

BOYS OPEN COLORFUL CONCLAVE

De Molay Delegates, 240 Strong, Swoop Down on La Grande Today

DR. W. J. KERR HERE FOR MAIN ADDRESS

Pantalon-Clad Groups From Western Oregon Already Seeking Next Convention.

Two hundred forty purple-fezzed De Molay delegates from all but five of the 26 chapters in Oregon swooped down upon La Grande today and turned the just-deserted convention city into a carnival of color and noise.

Conclave sessions began at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Masonic hall, but the arrival of Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of O. A. C. and state deputy of the Order of De Molay, was an event of considerable ceremony this morning.

Kerr Guest at Luncheon The O. A. C. president was honored guest this noon at a luncheon for which 40 alumni and former students of the agricultural college gathered in the banquet room of the Foley hotel.

Encourages Athletics Dr. Kerr emphasized to the delegates the importance of keeping the purpose of their order in mind. Athletics, bands and fellowship gatherings are to be encouraged.

POWDER RIVER IS TRANSFERRED TO UNION TERRITORY

SALEM, Ore., May 7. (AP)—North Powder river has been transferred from water district No. 2, Baker county to No. 3, Union county, state engineer Rhea Laper said today.

Dog Ordinance Read And Laid On Table; Sewer Hearing Held

Reading of the newly drawn up dog ordinance and a hearing on sewer improvement district 3-5 featured the adjourned meeting of the city commissioners last evening.

The dog ordinance, providing for several changes in the present regulations, was read, discussed and laid over for consideration next Wednesday.

Last night was the time for hearing on the Condonate sewer project, and as no remonstrances, objections nor grievances were aired, the city recorder was authorized to advertise for bids, receivable on May 15.

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County Will Grade Roads; Vacate Two

Opening Bids on Hunter Lane and Cove District Stretches to Take Place May 15.

A call for bids on the grading of two market roads—one known as Hunter Lane-Pleasant Grove, and the other as Warren Creek-Becker, corner in the Cove district—was issued by the county court during the May term of two days that was adjourned by Judge U. G. Couch at the close of officers hours yesterday.

REALTORS TO PLAN PROGRAM

Northwest Real Estate Association President and Secretary to Be Guests Tonight.

The program for the Northwest Realtors convention to be held here July 22, 23 and 24 will be outlined this evening when the La Grande Real Estate association will meet for dinner this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Foley hotel.

Children to Present Operetta This Evening

The final dress rehearsal for the presentation of the operetta, "The National Flower," by students of Greenwood and Riveria schools, was held yesterday afternoon, as a matinee for the children of the two schools.

One hundred and fifty-five children take part in the operetta. The scene is in a modern court room, where a judge and jury are trying to choose the national flower.

WOMEN PAY LA GRANDE COMPLIMENT

Best Convention in Many Years, Delegates Tell Hostess Club

FOUR SCORE JOIN WALLOWA CARAVAN Final Items on Official Program Cleared Up in Yesterday Afternoon Session.

What visiting clubwomen agree was one of the most satisfactory conventions in the annals of their federation was adjourned at 4 p. m. Thursday at the Elks' temple by Mrs. G. J. Frankel, of Portland, shortly after her installment as successor to Mrs. Saldie Ordunbar, retiring president.

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West Cherry Growers Win Traffic Fight

Federal Board Decides to Withdraw Proposed Reduction on Imported Stock.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Word has been received by local cherry growers from Washington, D. C., that the federal tariff board has decided to withdraw a proposed reduction of the tariff on "brined" stocks of cherries from five to two cents a pound.

VALLEY GROWERS JUBILANT Receipt of news today over The Observer's Associated Press leased wire that the tariff board had decided to withdraw a proposed reduction on imported cherries resulted in jubilant comments by Grande Ronde valley growers.

Office Removed Year Ago It will be remembered that the local land office was transferred to the office at The Dalles more than a year ago by Washington action. Mr. Peare declares, works a hardship upon persons who transact business with the office in Baker, Grant, Union and Wallowa counties, making it necessary for them to go to either The Dalles or Southeastern Oregon in order to have their demands taken care of.

