

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

April 29—Last day to register for primary election.
May 2, 4, 5, 6—State convention of Women's clubs in La Grande.
May 6, 7, 8—Oregon DeMolay convention in La Grande.
May 21—Primary election.
June 9, 10, 11—Union Livestock show at Union, Ore.
July 22, 23, 24—Convention of Northwest Real Estate Association in La Grande.
Sept. 22, 23, 24, and 25—Union county fair at Elgin, Ore.

Will Make Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rankin have moved into the house at 1104 1/2 avenue and expect to make this city their home.

In City Yesterday

Mrs. Walter Pratt, who makes her home in Lower Cove, was a visitor to La Grande yesterday.

Visited Here Yesterday

Mrs. Lynn Hill, who makes her home at Elgin, was in La Grande yesterday. She visited here at the home of Mrs. Gettel.

Here from Seattle

Mr. E. Loomis, of Seattle, Washington is transacting business in La Grande.

To Visit Children

Mrs. William Arnold went to Elgin this morning on the branch line train and is visiting there today with her daughter, Mrs. Willy, and son, Guy Arnold.

To Visit Here

Mrs. J. A. Swallow and little son, Bobby, arrived in La Grande this morning and will visit for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Zimmerman.

Giving First Aid Lessons

Dr. Belle Myers visited the high school this morning where she gave members of the Associated Girls Students lessons in first aid work.

Returning from Portland

Walter Gover, cattle man of the valley, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Gover was on his way home from Portland where he went with a carload of stock for the Portland market. He stopped here on business. Mr. Gover reports the market is what he considers good.

To Open Picture Library

Mrs. E. C. Mossman went to Union today for the formal opening of the picture library there. This afternoon at the Union hotel Mrs. Mossman, who is state chairman of the art department of the federation of women's clubs, will be a speaker at the opening.

Funeral this Morning

The body of William Fisher, who died in Portland, arrived in La Grande this morning and the funeral was held immediately. Mrs. Carrie Jensen and Mrs. Charles Wilson, sisters of the deceased, went to Portland to accompany the remains to La Grande.

Visited Aunt Here

Kenneth McLeod has been visiting in La Grande for several days with his aunt. Mr. McLeod is on



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this way to Sacramento, California, where he will enter military school, preparatory to going to Annapolis. He is from Walla Walla, Washington.

To Visit Father

Mrs. Ed Olson went to Pendleton this morning for a visit with her father.

Driving to Caldwell

C. E. Silver and young daughter, of Portland, spent last night in La Grande. They were driving through to Caldwell, Idaho.

To Baker this Morning

Mrs. J. D. Lynch went to Baker this morning. She will transact business there today and return to her home here this evening.

Daughter Born

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conrad, of Imbler, announce the birth of a daughter, St. Patrick's day, Mar. 17. The young lady has been named Patricia Ann.

Church Class to Meet

The class of 20 boys and girls training for membership in the Christian church are asked by the pastor, the Rev. C. V. Dunn, to meet at the church Friday at 4 p. m. The class is to be admitted at Easter time.

Visits Brother Here

Mrs. T. Rower, of Albany, spent the day with her brother, Pete Ruffington. She was on her way home from Baker, where she accompanied her mother-in-law to the home of Mr. Rower's sister.

Have Baby Girl

A seven-pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Williams Wednesday at Webster, Ida., where the mother has been visiting at the home of her parents. The older Williams child is a son.

Left this Morning

After visiting since Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sydeman left this morning on their way home to Sacramento, California.

Installing Fire Alarm

The L. & L. Drug store has ordered and installed a fire alarm of the modern type. The first of its kind in the city. These separate temperatures will be maintained one for bricks and sheetrock, another for ice cream and a third for bottled drinks.

Called to Judge Debates

A call for six teachers from La Grande high school faculty to judge debates Friday evening was made to Mr. D. Fowler, principal from Union and Imbler, who will compete in the state debating contest. The visiting teams, in each case, will take the negative side of the question.

Leaves for Baker

Dean Kate W. Jamerson, from O. A. C. left last evening for Baker after a two-day visit with the girls and women teachers of La Grande high school. Senior and Junior members of the O. A. C. together with their children, and faculty advisors accompanied the dean on her trip. Mrs. Jamerson will be in the auditorium Wednesday afternoon, with their mothers as guests.

Home this Morning

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Loney Jr. returned to their home here this morning after visiting in Portland since Saturday. Little Mary Loney remained in Portland with her grandmother. Mrs. Loney will return to Portland after her in about a week.

