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MRS. EAKIN
ELECTED BY
CLUB WOMENLocal Organization to In-
stall New Officers
Early Next FallPICTURE LIBRARY
PROGRESS IS MADEOutstanding Accomplish-
ments of Year Are Re-
viewed at Neighbor-
hood Club Meeting.

Mrs. Robert Eakin was chosen to head the Neighborhood club next year when the members assembled for their annual business meeting at the clubrooms in the library building Tuesday afternoon. Her election follows a tradition of the club, that says the recording secretary shall be elevated to the chair. Besides serving in the secretarial position, Mrs. Eakin has also been a vice president of the organization.

Mrs. A. B. Cherry, who returned but a few weeks ago from a trip around the world, was elected for the auspicious office of recording secretary for 1926-27. Other members of Mrs. Eakin's cabinet will be: Mrs. Steward Williams, first vice president; Mrs. H. E. Coolidge, second vice president; Mrs. Fred Speth, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Everett Walsinger, treasurer.

Installation in Fall
The new officers will be inducted at the first meeting in the fall. Mrs. John Thibson, retiring director, acting as the installing official.

Mrs. C. H. Seranton, when she succeeds the retiring director, will automatically become the junior member of the directorate. This body of advisors to the chair is composed of the five best presidents of most recent years. Besides Mrs. Seranton, the directors

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WILL BROADCAST
PROGRAM FROM
KOWW SATURDAY

An interesting musical program with La Grande people taking part will be broadcast from radio station KOWW at Walla Walla, Wash., Saturday night. The program, which is being sponsored by the Union county chamber of commerce, will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Those taking part will drive to Walla Walla Saturday afternoon. The numbers will be broadcast from the Kike temple there.

Besides the musical program there will be two talks of interest. Elmer Stoddard, of La Grande, will speak for the chamber of commerce, and Paul Shadler, of Seaside, will talk in behalf of the Northwest Real Estate association. Both speakers will tell of the Northwest Real Estate convention here July 22, 23 and 24 and extend an invitation to those who hear the

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Sigurd Nilssen Pays A High
Compliment To The NorthwestMakes \$25
By Reading
Want Ad

Our circulation manager recently called on a rancher east of Union who did not take The Observer. The man said he was saving all his money to buy work horses and seed, and consequently couldn't subscribe right then. He was left a copy of the paper and that evening he called The Observer office and asked who that was advertising work horses for sale in the Want Ad section.

"There are the horses," he said to the circulation manager a few weeks later. "I bought them through the sample copy of your paper and saved enough on the deal to pay for The Observer for five years. Have you a blank check on you?" Have you ever stopped to think how much you can save by using or reading the Want Ads?

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

The Story of an Old Pioneer

Everett Smith a junior in the Elgin high school, wrote the essay entitled, "The Story of an Old Pioneer," classed third in the eleventh and twelfth grade division of the local history essay contest by the Oregon university instructors who acted as judges. Everett states that his material came from John Garrett, a pioneer of Elgin who

close, and the shadows were lengthening, the light of the campfire flickered and threw dancing shadows back and forth. The row of the river, which was nearby, was like a challenge of a lion compared with the nightwind whispering in the pine trees.

An old man sat across the fire from me. As he looked up, the fire shown on a face worn by age. "This reminds me of the day we entered this valley," he said, and this is the story he told:

"I came when only a small boy with my folks across the plains, in

the summer of 1889. The journey was hard and water and feed for the stock was hard to find.

"We arrived in Summerville in the late fall of 1889, and settled. "In the spring of 1870, my brother and I scouted through the valley, where Elgin now stands.

"There was only one house in that valley, a small cabin, inhabited by a man named Stevington, who had homesteaded the 180 acres where the city now stands. There were no roads, and we had to follow the Indian trails, which were numerous.

