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CONVENTION
PROGRAM IS
COMPLETEDClub Women of Oregon
to Arrive Here Mon-
day for MeetELECTION TO BE
HELD THURSDAYSpeakers Include Presi-
dents of Idaho Univer-
sity and Washington
State College.

The program for the twenty-sixth biennial convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs that is to be entertained in La Grande May 3-6 has been put into its final form by Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, of Portland, and her committee, which includes Mrs. C. H. Scranton, president of the hostess club. Contrary to the usual custom, the program books are being printed in the convention city. They will be completed in a day or two, and will be held here until the delegates arrive Monday morning.

Follows the outline of procedure:

MONDAY EVENING

Elks' Temple.

Mrs. Sallie Orr-Dunbar and

Mrs. C. H. Scranton presiding.

Music—"Until the Dawn"

(Parker), Chamber of Commerce

quartette.

Invocation—Rev. Oliver Riley.

Arise—"My Heart at Thy Sweet

Voice" (From Samson of Dol-

lachi) (Saint-Saens), Mrs. W. H.

Bohnenkamp, Jr., Mrs. E. L.

Holmes, at the piano.

Addresses of welcome—A. T.

Hill, president of the city com-

mission; Dr. W. T. Poy, president

of the chamber of commerce;

Mrs. C. H. Scranton, president of

Neighborhood club; Walter M.

Pierce, governor of Oregon.

Response to addresses of wel-

come—Mrs. C. H. Custer, past-

president.

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FIREMEN FIND

BOTTLED BEER

A fire, at 1211 Monroe just be-

fore noon today, not only damaged

a residence to the extent of \$500

but also uncovered a cache of bot-

tled beer.

The firemen were called to the

scene at 11:15 o'clock and while

controlling the blaze, stumbled

upon the intoxicants in a room in

the upper floor of the frame

building. The police took charge

of the liquor and the firemen con-

tinued their work.

Arthur Leto, occupant of the

house which is owned by Jack

Busch, was arrested but stoutly

denied that he knew anything of

the 70 bottles of liquor. He claims

that another man, who occupied

the second-floor room, must be

the owner.

Zundel and Davis Each Given

116 Votes For School Position

Irvin Zundel and Kermit Davis

came off even in the race for

president at the high school stu-

dent body election Tuesday afternoon,

each receiving 116 votes. Elmer

Glenn, the third candidate, got 10.

The tie calls for a special elec-

tion. Thursday noon the voters

will decide which of the favorites

is to head the student body as-

sociation in 1926-27.

There were no such complica-

tions in the selection of a vice

president. Tom Bruce, lone can-

didate, garnered 222 votes. Fifteen

others were widely scattered, with

Marion Crowe the only "written-

in" name that occurred to more

than one voter. He was mentioned

nine times.

Florence Vedder was elected sec-

retary-treasurer with a majority

of 43 over her five competitors.

Lola Nelson received 44 votes;

Edna Geikeler, 33; Dorothy Ann

Warwick, 14; Ann Stange, 3; and

Marjorie Reynolds, whose name

was written in, one.

The election, to all appearances,

was the quietest in the history of

the association. Students declare

Davis enthusiasts seemed to be

pretty active, while friends of

Zundel, taking it for granted that

he would be elected anyway, did

little campaigning.

The special election is expected

to accelerate politics for the next

two days.

"Observer Advertising—

A Merchandising Service."

High School
Musicians
To CompeteFirst Eastern Oregon
Tournament to be Held
in La Grande Monday
Evening.

Establishing a precedent in Eastern Oregon, La Grande will hold a music tournament at the high school auditorium Monday evening, May 3. High school musicians from Baker, Union and Cove will compete with the local contestants.

La Grande will enter a girls' chorus a boys' glee club, soloists in violin, piano, bass, soprano and contralto. The elimination contest will take place Friday afternoon. Miss Isabelle Miller, music supervisor, announces.

Baker will bring a girls' chorus, a boys' glee club, soloists in piano, violin, tenor, soprano and contralto.

Union expects to enter a girls' chorus and soloists in piano and the four voices.

A tenor and perhaps a soprano will be entered from Cove.

