

RICHARDSON NAMED HEAD OF LEGION

Mrs. Ray Williams Elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary

OTHER OFFICERS FOR 1926 CHOSEN

Patriotic Organizations Now Prepared for New Year's Program of Activities.

Harley H. Richardson was elected post commander of the American Legion and Mrs. Ray Williams was elevated to the presidency of the auxiliary when the two bodies met in annual election sessions last evening.

The legionnaires, who convened at Homan hall for the occasion, chose the following officers to assist Richardson in his duties: Judge Hugh E. Brady, vice commander; Chester Thompson, adjutant; Lynn Holmstrom, finance officer, and C. D. Talbot, chaplain.

Executive committee members for the ensuing term will be Ray Williams, Ed Coody, Harvey P. Matthews, Ray Curry and O. W. Palmer, who is retiring commander.

FATHERS, SONS DINNER DATED

Lads who have no fathers of their own will be adopted for the night of the Father-Son banquet at the Methodist church Friday, December 11, announced A. W. Nelson, chairman of the general committee.

If anyone knows of a boy who comes under that classification, the chairman of commerce would appreciate a communication, so that one of the volunteer dads can get in touch with his foster son before the banquet night.

B. P. O. Elks Preparing for Memorial Services

In accordance with a grand lodge statute that dedicates the first Sunday in each December to the commemoration of departed brothers, B. P. O. Elks will conduct a special public memorial service at the temple Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Charleston Will Not Be Danced Here

City Dads Hear Step Described in No Uncertain Manner—Remarks Unfavorable.

The Charleston, dance that has startled two continents with its popularity and gymnastics, will not be danced in La Grande. It, perchance, any follower of Terpsichore has mastered the intricacies of the versatile step, it will be of no avail—at least upon any public dance floor.

While they haven't passed an ordinance nor adopted a resolution, the city commissioners nevertheless will not permit the Charleston within the corporate limits of La Grande. That much became a certainty last night when the city dads met in regular weekly session in the municipal building.

DELEGATES FROM FOUR COUNTIES TO PLAN COURSE

Emelita Baker, Wallinga and Maubler counties have selected representatives from the Union county chamber of commerce to meet representatives here for a meeting Dec. 11 to discuss the feasibility of entering an Eastern Oregon exhibit at the Northwest Commercial and Industrial exposition at New York City next spring.

Mishaps on Railroad Causes Little Delay

Two slight mishaps to freight trains between La Grande and Huron Tuesday night were speedily set at rights by the wrecking crew so that they caused only a brief delay of the passenger schedule.

Four stock cars were derailed when a freight train pushed by a mailer jackknifed near Huron Tuesday evening, wrecking up Nos. 13 and 23. The working crew picked up the cars and was following the freight back to La Grande when a broken axle sent another car leaping about a mile beyond Perry.

Men's Club Will Meet With Richard Claycomb

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church will meet this evening at the home of Richard Claycomb, 1704 Oak street. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock. Bruce Dennis will be the speaker for the evening and the topic for discussion is "A. W. Mellon."

James M. H. Bonahue, G. W. Donnelly, Henry Haas, Tom Luffus, E. T. Pessler, W. P. Harrison and N. R. Woods. A virtually bound are the program that announce this year's service. Following the order of exercises are listed all of the absent brothers as well as those whom death claimed last year. The names of the past exalted rulers, those of the present officers, and of the day's ceremonial are given.

New Corner



If a wife tells her husband that she loves a friend more than she loves him, can he get a divorce, if the friend happens to be a girl chum? The answer to the question will be given by the courts here when Ivan C. Walker's divorce suit against his wife, Mrs. Juliet Walker, comes to trial.

GASKILL WINS SECOND PLACE

J. A. Gaskill, of Huber, won second prize on white flint wheat at the 26th annual International Livestock exposition held in Chicago, Jan. A. Briggs of Tucson, Arizona, was first prize winner and Fred Gustafson, of Idaho Falls, Idaho won the reserve prize. Gaskill received first prize in the hard wheat class at the Pacific International Livestock show held in Portland the first of October. It is the only man from Oregon to receive a prize in the Chicago exhibit.

