

TRANSIENT APPROACHES FOUR GIRLS

W. D. Mathews Placed Under Arrest Following Identification

COMPLAINT MADE OF INDECENCY

Two Fathers Give Him a Beating Before Turning Him Over to Peace Officers.

W. O. Mathews, a transient, charged with indecent exposure on the complaint of four little girls, none over 10 years of age, who are claimed to have been the object of his insults Saturday, is at liberty today on bonds of \$500 posted in justice court.

DR. INGLE AGAIN MADE PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. L. Ingle, of La Grande, was re-elected president of the Eastern Oregon Osteopathic association at its joint meeting with the Eastern Washington society at Pendleton Saturday and Sunday.

On the invitation of the high school faculty, the president of the association remained in Pendleton yesterday to deliver a vocational address before the student body on "Osteopathy as a Life Work."

The address was one of a series being offered to help the Pendleton students in their choice of vocations.

Fathers Make Search. In the meantime, Mrs. L. W. Cooper, had sent her daughters' brother, Sonny, to call them home to lodge. The news was given when Sonny reached the city.

When the Cooper girls' father reached home at 4 p. m. and heard the girls' story, he went after P. L. Clark, father of Cleten, and they made a search of the

FRUITDALE IS VISITED BY ELK

While W. H. Duckett was sorting apples at his home in Fruitdale, about two and one half miles northwest of La Grande, Sunday morning at about ten o'clock an elk entered his place, came within thirty yards of the applehouse door and then passed off across the field to a high woven wire fence.

Apparently it thought the fence too high to jump so turned and crossed the field again, ran through the garden and out of sight.

"I thought it was a deer at first," Mr. Duckett said this morning, "having never seen an elk although it was unusually large and of a darker color." Examination of the tracks showed they were larger than a deer track and of a differ-

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Turner Oliver Tract May Be Made Into New Golf Course

With the signing of an acceptance on an option for the Turner Oliver tract, about two blocks south of the turn-around at Island city, this week, La Grande's prospects for a golf course take on a definite outline.

The landholding company will meet for organization of its 25 members tonight, and will draw up an agreement to present at the meeting of the golf members Friday evening.

Seventy-five men and women are already signed for club membership. If the contract for purchase of the site meets with their approval, the 65 acres of prospective course will be put under the plow immediately. Seeding will start in September, and by next May or June, the club will be playing on links that give every promise of exciting anything new in use in the inland empire.

The present plan extends only to the owning and constructing of the course itself. Later it is proposed to finance a clubhouse, with the allied swimming tank and other equipment necessary to meet the sporting tastes of every mem-

ber.

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Rumors Have Hunter In Senate Race

Representative Will Have Statement for Publication Thursday, Is His Promise Today.

Albert Hunter, Union county representative in the state legislature, today announced that Thursday he would have a statement for publication as to whether he would be a candidate for nomination as joint senator from Union and Wallowa counties in the May primaries.

It is rumored on the street, however, that Mr. Hunter has definitely decided to enter the senatorial race.

At present A. T. Hill, of La Grande, is the only announced candidate for the position. E. D. Jasper, backed by the grange, and Colon Eberhard, are both considering entering the race. Positive statements from them may be expected before Friday, the last day for filing candidacy with the secretary of state.

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More than 1500 additional residents will be brought into the city proper if the change meets their approval and that of the districts already incorporated. It is estimated.

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But should the people in the districts under question prefer to remain outside, their vote settles the question without taking note of the vote cast by inside voters.

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ART DISPLAY WINS PRAISE

The art work of La Grande pupils that was exhibited at the convention of the Inland Empire Education association last week and at Spokane won high praise from the superintendent of art at the Cheney, Wash., normal school, and the individual members of the board in more than 25 displays.

Mrs. Gladys Douglas, art instructor here, selected the examples from among many scores of drawings, cutouts and paintings by the children of La Grande schools, and arranged them artistically on four large mounts for the exhibition. No prizes were awarded, but La Grande won one of the highest prizes as the exhibitor of the best work.

Mrs. Douglas was assured.

Superintendent J. T. Longfellow, who also attended the convention, said this morning that addresses by Supt. Carlton W. Washburne, of the Winnetka, Ill. schools—the gold coast suburb of Chicago—on adjusting the school to the individual differences of the children, or in other words, allowing each child to advance as rapidly as he can without regard to grades, were outstanding on the program.

Superintendent J. J. Itas, of Caldwell, editor of the Idaho Teacher's magazine, was elected president of the Inland Empire Education association.

Enterprise Man Will Get Post at Tillamook

TILLAMOOK, Apr. 12.—Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of the Enterprise schools for two years, has been chosen superintendent of the Tillamook city schools. Eighty-four applicants were considered, following the resignation of L. W. Turnbull, who will go to North Bend. Bennett is a graduate of Willamette university. He has taught in Westport and Prairie City.

Survivor of Party Hit By Train Is Recovering

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP).—The Rev. Chester Smith, once survivor of the party of five struck by a train at Cottage Grove Friday evening, is rapidly recovering from his injuries, according to reports today from the hospital here.

