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CONVENTION IN FINAL DAY

WOULD LIFT
TAX BURDEN
FROM LANDGovernor Walter Pierce
Urges Realtors to
Take ActionINCOME TAX HELD
UP AS SOLUTIONCites North Carolina's
System as Ideal—Bell-
ingham Board Wins
Cup Contest.

**BANQUET PROGRAM
ZURER HALL**

6:30 p. m.—Worral Wilson,
of Seattle, presiding.

"To the Local Board"—F. C.
McGowan, Pocatello.

"To State Association"—
Fred K. Janis, Spokane.

"To the Local Board"—F. C.
Wheeler, Seattle.

"Community Spirit"—Harry
H. Culver, Culver City.

"To the Members"—H. A.
Bonnar, Seattle.

"To the Ladies"—Will H.
Ross, Portland.

Presentation of Trophies
and Attendance Cup.

9:30 p. m.—Dancing.

A warning against permitting
tax burdens to remain on the land
in the belief that "eventually real
estate will have to attempt to
escape nothing of no value was
sounded by Governor Walter M.
Pierce at the evening session of
the Pacific Northwest Real Estate
association's convention in Ellis
temple last night.

After declaring that taxes have
climbed 500 per cent in the last

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OX-CART DERBY
PROPOSAL TO BE
HEARD AT 4 P. M.

Representatives of towns and
cities along the Old Oregon Trail
highway in Oregon, Washington
and Idaho will meet here this af-
ternoon at four o'clock to con-
sider a proposal by James W.
Evans, of Longview, Wash., for an
ox-cart derby in the summer of
1927 from North Platte, Neb., to
Seattle, Ore.

If the plan is approved of a
temporary organization will be
formed and the proposal develop-
ed. It is not likely that the
scheme will be dropped entirely.
Sentiment along the trail is
mostly in favor of the proposal al-
though some objections have been
raised here because of the humani-
tarian aspect of the derby.

Evans plan calls for prizes for
the winners in the form of home-
sites and farms. Prizes would be
arranged as to give nearly every
bonafide entry who finishes the
race a home in the west.

Local Initiative Necessary
For Industrial Development"It Sure
Gels
Results"

A business man putting on a
big sale in La Grande com-
mented recently on The Ob-
server's power as an advertis-
ing medium. "It sure gels re-
sults—we have had a wonder-
ful sale and have used The Ob-
server exclusively as a medi-
um."

He got results, as all advertis-
ers can, because of the high
reader-interest in The Ob-
server. Sale ads, because they
produce conscious reaction, re-
sult in immediate returns. Regu-
lar ads, producing subcon-
scious reaction as well, show
returns in gradual business
building. The Observer's read-
er-interest is the lowest that can
be had in covering the La
Grande territory.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Women Take
Interest In
City's HomesMrs. Minnie E. Barrett,
of Spokane Women's
Realty Extension, Pre-
sides at Session.

Not women realtors, but real-
tors' wives compose the Women's
Realty extension bureau for whose
annual session the Pacific North-
west Real Estate association gal-
lantly interrupted its closing-day
session.

Old-fashioned—or might it be
ultra-modern—devotion to their
husbands' interests, and the ad-
vancement of the business in which
their spouses are engaged is their
common interest. The home, and
after that the community, is their
chief concern. The tools they
build with are the more feminine
attributes of womanhood.

Mrs. Barrett Presides

Mrs. Minnie E. Barrett, wife of
a former president of the North-
west association, and herself a past
president of the Spokane Women's
Realty extension, presided with
grace and charm. There was a 40-
minute program of talks that en-
lightened "Woman." But she was
the woman in the home, the "help-
meet," restraining her worldly
ventures to activities designed to
"reflect good on the business in
which her husband is engaged."

The Men Liked It

To say the men liked it does not
even mildly express it. Out in
numbers as large as any that have
honored their own speakers, they
attended the women double the
applause. And Harry H. Culver's
oratorical exploit yesterday was
dimmed out of memory by the
speech his wife made today.

With her audience completely
under the spell of her warm, flex-
ible voice, her flashing smile and
brilliance of expression, she
amused, enjoyed, praised and in-
spired them. And every magic
minute, they remembered she was
a woman.

"Never in my life have I had the
experience of selling or attempting
to sell a foot of real estate. But
during the past several years, it
has become my cherished privilege."

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Tennis Tournament at
Union Ends Tomorrow

The Union county tennis cham-
pionship tournament will come to
an end at Union, Ore., tomorrow
with the playing of the men's and
mixed doubles. Play will begin at
8 o'clock, the men taking the
courts first. Contestants from
Hilton, Medford, Enterprise, In-
dian, North Powder, Baker, Union
and La Grande will participate.

