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LARGE STILL DISCOVERED BY SHERIFF

Sandridge Vigil Results in Arrest of M. M. Glaspey

EQUIPMENT MOST COMPLETE, REPORT

Layout Said Concealed Under Windrow of Orchard Prunings in 12 by 30 Dugout.

One of the largest moonshine layouts ever taken in Union county was gathered into custody along with M. M. Glaspery, alleged operator, by Sheriff Jesse Breshears and Deputies H. A. Klinghammer and Amos Helms Thursday afternoon.

The still, of 50-gallon capacity, and an outfit of equipment and supplies that indicated a prosperous, if illicit, business, were located in a 12 by 30 feet dugout under a brushpile in the windrow of an orchard on Booth Lane, about a mile and a half east of the La Grande-Wallowa lake highway, according to the officers. Besides the still were 1,000 gallons of mush, 40 gallons of first-run liquor, a well with two pumps—one to operate the cooling system and the other to force the water from the dugout—several hundred pounds of sugar, a barrel of corn and the usual gasoline burner and coil.

Long Vigil

Breshears, Klinghammer and Helms spotted the still while on a scouting excursion Wednesday evening. No one being with the outfit, they came back to La Grande and prepared to "lie out" on the place until the operator should appear. Breshears and Klinghammer then returned to the orchard, where they waited until about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning before Glaspery arrived.

Telephoning Helms and Chief Clint Haynes of the city police force, they spent the remainder of the forenoon wrecking the distillery and loading it for the trip to town. The wreckage filled the sheriff's car and the city truck, Klinghammer said.

Glaspery in Jail

Glaspery probably will be arraigned before the day is over, officers said this morning. He is in the county jail, meanwhile, on an open charge.

STUDENT BODY BACKS LOCAL ARMORY BILL

The advantages that the establishment of an Eastern Oregon normal school and a La Grande armory would offer the young people of the community were presented at a special assembly of the high school under auspices of the student body association in the auditorium this morning. Robert S. Eakin, of the commerce chamber committee, outlined the benefits that could be expected from the passage of the normal school measure next Tuesday. G. L. Dutton, representing the American Legion committee, gave the students an idea of the desirability of building an armory.

Endorsement of the armory movement has been given by the student body through its executive committee: Irvin Zundell, president; Kermit Davis, business manager and E. D. Towler, principal, who represent the students on the general armory committee.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

SEATTLE, Oct 29 (AP)—For stealing an automobile, Robert S. Kirkland, 24 who was shot through both arms by a Grants Pass, Ore. policeman was today under suspended sentence of six months in jail here. The policeman fired when Kirkland refused to halt.

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING

Hundreds of people in the La Grande territory have personally experienced the result-getting ability of Observer Want Ads. They follow the ads regularly—pick up unusual bargains or opportunities—sell things, rent things quickly.

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Peare Predicts Republican Win in State, County

Expects Entire Ticket to Take Lead After People Cast Votes Next Tuesday.

Confidence that the republican ticket in Oregon will carry in its entirety was expressed this morning by J. H. Peare, chairman of the county central committee.

While he feels that Stanfield's "treachery" to his party will give Bert Haney a chance that the democrats could never expect in their unaided strength, he is sure that Frederick Steiwer will be Oregon's junior representative in the United States senate.

"Steiwer ought to carry Union county by 800 to 1,000 votes," the republican leader predicted. "An 800 majority, I am sure, would be a conservative estimate.

Sees Pierce Defeat

"As for Pierce, I expect him to be one of the worst defeated governors in the history of Oregon," he pronounced confidently.

"Sectional loyalty will get him enough votes probably to carry Union county. He may squeeze through in Baker and Wallowa counties, but then he is through.

"Last time he carried Union county by about 1,800 votes. I dont expect him to get a third of that majority this election. He'll carry Imbler, and probably Island City, Summerville and Elgin, and possibly the Cove. But he hasn't much chance to win in La Grande, Union or North Powder."

Predicts Victories.

