

MEMORIAL PARK BODY ORGANIZES

Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Is Elected President of Association

COIN ISSUE WILL GO INTO CONGRESS

Measure for Purchase, Development and Maintenance of Harding Park to Be Drafted

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Bruce Dennis, state senator and former owner and publisher of the La Grande Evening Observer, of La Grande, was elected president of the Harding Memorial Park association...

To Petition Congress During the meeting a decision was made to present to congress a bill to provide for the issuing of memorial coins to furnish funds for the purchase, development and maintenance of a park in the Blue Mountains...

La Grande Represented Those from out of town who were here for the meeting included Mrs. Dennis and Earl Reynolds, chamber of commerce secretary, of La Grande; Walter Meacham, chamber of commerce secretary, of Baker; John W. Langdon, of Walla Walla, and President J. B. Sanders, of the Month Normal school.

Twelve members of the executive committee were named. Besides the four officers, the following were appointed: Earl Reynolds, La Grande; E. S. Clark, Pendleton; Walter Meacham, Baker; Roy Ritter, Pendleton; John Langdon, Walla Walla; Oliver C. Boise, Boise; and Sam Miller, Mt. Hood.

GUARDS WATCH SHOPLIFTERS

Christmastide, when valuable merchandise spreads its desirability over open display counters against which feverish shoppers push and crowd in their anxiety to get to the shelves already overburdened with gifts might easily seem to double temptation and ease the way for the shoplifter.

And so it does, according to La Grande merchants, who report the flux of pilfering on the increase in the holiday approach.

Grange Disapproves Of County Court's Actions

Although inclement weather kept down the attendance the regular meeting of the Union county Farmers grange at Wolf Creek with the Wolf Creek grange as host proved successful in all of the respects.

World Court Is Explained At Luncheon

Robert Eakin, La Grande Attorney, Addresses the Chamber of Commerce Members Today.

A clear, concise explanation of the international court of justice and its purposes was presented to the Union county chamber of commerce at luncheon today noon by Robert S. Eakin, local attorney, in an interesting and instructive manner.

Stating that the world court is misrepresented to mean, Mr. Eakin pointed out that it is in reality a court of international justice, like the United States supreme court excepting with jurisdiction over nations instead of sovereign states.

At 18 Nations Members Mr. Eakin said, 48 nations are members and but five of the greater powers—Mexico, Turkey, Germany, Russia and the United States—are not on the list.

Mr. Eakin gave much credit to Elinor Root for the part he took in aiding the formation of the court. He also pointed out that the court was in the process of organization long before the league of nations became a fact.

La Grande's Reputation Becomes Known in East

That La Grande's reputation as a city of importance in Oregon is being recognized in the eastern states is indicated in a letter that came to the chamber of commerce office here today asking for suggestions in routing the Oregon excursion historical, geographical and geological interests.

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New Envoy



Senator Henri Berenger of France will be the next French ambassador to the United States. He will replace the present envoy, Emile Daeschner, who is blighted in Paris for the failure of the French debt funding commission to reach an agreement with American commissioners.

YUEN FINED IN POLICE COURT

Pong Yuen, Chinese, one of the half dozen yellow men taken by a roving squad at 204 Fourth street Saturday night, was found guilty late yesterday of disorderly conduct and was fined \$100 by Judge J. D. Slater in the municipal court. Yuen paid his fine.

STATE TAXES LOWER HERE

State taxes in Union county will amount to about \$2000 less in 1926 than they did this year, according to Judge J. G. Couch, who has received notice that Union county's apportionment is \$127,375.50.

Montgomery Fined \$50 On Possession Charge

J. W. Montgomery, an old offender according to the police, was fined \$50 in the municipal court yesterday, upon being found guilty of having liquor in his possession.

National Guard Dance Benefits Company Fund

The first of a series of two national guard dances was held last night in Zuber hall with a fair-sized crowd in attendance.

PIONEER, 82, IS CALLED TO BEYOND

John L. McKinnis, County Resident 61 Years, Passes on Here.

CROSSED PLAINS IN SPRING OF '61

Decedent Will Be Laid to Rest Friday Following Services at Summer-ville Chapel.

John L. McKinnis, 82, a Union county resident for more than 61 years, died at 8 o'clock last night at the Grande Ronde hospital, desolating the list of the valley's venerable pioneers.

Of the early settlers who left the comforts and assurances of civilization to cast their lot with the fortunes of the Oregon country, none had earned a better right to the respect of posterity than Mr. McKinnis. He distinguished himself both in the conduct of his share of community affairs and in the integrity and righteousness he practiced in his private life.

Born in Jackson county, Ohio, July 5, 1843, John Lavenwood McKinnis lived on the farm with his parents until the spring of 1864. Then, at the age of 21, he undertook the hazardous journey across the plains with ox teams. And after several exciting adventures with Indians, accompanied by the usual hardships and deprivations of such a trip, he arrived in the Grande Ronde valley where he engaged himself to farmers and freighting for a living.

Married in 1867. In 1867 the young pioneer was united in marriage to Rachel C. Harris, who crossed the plains (Continued on Page Five)

FOUR WOMEN DIE IN FLAMES

NEW YORK. (By the Associated Press)—Four women and one man lost their lives and five other were injured today in a fire that destroyed a five-story tenement. Three of the women perished on the top floor. The other woman and man trapped in a third-story hallway.

Judge Knowles Will Hear Motion Tomorrow

A motion to get aside an entry of default in the case of Smith, receiver for a defunct bank in Idaho, against Storm, a road contractor in Wallawa county, is to be heard by Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court Wednesday afternoon.