The drawings follow: Press and Eng-
ner, boys; Davis and partner, boys;
L. Wilson and Fox, boys; Jensen
and R. Wilson vs. Cadwell and
Garrison; Amerson and P. Taylor
vs. Sponer and Nadour; Wilberall
and partner vs. Rhinehart and Hy-
att; Terrall and partner, boys; Hall
and Boyer, boys.

Mixed doubles: J. W. Witherall
and partner vs. Jack Ahearn and
Betty Cochran; Muriel Boyer and
Joan Bell vs. Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Fox.



T. W. Zimmerman, secretary of
the Pacific Northwest Real Estate
association, was one of the most
active persons in making
preparations for the sessions
here and a large amount of the
credit belongs to him. Mr. Zim-
merman arrived here several
days before the opening session
and assisted the La Grande
realtors in preliminary work.

CITY DRINKING
WELL WATERMunicipal Artesian Flow
in Mains Today—Well
Yielding 600 Gallons a
Minute.

La Grande citizens are now en-
joying their first artesian well
water supplied by the municipal
plant near Second street viaduct.
It is announced by W. C. Green,
city manager, today.

The well was uncapped Wednes-
day night and again Thursday and
then, pumping at night, the water
was forced into the city mains.
The overflow to go into the reser-
voir above Old Town.

Earlier in the week it was an-
nounced that probably 500 gal-
lons a minute would be supplied
but the city manager reports that
the flow is nearer 600 gallons a
minute.

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Deputies Guard Homes
Of Canton Officials

CANTON, O., July 24. (AP)—
Armed members of the Ohio na-
tional guard patrolled the immedi-
ate vicinity of the homes of sev-
eral Canton officials all last night.

The stationing of the guards-
men in plain clothes about the
homes of the county officials fol-
lowed receipt of continued threats
unless they abandoned their search
for the slayer of Don R. Meredith,
Canton publisher, shot to death a
week ago as he was entering his
garage.

Meredith had been waiting on clin-
ic in Canton through his newspaper.
The announcement of the presence
of the guardsmen was the most
startling development in the
case since the commission of the
murder.

Sanguinary Battle Is
Reported From Syria

BEIRUT, Syria, July 24. (AP)—
Several hundred dissident tribes-
men have been killed by the
French and more than 300 pris-
oners taken in fighting around
the Oasis of Ghoulia, according to
a general staff communiqué.

Of the French and their auxil-
aries, the statement says 49 were
killed and 57 wounded. Among
those killed was Colonel Vink, a
distinguished officer who had par-
ticipated in 21 campaigns, winning
12 citations. He fell while lead-
ing his troops.

The statement charges that two
aviators were forced by hostile
troops to land in the midst of
their enemies were wounded and
then fastened to their plane and
burned.

Forest Fire Destroys
Azalea School House

REDDING, Cal., July 24. (AP)—
The school house in the Azalea
district at the base of Mount Shasta,
was destroyed by the forest fire
that swept that district two days
ago. It was burned when a check
of the damage was made.

Two farm houses and several
small buildings were burned. The
fire now is under control.

HISTORICAL
PAGEANT IS
INSPIRINGEight Hundred Persons
Witness the Opening
Performance HereNINE EPISODES
TELL THE STORYBuilding of the Republic
Fittingly Portrayed in
"Spirit of America."

The 500 or more persons who
witnessed the historical pageant,
"Spirit of America," at the ath-
letic field last evening must have
been inspired as they watched the
presentation of the pageant de-
picting the building of the repub-
lic. In nine elaborate episodes,
written and produced by James W.
Evans.

Shortly after 8 o'clock a long
line of persons could be seen com-
ing in the distance. It was the
chorus—more than 100 in num-
ber—which sang the story as 20
characters revealed it in pantom-
ime form. The procession was
led by six members of the La
Grande municipal band, who play-
ed the overture and accompanied
the singers. Mrs. Harvey H. Rich-
ardson, pianist, and H. E. Dixon,
producer. The procession ended
in front of the platform, which
had been erected in front of the
grandstand especially for the oc-
casion and surrounded with re-
freshments where the chorus and or-
chestra performed during the
entire performance.

First Episode.
Distant bugle calls and the sing-
ing of the "Star Spangled Banner"
marked the beginning of the page-
ant. The producer started his
story of the building of the Ameri-
can republic and the chorus sang
"America Triumphant." Then came
the first episode—the Colonial
episode—sponsored by the La Gr-
ande.