The rest of the republican ticket will carry with little danger from the opposition, Mr. Peare prophesied. Colon R. Eberhard, competing with A. R. Hunter for the state senatorship of the twenty-first district, and Fred E. Kiddie, whose democratic rival in the senatorial contest of the nineteenth district is Henry J. Taylor, incumbent, have excitement cut out for them, the chairman considers, but he has no reason to believe that they will lose in the race.

H. H. Weatherspoon, running against Victor Eckley for the twenty-fifth district seat in the lower state house is sure of victory, in Mr. Peare's opinion.

Judge J. W. Knowles has no competition, but would win in any event, the chairman expresses assurance.

And he expects to see both Judge U. G. Couch and his republican running mate, W. R. Ledbetter, elected to the county commission.

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SECRETARIES IN REGIONAL MEET

Chamber of Commerce Officials Favor Oregon Service Department

Seven chamber of commerce secretaries present at yesterday's quarterly regional meeting at the Union hotel at Union, went on record favoring a service department in the Oregon chamber of commerce for the benefit of smaller commercial organizations over the state. Such service, they agreed, should be maintained by funds supplied by the local chambers.

La Grande was selected as the meeting place for Feb. 25, and an informal invitation from Harper for the May session was acknowledged. A committee composed of W. E. North, of Baker; Newell Martens, of Union; and R. F. Williams, of North Powder; was named to prepare a program. Earl C. Reynolds, of La Grande, was named chairman of the attendance committee with North and Martens to assist him.

Discussions were conducted informally around the fireplace, some of the subjects considered being land settlement, tourists, budgets and memberships. Reynolds, as state vice president, presided, and Martens acted as secretary.

After business, the secretaries had luncheon at the hotel, places being laid for George Currey Jr., of Arlington, a state commerce chamber director; G. M. Ryder and North, of Baker; William G. Morgan, of Harper; Williams, of North Powder; Martens, of Union; and Reynolds, of La Grande.

J. W. Cundy Will Be Returned to City

Arrested in Portland on a warrant issued here on a charge of defrauding a Kamela innkeeper, J. W. Cundy will be brought to La Grande sometime today by Sheriff Jesse Breshears and his deputy, Amos Helms. The officers drove to Portland yesterday afternoon, two of them going in order that they might exchange places at the wheel and reach La Grande with their prisoner in the shortest time possible.

BANK BANDIT SLAIN BY COP IN GUN FIGHT

Passing Policeman Frustrates Attempts of Crime Gang

POCKET CONTENTS SAVES ONE ROBBER

Box of Cartridges Near Heart Stops Course of Bullet From Officer's Revolver.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 29 (AP)—One bank robber was shot to death and another wounded today when a passing patrolman thwarted their attempt to rob the bank of Detroit branch on the west side.

Patrolman Frank J. Dombecky, whose shots dropped the two robbers, was wounded by the holdup men's return fire. One bandit who had remained at the wheel of their automobile, escaped.

A fourth victim of the gun fight was John Skimanskia, a jeweler. He was trimming his store window when a stray bullet struck him.

All the wounded are expected to recover.

Two of the robbers, one armed with a sawed off shotgun, and the other with a revolver, entered the bank, training their weapons on

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Open Season on Trout Will End Sunday Evening

Sunday is the last day of the trout fishing season and after that day most of the fisherman will put away their fish poles and tackle for another year.

Those who like to fish for bass, which are quite plentiful in the Grande Ronde river and various sloughs of the valley, will be allowed to do so for another month, as the bass season continues until the last of November.

The trout season opened the 15th of last April with all of the streams in this section available to fisherman with the exception of Rock Creek. Ladd Creek was closed July 15, the beginning of the summer months, when there was very little water in the stream.

Recently fishing in the Wallowa river has been much better than in other streams, most of the creeks and rivers being unusually low this year, anglers report. Several nice catches have been brought home from Wallowa county and others probably will be before the season ends Sunday evening.

If the weather is favorable several from here plan to go to the adjoining county Sunday.

Harvest Moon Ball Hall Is Decorated

The Zuber hall is decorated and everything is in readiness for the third annual harvest moon ball to be given under the auspices of the La Grande post of the American Legion this evening. The Rambler's orchestra will furnish the music, and will start playing promptly at nine o'clock, legionnaires declare.

The decorations, which are always one of the principal features of the harvest moon dance, are said to be even more artistic than in previous years.

