Bennett was a student at Pacific university for two years. During that time I had the opportunity to judge his ability as a student and an athlete. Bennett was a fine scholar and a leader in all college activities. An athlete he competed on the varsity football, basketball, track and

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MRS. JONES ON STAND TODAY

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. George Jones, white mother of Alice Jones, defendant in the Rhineland arrangement suit, today took the stand in behalf of her daughter.

She testified she had never heard Alice lay claim to being white. It has been one of Leonard Kip Rhineland's contentions that Alice assumed she was white in the presence of her mother.

The defense counsel again postponed placing Alice on the stand.

12 Communists Found Guilty in England

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—A verdict of guilty was returned today against 12 communist leaders tried on charges of conspiring to publish seditious libels and violations of the indictment to mutiny act.

"Lost Without It"

Occasionally The Observer has readers express praise for its excellence and its service to be mixed with the usual measure of adverse criticism. Recently a woman subscriber expressed her appreciation especially for the advertising messages of the paper, saying that she would be lost without them and saved the subscription price many times by giving the information they give.

That's one example of high reader-interest that is evident in many other ways—a reader-interest that is not to be had in any other publicity means available to the La Grande advertiser. Coupled with it is a low reader-cost that makes an advertising investment especially worth while.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Sentence Is Commuted By President

Gerald Chapman Relieved of Necessity of Serving 25 Years in Federal Prison.

HARTFORD, Conn. (By the Associated Press)—The federal sentence of Gerald Chapman has been commuted by President Coolidge.

An executive order terminating his sentence of 25 years imprisonment in the federal court of New York for mail truck robbery, was signed by the president Monday evening and made public today when the document was delivered to Warden Scott for service on Chapman.

The action marks another step in efforts by the state of Connecticut to execute Chapman for murder of Policeman Shelly of New Britain in October, 1924.

CHAPMAN REFUSES

HARTFORD, Conn. (By the Associated Press)—Gerald Chapman has informed his counsel he will not accept the presidential commutation of his robbery sentence. It is understood, in the absence of an official statement, that the commutation of Chapman's federal sentence will be the state's answer to a writ of habeas corpus served on Warden Scott yesterday ordering him to produce Chapman before Federal Judge Thomas next Monday.

UTAH LAD TELLS OF CRIMES THAT HE FIGURED IN

OGDEN, Utah (By the Associated Press)—Lying upon a hospital bed in Preston, Idaho, with a bullet wound in his chest, Mike Noorlander, 21 years of age, son of respectable Ogden parents, has confessed to participation in an amazing list of crimes, according to J. W. Paek, identification expert of the Ogden police department.

The climax of his career, according to his confession, came Sunday night when he was shot while robbing the Walter Scadden store at Lakem near Pocatello. Police here were informed that Scadden died Tuesday in a Pocatello hospital.

Noorlander had refused to disclose his name until Paek reached his bedside. Paek had resided next door to the Noorlanders for seven years. Mike readily answered most of Paek's questions and admitted playing a part in the 14 Ogden burglaries on the morning of Armistice day, the robbery of eight stores in the county outside Ogden, robberies at several towns in northern Utah and one in Casper, Wyo.

The sheriff's office had word that two men in an automobile resembling the one used in the Inkom robbery had obtained gas at Hartselle, east of here, Tuesday morning.

Mayor of Eugene Quits As Result of Charges

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Mayor E. B. Parks last night at a city council meeting tendered his resignation to take effect at once, and it was accepted.

Mr. Parks in a statement to the public said that adverse criticism in regard to the disappearance of George W. Read, a local street contractor, was the reason for his resignation. It was charged that Read received city warrants for more than \$13,000 to which he was not entitled, and the mayor was accused of giving them to him. This Mr. Parks denied.

Law Bars Thanksgiving Celebration in England

OXFORD (By the Associated Press)—If Oxford Americans are to be virtuous and strictly observant of the laws and ordinances which the wisdom and high morality of the University Fathers set down for their guidance, they must abstain from the usual American church service on Thanksgiving day.

It is not that the turkey, the cranberry and the pilgrim costume are under the ban. The prohibition which applies to Thanksgiving was enacted in the year 1250 and apparently without thought of New England. It provides that no feast or holiday of any foreign nation shall ever be celebrated solemnly in any church of Oxford under penalty of the greater excommunication.