Left this Morning

O. Deardorff left La Grande this morning on his way to Baker and after visiting there he will go to Butler, Missouri where he expects to make his home. Mr. Deardorff has made his home in La Grande with his daughter, Mrs. Oliver Boyer, for the past six years.

Meet this Evening

The Presbyterian Men's club will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of J. C. MacPherson at 510 C avenue. The Rev. H. W. Parker, minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be the speaker. His subject is "St. Paul." The next regular meeting of the club, April 1, has been changed to April 29. The date was changed because of another meeting on April 1. All interested in the club are invited.

Marble and Lime Work to Start

L. E. Jordan, of Enterprise, county judge of Walla Walla county, arrived in La Grande this morning on his way home after a trip to Portland. Judge Jordan drove to Portland night before last. In the interest of the Itack Marble and Lime company, a new industry which Walla Walla county is promoting, the company is getting ready to operate and expect to be going within the next thirty days. Judge Jordan said this morning. The time stone will be ground and used for fertilizer.

Livestock Conditions Favorable

Dan Clark, livestock agent for the Union Pacific system, arrived in La Grande today and is visiting William Hollins, superintendent of the O. W. R. & N. company and making his annual rounds over the country. Mr. Clark reports livestock conditions very favorable. "We have had one of the best seasons we have ever had," Mr. Clark said "and the outlook for the future has never been more promising than now."

had an open winter and plenty of feed. To me general conditions are very encouraging," he declared.

Going to Conventions

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Reynolds will leave Friday morning for Portland, where he will represent the newly organized La Grande chapter of D. A. R. at the state meeting. Mr. Reynolds, secretary of Union county chamber of commerce, will go on to Eugene, where he will attend the convention of the State Association of Commercial Secretaries, and attend the short course put on for the secretaries by the business administration department of the University of Oregon.

Will Complete Organization

J. L. Soule is in La Grande today from Baker. Mr. Soule will be here until tomorrow evening when he will be joined by Mrs. Soule and they will go to Portland, where she will complete the organization of a Oregon chapter of the society of the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America. Mrs. Soule is state organizing president for the Daughters of the American Revolution. All persons claiming direct descent from settlers of America prior to 1847 and having one or more ancestors who served in some capacity in the American Revolution are eligible to belong.

CHINESE TO KEEP RIVER, PORT OPEN

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The powers regarding the restoration of free communication between Peking and Tien Tsin and the sea.

Troops today were guarding the residence of the chief of the military squad which fired on the students.

The powers' ultimatum demanding action by noon today. The foreign officers' memoranda to the powers, comments on the alleged lack of patience on the part of the diplomats, but assures the powers that the competent military authorities have been authorized to take measures regarding the clauses in the memorandum of the powers.

The substance of the reply to the five demands of the powers is as follows: The Kuomintang will undertake to observe the protocol of 1901, with the U. S., Great Britain, Japan and Italy, which provides for the disarmament of forts at Taku at the mouth of the Peking river and guarantee the safety of Tien Tsin. They will cease automatically when the danger has been averted.

Investigation is urged of Chinese passengers aboard all ships as necessary to safeguard Tien Tsin against infiltration of armed bandits likely to create disturbances in the city.

VOTERS WILL PASS UPON 5-MAN PLAN

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"It will never be settled until it goes to the people," Mr. Playe asserted. "Let the people decide what they want—if they desire the change they'll vote accordingly."

Besides the petition for the enlargement of the commission a counter petition, bearing the names of more than three score voters, has been filed with the city officials.

Wants Streets Improved

A petition for improvement work on the north side was read last night and referred to the city managers. The petition called for the installation of a storm sewer on North Spruce from the branch line railroad tracks to Y. Then along Y to North Second and also on Jackson from North Spruce to North Fir; the grading of North Spruce from Island to 8 and the construction of crushed rock macadam pavement 20 feet in width; the scarifying, rolling and re-grading of maindum on Y from North Spruce to North Fir; the grading of Y avenue from North Fir to North Fourth and construction of curbing where not already installed and a crushed rock macadam pavement 25 feet in width; the grading of Y avenue from North Fourth to North Second and the construction of curbing where not already installed and a crushed rock macadam pavement 40 feet in width.

The Rev. W. H. Parker, of the M. E. church, appeared before the city and asked if there was any fund to assist needy transients. He declared that quite a number of these persons applied to him for help. He was told there is no such fund maintained by the city, but

CHILL GREET'S NEW CABINET

PARIS, Mar. 18. (AP).—The ninth cabinet of Aristide Briand was received in a rather chill atmosphere when it appeared in parliament this afternoon to present its ministerial creation, containing an appeal to the legislators to "observe exceptional discipline" in order that the financial difficulties of France might be solved.