Proceeds of this dance will be used for the state American Legion convention to be held here next summer.

Otis Palmer is chairman of the committee in charge. His assistants are L. I. Busey, Ray Williams, and Harley H. Richardson.

Democrat Win In County Is Seen By R. Bradford

Declares Hunter and Taylor Will Be Sent to Legislature—Expects Big Pierce, Haney Vote.

Summing up pre-election sentiment, Robert E. Bradford, chairman of the Union county democratic central committee, in an interview here today, expresses optimism as to the chances of his party's candidates.

Mr. Bradford, touching upon district campaign, predicts a victory for Senator Henry Taylor, of Umatilla county, over Fred E. Kiddie, republican, of Union county, and also a majority for Albert R. Hunter, who is running for the state senate in opposition to Colon R. Eberhard, republican.

"Mr. Hunter should be elected on his record in the house of representatives," he declared. "He has surely earned the right to promotion, and I fully believe that he will be given a seat in the state senate by the voters of this district.

"Senator Taylor, during his time in the legislature, has always been active in support of measures beneficial to Eastern Oregon and his record, too, shows up very favorably."

Expects Close Race

Mr. Bradford expects a close race between Victor Eckley, of La Grande, and H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, for the house from Union county.

"Mr. Eckley deserves the selection, because of his wide acquaintance with county problems and his progressive spirit," he said. "He was born here, of pioneer parents, and educated in the county schools and in Oregon Agricultural college. He has a clean record and his youth and ability should serve him in good stead."

Commissioner John Wells, who opposes W. R. Ledbetter, republican, for a seat on the county court, is expected to participate in a close race for this position, the chairman said.

Sees Haney, Pierce Victory

In reference to the state, Mr. Bradford is confident that both Pierce and Haney will be victor-

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15 LOCAL WOMEN AT BAKER MEET

Eastern Oregon Club Institute Attracts Many La Grande Delegates

Fifteen La Grande women went to Baker yesterday for the annual Eastern Oregon Club institute there, conducted by Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, past president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, who now has charge of the institute work for the state federation. The Alpha Literary club of Baker, was the hostess organization and women's clubs from Union, Baker and Malheur county were represented.

The Ontario Women's club of Malheur county was the farthest away point represented. Others represented besides the Baker Alpha club and the La Grande Neighborhood club were the Cove woman's club, the Woman's club of Union, the Parkdale club and the Muddy Creek club.

Several La Grande women took part in the institute program. Mrs. C. H. Scranton, of La Grande, now connected with the home department of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company with headquarters at Baker, talked on program building; Mrs. Lee Warnick spoke on the budget system; and Mrs. E. P. Mossman, chairman of the art division of the state federation, also spoke. Her subject was "After the Picture Library — What?"

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Wallowa County Values Lower in 1926; Decrease Totals $645,326.00

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct 29—The county assessment roll, just completed, shows a decrease of $645,326 as compared with that of last year. In both instances the public utilities are not included, assessment on which is made by the state tax commission. The county figures have been compiled by George E. Richards, deputy assessor.

Many items share in the shrinkage, the largest being non-tillable farm lands which have been cut down nearly $500,000, in recognition of the lower actual values. During the homesteading days the hill lands were valued higher than today and the tendency has been to carry them on the assessment roll at a figure above what they will bring on the market. Non-tillable lands are carried at an average of $2.77 an acre for the county.

Timber lands continue to shrink in value as the loggers cut off the forests, and this loss will be felt each year in the future and will become more noticeable if the present system of taxation is retained. These lands are assessed at an average of $7.48 an acre.

Town valuations show little change, with a small increase in the assessment on stocks of merchandise, and a slight decrease on lots and improvements. The gain shown in machinery is caused by the shifting of logging equipment from the logging roads to the machinery classification.

A small loss is observed in horse valuations and much more in cattle, but this is about offset by the recorded gain in sheep. The valuation of swine is about the same both years and is surprisingly small, indicating the peculiarly profitable nature of this stock, owing to the rapid turnover. A small foundation stock produces more revenue than with any other domestic animals.