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DOVEY MURDER
CLEARED UP, IS
WORD FROM EAST

LONGVIEW, Wash., July 24.
(AP)—Clark Studebaker, ex-sher-
iff of Cowlitz county, who was sent
to St. Louis to get John W. Owens,
arrested there in connection with
the murder of Thomas Dovey,
Kelso newspaperman, wired to the
sheriff's office today that the mur-
der had been "cleared up."

Owens was arrested at St. Louis
July 17. Frank T. Hart, also
wanted in connection with the
case, is still at large. Warrants
for the arrest of Owens and Hart
were issued following an investi-
gation of the death of Dovey, June
19, 1925.

Bulletins

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minn.,
July 21. (AP)—Frank Delp, of
Portland, Ore., was four up on
B. E. Stein, Seattle, at the end of
their morning 18 holes in the first
at match of the western amateur
golf tournament today. Delp won
the 18 holes in par 72, taking 27
and 35. Stein's score was 37-39-
76.

NEWARK, N. J., July 21. (AP)—
A cyclonic storm during which
coast guards said the wind reached
a velocity of 105 miles an
hour partly wrecked Seaght and
Maine-qua today and disappeared
at sea. There was no loss of life.

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., July 21.
(AP)—Breaking the course with
a brilliant 66, seven under par,
Macdonald Smith, of the Lakeville
club, won the play-off for the
Metropolitan open golf champion-
ship tournament today. He de-
feated Gene Sarazen, of the Fresh
Meadow club, 1925 champion,
over the links of the Salm-
bury Country club today.

PARIS, July 21. (AP)—Prem-
ier Poincaré took over his duties
as finance minister today. M.
Beland was back at the foreign
office, and wheels of the new
government began to run smooth-
ly after the hiatus caused by the
downfall of the Herriot ministry.
A spokesman for the foreign of-
fice said he believed the delay ac-
cords with the United States and
Great Britain would be ratified
within a fortnight, as external
credits were one of the main
things necessary to the financial
rehabilitation of the country.

Gangland's
Guns Claim
New VictimAlcohol Warfare Continues
in Chicago—Two
Killed Within Twenty-
Four Hours.

CHICAGO, July 24. (AP)—Al-
cohol gangsters' guns last night
claimed their second victim within
24 hours, and 42 attributed to
their colleges since January.

John Conlon, 25, and a reputed
gunner henchman of one of the
gangs warring over the illicit liquor
traffic, was riddled with shotgun
slugs while he sat in a crowded
west side saloon.

Assaults Unseen.
His assailants were not seen.
They slipped up to a rear door,
picked out Conlon, shot him down
and disappeared.

Officers advanced the theory
that Conlon was killed in revenge
for a recent double murder, cred-
ited to his allies. There was evi-
dence that Conlon may have been
the chauffeur of Frank McElrath,
bootlegger gunman.

Conlon was shot 24 hours after
the assassination of Philip Plaza,
wealthy bootlegger and cafe owner
of Chicago Heights.

PREPARING FOR
BIG SALE DAYArticles to Be Sold at
Farmers' Free Auction
Already Listed with
Authorities.

An even larger auction sale than
last month's, when nearly \$1,200
worth of stuff passed under Tom
Johnson's result-getting hammer,
is promised for the third commu-
nity sales day Wednesday, July
28, in the lot behind the chamber
of commerce office.

From Studebaker wagon to wood-
en articles listed for the
free auction anticipate many of
the farmer's wants at this time of
year. A 1800-pound team, a grade
Percheron mare, 12 years old, a
six-year saddle horse and a Tog-
genburg milk goat represent the live
stock. Besides the wagon and
cow, a gas engine of two and a half
horse power, a sowing plow, a
gas pump and a 100-gallon barrel
machine for treating seed grain
with copper carbide are offered
in the machinery section. Miscel-
laneous articles include an auto-
hitter and a carbon board.

Merchandise that will be hard to
resist, especially chosen to interest
rural customers, are all ready for
announcement by the merchants.
For genuine money-making, nothing
offered in the two previous com-
munity sales can approach them,
the committee says.

35,000 Acres Forest
Lands Swept by Fire

SALEM, Ore., July 24. (AP)—
Up to July 21 approximately 35,000
acres of forest land had been swept
by fires, according to the
office of the state forester,
P. A. Elliott. Of this 25,000 acres
were forest land under state con-
trol, 3500 was national forest
reserve and 6700 acres private
average under contract to the na-
tional forestry department. About
2000 men have been engaged in
fighting forest fires in the state.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E.
Cleveland 5 11 1
Philadelphia 6 10 2
Batteries—Miller, Kerr, Shaut-
t, Groves and L. Sewell; Quinn and
Perkins.

BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
St. Louis 9 15 2
Boston 14 15 7
Batteries—Ballou, Falk, Van-
duser, Wingard and Hargrave; Hal-
lender, Wingfield, Ruffing and Gar-
ton, Harris.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURGH (AP) R. H. E.
Brooklyn 8 15 2
Pittsburgh 12 15 1
Batteries—Grimes, Kirschmidt and
Hargrave; Meadows, Sogger and
Gooch.

CHICAGO (AP) R. H. E.
Philadelphia 2 8 2
Chicago 0 8 2
Batteries—Carlson and Wilson;
Jones, Huntzinger and Gonzales.

DRY CHIEF
ADMITS HE
BROKE LAWSTells Associated Press
Reporter of Drinking
Confiscated LiquorDENIES A WOMAN
FIGURED IN CASE"I'm No Prude," He Says.
"I'm Just a Good Sport"
Plans to Fight to a
Finish.

WASHINGTON, July 24. (AP)—
Ned Green, the San Francisco pro-
hibition administrator who says
publicly he has been ailing "par-
ties" with confiscated liquor, was
suspended from office today by
acting Secretary Winston, of the
treasury. The suspension will re-
main effective pending an investi-
gation into formal charges of mis-
conduct by Green, now being con-
ducted by the district attorney at
San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24. (AP)—
Advised that he had been out-
raged as federal prohibition adminis-
trator for Northern California and
Nevada, pending the outcome of
certain charges against him, Col-
onel Ned M. Green said today that
"I should have been suspended
long ago."

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24. (AP)—
The Examiner says today that
Colonel Ned M. Green, accused fed-
eral prohibition commissioner, ad-
mitted the truth of a series of
charges of misconduct and irregu-
larities in office against him. The
United States marshal's office has
served more than 20 subpoenas for
the appearance of witnesses before
a federal grand jury Monday that
will investigate charges against
Colonel Green.

Green admitted, the paper says,
he had in his room seized govern-
ment liquor and that he drank it,
that he served the liquor to his
guests and that he had parties in
his room which were attended by
women as well as men.

To the reporter Green showed
two dresser drawers in his room
filled with bottles of assorted
liquors.

Charges Admitted.
"There's my answer to the gov-
ernment charges," Green said to
the reporter. "There's the liquor
they say I keep in my room. I
drink it. I've served it on parties
here—parties that men and women
attended. Those charges are true.

Any time the investigators of the
United States want to come here
and see it they're welcome, and
they can taste it too, if they want
to."

"You don't seem to be worrying
over the charges against you or
this investigation and grand jury
hearing."

"My situation is that of a fighter.
You can't get into a battle and
expect to come out clean. I ex-
pect to come out of this a little
dirty. I've had a long fight for
ten months. It's about time some-
one got in some blows against me.
But I'll retaliate when my time
comes."

Denies Woman Charge.
"What about the blonde woman
who is said to have attended your
parties?"

"There has never been a blonde
woman in my room—unfortun-
ately."

"What about 'Lady Hob' Mont-
gomery?"

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DEMOCRATS HIT
TARIFF POLICIES
OF REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, July 24. (AP)—
The determination of democratic
leaders to center attention on the
republican tariff policies was again
evidenced today by a statement
from headquarters of the demo-
cratic national committee saying
that "foremost among issues of
1928 is the tariff."

"Any real and lasting farm re-
lief must come largely through
tariff reform," the statement con-
tinued. "Tariff modification bills
introduced during the last session
of congress were declared to have
been smothered by 'white house or-
ders.' The statement also men-
tioned the Pennsylvania republican
campaign disclosures and declared
all nominees for senator this year
should say before hand whether
they will seat William R. Vare.



The Rev. J. Frank Norris, of
Port Worth, Tex., is at liberty
under \$10,000 bond following his
slaying of H. E. Chippie, wealthy
lumber manufacturer. Dr. Nor-
ris declares he shot Chippie in
self defense.

JAP WINS IN
DAMAGE SUITT. Ogura Awarded \$2500
by Jury in First Case
Growing Out of Toledo
Eviction.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 24. (AP)—
T. Ogura, plaintiff in the first of
the damage suits by five Japanese
against six residents of Toledo,
Ore., won a verdict of \$2500 from
the jury late yesterday. Defense
counsel was given until September
1 to file a motion for a new trial.