First Thresher Operated Near Cove in 1880

The first steam thresher to operate in the Grande Ronde valley has been identified, and the date given by J. S. Binford, of Cove, who recently wrote a letter to the Observer giving his information on the subject.

The thresher was first run in the fall of 1880—September 15—on the Jacob Conner place about a mile east of Cove by J. R. Clark and Steve Paine. Clark was engineer and had Park Ross as his assistant. Paine and B. F. Wilson, of Union, were feeders and Quincy Mitchell hauled water.

Mr. Binford was with the machine about 20 days at \$1.25 a day, taking it in grain at 40 cents a bushel.

"At the ranch I gathered my wages and took them to Union where the grain was cleaned. When this was finished it gave me about \$1.10 a day of work 13 hours," Mr. Binford writes.

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CIRCULATE BOUNDARY PETITIONS

Alteration of City Limits Sought by Interested Parties

MAY TAKE VOTE IN MAY ELECTION

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GLASS SELLS TO G. M. RICHEY

George H. Glass, president of the Glass Drug company, Inc., Monday evening sold his interests in the firm to G. M. Richey, of Portland. The transfer of stock was made immediately.

Mr. Glass, who has been a figure in La Grande civic and commercial life since he came here from Nampa, Idaho, about four years ago, said this morning that he has no definite plans for the future. He expects to spend some weeks along the Pacific coast, as far south as San Francisco, and may later visit his Pittsburgh, where he lived before he removed to the west.

Mr. Richey is already known to this community, having lived here for many years before he transferred his former brief ownership of the drug store to Mr. Glass in 1922. He was in the glass business here for a long time. About four years ago, he traded a ranch to D. E. Shyorth for what is now the Glass Drug store and had been the Silverthorn Family drug store for 15 years.

As for the store itself, little change is to be made outside of the withdrawal of Mr. Glass, it was announced this morning. Elmer McManus, who has been there for eight or nine years, having worked with Mr. Silverthorn when he was owner, and Ed Allen will continue as members of the firm.

Mr. Richey has not yet decided as to whether he will move his residence to La Grande from Portland.

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Island City Host Today To Chamber

Business Men Endorse Motor Bus and Peddlers License Law at Forum Luncheon.

The Union county chamber of commerce today endorsed the motor bus and peddlers license laws, following recommendations to that effect by the good roads committee, delivered by G. L. Larson, chairman. Both measures will be referred to the people of Oregon in the November elections.

The forum luncheon, held today at Island City, was presided over by Clyde Kiddie, and served by the women of the Community church. Praise for the quality and quantity of the victuals was heard on every side.

Walls Main Speaker. The Rev. Hal Kellogg Walls delivered the main address of the day. Following a witty introduction, he spoke briefly of the necessity of everyone having a philosophy of life, declaring that the one he has accepted is "to make the most of today." In closing he recited a poem fittingly illustrating his subject.

Ed Jasper, of Island City, who is

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Shipping Board Votes To Accept Dollar Bid

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Babe Ruth in Bad on Season's Opening Day

BOSTON, Apr. 12 (AP).—Warrants for the arrest of George Herman (Babe) Ruth, New York Yankee baseball player, are held by the Massachusetts state income tax authorities. This was learned today when Ruth visited the state house and the income tax collection headquarters. After a conference service of the warrants was postponed one week.

Ruth is charged with failure to pay his state income taxes for 1923 and 1924. Officials declined to reveal the exact amount of the taxes. The full player contended that he had his legal residence in Massachusetts. It was announced.

Oil Strike Reported in Canada Near Ardill

MOOSEJAW, Sask., Apr. 12 (AP).—Confirmation of reports of an oil strike near Ardill has been received here. It is said that a good grade of petroleum was struck at a depth of 500 feet. When the reports were first received there was a rush to the dominion land office here to file upon adjoining land to that on which the strike was made.

Stage Service Into Wallowa County Cut

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Apr. 12.—Notice has been given by the Motor Transit company, which operates stages over the Wallowa Valley highway, that it will reduce its service to two cars each way a day, where there have been running. This curtailment reflects the decreased patronage, particularly since spring arrived, and an increasing number of private cars have been put in use.

MALONEY HEADS BODY

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP).—Judge J. W. Maloney of Pendleton was chosen chairman of the gubernatorial commission to succeed Harold Clifford of Canyon City, near the close of the commission's meeting yesterday.

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CORN BELT BILL WILL GO TO VOTE

Farm Relief Measure Approved by Agricultural Committee

BECOMES RIDER TO COOPERATIVE BILL

Senate Will Vote First on Surplus Measure and Then Take Up Remaining Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP).—The corn belt farm relief bill was approved today by the senate agricultural committee as a rider to the administration's cooperative marketing bill.

The bill proposes to place a fee on certain agricultural products to be used in stabilizing the surplus problem. The committee amended it to withhold the operation of the fee so far as it relates to cotton until further authorization by congress. As reported it would charge the fee against wheat, cattle and hogs.

As it now stands the senate will vote first on the surplus bill and then on the cooperative bill which already has passed the house.

