

WALSH BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

Measure to Reestablish La Grande Land Office Goes to House

UNANIMOUS VOTE CAST YESTERDAY

Senator Stanfield Confident That Congress Will Act Favorably Before Adjournment.

Hopes held here that the La Grande land office, abolished more than a year ago, will be reestablished in the near future, brightened tremendously this morning upon receipt of a telegram from Oregon's junior senator, Robert N. Stanfield, informing The Observer that the Walsh bill had passed the senate unanimously.

The Walsh bill provides for the reestablishment of a number of land offices, mostly in other states, including only the La Grande office in Oregon.

Stanfield's telegram in full follows: "The senate unanimously passed the Walsh bill reestablishing the La Grande and other land offices. Expect the house to pass this bill and thereby reestablish La Grande office before congress adjourns. (Signed) Robert N. Stanfield, U. S. senator."

The senate action was taken late last night, the telegram being filed from Washington at 1:45 p. m. and not reaching here until 7:15 o'clock this morning.

The local office serves a large territory, including Union and Wallawa counties and parts of Baker, Grant and Ematilla counties. A concerted effort was made to prevent its abolishment, but when this failed, the campaign was not given up, although it was carried on mainly by Oregon's delegation in congress.

Local circles believe that when the bill goes into the house, Oregon's delegation there, led by N. J. Sinton, will be able to procure its passage with the delegations from other states concerned strongly backing the measure.

The unanimous vote cast in the senate indicates the desirability of the bill, for when democrats, republicans and insurgents vote as a mass, there is surely nothing in the bill to cause opposition, it is said.

SIX GRADUATE FROM JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

JOSEPH, Ore., May 21. (Special)—Graduating exercises for the Joseph high school senior class were held here last night when John Acton, Alex Dawson, Marjorie Helth, Tressa Winston, Ethel Halsey and Lena Scott received their diplomas.

The commencement address was delivered by the Rev. John D. Hollister. The Rev. Hall K. Wallis spoke at baccalaureate services last Sunday evening.

Final Plans Made For Legion Bathing Beauty Contest Here

A meeting of the committee on the American Legion beauty contest was held yesterday and it was decided to start the contest here May 24. The contest will close June 22 at 6 o'clock.

The winner of the contest will be the guest of the local host, chaperoned by the La Grande auxiliary delegates, during the state convention at Coos Bay in August. At that time there will be a state-wide beauty contest, contestants having already been promised from 21 different cities in the state. Suitable prizes will be awarded to second and third place in the contest also.

"Old Cut-Mouth John"

One of the valley's richest stories was incorporated by Colleen Plummer into the essay with which she won first prize in the third and fourth grade division of the local history essay contest. She tells the tale of "Old Cut-Mouth John" in the familiar language of the pioneers. Colleen is a third grader at Willow school, in La Grande.

Once before Oregon was made a state, a missionary by the name of Marcus Whitman was sent to this western country to teach and doctor the Indians. He was a very good and interested worker. When the Indians called for him he would come and do all he could for them. But because he made up his mind so quickly, he often did foolish things. The Indians, who thought him a God then, after

while began to distrust him. At one time when Dr. Whitman was in a fort near Pendleton, the Indians broke out with the measles. Dr. Whitman was sent there to heal them. But he could do nothing as the Indians believed a cure for chills or fever was to jump into cold water. This of course drove the measles in, causing almost instant death.

Whites Brought Measles. The measles, as we all know, and the Indians knew, too, were brought into this country by the whites. The Indians were grief-stricken over the loss of their people, so thought by killing the whites they would also drive out the disease. They were very angry with Dr. Whitman because he could not make them well. They blamed him also for bringing the disease. The Indians love for him turned into the worst kind of hatred.

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200 MASONS AT DISTRICT MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

The Past Matrons club of Hope Chapter No. 13 served dinner to 150 Masons last evening when the last district meeting preceding the summer vacation was held here with Masons in attendance from Union, Elgin, Summerville, Cove, Baker and Enterprise.