DAUGHERTY IN COURTS AGAIN

Conspiracy to Defraud Government Charged in Federal Court Indictment.

NEW YORK, May 7. (AP)—Harry M. Daugherty, former United States attorney general was indicted by a federal judge today with Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian and John T. King, former republican national committeeman for conspiracy in connection with the American Metal company case.

ELTON WATKINS TO SPEAK HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Elton Watkins, candidate for the democratic nomination for the United States senate in the May primaries, was in La Grande today before going to Baker where he will deliver a campaign speech tonight.

Woman Ponzi Confesses She Swindled Friends

NEW YORK, May 7. (AP)—Mrs. Grace Ott Bangs, who confessed to swindling her friends out of more than \$200,000 through pretense of investing the money for them in fake stock deals, today pleaded guilty to grand larceny. She will be sentenced May 17. She is liable to five to ten years imprisonment as a first offender.

Aged Son of Oregon Pioneers Answers Call

Thomas Jefferson Chandler, son of early Oregon pioneers, died at Haines, Ore., yesterday at the age of 72 years. He was a resident of Union county until 15 years ago when he moved to Baker county. He was born near Dallas, Oregon.

Survivors are: his widow, a widow, a daughter, Nell Chandler, The Dalles; three sons, Orville, Lowell and Wayne all of Haines; three brothers, Henry L., of Portland; George W., of Enterprise; and Charles W., of La Grande; four sisters, Mrs. Will Ezelle, Elgin; Mrs. Laura Morton, Baker; Mrs. Julia Combs, Medford; and Mrs. Mary Nelson, Durkee; and a grandchild.

HOPES HELD FOR RETURN LAND OFFICE

Walsh Bill, Including Stanfield Amendment, Reported to Senate

REESTABLISHMENT MAY TAKE PLACE

Telegrams from Oregon Senators Announcing Action Received by J. H. Peare.

La Grande may have the United States land office returned to it. Such is the conclusion drawn here today in interested circles following receipt of two telegrams, one from Senator Charles L. McNary, and one from Senator E. M. Stanfield, by J. H. Peare, formerly in charge of the land office here.

Walsh Bill Reported The telegrams stated that the committee on public lands and surveys of the senate reported out the Walsh bill providing for the reestablishment of land offices in Montana and South Dakota with Senator Stanfield's amendment including the La Grande land office. With this step taken La Grande, and interested persons in the locality formerly served by the land office, will watch the fate of the Walsh bill with keen interest.

OREGONIAN MEETS DEATH TODAY IN RESIDENCE FIRE ASTORIA, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Lloyd Carver, 29, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home at Westport early today. His wife and fourteen-month-old child and Henry Johnson, a neighbor who spent the night at the Carver home, escaped.

Well Preserved Walled Palestine City Found

JERUSALEM, May 7. (AP)—Excavation on the site of the buried city of Kirjath Sephor in Southern Palestine, has revealed one of the most complete and well preserved of Canaanite and Israelite walled cities.

Child Killed by Auto of Railroad President

DUFUR, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Stanley Heister, aged seven years, was killed when struck by an automobile while playing on the Fifteen Mile bridge yesterday. The machine was driven by John Heinrich, president of the Great Southern Railway of The Dalles. It was said that the car was moving slowly and swerved to avoid striking Walter Gordon, playmate of the Heister boy, and struck the latter, who died within a few minutes. Cameron Zell, of Wasco county, came here from The Dalles to investigate the accident.

McGraw Signed Up

CHICAGO, May 7. (AP)—John McGraw, veteran leader of the New York Giants, today signed a three-year contract effective when his present agreement expires next spring.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON (AP)—R. H. 4, Cleveland 1 3 14 1 Boston 2 7 2 Batteries: Shantz and L. Sewell; Kiefer, Wetzer, Lundgren and Gaston. COLLEGIATE EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—University of Oregon-Oregon Agricultural college game postponed, wet grounds.

Lots of Cats' Whiskers



Miss Rita Torres, of Los Angeles, with her three Chincosa cats, two of them only two weeks old. At birth the cats are white, but after one week they begin to turn black.

