

150 ATTEND ELKS' LODGE OF SORROW

Brothers Commemorate Their Dead in Song and Story Sunday

FRANK McCULLOCH IS MAIN SKEAKER

Eulogy Read by R. J. Green, Past Exalted Ruler; Impressive Ceremonies Exemplified.

Simultaneously with Elks all over the world, 150 members and friends of the La Grande lodge gathered in the temple at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon to commemorate their dead in song and story.

Frank C. McCulloch, of Baker, recalled to his audience the loyalty of the Elks to their country's cause during the world war, and reminded them that the numbers of their recent dead include a number of ex-service men.

The names of those who died during the past year were cited by R. J. Green, a past exalted ruler, who spoke a few words in praise of each of them. The list included W. J. Church, H. M. Schaffer, L. H. Larson, Nolan H. Staff, W. R. Jones, M. B. Donatour, G. W. Donnelly, Henry Hink, Tom Loftis, E. T. Peckler, W. P. Harrison and N. R. Woods.

Ceremonies Exemplified. Impressive ceremonies were exemplified by the members of the lodge, who then took their places at the back of the room. The program was given against a floral background arranged with baskets of yellow chrysanthemums and bronze and gold pompons.

Mrs. J. A. Todd, at the piano, played on the opening drive, "Chopin's Funeral March." The audience rose to sing an Elks ode to the melody of "Auld Lang Syne." Quartet numbers were sung by the Union county made quarterly members, L. G. Knight, who is chaplain of the lodge, invoked divine blessing.

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OPERETTA IS BEST IN YEARS

"That 'The Belle of Barretton' was the best operetta given by La Grande high school students in a number of years is generally conceded by the audience who made up the audience for the two performances Friday and Saturday evening at the auditorium.

The second production was if anything better than the first one, according to those who witnessed the operetta twice. The choruses, particularly, improved by the participation of the entire appearance. An incident encore got a curtain call after the grand finale.

The dancing girls—a group of six freshmen headed by Jane Stange—made a pretty contribution to the entertainment of the evening. In gay baleros frocks of red and yellow, they gave expressions of the spirit of romance and antics. With Miss Stange in the group were Bernice Wilson, Margaret Pank, Leah Bramwell, Marvel Lyman and Georgia Frazier.

Although practically the entire faculty assisted with the production.

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W. T. Robinson Paroled; Cove Man Is On Trial

Because he is ill and already has served 57 days in the county jail awaiting his trial, W. T. Robinson was paroled by J. W. Knowles in the circuit court this morning.

Robinson pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. He is to report to the court at the beginning of each month for a year—the maximum term of imprisonment that could be imposed on conviction of a crime such as that to which the prisoner confessed.

Robinson was arrested in the company of Richard Wallace and Mort Beckwith. Automobiles and other articles alleged to have been stolen from celebrants at the Apple Gulch entertainment were found in their possession.

The total cost of stolen articles amounted to something less than \$15, according to the district attorney, who seconded the plea of the defendant's counsel for lenient treatment because of the prisoner's physical condition.

Robinson has been employed on a bridge gang. His home is at Dallas, Tex., from where he came to La Grande a few months ago.

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Wets Scored As Traitors By R.E. Close

Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League of Oregon Bitterly Attacks Robert N. Stanfield.

Severely denouncing the man who "supports the deadly, dangerous criminal" who manufactures and sells illicit liquor, and especially scolding the junior senator from Oregon—Robert N. Stanfield, who figured in an escapade at Baker some time ago, the Rev. R. E. Close, addressed a crowd of half a thousand here last evening at the Methodist church.

Mr. Close is conducting a campaign in Eastern Oregon at present and is now in Union county for a few days. Yesterday morning he spoke at Island City and his fiery calls for addresses at Cove, Union, and further before his departure for other fields. He is well known in La Grande, having served as pastor of the Baptist church here some 10 years ago.