"In the summer months, the valley was an Indian camp. Here the Umatilla Indians came each summer and fished and killed their winter supply of meat. There was a large fish trap at the bottom of the hill which now takes its name from the fishtrap. There was a ripple, and the Indians threw stones across the ripple and formed a small dam. Then they wove willows together and placed them between the stones. The salmon

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ACCIDENT HELD
UNAVOIDABLE

Hilma Shern and Dayton
Stoddard Exonerated
of Blame by Coroner's
Jury.

Miss Hilma Shern and Dayton Stoddard—exonerated by coroner's jury last evening from blame in the highway accident late Monday afternoon that caused the death of Mrs. Estella Holmes and severe injuries to three other La Grande persons—continued this morning on their trip from Nampa, Ida., to Portland and Seattle.

Some improvement in the conditions of Miss Adelle Holmes, Mrs. K. Ford and Rollo P. Beach was reported from the hospital today. Miss Holmes, who suffered a broken pelvic bone and several rib fractures, is the most seriously injured of the three, but hope of her recovery is assumed by attendants. Her sister and uncle received visits from relatives this morning.

Funeral Services Arranged.
Funeral services for Mrs. Holmes have been arranged for 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Bohlenkamp chapel. The body will be taken to Walla Walla for burial beside the parents of the deceased. Mrs. Holmes was born in Trenchburg, but had lived in La Grande four years.

Tonny, Mrs. Holmes' son, and Rollo Beach Jr., the little boys

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Auxiliary to Sell
2000 Poppies Here

Each year on Memorial day American Legion auxiliaries over all the United States sell poppies for the benefit of the welfare fund for disabled veterans. The local auxiliary has 2,000 poppies to dispose of this year, and will sell them Saturday, May 29, the day before Memorial day.

The poppy is worn on Memorial day in memory of the American soldiers killed during the world war and is made by disabled veterans now in government hospitals.

Sigurd Nilssen Pays A High
Compliment To The Northwest

Sigurd Nilssen—home from Europe and success under the rule of monarchs—found his Perry birthplace shrunken but beloved still.

He was 12 years old, the American house, when he moved away from the Grande Ronde canyon. He had seen its wonders with the magnifying eyes of childhood. Now when he gazes up at them with expectant awe, the walls come down to meet his eyes.

Things Seen Different
"It all seems so much smaller than I remembered it. I used to think the mountains at Perry towered higher than anything else in the world. And La Grande was far, far away. We boys used to like to hike daringly to the skirts of it, almost to the end of the world. Now it is only around the corner from La Grande; a suburb of it, one might say."

"But I like it. I think there is no greater place in the world than the American Northwest. "And—while the most of our artists would not believe it—there is better musical taste in the northwestern states than in the east. Easterners Like Trench
"This program that I am going to sing tonight at the D. S. tabernacle here I have sung in Portland."

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'SATURDAY' CROWD
HERE TODAY FOR
COMMUNITY SALE

A typical Saturday crowd has busied the streets and stores of La Grande today, drawn from all the country round by the first of the monthly community sales. Merchants, particularly those dealing in dry goods, reported brisk business equal to any ordinary Saturday. The grocers, and meat marketmen, looked forward to quickened trade toward the close of the shopping day.

Down by the station house, the free auction for outside patrons drew lively attention. Several hundred spectators mingled with the bidders. Goods sold amounted to about \$500, the clerk's report shows. Prices were generally conceded to be fair and both sellers and buyers registered satisfaction.

Everything from a food chopper to a second-hand truck were included in the auction stock. And with the exception of a couple of washing machines, nothing remained unsold when the hammer had descended for the last time. For a first attempt, the community sale today was looked upon by the merchants as generally encouraging. The plan in practice suggested a number of details wherein better service can be rendered the next time. The sale will be repeated about the middle of June.

ETHEL SWIKERT
LEADS FIELD IN
BEAUTY CONTEST

The first reports from the American Legion bathing beauty contest show Miss Ethel Swikert from the Tiffin leading the field in the number of votes turned in to the committee in charge. Until today noon she had turned in 4400 votes. Clarice Fallows from the telephone office was second with 2800 votes and Marjorie Peckler, high school girl, third with 2500.