MILLING TRUST CHECKS PROBE

Federal Trade Commission Charges Companies with Placing Obstacles Before It.

Washing Bolt Electrocutes Canyon City Man

BAKER, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Tony Hupprich, 44, was electrocuted by a lightning bolt that struck inside a shed on a sheep ranch where he had sought shelter from a severe electrical storm in the Bear Valley district about 20 miles south of Canyon City yesterday.

Mrs. Horace E. Dodge, One Of World's Wealthiest, To Marry

DETROIT, Mich., May 7. (AP)—Mrs. Horace E. Dodge, widow of the automobile manufacturer and one of the wealthiest women in the world, will be married tomorrow to Hugh Dillman, of New York and Palm Beach, a former actor.

War Veteran Murders Two Babes, Kills Self

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 7. (AP)—Peter Marritt, world veteran, 32, today fatally shot his five-year-old daughter, Theresa, and his three-year-old son, Joseph, and then killed himself. Marritt's wife seized their third child, an infant, when the shooting began and fled.

Purchase Timber Tract

BEND, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company has announced the purchase of 12,000 acres of pine timber located 30 miles north of Bend from the Alworth Washburn company. The purchase includes two hundred million feet of pine which will be milled in Bend or used by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company in blocking up other tracts.

RUMORS SAY STRIKE END DRAWS NEAR

Guarded Predictions Are Made That Settlement Due Next Week

OUTLOOK LITTLE IMPROVED TODAY

Britishers View Fourth Day of General Tie-Up with Sams Outward Stoicism.

LONDON, May 7. (AP)—Another two million workers, known as the Trades Union Congress Second Line of Defense, will be called on strike in support of the general strikers unless there are indications soon of a speedy settlement. This announcement was made today by E. J. Pridmore, spokesman for the trades union congress.

LONDON, May 7. (AP)—The guarded prediction was made this morning by influential labor quarters that the strike crisis might be settled early next week. This is the most optimistic suggestion thus far emanating from a high source. Upon what it is based was not divulged. Unofficial peace-makers are steadily working for a solution, and the pressure of the churches and other bodies, as well as prominent individuals is being brought to bear to end the trouble.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, May 7. (AP)—Impeachment of Federal Judge Isaac M. Meekins, of North Carolina, formerly censured for the willful usurpation of the office of Thomas W. Miller, was taken today by Daniel F. Hoag, a former employee of the internal revenue tax unit, in a petition filed in the house.

OSLO, Norway, May 7. (AP)—The Amundsen-Ellsworth polar expedition ship Norge arrived at Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, early today. The Norge left Vadsø, Northern Norway, yesterday afternoon and in about 14 hours made the 700 miles over the Arctic ocean to the base where it will start in the summer a journey over the pole to Point Barrow, Alaska.

OKMULGEE, Okla., May 7. (AP)—At least half a dozen persons were injured, one seriously, and more than 20 farm homes blown away or destroyed by a tornado which devastated a stretch a quarter of a mile wide about four miles north of here today.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Alfred Lenzon, who admitted in federal court today that he had given "high powered" vanilla extract to Umattis Indians, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$100.

EUGENE, Ore., May 7. (AP)—Buster Kenon, noted frozen-face comedian, will produce his next motion picture at Cottage Grove, 22 miles south of Eugene. The film, rumored to have five associates, was in the Grove City today, and within an hour declared that all be desired for the picture was there.

DETROIT, Mich., May 7. (AP)—Although Mrs. Dodge's wealth is known to run into many millions of dollars no estimate of it ever has been given. About a year ago she sold the plant of the Dodge Bros., which was owned entirely by the late Horace E. Dodge and his brother, was sold to Dillon, Read and company of New York for \$146,000,000. In addition to her share in this property, Mrs. Dodge has large land holdings in Detroit. Both of the Dodge brothers having made extensive real estate investments there.

Mr. Dillman was at one time a resident of Detroit. Several years ago he was an actor with the Bonville theatre company. Later Mrs. Dodge was in Palm Beach, where Mr. Dillman resides part of the time. Mr. Dillman is a former husband of Mrs. Horace E. Dodge.