After dinner the guests were taken to the Masonic hall, where about fifty additional Masons from outside points joined them. An interesting program was given. The chamber of commerce quartet sang and Kenneth Gekeler's orchestra played several numbers.

A. B. Cherry speaks. A. B. Cherry was the principal speaker of the evening. He told something of his recent trip around the world, explaining the customs of the people in foreign countries and conditions there. He told of several incidents of interest to Masons, particularly the stone quarries from which the stone for King Solomon's temple was taken—the foundation of the Masonic organization.

Mr. Cherry presented Andrew Loney Jr., leader of the La Grande municipal band, with a horn, a record, a program and a book. The band is supported by an assured stage presence, youthful ardor and natural dramatic ability. His personality is magnetic, centering attention upon him wherever he appears upon the stage.

Debut in Paris. Nilsen's musical education was begun at Whitman Conservatory of Music, at Walla Walla. From there he went to New York City, where he studied for two years, doing some singing. He went abroad, where he prepared for opera with the famous Jean de Hezack and Madame Wolshank, of Paris. He made his debut in Paris in 1923. That same year he sang at Monte Carlo, Nice and Cannes.

In 1924, the brilliant Norwegian-American toured England, Scotland, Wales and Scandinavia in concert. He sang before the royal houses of Norway, Sweden, England, Roumania and Portugal.

Sings in America. For the last two years, following an outstanding success with the Washington Opera company, he has been singing in America. Last winter he was operatic guest basso with the Metropolitan in Washington.

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Three Pay \$150 Fines Into City's Treasury

Zurber Kline and Roy Cameron paid fines of \$25 each in the municipal court last night after pleading guilty to a charge of permitting gambling in their business place, the police report this morning.

F. M. Preston, charged with possession of liquor, paid a fine of \$100.

Island City Women Serve Annual Dinner

The Community church Ladies Aid of Island City served an annual ritual dinner today. Several guests from La Grande were in attendance.

The dinner also served as a part of the day's post-graduation celebration.

TOKYO, May 21 (AP).—Lee R. Herbert, of Bakerfield, Cal., was awarded the decoration of the scarlet ribbon by the emperor today for saving the life of a Japanese child in a fire in Bakerfield last January 19.

LA GRANDE VOTING PLACES. La Grande, No. 1—Frank Cleavinger, 502 Third street. La Grande, No. 2—City hall. La Grande, No. 3—William Moss, 2105 Cedar street. La Grande, No. 4—Lane chapel. La Grande, No. 5—F. E. Wood, Fruitvale. La Grande, No. 6—Tom Strands, Portland and Cove avenue. La Grande, No. 7—E. C. Coughenower, 1604 Washington avenue. La Grande, No. 8—Court house. La Grande, No. 9—Presbyterian church. La Grande, No. 10—Methodist church. La Grande, No. 11—Carl Gasset, 1904 Third street. La Grande, No. 12—Harris hall, Fir street and Monroe avenue. La Grande, No. 13—Church of God, North Spruce and X avenue.

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FARM BILL DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Haugen Price Stabilization Measure Lost 167-212 Today

ENDS WARM FIGHT OVER PROPOSAL

Roll Call Ballot Kept Bill on Floor After Earlier Vote for Recommitment.

WASHINGTON, May 21. (AP)—The house today defeated the Haugen farm relief bill carrying measures designed to stabilize agriculture prices.

The vote was 167 to 212. On a roll call vote the house today refused to recommit the Haugen farm relief bill to its agricultural committee. The vote 182 to 200 was taken after the house, by tellers, had ordered the measure recommitment.

Ordered Back Once. The house earlier today ordered the Haugen farm relief bill sent back to the agriculture committee. The vote for recommitment by tellers, was 171 to 166.

A farm relief bill combining the Tinchler credit plan and the Curtis-Aswell commodity marketing proposal has been prepared by Representative Aswell, democratic, Louisiana, and a special rule making it in order will be sought.

Offered as Substitute. The Tinchler and Curtis-Aswell bills have been offered to the house as substitutes for the Haugen price stabilization bill.

Under the rules now enforced the two alternate measures must be offered as originally drawn and those seeking to combine them are convinced that their efforts would be defeated by preliminary rules unless those can be changed.

