

CONVENTION WEEK OPENS ON MONDAY

Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Meets Here for Four Days

DELEGATES ARE ALREADY ARRIVING

Oregon Order of DeMolay to Wind Up Week with Convention Friday and Saturday.

La Grande has been busy as a cranberry merchant today putting on the finishing frills for the entertainment of the two state conventions that will bring hundreds of women and youths to the sessions occupying every daylight hour of next week.

Delegates are already arriving for the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. Although the convention opens formally with a reception at the Elks' temple Monday evening, there is an executive session and any number of preparatory conferences to command their presence over the weekend.

DeMolay Meet Nears

DeMolay boys and their adult advisors have about lined up their program and plans for the two-day convocation that opens Friday morning. An optional trip to Wallows lake Sunday is one of the highlights on the entertainment side.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of O. A. C. and the state deputy in charge of the Oregon chapter, is to be their principal speaker.

Miss Grace H. Chamberlain, of Ashland, first vice president of the federated women's clubs of the state, was the first officer on the grounds today. She is in charge of the applied education department, one of the most important in federation work, and has an extensive display near the entrance of the convention hall at the Elks' temple.

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DOKIES MEET IN ENTERPRISE

A class of ten candidates were qualified last evening when approximately one hundred dokies from Union and Wallowa counties gathered at Enterprise for a coronation. All of the candidates but one were Wallowa county men.

The meeting started with a parade at 7 o'clock, followed by a banquet in the K. K. hall there. Kenneth McCormick, royal prince, of La Grande, had charge of the ceremonies following the banquet.

Among those who attended from La Grande were: H. E. Dixon, Kenneth McCormick, Claude Berry, Lawrence Graham, Dr. B. B. Miller, Pete Thomsen, Giles Harnden, Col. E. S. Ivanhoe, Ralph Byers and William Harnden.

Contestants For East Oregon Music Tournament Selected

Tryouts for the first Eastern Oregon music tournament that will be held in La Grande Monday evening took place in the midst of high-frequency excitement at the high school auditorium Friday afternoon. Adelaide Ruth Clark won the right to represent the local music students in the soprano contest; Lulu Ansell, contralto; Lois Nelson, piano; and Bertha Baritz, violin. Norman Folk, without competition, is entering in the bass department.

Mrs. E. L. Holmes, Mrs. Lynn Wright and L. J. Lindsay acted as judges.

The tourney proper will commence at 7:30 p. m., Monday. Baker, Union and Cove are prepared to contest La Grande for high school music honors. Each school is furnishing one of the judges. Mrs. Raymond McKennon has been chosen judge from this district.

The program is open to the public. Twenty-two numbers will be grouped as follows: Boys' glee clubs, piano solos, girls' choruses; vocal solos, tenor, bass, soprano and contralto, and violin solos. Competing musicians are expected to come attended by crowds of boosters.

\$100,000 In Taxes Paid Up To Today

Property Holders Have Three More Days in Which to Make First Half Payments.

Union county taxpayers have three days after today in which to pay the first half of this year's taxes without interest for delinquency. Amos Helms, head of the tax department in Sheriff Jesse Brochhausen's office, observed today.

About \$100,000 of the year's levy of approximately \$805,000 has been paid in to date—a good average for this time of year, the deputy says. The time element may have something to do with the amount thus far paid in, since the last day of payment falls on May 6 this year instead of April 5, as formerly.

REWARDS TO BE GIVEN FOR DOGS OUT AFTER HOURS

A reward of 50 cents will be paid to any boy bringing to the police station an unlicensed dog between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. or a licensed or unlicensed dog between the hours of 5 p. m. and 9 a. m. Police Chief Haynes announced today. This is the first move to enforce the present dog ordinance.

All licensed dogs taken between the hours of 5 p. m. and 9 a. m. will be returned to their owners upon payment of a one-dollar fee. Unlicensed and uncollared dogs will be executed.

Large Stand of Wheat in Fields Near Elgin

ELGIN, Ore., May 1 (Special).—Indications throughout point to a tremendous stand of wheat, most of the fall grain being from 12 to 18 inches high and beautiful to look upon. Ranchers are rushing the remainder of their spring seedling, tractors and multiple-horse teams being everywhere in sight pulling plows, harrows, discs and seed drills.