The first applause in the chamber of deputies came when Premier Briand stated that his previous government's policy of international agreements would be adhered to. The chamber, however, received in silence, Mr. Briand's appeal for discipline in voting the necessary financial measures.

When M. Briand reached a passage of the declaration which referred to the government's desire to change system of selecting members of the chamber, he added, "The country has its eyes on you and is waiting anxiously your action."

In reply to this, the parties of the right and center shouted almost in unison, "Yes, it is waiting for the dissolution of this chamber."

The chamber, after hearing the declaration, proceeded immediately to discussion of interpellations of foreign policies. It was explained that a vote on the declaration would be reached tomorrow.

NINE TAKE STAND FOR THE STATE

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amining 25 jurors in five hours time, waived remaining peremptory challenges and declared themselves satisfied with the jury. After opening statements by Carl G. Holm, prosecuting attorney, and Mr. Keator, Judge C. H. McCulloch excused the jury until 8:30 this morning. Several of the jurymen had been on continuous duty for 30 hours, having been out all the night before on the John Graham trial.

The district attorney, in his statement, said that Lewis Wetzel, a conductor on the O. W. R. & N., had owned a Chowchow dog for that on the evening of Dec. 2, apparently had been burned to death. That evening, at 4:15, an animal had been seen barking in front of Hilary's yard, about 20 feet from the woodshed, Holm said. It ran out of the yard and toward the railroad tracks, where it was seen to drop. A crowd of switchmen saw it, with its hair all burned.

that some relief might be obtained from the county or the city. Criminal Complaint of Harm.

Clément Wallace, a resident of the north side, protested against the condition of a barn on W. avenue near his place, stating that the owner, Ed Rogers, had been warned several times by the city officials to clean it up but that these warnings had been disregarded and that the city had done nothing in retaliation. Mr. Hill asked W. C. Crews, city manager, if there is an ordinance to provide for the arrest and trial of persons in such cases and was told, one existed. Mr. Hill then stated that the correct thing to do would be to arrest Mr. Rogers. The opinion was expressed that if an arrest or two and conviction of such offenders took place, the city officials' demands might be taken seriously. Mr. Wallace declared that if nothing is done, a complaint will be filed with the state board of health.

ed off, attempted to kill it, and then called Chief of Police Haynes, who arrived half an hour later and shot the dog. Its collar bore a city license tag with the number 24 upon it, and to the collar was fastened by a wire a tin can filled with rocks.

Says Hilary Threatened Dog

The state, he said, would show that Hilary made threats against the dog, and would attach Hilary to the commission of the crime.

According to Keator, a strange set of circumstances were responsible for the death of the dog, and the defense would show that Jack Hilary had nothing to do with the injury to the dog.

Hilary, he said, is a dog fancier, and owns eight or 10 dogs in his kennels. At the time of the accident, he had a female dog that the testimony would show caused all of the trouble. Laid up with an injured back, the defendant was working around his yard. He moved the English setter from the yard where she had been tied into the woodshed, where he was cooking food for his dogs. One of his copper pans was hanging and he decided to mend it by heating it with a torch and applying a solder wire. A can of kerosene that he had purchased to spray his henhouse for black mites was standing on some boards that projected from an apple box. After cleaning off the pan, he reached for the solder and remembered that he had left it in the house. He went after it, and while he was gone, heard some dogs fighting in the woodshed.

When he got outdoors, a dog arose passed him, and he found his own dog with coal oil on it. Some rags on the floor were burning and he put out the fire.

Hilary saw no can on the dog's collar, Keator stated. After he had put out the fire in the woodshed, he went on with his work. When the officers called next day, he told them all about the incident.

Wetzel Testifies

Lewis Wetzel, the state's first witness this morning, told of looking for his dog that night, when it is claimed to have been burned, and of how next morning he located the track of the dog who had lost the body, had him dug it up and took several pictures of the carcass.

The photographs, and a picture of Rex, the Llewellyn, taken while he was alive, were offered as evidence.

Judge Peck, in cross examination, asked Wetzel, if he had not said in conversation with persons at such that the dog was not his, but R. E. Teeters. Wetzel responded emphatically that he had not; that he had told persons there that he bought the dog from Teeters. He produced a license to show that he had been the owner of the dog before it burned. The setter, he said, was a registered Llewellyn, bred and raised in Teeters' kennel.