Meanwhile friends of the Haugen bill are preparing to fight the new move, contending the two measures must be considered separately.

As soon as the house convened Representative Tinchler, republican, Kansas, withdrew his bill to make way for the Aswell measure.

The bill proposed to authorize an appropriation of \$175,000,000 and levy sales fees on basic farm commodities to be used to handle the farm crop surplus.

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TESTIFIES ON BOOZE BATH

Joyce Hawley Was in Champagne Tub at Earl Carroll Party, Reporter Declares.

NEW YORK, May 21. (AP)—Testimony that Joyce Hawley, a show girl, actually was in a bath tub from which they drank champagne at a party given by Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, was revealed in his trial for perjury today. Arthur F. Irwin, a reporter for the Daily Mirror, gave his testimony after introductory testimony yesterday.

Carroll is charged with having denied that liquor was served. In his testimony before a grand jury which investigated the "bath tub party" given on the stage of his theater, Irwin said he took two drinks of champagne from the tub before Miss Hawley entered it. In his testimony yesterday he named several prominent persons among them guests and at adjournment of court for the day had just testified that he saw some one in the tub.

Carroll invited drinking. He said on the stand today that Carroll himself invited the guests to line up and have Miss Hawley serve them drinks from the tub in which she was sitting.

Phillip A. Payne, manager editor.

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Bavarian Explosion Cause of Nine Deaths

HASSLOCH, Bavaria, May 21 (AP)—Nine persons dead, among them two women, and 21 persons in hospitals and more than a score under treatment in private residences was the record of the casualties due to the explosion in a powder mill near here yesterday. Firemen and Red Cross workers are searching the wreckage for other victims.

MURDERER OF GIRLS EXECUTED

Lethal Gas Used to Snuff Out Life of Stanko Jukich

SECOND DEATH OF KIND SINCE 1921

Broken Marriage Pact Was Cause of Killing in Mining Community in East Nevada.



Miss Dorothy Hall, who lives in New Iberia, La., and goes to school at the State Normal college at Natchitoches, La., has been voted the prettiest girl in school and given the title of "Miss Louisiana." The occasion? "Louisiana Day," opening gun in a campaign to make the state a second Florida.

BILL OPPOSED TO EXECUTION

Initiative Measure, Filed at Salem, Would Abolish Capital Punishment in Oregon.

SALEM, Ore., May 21. (AP)—Abolition of the death penalty, creation of a state board of pardons and paroles, reorganization of the state board of control and an appropriation of \$350,000 for the construction of a new penitentiary are some of the provisions in an initiative bill submitted yesterday to the secretary of state. It has been sent to the attorney general for his list title.

The persons signing as initiators of the measure include Dr. Nina Eyaline Wood, Ben Selling, B. F. Mulkey and Judge Delich, all of Portland. There are others.

Under the measure applications for clemency for convicts would go to the board of pardons and paroles. At present applicants for pardon appeal directly to the governor and applicants for paroles to the state parole board.

The board of control proposed in the measure would be the secretary of state and two appointees. One of the appointees would be selected by the state federation of labor and one by the Portland city commissioners. These two would receive salaries of \$3,000 a year each. The member elected by the federation of labor would have charge of all state buildings and the member selected by the Portland city commissioners would be the state's business manager. He would have charge of all state institutions.

The board of pardons and paroles would be composed of the secretary of state and four appointees. One appointee would be selected by the president of the state university and another by the president of the Oregon Agricultural college, one by the state superintendent of schools and the fourth by the state federation of labor. The board would meet every three months.

The proposed amendment that provides that pardons for murder could not be granted except by unanimous vote of the board. Except for murder four members would constitute a quorum.

It is provided that the 1927 session of the legislature appropriate \$350,000 for the building of a state ward building for the care of criminals. This would be without dark cells and prison stripes would be prohibited.

Another provision is that if new evidence was discovered after the conviction of any person on a felony.