Accompanying his address was a moving picture "The Triumph of Justice" taken from actual occurrences in Oregon.

OPPOSES STANFIELD. In his attack on Senator Stanfield he declared "We must send a better type of manhood than that" to Washington. "I'm taking of a certain condition we must clean up. If we don't, the wet forces are going to make things difficult."

The liquor interests, both in America and Europe, are organizing to prevent the enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment, Mr. Close said, urging that prohibition forces awaken to the fight. "We must realize that prohibition is still in effect," he admonished. "I don't leave the battle unfinished—help us keep up the fight."

During his address he asked all boys and girls 16 years or less of age to arise. Approximately 125 did so. He then asked whether any of them had seen a balloon of this type existing before the eighteenth amendment became effective. Not a one remembered seeing such a place. "Thank God for that," he said, adding that it rested with the Christians of America as to whether children would ever witness wide-open saloons.

Europe Won't Be Hindered. He pointed out that liquor interests of Europe are preparing to stage a huge demonstration in Washington next month and said that the "Anti-Saloon League is preparing to give them a warm reception. "The reason Europe is taking a hand, he said, is because if prohibition succeeds here Europe will follow the American lead.

He classed as "traitors to the Stars and Stripes" the consumers of intoxicating liquor, declaring that they are worse than the bootlegger and moonshiner. He prophesied that the time is coming when the customer of the bootlegger and moonshiner will get his dues.

The address was heard by members of every Protestant church in the city. The Rev. H. W. Parker, of the Methodist church, had charge of the meeting and was assisted by the Rev. George Palmer, of the Baptist church, the Rev. W. E. Holl of the Lutheran church, and Ervay Barker, of the Salvation Army.

Hilary Trial Will Be Held Monday, Dec. 14

Although the trial of Jack Hilary charged with having banked a dog off on Lewis Wetzel's property "Reds" and of then setting the oil after, was tentatively set for this afternoon at 1 o'clock by Judge Hugh E. Brady, last Saturday, the trial has been postponed until next Monday, December 14.

It is reported that three attorneys, approached by Hilary to serve as his counsel, have refused to take his case.

Allen Delaney on Trial Today in Circuit Court

The state's case against Allen Delaney, the young man against whom a grand jury recently brought an indictment on a statutory charge, got off to an early start in the circuit court today when the state's case was called for 9:25 o'clock this morning.

When a jury of 12 men had been drawn and approved, with less than the usual number of exemptions, the state's case was outlined briefly by Carl G. Helm, district attorney, who explained that the young man stands charged with a statutory offense against Viola Trapper, of Cove, whose age is given as 15 years.

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Charleston Too Rough!



"Mother" Lang, who gives the southerners in Alaska their one show a year, and who tried to show them the Charleston—and shocker them!

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Convinced that cooperative marketing with governmental encouragement is the best solution of the farmers' problem, President Coolidge favors co-operative marketing; will encourage it.

HI-DADS PLAN GRID BANQUET

A committee from the Hi-Dads organization met this morning at 9 o'clock with J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools, to consider providing athletic training for boys of the eighth grade in La Grande schools. This evening the social committee and the officers of the Hi-Dads will be entertained at dinner at 6 o'clock at the Foley hotel by Dr. W. V. McAdory, at which time they will make arrangements for the football boys' banquet to be held Thursday evening.

A meeting has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when a committee, from the organization will meet with the boys' coach, Thurston Bennett, the girls' coach, Ruth Johnson, E. D. Towler, and J. T. Longfellow. In the meantime a survey is being taken among the eighth grade boys to see how many are interested in basketball.

Benefit Concert Will Be Held Next Thursday

For the benefit of a new piano recently purchased by the Ladies League of the Lutheran church, a concert will be given at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, December 10, under the auspices of the league. R. J. Hammer is directing the concert, which includes quartet numbers, vocal and piano solos and duets and other interesting features. All local talent will take part, including some of the best musicians of the city. It has been announced that the program will be announced later.