RUSSIA SCORES SWITZERLAND IN LEAGUE LETTER

GENEVA, Apr. 12 (AP).—The league of nations secretariat today made public the letter from Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Soviet Russia declining to participate in the session of the preparatory committee for the opening of the May 15.

The letter bristles with criticisms of the league, accuses the Swiss government of tacitly aiding the man who assassinated the Soviet envoy Vorovsky at Lausanne in 1923, and says the Moscow government has no confidence in Switzerland's assurance that Soviet delegates would be protected on the present occasion.

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Browning's New Bride



Frances Herman, another blonde, is now Mrs. Edward W. Browning. She became his wife after assuming a "Chaperelle" role for several weeks. She is 16 years of age. Both her father and mother, estranged, gave her permission to marry.

TESTIMONY OF WILLET HEARD

MARINE BASE, San Diego, Cal., Apr. 12 (AP).—Defence testimony in the cockpit murder trial of Lieutenant Alexander S. Williams opened here today with Lieutenant Commander Errol W. Willet, a navy surgeon, on the stand as first witness for the suspended commander of the Fourth Regiment of Marines.

Commander Willet stated that he saw and spoke to Colonel Williams at the night in question; that he smelled no liquor on the colonel's breath and noticed nothing which would justify classifying the colonel as intoxicated.

Walter O. Poor, a guest at the hotel on March 6, said he saw and spoke to Colonel Williams as the latter entered the hotel on the night of March 4 and that in response to his "How are you, colonel?" the colonel replied, "As well as could be expected of one who has not been feeling well for several days."

Peggy Hopkins Joyce Plans Fifth Wedding

MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 12 (AP).—Peggy Hopkins Joyce, whose four international known matrimonial ventures have been terminated in the divorce court, will marry again.

Announcement was made here today by the stage and screen star that she was engaged to marry Miami real estate operator and member of a prominent Chicago family.

Miss Joyce did not announce the date of the intended wedding, but indicated it might be before she sails for Europe May 1 to make her next picture.

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STATISTICS HURLED AT DRY HEADS

Wets Make Effort to Show that Drunkenness Has Increased

FIGURES OF MANY CITIES ARE CITED

Stanley Shirk, Moderation League Research Director, Presents Long Array of Reports.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP).—A phalanx of statistics was marshaled before the senate prohibition committee today by the wets in an effort to show that drunkenness has increased under the home dry law.

Recounting their side of the case after a day's interlude devoted to dry testimony, the wet leaders on the stand Stanley Shirk, research director of the Moderation league, who produced scores of charts, maps and statistical tables from which he deduced that in 45 cities and towns arrests for drunkenness increased from 257,974 in the first year of prohibition to 465,022 in 1924, four years later.

In 150 places, according to these figures, arrests for drunkenness totaled 804,737 in 1914 and 476,733 in 1924.

Says Volstead Act Failure. "When you consider that drunkenness generally has already increased to the pre-prohibition level, and that drunken drivers and drunken children have increased far above anything ever known before in this country," said Shirk, "we cannot escape the conclusion that the Volstead act has utterly failed to do what it was intended to do—namely, suppress intemperance and sobriety."

Moreover, since conditions have become worse, not better, in the year and with the "wet generation" drinking as never before, there seems to be no hope that the Volstead act in its present drastic form will accomplish its purpose in the long run.

Favors Restrictive Law. "From experience before national prohibition of the states which had restricted laws, from the experience of the whole country during the restrictive years 1918-1919, and from the experience of the Canadian provinces, we believe that a greater degree of temperance can be attained by a wise restrictive law than by a home dry law which does not command the respect of a large part of the people."

"We are also of the firm conviction that such a policy of wise restriction would have the incidental advantage of eliminating almost entirely the scandalous corruption and bribery of public officials, would stop the growth of the bootlegging millionaire class, would check disrespect for law."

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High Schools Are Criticized

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP).—That high school graduates today are inadequately equipped when it comes to spelling, punctuation and similar fundamentals of education was declared by local business men appearing at the open hearing of the state commission on public school curricula revision, held at the chamber of commerce room here last night. Stenographer bookkeepers and other employees of conditions under prohi-

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Senate Committee Recommends Johnson Case Be Dismissed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP).—The senate election sub-committee that investigated the Johnson-Schuyler Minnesota senatorial contest today formally recommended to the full committee that the case be dismissed.

The report was unanimous, being signed by Chairman Deneen, Senators Goff, republican, and Neely, democrat, West Virginia. The sub-committee advised that all counts of the complaints brought by former Senator Magnus Johnson, farmer-labor, against Senator Schuyler, republican, be dismissed because of the lack of proof.

The sub-committee declared in its findings that the certificate to the Minnesota state canvassing board showed that Schuyler received 238,574 votes and Johnson 230,845 and that this count had never been questioned.

STECK SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12.—Van Sel Brockhart, who replaced ex-Senator Brookhart following a vote 41 to 41 in favor of unseating Brookhart, was sworn in as United States Senator last night. Brookhart was not present, having been absent from the chamber during the entire week of the argument, preceding the vote.

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