OPERETTA TO ATTRACT MANY

Three colored films of both students and directors last night when songs, lines and accompaniments fell into place with hardly a hitch. Practice tonight and tomorrow will be devoted to polishing up a few rough places. Miss Luella Miller, director, said today. An enterprising line soon depicted the restoration board this morning. There were but 200 seats available for the two presentations Friday and Saturday nights by noon today. Chair McKeon, an business manager, is in charge. An attractive plaza set, that serves for all three acts of the operetta, was arranged on the stage today. A background of soft blue sets off the brilliant scarlet and gold costumes to advantage. Spun black, have been designed for rehearsal by Edith Kuef and her helpers. Extra-pitiful work in accompanying with Miss Helene Piles, at the piano, has eased the director's difficulties with the solo work. Duet numbers will have additional accompaniment on the flute by Miss Ruby Dillon.

ARMY RULE REPLACED BY CABINET

Spain Turns from Military Director to Civil Ministry Today

GREECE MUST PAY BULGARIA DAMAGES

Agreement Is at Last Reached in London Conference on Irish Boundary Question.

MADRID—Civil cabinet to succeed military directorate. GENEVA—League of nations finds on Greco-Bulgarian dispute. LONDON—Agreement reached on Irish boundary question.

MADRID (By the Associated Press)—King Alfonso has agreed to the abolishment of the military directorate and its accession by a civil cabinet under General Primo de Rivera.

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—The league of nations' commission which investigated the recent Greco-Bulgarian frontier incident, finds that Greece should pay Bulgaria 20,000,000 leva damages.

LECTURER TO VISIT COUNTY

A series of mass meetings, under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon, will be held in Union county next week. It is announced by E. Knight, office secretary, in a communication received here today.

On Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p. m. the first will be held in the Baptist church of Cove. Tuesday night the second will be held in the Presbyterian of Union; and on Wednesday night, the third will take place in the Methodist church of Imbler.

The Rev. R. E. Chase, superintendent of the league, will speak at the meetings in connection with the showing of a film, "The Triumph of Justice." The lecture and picture will be free but an offering will be taken. Children should be accompanied by parents to secure admission, Mr. Knight states.

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\$2,000,000 FIRE VISITS IOWA CITY

Council Bluffs Business Section Suffers Damaging Blaze

ORIGIN LAID TO BOILER EXPLOSION

Night Watchman Escapes Badly Burned; Hotel Guests Flee Flames in Scant Attire.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (By the Associated Press)—A disastrous fire struck the business section of Council Bluffs today, causing property damage estimated at more than two million dollars in loss to buildings, and several hundred thousand dollars loss to stock in stores.

The fire started in the basement of the Continental Furniture company when a boiler exploded. Eighty guests were forced to flee from the Grand hotel scantily attired, and with their personal property lost.

MOST PERFECT BOY AND GIRL NAMED AT SHOW

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Kings of the barnyard and field having been named at the International Livestock exposition, the climax came Wednesday night with the selection of the most perfect boy and girl in America.

Alice Burhart, 15, of Audubon county, Iowa, was chosen as the most perfect girl, and George Cusack, 14, of St. Paul, Ind., was the winner of the most perfect boy title. The selections were made by competitive physical examinations of more than six hundred thousand farm boys and girls, members of the boys' and girls' agricultural clubs.

The healthiest boy and the healthiest girl from each state in the Union met here for the final examinations this week. Alice Burhart scored 95.7 per cent. A slight cold from exposure to Chicago weather and too little muscular development of the arms were her only defects. The boy scored 87.7 per cent, his only flaws being one filled tooth, slightly enlarged nasal passages and a hardly perceptible tendency toward flatfootedness.

Huge Volcanic Crater Discovered in Alaska

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Discovery of a huge volcanic crater believed to be nearly as large as the famous Crater Lake in Oregon is reported by the geological survey of the United States. The crater is approximately five miles wide and is at the summit of a mountain 5,000 feet high.