Short Haul Determined Location of Railroad

Elmer Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde Lumber company, when interviewed today relative to the announced logging railroad from Telocast back, stated that this route was selected only because it was seven miles shorter and led more directly into the company's main holdings in that district. He said that the question of construction costs and haulage costs were primary in the decision of locating the road. He also stated that the company did not even have contact with property owners up the proposed Catherine creek route and that no right of way was considered or prices over that route, which corrects the impression given by yesterday's story in The Observer.

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP).—Harry Wills is Jack Dempsey's only challenger, and any attempt by Tex Rickard to displace Wills with another opponent for Dempsey will result in the heavyweight champion being declared ineligible in this state, said James A. Farley, chairman of the New York athletic commission, today.

Upton Boosters Plan To Form Political Club

A program to be followed by the Upton-for-Governor boosters here was outlined last evening when 13 Upton men met at the office of Hugh E. Brady. Although no club has yet been organized, this is the third meeting of Upton boosters here. Upton is quite popular here as candidate for governor, particularly among the Spanish War veterans.

La Grande boosters are trying to get him here to speak before the close of the campaign.

Duncan Operator Will Recover from Wound

Hope of recovery brightens hourly for William Bates, young telegraph operator, who is in the Grande Ronde hospital for treatment of a bad rifle wound inflicted when he shot through his chest near the heart in an attempt at suicide at 5 p. m. Thursday at Duncan, Ore. He spent a good night, attendants report.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bates, of Ridge, arrived last night and are staying at the hospital with him. Mrs. R. E. Woods, with whom he made his home at Duncan, also is assisting in his care. Her place in the office at Duncan is being filled by her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Baker, an operator of Union.

The patient is employed by the O. W. R. and N. as extra operator, supplying vacancies and shortages up and down the line.

CHALLENGE IS DIRECTED AT HARTLEY

Washington Governor Is Asked to Explain Recent "Fraud" Talk

FORMER SENATOR DEMANDS PROOF

Chief Executive of State Refused to Comment, Declaring He "Was Too Busy."

HOOQUIAM, Wash., May 1 (AP).—A demand that Governor Hartley submit proof for charges he is declared to have made of an attempt to defraud the state of its timber holdings is incorporated in an open letter to the governor made public here today by Alex Polson, former state senator, and a prominent lumberman of this city.

"As governor, you owe it the taxpayers to make public the name of those you accuse as criminals and you should take steps to have them arrested and punished for their crimes," Mr. Polson's letter reads. "We have laws on our statute books covering such offenses and as a public official it is your duty to file your charges in the courts."

"On the other hand, if you cannot prove these statements of yours to be true, you have no right to further hold the exalted position of chief executive in our great commonwealth."

Hartley "Too Busy" OLYMPIA, Wash., May 1 (AP).—Royce stating that he "was too busy" attending to things that amount to something for both with matters such as contained in Mr. Polson's letter, Governor Hartley would make no comment on the letter.

"If I had plenty of time," the governor said, "I might find an opportunity to comment on such folly."

HOLLAND AND UPHAM COMING

Two college presidents, Dr. A. H. Upham, of the Idaho university, and Dr. E. O. Holland, of Washington State, at Pullman, will be speakers at the regular forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce Tuesday noon. The visiting college men will be in town for the federated women's club convention, which they are to address. Music for the luncheon will be furnished by the chamber of commerce quartet. Dr. W. T. Phyl, president, will be chairman of the meeting.

All men who accompany the delegates here next week are to be guests of the chamber at the luncheon.

Airman Drops in Friends Near Elgin, Ore.

ELGIN, Ore., May 1 (Special).—Calling on friends in an airplane is not exactly an everyday occurrence yet in the United States, but it really is being done. As witness yesterday came a good-sized airplane across the sky from the north, circled an unpiloted wheatfield on the Hazelton range on the Elgin slope of the Silver creek, and landed in the stubble like a giant bird in a new country. It was piloted by Archie L. Walters, of Boise, who conducts a flying school in the Idaho capital. Walters was bringing back a training plane from Spokane and decided to stop north of Elgin and visit his friends, the E. J. Beale family, who live adjacent to the Hazelton place. The pilot took members of the Beale family for an air ride, after which he departed by plane for Baker, where he was to stop all night on business before going on to Boise. Walters recently relayed a load of air mail from Boise to Spokane, for Walter T. Varney, when the latter's pilot and plane went down in a wreck.