Tells of Shooting Dog

Chief Haynes, on the stand, testified that in answer to a call to the police station he had crossed the yard and found the dog on the track, where it appeared at first to be dead. When it raised its head and whined, he shot it. That was between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, he said.

The chief and Sheriff Breckhaus both told of their visits to the Hilary woodshed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop described the scene of the burning dog as it appeared from their window, across the street from the Hilary house. Wallace testified that he and Hilary's sister, the latter, watched the dog circle and fall on the tracks and saw the foreman strike it over the head with his brake club.

The little girls, one 11 and the other a few months younger, told how they had gone to the Hilary home to get Clovis's puppy, which had wandered there. The Llewellyn and Hilary's sister, the latter, were in the yard, on both visits, they said. They each testified that they heard the defend-

ant say he would kill Wetzel's dog. The two dogs, they said, had not been fighting.

ESCAPES JAIL TO WED

HARRISBURG, Ky. — Arthur Barr evidently needs advice from some married men. He saved his way out of jail here, and when captured told authorities he wanted to get married and thought he "might as well go on and do it."

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS U. S. ADHERENCE

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senate's reservations emphasizing that the United States shall have the right to participate in the election of judges, and because the judges are elected concurrently by the council and assembly.

DESIRE EXPLANATION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18. (AP). —Indications that the league of nations may ask that a representative of the Washington government explain the American reservations to the world court ratification caused great surprise today at the state department.

Secretary Kellogg said this government was dealing directly with the 48 members of the court regarding acceptance of the reservations.

Informal advices from several of the governments have indicated that they approve these reservations.

The secretary declined to say directly what the course would be if the league persisted in attempting to deal with the matter.

RECOMMEND LESS GRAIN PRODUCTION

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other crops can be grown. Soil Losing Fertility.

Indications are that it takes better farming now to grow 40 bushels an acre than it did 20 years ago, showing that the soil here is beginning to lose its natural fertility. This is not alarming yet and may not be for many years. Everyone is familiar with the increased growth of spring wheat following alfalfa, or sweet clover. We believe it will eventually be necessary to resort more and more to these crops in order to keep up fertility. This means a greater amount of hay and pastures will be produced in the Grande Ronde valley which must be used either by increasing the number

of range sheep or cattle fed here or by an increase of farm flocks of sheep or dairy cows.

"We recommend sweet clover as a pasture, a hay crop and as a soil enricher. It will furnish more pasture an acre than any other crop. Alfalfa will outyield it as a hay crop and probably winter wheat will on dry land, but alfalfa is not well adapted to short rotation and a crop of wheat will usually be larger following sweet clover than it will following alfalfa.

Irrigation. "We do not believe that the facts at hand warrant a violent stand either for or against irrigation. We recommend careful surveys of irrigation and drainage possibilities. Irrigation, with proper drainage, always increases the cost of production an acre by increasing the amount of labor necessary to grow any crop, thus making smaller farms necessary. Smaller fields in turn again increase the cost of production as machinery and horses cannot be used so efficiently. The increased yield an acre under irrigation often offsets the disadvantages. We believe that the amount of annual payments necessary has more to do with the success or failure of an irrigation project than the cost. Under the present government reclamation plan, no interest is charged, so the payments are light.

"We urge that a cooperative soil and agricultural economic survey of the valley by the experiment station and the United States bureau of soils be made as well as engineering studies to determine feasibility of reclamation. If irrigation and drainage should prove feasible, we recommend that every effort be made to carry it on as a government project rather than a district project even though completion of the work is thereby delayed.

"In the meantime, we urge that those living along streams where pumping is feasible install their own irrigation systems on parts of their farms and in this way be gaining knowledge of the benefits and extra costs involved."

Opposes Emergency Rail Rate

The report urges wheat growers to join the Eastern Oregon wheat league, recommends that flax be tried out as a substitute crop for

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wheat, touches upon alfalfa hay and seed growing, advises demonstration trials of carbon bisulphide or calcium chloride to combat morning glories, and takes a stand against an emergency railroad rate west on damaged wheat to be used for feeding purposes unless an emergency rate east on wheat and flour in order to use the surplus wheat still in farmers' hands here is granted.

Obituary

EMMA JANE SHAFER

Mrs. Emma Jane Shaffer, 65 years old, died this morning at 10:15 o'clock at the home of her son, Ike Shaffer, north of Island City, where she has made her home for several years. Mrs. Shaffer was born November 2, 1854. Her body is at the Rodgrass-Zimmerman chapel pending funeral arrangements.

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