Gil Dobie to Remain Grid Coach at Cornell

ITHACA, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Gil Dobie has no intention of retiring as football coach of Cornell, he said last night, when questioned regarding a report that he had been approached to become coach of the University of Oregon.

Postmaster Exams Will Be Held at Enterprise

A fourth-class postmaster examination will be held at Enterprise January 8, 1926, to fill a contemplated vacancy in the post office at Maxville, Ore. It is announced here by the United States civil service commission.

SPIDER CONQUERS MOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP)—A vengeful story of a long battle between an ordinary kitchen spider and a half grown mouse, in which the spider won by tenaciously wrapping its strands around the mouse's tail and eventually lifting it free of the floor into its web, has been added to the long list of nature's paradoxes by the Nature association.

Baker Couple Married Here. Miss Elizabeth McCard and David F. Fuller, both of Baker, were united in marriage this morning in the office of Judge U. G. Couch, who officiated at the ceremony. The couple will reside at Baker.

Whiskers! And Her Beau Kicked



Miss Venice Coachman, Kansas City stenographer, let a young man kiss her goodnight and came to grief. The young man felt whiskers against his cheek. He called the police and it developed "Miss" Coachman was a man. She—or he—said he had posed as a woman for four years, doing it because business men would not hire male stenographers.

BOY MURDERS FOSTER MAMA

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A nine-year-old boy killed his foster mother last night because some beans happened to burn, he confessed to officers today.

The boy is Frank Thomas, a negro, the adopted son of Oliver E. Thomas, negro, proprietor of a tavern near Portland. The body of the slain woman, Mrs. Louise Thomas, negro, was found by her husband last night. A loaded revolver, one cartridge fired, lay nearby.

U. S. Shipping Board Rejects Dollar's Bid

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The bid of the Dollar interests for the Admiral Oriental line was rejected today by the shipping board.

Dewey Going to Aid Of Helpless Vessel

CORDOVA, Alaska (By the Associated Press)—The steamship Dewey has repaired damages to her engine and is proceeding to the aid of West Orca, messages intercepted here today reported.

BOARD OPPOSES MITCHELL'S AIR SERVICE PLANS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Expansion of military and naval aviation, but without drastic change in the present organization, was recommended Wednesday to President Coolidge by the special board appointed by him to investigate the condition of American air power.

DRY LEADER HITS BACK AT ATTACK

Secretary Mellon Declares Latest Statements Are "Unjust"

ADMITS THAT LAW CONDITIONS BAD

Observations Are Directed Primarily at Letter Charging Lack of Presidential Interest.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Although he conceded that "conditions are bad," Secretary Mellon today characterized as "unfounded and unjust" the latest attacks by the dry element on the administration's prohibition policies.

WHEAT JUMPS HIGHER TODAY

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Wheat prices jumped almost six cents a bushel in the first half hour of trading today. December wheat went up to \$1.77 1/2.

MINISTRY WINS FIRST VICTORY

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Premier Aristide Briand's cabinet has won its first victory. After an all-night fight in the Chamber of deputies for his financial measures, the premier succeeded in forcing the adoption of new advances from the Bank of France to the government of six billion francs and a new paper money issue of seven and a half billion francs.

COURT HEARS WARNING

WASHINGTON (AP)—Another warning that "altercations and bickerings" in the Mitchell court martial must cease, was delivered today by Major General Howze, court president. Representative Reid, defense counsel, and Assistant Trial Judge Advocate Gullion engaged in a sharp dispute over an examination of a witness. Reid turned to Gullion and said "things get into your ears but never reach your brains."

Many Changes In Home And Senate Committees

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Receiving changes in some of the more powerful of the house and senate standing committees will become effective with the convening of the new congress next Monday.

Other of the more important senate committees which will have new chairmen are those on post-officers and on pensions, with Senator Mason of New Hampshire replacing former Senator Sterling of South Dakota, on the former, and Senator Norbeck of South Dakota, succeeding former Senator Brannan of New Mexico, on the latter.