The contest started Monday morning of this week and will continue until June 22 at 6 p. m. On the evening of June 22 a dance will be given for the contestants. All of the girls taking part are working hard and it is yet hard to tell who will be in the lead on the last day of the race.

The winner will be given a trip to Coos Bay to the American Legion state convention and a complete bathing outfit. She will compete with girls from all over the state in the final bathing beauty contest there. Second and third prizes will also be given.

Stock Show Rally And
Dance at Union Tonight

UNION, Ore., May 26.—Plans were completed today for a stock show rally to be held this evening at Union's civic auditorium. A program, including addresses, will begin promptly at 8 p. m. and will be followed by dancing an hour later. C. J. Shelton, scheduled to speak, will be unable to attend.

The association invites all to attend. No admission charge will be made.

Price Files Notice of
Appeal From Conviction

Parley Price, found guilty of driving while intoxicated by the jury of three men and three women that tried his case in justice court yesterday, has perfected an appeal from the decision. He is free on bonds of \$300.

The case went to jury at about 2 p. m. Tuesday. In about half an hour the jurors returned with a verdict of "guilty as charged." Justice Hugh E. Brady sentenced the defendant to a fine of \$100 and 60 days in jail. J. J. Kitchen, Price's counsel, filed immediate notice of appeal.

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VOTE COUNT
IN COUNTY
COMPLETED

Official Returns from All
Precincts on Record
at Courthouse

SEVERAL TIE FOR
MINOR POSITIONS

Precinct Committeemen,
Constables and Justices
of Peace Listed by Both
Parties.

Official returns of all precincts in Union county are now available from Friday's primary election. The vote in this county on all contests follows:

Democrat: For national committeeman: Miller 247, West 273, King 128. For U. S. senator: Watkins 320, Haney 419. For governor: Mrs. Weber 167, Pierce 330. For superintendent public instruction: Turner 324, McLaughlin 143. For treasurer: For U. S. senator: Sandblast 164, Shumway 225, Standfield 258, Steiner 555, Barrett 42, Clark 228, Crossley 51. For governor: Upton 653, Carter 185, Patterson 713. For justice supreme court: Shepherd 449, Bean 1125, Brown 898, McBride 868. For superintendent public instruction: Perrott 212, Toose 258, Alderson 255, Bryant 194, Howard 587. For senator, Union, Walla Walla counties: Jasper 585, Rhoads 557, Hill 484. For representative Union county: Weatherproof 1015, Kitchen 495.

The county clerk is unwilling to give the names of persons written in for some office, because he is not sure that they are qualified for nomination. These will be recalled later.

Democratic committeemen: Al-
cel, W. J. Case, Biggs, C. L. J. Powers, W. H. Goble (tie), Cove, J. E. Tripp, Cove, E. T. J. Wil-
liams, E. D. S. W. Hindman, El-
gin, 4, D. E. Meyers, North Pow-
der, Ed Ashley, constable; Union,
W. A. Maxwell, justice of peace;
W. C. Miller, constable; Big Creek,
justice of peace, P. J. Powers; con-
stable, J. B. Winkler, W. H. Dun-
can (tie); Cove, constable, W. G.
Guthrie; Elgin, constable, J. H.

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GERMS OF WAR
SEEN BY HUNGARY
IN PREPARATIONS

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To Accounts of Others

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TESTIMONY
ENDED IN
'TUB' TRIAL

Character Witnesses De-
clare Carroll's Repu-
tation Excellent

JOYCE HAWLEY'S
STORY IS DENIED

Chris Scaife Accuses Her
of Veiled Threats—No
Bribe Money Offered,
He Says.

NEW YORK, May 26. (AP)—Augustus Thomas, playwright, was the first witness today in the perjury trial of Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, in connection with the grand jury investigation of the Carroll "bath tub party." He testified that Carroll's reputation for veracity was excellent.