OREGON QUIZ ENDS; STONE GIVES DENIAL

Senator McNary Takes Concluding Testimony in Spokane

THOMPSON STORY IS REPUDIATED

Records to Be Turned over to the Campaign Funds Committee; King Presides in Arizona.

SPOKANE, Oct. 29. (AP)—The Oregon senatorial investigation was formally concluded here today with a ten-minute session when Senator Charles L. McNary stopped here between trains en route east from Portland to receive a statement from James L. Stone, vice president of the Spokane Gas and Fuel company. Mr. Stone denied all knowledge of the subject matter of the Oregon investigation and stated that he had not made the declaration attributed to him by Asa B. Thompson, of Spokane, brother-in-law of U. S. Senator Robert N. Stanfield, independent candidate for reelection in Oregon that Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Electric Power company, had contributed $10,000 to the campaign fund of Frederick Steiwer, republican senatorial nominee.

Denial Sweeping.

"Mr. Stone denied having any knowledge whatsoever of the affair," said Senator McNary after his brief conference with the Spokane man. "He stated that he never talked to any one about it."

Mr. Stone's statement will be incorporated in the record of the Oregon investigation for presentation to the full senate campaign funds committee of which Senator McNary is a member and for which he acted in conducting investigations of the Oregon and Washington senatorial campaign expenditures.

KING TO CONDUCT QUIZ

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 29. (AP)—Investigation of the Arizona senatorial campaign is to begin late Saturday upon the arrival of Senator W. H. King, democrat, Utah, and Senator Cameron, republican, Arizona, who requested the inquiry and who has suggested the names of several persons he desires subpoenaed.

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This investigation, the last of three in the west, probably will continue until the eve of the important general elections on Tuesday. Senator King announced at Salt Lake City last night that he could not reach Phoenix before 9 or 10 p. ma.tSuetaoinupnpnu 9 or 10 p. m. Saturday but that he would endeavor to start the inquiry immediately and would continue it through Sunday.

Russian Timber Crop Is Greatest

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 29. (AP)—George M. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, Portland, predicted here today in the annual meeting of the Pacific coast logging congress that young American foresters "may find themselves" crossing the Pacific to Siberia to assist the Russian people economically to harvest their timber crop.

"Tremendous changes" remarked Cornwall, "have been wrought in the world's history since the purchase of Alaska, and particularly in the evolution of Russia. The Russian timber crop is probably the greatest in the world."

McNary Will Work For Basin Project

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 29. (AP)—Chairman Charles L. McNary, of the senate reclamation committee, in discussing the Columbia basin project with Mr. Gill, chairman of the basin committee of the Spokane chamber of commerce, this morning offered his personal assistance to the project at the coming session of congress.

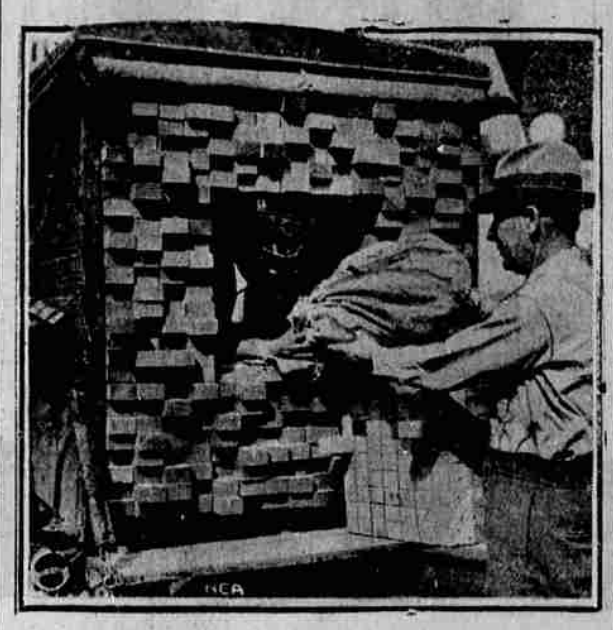
Senator McNary stressed the importance of allocation of the Columbia river waters among Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana as rapidly as possible.