Recommend Dismissal of Prohibition Agents

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP).—Dismissal of more than a score of prohibition agents in the Philadelphia office was recommended today by F. C. Baird, Pittsburg administrator, who was recently asked to reorganize the Philadelphia district.

New Killing Swells Total In Chicago

Three Slay Martin Garrity in Taxicab—McSwiggin Investigators on Hot Trail.

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP).—The body of a man known as Martin Garrity, slain while riding in a taxicab with three other men, was found early today several hours after the crime had been reported by the car driver.

The driver told the police he was hailed by four men about midnight and told to drive to the southern section of the city. After he had driven for two hours a shot rang out in the back of the cab. He was ordered to pull up to an alley where a body was thrown out. The other three forced him to drive several blocks away before they left the taxi.

Alex V. Korecek, young hardware dealer of "The Valley" quarter, has become a central figure in the police investigation of the slaying of Wm. McSwiggin, an assistant state attorney.

Although fearful of paying with his life for any information he may give on gang and alcohol warfare, Korecek has admitted to the police that he knows the names of purchasers of three Thompson machine guns. Previously he maintained he had sold only one such weapon to unknown buyers.

William H. McSwiggin, youthful assistant state attorney, was

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FOREST FIRES BLAZING TODAY

NELSON, B. C., May 1 (AP).—Seventeen forest fires were reported in Southern British Columbia last night. The latest blaze started today near Bonington, B. C., and raged uncontrolled.

TACOMA, Wash., May 1 (AP).—A fire which was menacing the Rainier national forest in the vicinity of the Cispus river near the Silver creek ranger station, has been reported to the headquarters of the forest service here.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 1 (AP).—Organization of a brigade of 50 boy scouts to combat forest fires was announced here today. The boys are to be trained in finding fires, forming lines with other workers and meeting emergencies.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1 (AP).—High wind and old smogs are making a fire in an old barn near Lewis in the Rainier national forest hard to handle, the United States district forest office here reported today. The fire is burning over between 600 and 800 acres. W. H. Odgers, fire expert from the local office, has gone to supervise the 50 men who are fighting the fire. The blaze is said to have started from rubbish burned by a road contractor.

MEMORIAL STADIUM, Lincoln, Neb., May 1 (AP).—Roland Locke, sensational Nebraska sprinter, equaled the world's record by running the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds in the first race of the Missouri-Nebraska dual track meet here today. A slight breeze was blowing from behind the runners.

ROLAND LOCKE BREAKS RECORD IN 220-YARD GO LINCOLN, Neb., May 1 (AP).—Roland Locke, fleet Nebraska sprinter, equaled the world's record by running the 220-yard dash in 22.5 seconds. A brisk breeze aided the runners, and it appeared doubtful if the mark would be allowed. Five A. A. U. official timers clocked the Nebraska flash in today's race.

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GREAT FORT DISCOVERED IN KENTUCKY

Prehistoric Stronghold Is Believed to Be Thousands of Years Old

FINDS INCLUDE COPPER ARMOR

Temple Mound of Chitennesse Indians, Reported Located 40 Miles Below New Orleans.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 1 (AP).—Discovery of a prehistoric fort in a "lost world" in the Kentucky mountains was announced today. Professor W. G. Burroughs, of Berea college, the south's largest mountain school, told the Kentucky Academy of Science in annual convention today that the fort, half a mile south of Indian Fort mountain, explored by him, and one of the largest prehistoric forts in the nation, probably is several thousand years old.

The "lost world" in Madison county extends 20 acres within two grim sciss of cliffs, 50 to 200 feet high.

Prehistoric armor, made from pure Lake Superior copper, was unearthed by the professor, who tripped over skeletons which had been lying flat for centuries after a consuming fire to the god of fire.

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Now Comes The Kitty



The season's latest rage is the "shoulder cat." You can see 'em any place in La Grande now—funny little tom cats that perch nonchalantly on the young lady. Katryn Stanley, of Los Angeles, is showing off hers.