The court room had somewhat the appearance of a theater green room. Carroll appeared with his wife surrounded by eight comely members of the vanities chorus, who were expected to be called as defense witnesses. Herbert C. Smyth, chief defense counsel, announced that after questioning Mr. Thomas he would call Al Tolson, blackface comedian.

Thomas Modest.
"You are one of our foremost playwrights," Mr. Thomas was asked.

"Well, I'm a bit more modest than Mr. Cobb," he answered.

"I think perhaps I've been more fortunate than I deserve."

This remark referred to testimony of Evelyn Cobb yesterday when he was called as a government witness. Asked if he was not one of our foremost writers in New York, Mr. Cobb replied that he was, at least, in his own opinion.

Denies Charge
Chris Scaife, Carroll's assistant, was called to the stand and denied the charge of Joyce Hawley, reputed bath tub girl, that he had offered her \$250 to tell the grand

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Summer White House



President Coolidge will spend the summer in the Adirondack mountains at this attractive White Pine camp, a 60-acre reservation on the shore of Lake Placid, N. Y., owned by Irvin P. Kirkwood. These first photographs of the spot show, upper, a view of the main cabin which the president and Mrs. Coolidge will occupy; lower, the camp as it appears from the lake, almost hidden in the trees.

DEATH-DEALING
VOLCANO QUIET

Mount Tokachi, on Island
of Hokkaido, Takes a
Heavy Toll Before Out-
burst Ends.

TOKYO, May 26. (AP)—Mount Tokachi, the long-slumbering volcano in the island of Hokkaido, which erupted Monday with disastrous results, both in lives lost and material damage done, was quiet today. There were only voluminous clouds of smoke issuing from the sulphurous crater. The lava had ceased flowing.

Warned by preliminary rumblings many of the people on the mountain-side escaped before the eruption and the deluge from the mountain lake down the side of the volcano.

200 Washed Away
Although the flood rushed down at furious speed into the village of Biki, an embankment near the entrance to the town checked the water thus enabling most of the inhabitants to escape. At Kamituran, it is reported that some 200 villagers were washed away. Fear is expressed that Matsuyama Spa is a total loss. Many bodies floated down the Furano river, which overflowed its banks. Considerable anxiety is felt regarding the fate of other villages connected with the Thirayama Superior Mining company.

It is work is being badly hampered by the condition of the countryside, due to the flood. Lava covers the railway tracks to a depth of several feet thus preventing trains from reaching Biki.

100 Dead Removed
Tokyo advices Tuesday said that 100 dead and more than 200 injured had been removed from the

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Order Rate Favorable
To Oregon Shippers

SALEM, Ore., May 26. (AP)—A freight rate on logs and culms favorable to Oregon shippers was made in an order of the public service commission yesterday. The rate on these animals shipped in mixed double deck cars was fixed at not to exceed 125 per cent. of the rate on cattle for like distance. All railroads operating in Oregon are affected. Application for the rate was filed by the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, the Portland Livestock exchange, The Northwestern Livestock Shippers Traffic league and others.

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TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
New York 3 9 1
Boston 8 10 0
Batteries—Jones, Braxton and Collins; Ruffin, Welter, Lundgren, Wilkie and Gaston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK (AP) R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 9 3
New York 5 12 2
Batteries—McGraw, Ehrhardt and O'Neil; Fitzsimmons, Ring and Florence.

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Bulletins

MEXICO CITY, May 26. (AP)—Reports that a third American within the past few days, has been kidnapped by Mexican bandits were received here today in a telegram stating that J. J. Shanks, an American employee of the El Potosi sugar plantation had been spirited away.

WASHINGTON, May 26. (AP)—The Northern Baptist convention here today went on record as recognizing its constituency as consisting of "Society of those Baptist churches in which the immersion of believers is recognized and practiced as the only scriptural baptism," and declared that "only immersed members will be recognized as delegates to the convention."