As the Fourth of July is solemnly celebrated under cover, it would seem not to come under the prohibition. Coming as it does in vacation time, the Fourth is little known in Oxford and the dignified old Rhoads Islander who a few years ago on this holiday proposed as a toast to his English friends, "Here's to the day we liked you," was considered rather more eccentric than witty.

Dowager Queen Dead



A heart stroke caused the death of Dowager Queen Alexandra of England, above, as she neared her 81st birthday.

REVOLT STIRS CHANG'S ARMY

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—A serious revolt has occurred among supporters of the Manchurian dictator, Chang Tiao Linn, who are fighting each other at Lwanchow and Chinwangtao along the Peking-Mukden railway. Reports, however, are conflicting.

Some quarters assert General Kuo Sung Lien has captured Mukden and imprisoned Chang, and others declare that Chang has been successful in efforts to hinder Kuo's advance against him.

DOUMER FAILS; CALLS HERRIOT

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Senator Paul Doumer informed the president today he is unable to form a cabinet.

Later, President Doumergue summoned former Premier Herriot, president of the chamber of deputies and leader of the radical party.

Col. Coolidge to Have Thanksgiving Chicken

PLYMOUTH, Vt. (By the Associated Press)—Miss Aurora Pierce, who as housekeeper for Col. John C. Coolidge, father of the president, has prepared his Thanksgiving dinner for years, is making plans for the dinner on Thursday.

Although this is the state which made the turkey famous, the colonel will have roast chicken as is his custom. Perhaps Miss Pierce's cooking fame rests most largely on her mince pies.

Leonard May Return If "Good Fighter Comes"

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The New York Evening World today quotes Benny Leonard as saying he is ready to return to the ring only "when a good fighter comes along and there is an enormous demand" for the returned lightweight champion to meet him.

20-YEAR-OLD CAT DIES

OREGON CITY, Ore.—"Batch," the 20-year-old cat owned by Mrs. Mary Tharion, is dead. His death occurred a few days ago. "Batch" retained his good appetite for round beefsteak until a few days before his death, and his mistress believed that his eating of this kind of meat was largely responsible for his long life.

MITCHELL TRIAL IS NEAR END

Defense Winding Up Its Case in Air Crusader's Court Martial

SHENANDOAH COURT CLOSES ITS PROBE

All Witnesses, with Possible Exception of Colonel Mitchell, Heard by Naval Body.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The defense in the Mitchell court martial today began winding up its case in a peaceful atmosphere, in contrast to the tense atmosphere noticeable during Colonel Mitchell's testimony.

The defense planned a complete case today, but the prosecution's activity in arranging rebuttal testimony indicated the end of the trial is some days away.

INVESTIGATION ENDS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The navy's long investigation into the Shenandoah disaster came to a provisional end today, the proviso being based on

COMMISSION IN DEADLOCK

AFRICA (By the Associated Press)—General Pershing, head of the Tamm-Africa plebiscite commission, today said that despite grave differences in the attitudes and opinions of the Chilean and Peruvian representatives, hope is still entertained that the discussion would lead to a solution of the controversy, and enable a continuation of the plebiscite commission's labors.

Other observers, however, asserted they could not foresee the end of the threatened deadlock which since last Saturday has arrested the commission's work.

REFUGEES IN BEIRUT TODAY

BEIRUT, Syria (By the Associated Press)—Fourteen naturalized American citizens, who reached Beirut today with 2000 refugees from Hama, Syria, and West Dam where fierce Druse attacks on the French failed yesterday, say that in hand-to-hand fighting between the Druses and Christian volunteers the rebel tribesmen killed many women and children.

'Red' Countess Chooses Poverty To Aid Masses

PARIS (NEA Special)—What sort of woman is this Countess Karolyi?

Born an aristocrat of the most blue-blooded strain in the world, and trained from the cradle, she puts it, "to be ornamental but never useful," she has distinguished herself for seven years by becoming one of the outstanding democratic leaders of Europe.

So extremely liberal are her views, in fact, that the American state department now refuses to let her come to America, fearing she is too radical.

Whether this exclusion was justified or not, the fact remains that she is probably Europe's best known woman. In addition, her life since the war has had enough thrills and romantic adventures packed into it to furnish material for a dozen novels.

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