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE. PITTSBURGH (AP) 5 11 1 New York 5 11 1 Pittsburgh 7 12 2 Batteries—Ring, Scott and Florence; Kremer and Emth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. BOSTON (AP) R. H. E. Chicago 7 12 3 Boston 8 12 0 Batteries—Blankenship, Lyons and Schalk; Zahniser, Wiltz and Gaston, Blischoff.

More Dry Agents Made Possible by Coolidge

WASHINGTON, May 21. (AP)—Addition to the federal prohibition staffs of state, county and municipal officers was made possible today under an executive order issued by President Coolidge.

This move, made at the request of Assistant Secretary Andrews in charge of prohibition enforcement, is expected by him to augment the federal dry forces greatly.

VOTERS OF OREGON AT THE POLLS

Heavy Vote Registered in Some Localities, Lighter in Others

ELECTION DAY IN LA GRANDE QUIET

City Elections in Several Communities Expected to Bring Out Many Before Polls Close

In La Grande the voting was fairly light this morning, with indications existing that the biggest vote of the day will be cast after 5 o'clock, when the workers go off shift. Miss Peterson reported a total vote of 194 at noon. Precinct No. 9 (Presbyterian church) had recorded 54 votes, leading the list. At the courthouse when the 23 mark was reached, but the votes had been cast by the republicans.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21. (AP)—Republicans and democrats of Oregon went to the polls in a primary today to pick candidates for election next fall. There are 111,553 republicans and 12,171 democrats registered in the state. The polls opened at 7 a. m. and will close at 8 p. m.

Not in years has Oregon had such a many-sided contest to decide as that presented by the eight candidates for the republican nomination for U. S. senator. There are two candidates for the democratic nomination for senator two for the democratic nomination for governor and three for republican nomination for governor.

The weather in Portland was cloudy. The early voting was heavy. Aside from the candidates to be voted on there was a special city election including a measure for increase of salaries of police and firemen which aroused much local interest.

EUGENE, Ore., May 21. (AP)—Fair weather greeted voters in Eugene today though a few dark clouds gave indication that there might be a shower or so later in the day.

Fog was very light in the city this morning. No record vote is expected, although the balloting.

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LAUNDRYMEN OF NORTHWEST MEET AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 21 (AP).—Laundrymen of Oregon, Idaho and Washington have been arriving in almost a steady stream since last night and more were yet to come when the annual convention of Oregon Laundry Owners' association opened this morning. The convention will continue until Saturday afternoon.

The business session opened with a long talk by Thomas Georges of Portland, who scoffed at fright evidenced by the many laundrymen over the growing demand for electrically operated home washing machines.

Delzell to Represent Pierce at Celebration

SALEM, Ore., May 21 (AP).—W. A. Delzell, private secretary to Governor Pierce, will leave Tuesday with the Shrine train from Portland for Philadelphia and New York. At Philadelphia on May 31 he will represent the governor at the opening of the sea-qui-centennial exposition.

Poisoned Candy May Have Been Cause of Woman Pastor's Death

LOS ANGELES, May 21 (AP).—Police detectives investigating the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Almee Temple, evangelist, said today that while on Lick Pier Tuesday she saw a woman swimming out toward the end of the pier, splashing around in the water and apparently enjoying herself. Miss Finley remarked at the time to a friend that the swimmer must have been out so far alone. After watching the woman swim even farther out, Miss Finley and her companion took their eyes off of her. Shortly later they heard a cry, which they passed unnoticed at the time, thinking it came from children along the beach. When they looked toward the spot where they had last seen the swimmer, she had disappeared. Later they met Miss Emma Schaffer, Mrs. McPherson's secretary on the beach and were told that the evangelist had been drowned.

Believed Daughter Drowned. While the search for Mrs. McPherson's body continued Mrs. Minnie Kennedy mother of the church leader, branded reports of kidnappers, murder theories and other beliefs as purely imaginary. She expressed conviction her daughter had been drowned.

She also denied that Angelus Temple was in financial difficulties or that Mrs. McPherson carried large sums in insurance.

HEARD WOMAN SCREAM. For the first time a person was located yesterday who said that she saw the evangelist swimming and heard a scream that must have been uttered by her.

Emily M. Finley, a member of