Labor Endorses Frederick Steiwer

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 29. (AP)—The central labor council of Pendleton today passed a resolution endorsing Frederick Steiwer, republican candidate for United States senator and denouncing those who had circulated "malicious lies and false charges." In their resolution they believe that Steiwer can best serve organized labor.

A telegram was sent by Sheriff R. T. Cookingham to the Anti-Saloon league in Portland in which he supports the republican candidate.

LUMBER CONCEALS LIQUOR



Los Angeles agents might not have caught this load of booze if it had not been such an unseemly hour to deliver a load of two-by-fours. Even then, they had a hard time finding the cleverly made door which led to 70 cases of Scotch.

La Grande Will Entertain P.-T. Convention 1927

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 29 (AP).—La Grande was chosen for the 1927 convention of the Oregon congress of Parents and Teachers in the closing session of the 1926 meeting here today. Three hundred and nine delegates formed this morning's voting body.

Convention business was completed with the passing of resolutions, revision of by-laws, and the unanimous election of Mrs. Paul H. Wyman as state treasurer, the office which she has been holding since last spring when Mrs. B. I. Elliott, of Portland, resigned to accept the national treasurership.

Further reports were given by county council presidents as follows:

Malheur county, Mrs. A. A. Reed; Marion, O. V. White; Umatilla, Mrs. H. W. Drew of Pendleton; Josephine, Mr. A. Walker; Columbia, Mrs. J. L. Storla.

Support of a normal school in Eastern Oregon was endorsed by resolution. A resolution was passed that the law requiring the establishment of a county department for the promotion of health and prevention of disease as may be determined by the state board, in each of the counties of the state.

Copper Gets Drunk at Queen's Party

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP) — Patrolman Lafone Starkweather was $55 poorer today because a glass of wine gave him at the Rumanian legation while he was assigned to guard Queen Marie at "a pretty wild night down there", on the evening of her arrival, here not only made him drunk, but ill also.

The police trial board said that his previous good record saved him from dismissal after his superiors had testified that Starkweather was chosen for the task of guarding the royal Rumanian party because of his well known sobriety but fell grace and was found drunk and in a daze sitting on a box in the legation yard that night. One glass of "good legation stuff" he said, was responsible.

Legation Too Generous

Starkweather added that "the hospitality at the legation was too generous" for one inexperienced in the handling of alcoholic liquors.

The eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act are not operative so far as foreign embassies and legations here are concerned, for they are considered to be territory of their respective countries and not amenable to laws of the U. S.

Baker Recovering From Smallpox

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 29—Baker is recovering from a mild epidemic of smallpox and a more extensive series of chickenpox cases, Dr. J. W. Huff, city health officer, said yesterday.

The city has had about 12 smallpox cases this month. These have been quarantined. The schools have been watched for any manifestations of trouble. Care has been exercised and the disease has not spread.

83 TESTIFY AT AIMEE HEARING

Judge Blake Expected to Announce His Decision Wednesday

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29. (AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson, wealthy evangelist, probably will know next week whether she is to face trial in superior court on charges of criminal conspiracy to defeat justice.

The preliminary hearing for the Angelus Temple pastor, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sellaff closed yesterday with the completion of defense testimony.

After the last witness had stepped from the stand, Municipal Judge Samuel Blake, who has been listening to evidence for the past five weeks, adjourned court until next Wednesday when he is expected to render his decision.

Defense and prosecution attorneys today began the preparation of briefs for presentation to Judge Blake next week. The defense briefs must be submitted next Monday. The prosecution will present the legal aspects of its case on the following day.

83 Witnesses.

The testimony of 83 witnesses and 255 exhibits comprise the evidence to be reviewed by Judge Blake before her aches his decision Thirty-nine witnesses testified for the state while 44 were called by the defense. Of the exhibits 140 were offered by state and 115 by the defense. The exhibits consist of stacks of maps, photographs, handwriting specimens, pages from hotel registers, shoes and clothing apparel said to have been worn by Mrs. McPherson all marked for identification and duly entered in the voluminous records of the case.

Queen Marie, of Rumania, Is 51 Years Old Today

QUEEN MARIE'S SPECIAL TRAIN EN ROUTE TO WINNIPEG, Oct. 29 (AP)—Queen Marie, of Rumania, celebrated her fifty-first birthday anniversary today on her special train bound from Ottawa for Winnipeg, in restful association with her children, Princess Ileana and Prince Nicholas. The train is due in Winnipeg tomorrow night.