DEBT PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP).—An agreement was reached today for the funding of the \$15,000,000 war debt of Jug-Slavians to this country.

The settlement apparently completed the administration's war debt funding program, so far as it would be possible to do so for the present. The Jug-Slavian terms, providing, like the others, for payment over a long period of years is expected to go to the capitol with a request for ratification at this congress and to take its place there immediately behind the newly negotiated agreement with France.

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Bulletins

ODJIA, French Morocco, May 1 (AP).—Abd-El-Krim, Rifian chief, has been given until midnight May 6, to accept or reject terms which are being taken to him by Si Mohammed Azzoune, brother of the Rifian peace officer, here.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 1 (AP).—Captain George B. Wilkins, leader and Lieutenant Carl H. Eickson, pilot, of an Arctic air expedition, who left Fairbanks April 15 for Point Barrow on the Arctic coast, in the Alaskan, a single engine airplane, returned here last night.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 1 (AP).—Pennsylvania's powerful 150-pound crew rowed out the navy 150-pound crew in a hair-raising finish in the first race of the Pennsylvania-Navy regatta here today. Navy led nearly all of the Henley distance of a mile and five-sixteenths, only to have the Pennsylvania-Navy overhaul it handily in the last hundred yards. The unofficial time was 8:07.

SPEEDWAY, N. J., May 1 (AP).—In a race that saw world's records shattered from start to finish, Harry Hartz of Pomona, Cal., today won the 300 mile international automobile grid that opened the new track of the Atlantic City motor speedway association.

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COAL MINES CLOSED UP IN ENGLAND

More Than a Million Workers Affected by May Day Strike

GENERAL WALKOUT SET FOR TUESDAY

Movement, in Sympathy with Miners' Demands, Results in Declaration of "Emergency."

LONDON, May 1 (AP).—A stoppage of work in the great coal industry of the British Isles, affecting 1,120,000 workers, was in effect today.

There was a strike and also a lockout, due to the cessation at midnight of the government subsidy and failure by the mine owners and miners to settle their dispute a six weeks and hours. General Strike Called

A general strike in support of the coal miners has been declared for the next Tuesday. Employers in vital services will be called out, allowing only distribution of essential foodstuffs.

All the collieries were idle today, but many would have been closed anyhow, for May Day is observed as a holiday in some areas.

Miners of the night shift in leaving certain pits this morning followed the example set yesterday by the day shift toilers and brought their tools up from the mines.

While the number of persons employed in all branches of the coal industry is shown by the latest available statistics to be about 1,120,000, many have been out of work some time through depression in the industry.

It is asserted in some quarters that the miners lack sufficient money to meet the requirements of a prolonged strike, their funds having been depleted by unemployment for months past. The trades union congress, however, has immense resources.

The possibility of a cessation in (Continued on Page Four.)

TRANSFER OF STOCK ENDED

SPOKANE, Wash., May 1 (AP).—Transfer of \$2,000,000 in stock of the Grangeville Electric Light and Power company, of Idaho, to the Enterprise Electric company, of Oregon, and the Deschutes Power company, of Oregon, to the Inland Light and Power company, was completed yesterday. Sale of the plants to the Inland was announced last January.

The Inland is an association of the Pacific Power and Light company, of Portland, Ore., which will operate the plants. The deal involved 12,000 shares of stock and \$2,000,000 was distributed among 153 stockholders of the three concerns.

The Deschutes plants serve Prineville, Redmond and Madras, Oregon, and the Enterprise plants serve Joseph, Wallowa, Enterprise and Lostine, Oregon. The Grangeville company serves the Camas Prairie district in Northern Idaho.

NEW JERSEY, N. J., May 1 (AP).—New Jersey's riot act was in-operative today, having been nullified by an injunction granted to textile strikers.

Albert Weisbord, strike organizer, said the injunction meant a cessation of the "reign of terror" in Bergen county.

The injunction is temporary, until May 6, when arguments will be made as to making it permanent. Some ten thousand strikers have been out three months.

ST. LOUIS, May 1 (AP).—The city's 2900 union painters voted today to strike for an increase in wages from \$10.40 to \$11.00 a day.