GRANTS PASS, May 26. (AP)—An airplane was sighted 50 miles down the Rogue river near Kelsey creek today, apparently in distress and looking for a landing field. It disappeared and nothing more was heard of it. It went over here at 8 a. m. headed east.

MUIR FIELD, Scotland, May 26. (AP)—Four members of the American Walker Cup golf team survived the third day of the British amateur championships to start among the thirty-two fourth round competitors tomorrow. They are Bobby Jones, Jess Swifter, Watts Gunn and Jesse Guldner.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26. (AP)—Bruce Dennis, former publisher of The La Grande Observer and ex-state senator, has been employed by the Portland chamber of commerce as its industrial scout. It was announced today. The position which Mr. Dennis will fill has been newly created to meet a need arising from the many inquiries from eastern and middle western manufacturing concerns as to facilities for establishing factories in Oregon.

Mr. Dennis will be in position to visit these manufacturers which are considering a move to Oregon, and will thus be able to give them more exact and detailed information as to the facilities in Oregon to meet their needs.

California Doing Nothing To
Improve Highway Into Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26. (AP)—One of the largest delegations that has ever visited a meeting of the state highway commission came from Oak Ridge yesterday afternoon and asked that work on the Willamette highway between Lowell and Oak Ridge be speeded.

Lane county has \$250,000 to spend on the road. The section now desired is 22 miles long and would cost about \$390,000. The state road funds are so low that the commission could not promise when the work could be done. It was hinted that the legislature will be asked to aid in furnishing funds for the Willamette highway.

Arguments were presented by the Oak Ridge delegates in favor of burying this road work. The Willamette highway, which would run from Eugene to Grants Pass, would connect with The Dalles-Columbia highway (Promont Trail). It would reduce by 14 miles the distance between Portland and Klamath Falls and lessen by 135 miles the distance between Portland and Crater Lake via Medford.

The commissioners stated that they would like to rush the work ahead for, but as account of late spring weather, they could not make promises.

Plans for the bridge across Rogue river at Gold Beach were discussed at length. A cement structure would cost \$500,000. The commission lacks funds for the work, but it is proposed to make a toll bridge and thus pay its costs. The first place call for a bridge with a 10-foot roadway with two 14-foot sidewalks.

Engineer Roy A. Klein pointed out that California is doing nothing toward improving its road connecting with The Rogue riverway. It was stated that the road for 50 miles south of the Oregon line is very bad and the California highway commission has refused to do anything what ever to better it.

Willamette requested that the state take over its main street of account of the heavy tourist traffic over the route. This was refused.

Next meeting of the highway

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PLEADS FOR
IMPROVED
HOME LIFE

President of General Fed-
eration of Women's
Clubs Makes Report

ACTION OF MOVIES
SCORED IN TALK

Mrs. Sherman Work
Turns Attention to
"Mad Films" After
Responsible Pleas.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 26. (AP)—Improvement of the American home as that "our people might be turned from their present flight into the land of the future to the land of the future found in ideal family life" was the specific objective of Mrs. Sherman Work, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs here this morning. The report of the president was the high spot of the morning session. The convention opened last night with about five thousand women in attendance.

"This American home study resulted in deeper appreciation to law observance," said Mrs. Sherman. President of public health of education and the need for elimination of idleness, and of better satisfaction, she reported were considered in her report on the home.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of the withdrawal of a large number of women from the home, said that the committee of the Motion Picture Producers of America because of lack of cooperation.

"While the industry and its production of motion pictures," she said, "shows it will be a long way to the greater degree of refinement in that off repeated statements that the industry is doing everything possible to raise the standard of motion pictures," she said.

Her recommendations included the establishment of "the general federation (organization)" for special work; creation of a permanent federation; "board of trustees" as an organizing body of law observance and law administration for all departments and report

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INDUSTRIAL SCOUT
POSITION IS TAKEN
BY BRUCE DENNIS

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