As the train passed through the desolation of Canada's wilderness—the barren area lying between the capital and the province of Manitoba—the queen drew happiness from the approaching fulfillment of her desire to help the farmers of her country by transmitting to them information which she will glean next week in formal chats with the soil tillers of North Dakota. She also was happy that she and her children will be able personally to participate on horseback in a real American rodeo.

For short periods, beginning next Monday, Marie will have as guests on board her train, farmers of North Dakota and their wives.

Harry Houdini Is Near Death Door

DETROIT, Oct. 29. (AP)—Harry Houdini has but a slim chance of recovery from the illness which has held him near death since he collapsed following a performance of his treatrical offering Sunday night, it became known today. He is ill with peritonitis.

MOTOR TRUCK COMPANIES' APPEAL LOST

Supreme Court Dismisses Case Brought Against Oregon Statute

VALIDITY OF LAW IS NOW QUESTION

State Plans to Endeavor to Have Part of Order Eliminated—Taft Expresses Regret.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (AP)—The supreme court today announced it would dismiss the appeal of Morriss and Lowther and other motor truck companies, contesting the validity of the Oregon law under which the state highway commission regulates truck loads on federal aided highways.

The court announced its decision would be based upon the fact that the whole case had become moot because the order of the state highway commission, which was complained of, had been rescinded. It announced that it would reverse all actions of the lower courts, including the decision upholding the validity of the law. This would leave the whole question of validity open to future proceedings.

Briefs Submitted.

When the case was reached for oral argument today counsel for the motor truck companies did not appear but submitted the case in their briefs.

The state was represented by J. M. Devers, who explained that the order which had reduced truck loads on 22 miles of the Columbia river highway out of Portland had been rescinded because it was only intended to apply during last winter. He explained that a new order had been issued which would regulate during the coming winter truck loads hauled by solid tire motors over this lap of highway.

Members of the court suggested that as the basis of complaint was no longer in force, the case seemed to be moot and after a conference on the bench, Chief Justice Taft directed the clerk to enter an order dismissing the case.

State Plans Course.

Counsel for the state will endeavor to have that part of the order reversing the lower courts eliminated.

Mr. Devers consulted Justice Taft later and was told that the court regretted that under the rules it must reverse the lower court. The chief justice explained that this was necessary to remand the case to the lower courts with instructions to dismiss.

YOUTH ADMITS MURDER AS HE NEARS DEATH

CHICAGO, Oct. 29 (AP)—Richard Evans, 19, paid with his life today for the murder of a Chicago policeman. He was hanged at the Cook county jail at 7:10 o'clock.

Before going to the gallows, Evans confessed that he, and not a drunken companion, as he had steadfastly maintained, shot and killed Patrolman Edward Finnegan last March after the officer arrested the two for speeding.

He walked unaided to the gallows, outwardly calm, and his only statement was "I will have paid my debt to God and society."

Special Rate Is Offered by U. P.

One-way fare for the round trip to and from Portland for the O. A. C.-Southern California football game Armistice day, Nov. 11, will be granted La Grande fans provided 100 or more arrange to attend, J. H. Keeney, local O.-W. R. & N. agent, announced today. The crowd would have to leave all on the same train, but would be permitted to return any time within 15 days as suited the individual members. The fare would be $10.40, exclusive of Pullman accommodations.

In case less than 100 but 15 or more go from here, a special rate of fare-and-a-third will be made, Mr. Keeney said.

O. A. C. alumni may canvass for prospective attendants in the next few days, Earl C. Reynolds said on receipt of the agent's announcement.

Indian Boy Sent To Reform School

PENDLETON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Archie Leonard, 16-year-old reservation Indian, did not want to return to the Chemawa Indian school near Salem, from which he has twice run away, so he barricaded himself in the attick of his home with a rusty rifle given him by Pat Bushman, his half brother, who urged him to use it in order that he might stay home. Archie is now on his way to the state reform school and Pat paid a $10 fine for having the wrong license plates on his second-hand car.