Gold pins will be awarded the winners of first place in the solo work. There will be ribbons for second place. And in the chorus and glee club competition, both first and second prizes will be ribbons.

FIRE LESS \$2,000

PARTLY COVERED

BY INSURANCE

Total loss from fire and water

on the building occupied by the

P-Needa restaurant and the Oregon

Rooms, on Fir street is estimated

this morning at about \$2,000, ac-

cording to Fire Chief C. O. Mur-

chison.

The fire, which occurred yester-

day at 1:15 p. m., did considerable

damage to the upper story of

the building.

Elizabeth Burke, owner of the

building, had \$2,000 insurance to

cover her loss of about \$1,500 and

Mrs. E. Swartz, who occupied the

upper floor, had \$800 insurance.

There was no insurance on con-

tents on the lower floor.

The Salvation Army hall and the

Grande Ronde Valley home

were slightly injured by the blaze.

Ring and Wrist Watch

Stolen; Reward Offered

A ruby diamond ring and a wrist

watch have been stolen from Miss

Huth Kassa, 1305 N. avenue, she

reports to the police station. Miss

Kassa offers a reward of \$25 for

the return of the jewelry.

To Drill for Oil on

Boy Scouts' Property

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 28. (AP)—

An order that bids fair to make

the Crescent Bay district council,

Boy Scouts of America, the wealth-

iest of all boy scout organizations

was signed in superior court here

yesterday.

The order permits the Standard

Oil company to start drilling on an

80-acre tract owned by the scouts

near Santa Monica.

POSTMASTER NOMINATED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28. (AP)—

Postmasters nominated today: Sa-

lem, Ore., John H. Farrar.

PRESIDENT
SIGNS WAR
DEBT BILLItalian Settlement Plan
Becomes Law with
Coolidge's ActionEMERGENCY MINE
MEASURE OKEDChief Executive Informs
Congress That Pension
Bills Should Provide
for Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28. (AP)—

President Coolidge late today signed the Italian war debt agreement, thereby making the agreement effective.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28. (AP)—

Authority for the president to take over and operate coal mines in periods of emergency is proposed in a bill approved today by the senate labor committee.

Under the measure introduced by Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, the president would have control of distribution at a "reasonable price."

Administration of the law would be in the bureau of mines. Seizure of the mines would be authorized only after efforts at government mediation and arbitration had failed.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28. (AP)—

President Coolidge has informed congressional leaders that pension legislation should carry revenue-raising provisions.

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World Trade
Healthier In
Current YearPre-War Volume Mark to
Be Passed in 1926, Says
President of U. S. Steel
Corporation.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Apr. 28. (AP)—World trade, which export figures showed to be only 2 per cent under its pre-war volume at the close of the last fiscal year, gives some indication of more than recovering this deficiency in the current year, James A. Farrell, president of the U. S. Steel corporation, said today before the national foreign trade convention.

The United States and Canada alone of all the trading nations have made a substantial increase over the pre-war trade status, asserted Mr. Farrell, who is chairman of the national foreign trade council. The figures of 33 exporting nations, not including the U. S., for the last fiscal year, showed them to be within 7 per cent of their pre-war volume, he said.

More Raw Material Imported.

One indication of special significance, Mr. Farrell said, was the increased volume of raw material imported by the United States and several of the European industrial nations. This, he asserted, indicates an impending increase of production and conse-

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BANDITS SLAY
U.S. CITIZENS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Apr. 28. (AP)—William Theisner and Carlos Hoffman, American citizens, were murdered yesterday by unidentified bandits in the province of Salta near the Bolivian frontier, Jose Hidalgo, the chauffeur, was also slain.

The bodies were discovered in a bullet marked automobile.

Theisner was a road inspector for the Standard Oil company of Argentina, and his home was believed to be in Leavenworth, Kan. Hoffman was a contractor.

Advices from the town of Embarracacion say the bodies were riddled with bullets. The provincial police are searching for the slayers, whose motive is believed to have been robbery.

One report is that the men carried payroll amounting to 50,000 pesos but Chief of Police Paredelli, of Embarracacion, asserts they carried only