Added City Coverage

During the last three months the circulation of The Observer in the city of La Grande has shown a net increase of 11 per cent—a most gratifying growth considering the very high coverage that has always existed in the city.

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OPEN VOTE ON FISCAL BILL ASKED

Ministerial Crisis in France Is Delayed by Government

COMMITTEE ACTION MAY BE REVIEWED

Cabinet Decides Vote Rejecting the Loucheur Measure Was Not Representative.

PARIS (AP Press Time Flash)—Finance Minister Loucheur resigned today following definite rejection of his fiscal projects by the house of deputies' finance committee.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The ministerial crisis has been temporarily delayed and the government is deciding today to appeal to the chamber of deputies for an open vote on Finance Minister Loucheur's fiscal measures, which were rejected by the chamber's finance committee yesterday.

A cabinet meeting today decided that the committee's vote was passed under conditions not reflecting the opinion of the majority of the members.

Deer Park Woman Will Join Teaching Staff

Miss Kathryn Albright, of Deer Park, Wash., will join the teaching staff of Central school this week to complete the unfinished term of Miss Helen Vignatin, who has resigned because of ill health.

Rich Copper Strike Is Made Near Baker

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The richest strike of native copper and gold yet encountered at the Mother Lode mine was made yesterday and samples of the ore are on display here today. The copper is pure, in flakes and chunks, and glitters like gold revealing even to the uninitiated the richness of the ore.

Pocatello Men Buy Three 'Gold Bricks'

POCATELLO, Ida. (By the Associated Press)—A super-salesman, giving the name of Paul Thompson, succeeded in selling at least three "gold bricks" to shrewd pawnshop dealers here before police officers interfered with his profitable business.

Klan Bars Alice From Fort Pierce, Florida

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—Unholy men, said to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, today were standing guard at a local railroad station to head that Alice Jones Rhinlander, negro wife of Leonard Kip Rhinlander, does not stop here.

Theosophists Expect 'Second Coming' Soon

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Thousands of theosophists are journeying to India in anticipation of the "second coming of Christ," the New York Tribune says today.

Fairy Tale Comes True



Marie Gower, of San Francisco, who dreamed of riches when a child, now finds her dream about to come true. She apparently is the heiress for whom London solicitors have been searching.

SIKI MURDERED EARLY TODAY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—"Battling" Siki, Sonoma pugilist, whose turbulent career in the prize ring and elsewhere had given him wide notoriety, was mysteriously murdered early today in West Forty-first street in the district known as Hell's Kitchen.

LA FOLLETTE FOLLOWS DAD

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, served notice on the Republican old guard today that he expects to adhere to the "progressive principles" of his father.

Cigaret Girl Suddenly Find Dreams Come True

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Later, as she sold cigarettes and checked hats in a San Francisco Bohemian cafe, Marie dreamed the fairy tales, revised of course, to suit her adult life.

Why should she dream? Hadn't her mother told her of her father. He was of a wealthy Scotch family. It was nice to dream of an estate in Scotland even if it was owned and ruled over by a distant relative. Perhaps, someday, he would hear of Marie—and then the Prince came.

And now Marie's dreams are about to come true. She apparently is to become a "Cinderella." She apparently is the heir for whom London solicitors have been searching.

BRIEFS ARE FILED IN RAIL ROW

Southern Pacific Opposes Oregon Trunk's Extension Program

SHORTER ROUTE TO CHICAGO PROMISED

Southern Line Declares It Would Give Adequate Service to Its Oregon Territory.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Briefs for and against the application of the Oregon Trunk for permission to extend its Central Oregon railway from Bend to Klamath Falls were filed with the interstate commerce commission today.

The Oregon Trunk stresses that the Southern Pacific seeks to have a monopoly of the traffic of the Klamath basin, while the Southern Pacific contends if the northern lines are permitted to enter the region it will "imperial and ruin" the Southern Pacific's proposed connections in the region.

The Southern Pacific declared it would give adequate service to all Oregon territory, and would provide a line between Klamath Falls and Chicago 200 miles shorter than the proposed northern route.

The northern lines' brief declares its proposal will give access to wide markets escaped by the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington lines, and thus encourage lumber manufacturing, and that the Southern Pacific will benefit as well as the northern lines. It expresses willingness to enter into any joint, user agreement as to the new lines and does not oppose the Southern Pacific's building program.

GOAT HERD TO BE BUILT UP

HOT LAKE. (Special)—The purebred Holsteins, who have repeatedly brought state and north-west records to Eastern Oregon, no longer rule supreme in the Pymore dairy barn. Dr. W. T. Phy has bought two goats.

These animals, registered Toggenburgs will be the nucleus for a small goat herd. Their milk is to be prescribed in certain hospital cases. The finely divided particles in goats' milk—much finer even than in the Holstein milk, which leads all other cows' milk in this respect—make goat milk especially easy to digest.

As the number of Toggenburgs at Pymore farm increase, Dr. Phy plans to have goat milk cheese made. If Seltora, head herdman at the sanatorium dairy, was born in a dairying section of Europe where the cheese is not the luxury it is in America but the everyday food. He has often assisted in its preparation.

Though the arrival of the homed goats has temporarily eclipsed the Holsteins here and they have become a few days something of a side line in attracting sanatorium patients to the dairy barn, they are proving their worth by breaking records during this month when records are rarely made. The Holstein milk will still be used at Hot Lake in all except a few cases.

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