"Blue" Team Wins Over "Reds" in Forum Drive

The "Blue" members won by one point yesterday when the Men's Forum of the Methodist church met in regular session. One week ago the Blues were 10 members ahead. Yesterday morning the number increased to 16 and at the same time the "Red" members brought in 15 new members, making a total attendance of 45, the largest men's Sunday school class in the history of La Grande. The total enrollment of the forum now is 54.

The first social meeting of the forum, with the "Red" members as hosts, will be held tomorrow evening at the church. Walter Stoddard will be the speaker and will tell about his recent visit to China. There will also be a short musical program and refreshments.

E. D. Towler was leader Sunday morning. The subject was "Is Modern Progress Due to Superior Intellect of Divine Plan?"

Phy Preparing History Of Eastern Oregon

HOT LAKE (Special)—Dr. W. T. Hot, recognizing that the early pioneers will have passed before many years, is making an effort to get it touch with them with the view of compiling an authentic account of the early history and development of this district. Through Dr. Hot is desirous of coming with anybody who has definite facts or stories which can be traced to authentic sources, he is especially anxious to get in touch with either the pioneers or their descendants.

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PRESIDENT TO ASSIST CO-OP MOVE

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Present Tariff Duties a Benefit to Farmer and Should Not Be Revised, Executive Believes.

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Prices Not Yet at Par. "In relation to pre-war conditions," said the report, "the prices of farm products are not yet on a par with freight rates. The level of farm commodity prices in September was 144 per cent of the pre-war average, whereas freight rates on agricultural commodities were 155 per cent of the pre-war average. Moreover the prices of agricultural products fluctuate greatly from year to year, whereas freight rates are stable and are not frequently changed."

It was added that farm freight rates should be based on a continuing set of general conditions, not on those of any given year, "unless freight rates can be made more flexible, being raised when prices are high and lowered when they decline, within reasonable limits."

Pointing to the greatly increased taxes on the farmer he required to pay now over the amount of several years ago, the secretary expressed a view that it would be impossible to restore the tax rates of 10 years ago, but declared that unless a more equitable distribution of the tax burden can be worked out, "the agricultural industry may expect recurring periods when taxes will consume an undue proportion of farm income."

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UNION BOY IS GIVEN OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—Five students from La Grande attended the university Friday and Saturday. They were: Wesley Brown, Eugene Cleaver, George Glass, Marjorie Warnick, and Margaret Getdes.

Saturday the election of officers of the high school press association, took place, resulting as follows: Robert Thomas, Washington high, Portland, president; Bruce Davis, Union high, Union, vice president; Francis McGilvers, Franklin high, Portland, secretary.

The conference was divided into four divisions: Oregon High School Press association; Association of Student Body Officers, which included girls who are secretaries; and the faculty advisors.

This was the largest and most successful conference held since the beginning six years ago, according to Carl Dahl, general chairman.

Prominent speakers were: Miss Marion Brown, dean of girls at the university high school, Oakland, Cal.; Marshall N. Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, Portland, Ore.; Arne Eas, editor of the Tillamook Herald; Dr. H. D. Sheldon, of the university administrative committee; and other faculty members.

Red Grange Will Get \$300,000 as Film Star

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Red Grange today signed a motion picture contract under which he received a flat guarantee of \$200,000 for his first screen performance.

Grange's manager said Red had received \$25,000 for playing a game of professional football here yesterday and afterward he endorsed various articles of merchandise for a total return of \$40,000, bringing his total earnings since trying professional to nearly \$400,000.

'Charleston' Shocks Tough Alaskan Miners

SEATTLE, Wash. (NEA Special)—Alaskan mining camps, wretchedly rough, tough wicked places, think the Charleston is just a little over the edge. The Alaskan southrider, famed in fiction as a man before breakfast sort of fellow, allows that he likes the old-time waltzes a darn-sight better.