Attorneys for the Japanese
plaintiff declared that the jury
finding established the right of
Japanese to work where and when
they will.

Four other suits are pending—
three for \$25,000 and one for
\$1000.

The trial which was in progress
in federal court for two weeks de-
veloped a mass of testimony con-
cerning the demonstration by a
crowd of white residents at Toledo,
which resulted in the deportation
of 27 Japanese laborers of the
Pacific Spruce Corporation in July
last year.

Justice Rand Is Facing
A Surgical Operation

PORTLAND, Ore., July 24. (AP)—
Supreme Court Justice John L.
Rand, who is ill at St. Vincent's
hospital from an internal ailment
probably will be operated upon
early next week, according to Dr.
H. W. Howard, attending physi-
cian. Justice Rand was brought
to Portland from Salem Thursday.
His condition was reported to be
somewhat improved today. Dr.
Howard announced that no opera-
tion would be performed until a
full diagnosis has been made of
the case.

START INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, July 24. (AP)—
An investigation to determine
how A. Bruce Blaisdell, prohibition
"under cover" man in New York,
receives the salary of \$1100 a
month which he told New York
court he got, was started today by
Comptroller General McCarl.

Texas Voters At Polls Today;

Fergusonism Accepted Issue

DALLAS, Tex., July 24. (AP)—
Democratic and republican voters
to an estimated number of nearly
500,000 were going to the pri-
mary polls in Texas today to decide a
party political fight, linchpin of
which is held by the democratic
gubernatorial campaign.

Five candidates are in the field
for the democratic nomination for
the office now held by Governor
Miriam A. Ferguson, the field ha-
ving been reduced by one when Mir-
iam A. Ferguson, of San Antonio,
withdrew Friday and urged her ad-
herents to support Mrs. Ferguson.
Official observers declare that
gubernatorial contest lies between
the present governor, Mrs. Fer-
guson, and General Dan Moody and John
Davidson, Houston lumberman.
Mrs. Edith Williams of Dallas and
Rev. O. F. Zimmerman of Morris
county are other candidates.

Fergusonism Issue.
"Fergusonism" was laid down

WHEELER TO
HEAD REAL
ESTATE MENSeattle Man Unopposed
for Presidency—Elec-
tion Late TodayVICE PRESIDENT
MATERIAL CHOSENSherwood Williams of La
Grande, May Be Se-
lected as One of Oregon
Officials.

J. W. Wheeler, of Seattle, na-
tional vice president-elect, was ex-
pected to receive a unanimous
election to the presidency of the
Pacific Northwest Real Estate as-
sociation late this afternoon, when
his name will be presented by the
nominating committee at the clos-
ing session of the convention.

T. W. Zimmerman, who has
been secretary-treasurer of the or-
ganization since 1922, will be nom-
inated for re-election. The en-
thusiasm with which his every
appearance on the platform has
been greeted leaves no doubt
about his being returned to of-
fice.

Nomination of first vice presi-
dents and directors hangs on the
passage of a constitutional amend-
ment to increase their number. If
the measure passes the approval
of the convention, three vice presi-
dents instead of one, as at present,
will represent each state and
province, and a director will be
chosen from each local board,
with additional ones for each
multiple of 50 members.

Vice President Nominees.
Anticipating the acceptance of
the proposed amendment, H. A.
M. Bonnar, of Seattle, and his
committee, have prepared the fol-
lowing nominations for vice presi-
dencies:

For Oregon: Sherwood Williams,
Grande, and J. Fred Staver,
Portland.

For Washington: Frank C.
Jackson, of Seattle, and R. W.
Grinnell, of Spokane.

For Idaho: F. W. McGowan, of
Pocatello, and W. B. Hinkle, of
Boise.

For Montana: L. W. Truitt, of
Bozeman, and W. A. Mowbray, of
Anaconda.

For British Columbia: A. M.
Creery, of Vancouver, and of Ana-
conda.

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NAVY MAY BUILD
GIANT DIRIGIBLE
DURING NEXT YEAR

PAUL SMITHS, N. Y., July 24.
(AP)—The advisability of begin-
ning construction on a six million
cubic foot lighter-than-air ship for
the navy next year was discussed
by President Coolidge and Sec-
retary Wilbur of the navy depart-
ment today, but no final con-
clusions were reached.

The discussion was held at the
executive offices after the arrival
of the secretary from Washing-
ton for a week and visit and was
in connection with a considera-