This was the word brought here by "Mother" Lang, who operates the only vaudeville troupe touring forgotten Alaskan mining camps and canneries. While haired and dressed as a man before breakfast sort of fellow, she says that she likes the old-time waltzes a darn-sight better.

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Condition Of Farms Show Improvements

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Chang, Defeated, Will Retire from Army Life

PEKING (By the Associated Press).—The army of Chang Tso lin, Manchurian marshall, is retreating today after defeat by the forces of General Ku Sung Lien, who, pretending surrender, turned the left flank of the marshall's forces. Ku was formerly a follower of Chang.

Chang is preparing to leave Mukden, the Manchurian capital, and has given notice he intends to retire to private life.

West Orowa Will Tow Relief Ship to Port

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The hope that the West Orowa, which has been drifting without a rudder 2,200 miles out in the Pacific ocean, may be able to proceed towards port by towing the relief ship Dewey was expressed today at the office of the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company.

Officials said they sent a message to the West Orowa's captain to do the towing. By using the Dewey as a drag it is thought the West Orowa will be able to maintain a fair steerage with its temporary rudder. The Dewey attempted yesterday to tow the Orowa but the cable snapped.

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Fills American Jails



Colonel Sam Johnson—once he filled Siberian graveyards, now he fills American jails.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The navy today drew near the end of its testimony before the army court-martial trying Colonel William Mitchell, lieutenant commander, Frost, naval strategist expert, testified that he believed an air invasion of the United States by Asiatic powers would be impossible without use by it of the Russian and Canadian territory.

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Skid on Icy Pavement Sends Man to Beyond

MEDFORD, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—William McClain, 45, was instantly killed and his companion, George McMillan, was seriously injured late yesterday when an automobile in which they were riding to Ashland skidded off the icy pavement in the Siskiyou and turned over three times.

LUMBER KING DYING

OTTAWA (AP)—John R. Booth, 68, Canadian lumber king, is dying at his home here. It is announced today. His family has been summoned to his bedside.

P. S. HILL EXPIRES

NEW YORK (AP)—Perceval S. Hill, president of the American Tobacco company, died suddenly at his Fifth avenue home today.

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(By Vid Larsen) SAN FRANCISCO (SNEA Special)—He walked into a cellar where eight men were plotting his death and walked out again with a smoking revolver in each hand. He roared that eight graves he dug.

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Johnson, a Russian baron, the "most decorated man in the army," champion rifle and revolver shot of the world, soldier of fortune and champion 25-mile swimmer, gives every appearance of a military chief as he sits in his office directing the war against bootleggers.

On the walls are maps, "bootlegging highways" with marked pin points showing the movements of rum boats, splashes of red showing the particularly wet spots of

SENATE IS READY FOR LONG GRIND

Sixty-Ninth Congress Convenes in Washington Today

TAX BILL MAJOR ONE IN HOPPER

Politics Expected to Play Prominent Part in Session; Both Parties Out for Records.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Congress came back into session today after the longest recess in years. With the opening ceremonies at noon, big Republican majorities rolled up, but kept a weather eye on Democrats and insurgents who again threatened a coalition against some of the administration's projects.

With almost mid-session momentum, the house put the new tax reduction bill at the top of its calendar, and prepared to go to work at once.

Longworth Made Speaker. Nicholas Longworth, Republican of Ohio, was elected speaker of the house today, receiving a majority on the first ballot despite the insurgents' refusal to support him.

Meantime, the senate after its customary manner, organized leisurely, putting off the decision regarding recognition to be given to the Bolsheviks.

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NERVE ATTACK FOLLOWS 'JOKE'

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Alice Jones Rihmelander has overwrought nerves today for a shock she got last night when a stranger talked into a neighbor's house, and announced he was Leonard Kip Rihmelander, come back to his bride.

"The neighbor ran with the word to Alice that her husband was seeking her. Greatly excited, Alice rushed to the neighbors house, but the stranger was not Leonard. She called the police who placed him in a padded cell."

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