

SOIL SURVEY SHOWS SIGNS OF BOTULINUS

Six of 18 Samples Tested Contaminated, Chamber Hears

FARM CONFERENCE ALSO DISCUSSED

Meeting to Be Held Soon to Arrange for Dates for Fourth Annual Union County Affair.

Six of the 18 samples taken in the botulinus soil survey here last summer were found to be contaminated with Botulinus germs when examined by Dr. William Kervin, director of the laboratory of the state board of health, it was reported last evening when the health and agricultural committee of the Union county chamber of commerce met for a dinner meeting with the committee chairman, Dr. W. T. Phy, at Hot Lake.

The six samples found to be contaminated were taken from various parts of the county, including La Grande, Ladd Canyon, Medical Springs, Lower Cove and Wolf Creek, which goes to show that the poison may be found in the soil practically anywhere in the valley, it is said.

This germ, when in canned goods, produces a toxin which is very poisonous. Perhaps the most outstanding case of botulinus in Oregon was at Albany a few years ago when 14 members of one family died from eating canned beans in which botulinus poison was found.

The chamber of commerce, which procured the samples last summer and sent them to the state board of health in September, will notify the owners of the places on which the germ was found, and ask them to take special precautions against it.

Rolling Kills Germ This poison is killed if the home-canned vegetable is boiled for 20 minutes before serving and Union county people are asked to do this.

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Conference Discussed The fourth annual economic conference in Union county was also discussed by the committee last evening and a meeting was set for Friday evening, Jan. 14, at 7:30 o'clock at chamber of commerce office, to be attended by representatives from granges of the county and the commercial organization, to work out a program and arrange for the time and place of this year's conference.

The granges passed a resolution at the last Pomona meeting to cooperate with the chamber of commerce in the economic conference this year and will go fifty-fifty with the chamber in making arrangements.

The exchange of purchased stoves for scrub stoves was also discussed and two applications for purchased stoves were received. These will

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THOMPSON TO FACE JURY ON CHECK CHARGE

C. D. Thompson, who was brought back to La Grande from Portland about a week ago on a check charge, waived preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Hugh E. Brady on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Thompson was bound over to the grand jury under \$100 bonds. He was not able to raise bond money, and is in the county jail.

Thompson passed a bad check on John Eggers about three weeks ago, officers declare.

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Pacific Legion Offers Cup For Contest Winner

Plans for July Convention of Veterans in La Grande Discussed with Visiting Official.

The Pacific Legion will give a cup to the winning drum corps in the annual contest during the 1927 state convention to be held here, Robert J. Clary, business manager of the publication, announced last night when he met with the convention commission at Hugh E. Brady's office.

About 15 drum corps are expected to take part in the contest, which is always one of the main features of a legion convention. At the 1926 state convention 4,000 people turned out to see this contest alone.

Plan Wonderland Trip During the meeting, which was presided over by Fred E. Kiddle, chairman, it was decided to appoint a committee to arrange for a trip to Wallawa lake for all legions desiring to go, probably the Sunday following the convention.

Plans were also discussed for the fireworks display, which will be entirely different from anything ever seen here before. The budget was rearranged so as to allow more for this part of the convention.

La Grande Issue Is Plan Clary announced that the July issue of the Pacific Legion will be devoted almost entirely to La Grande and the 1927 convention. During the six months between now and the convention there will be feature articles concerning the convention.

Three members of the local post, R. H. Huron, Harley H. Richardson and Chester Thompson, went to Baker last evening, where they attended a meeting of Baker legion post, No. 41. The meeting was the annual installation of officers and Huron acted as installing officer, James Kendrick is the 1927 commander of the Baker post and Bill Kelly is again adjutant of the post.

Convention Discussed The 1927 state convention was discussed, with the Baker legionnaires assuring their support to the local post.

Arrangements were completed for the organization of a Baker drum corps, with about 25 members, and the first practice will be held very soon.

TIGERS FACING HEAVY SCHEDULE

Contest Here Tonight Opens Pre-Tournament Series of 12 Games

The basketball game here at 7:30 o'clock tonight between the La Grande and Union high school teams, which opens the 1927 season for the Tigers, will be the first of a series of 12 leading up to the district tournament at Union late in February.

Of the 12 games scheduled, all but two will be played against district teams. Two contests are scheduled with Pendleton, in another district.

The remainder of the schedule, excluding tonight's game, follows: Jan. 14, at Joseph; Jan. 15, at Enterprise; Jan. 21, Joseph here; Jan. 22, Enterprise here; Jan. 23, at Baker; Feb. 4, Pendleton here; Feb. 5, at Wallawa; Feb. 11, Baker here; Feb. 12, at Union; Feb. 18, at Pendleton; Feb. 19, Wallawa here.

Marinello Shop In New Location

Myrtle Geist has purchased the equipment and furnishings of the Fashion Beauty shop, recently operated by Caroline Deal, and will move her Marinello shop into the location in the new Smith building on Depot street.

She has operated the Marinello shop in the New Souther building for the past three years. She declares that the new location will give adequate room for her growing business.

The change will be made by Monday, Jan. 10, when the shop will be opened to the public.

City Council At Cove Takes Oath

COVE, Ore., Jan. 7 (Special)—The new city council was sworn in Tuesday evening. The council now consists of R. S. French, mayor; T. G. Wilson, recorder; Miss Bess Kelly, treasurer and councilmen, the Rev. William M. Bradner, Leonard Towle, Joe Gayette, Mrs. Nellie Marten and Mrs. L. M. Laird.

New Quake Felt At Calexico, Cal.

CALEXICO, Cal., Jan. 7 (AP)—A slight earthquake was felt here last night and awakened a few light sleepers. No damage was reported.

CRITICISM OF NICARAGUAN POLICY MADE

Senator Borah Attacks Administration Action, Kellogg Replies

NEW AGRICULTURE BILL INTRODUCED

Curtis-Crisp Measure Is Said to Be a Composition of Good Points of Other Plans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The house late today rejected the bill providing for three new cruisers for the U. S. navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The administration's policy toward Nicaragua was attacked today by Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and defended by Secretary Kellogg.

The American naval operations in the Central American countries and its adjacent waters were described by the secretary as an effort to stop factional fighting in Nicaragua where such hostilities endanger American lives and property.

Senator Borah took the view that no proof had been offered that American interests were in peril and that the landing of American marines amounts to "intervention" without justification.

The foreign relations committee chairman expressed his opinion as he left the white house after a long talk with President Coolidge, who had sent for him in advance of the Friday cabinet meeting.

Secretary Kellogg made his statement in reply to inquiries who besieged him as he emerged from the cabinet meeting.

Farm Bill Introduced The "Farm surplus act of 1927," a two-party measure appropriating \$750,000,000 and designed to effect immediate relief to all agriculturists, has come forward in congress.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Curtis Crisp, republican floor leader and Representative Crisp, democrat, Georgia, is declared by the authors to be a composition of all the bills thus far offered and has been introduced in the senate and house in an attempt to bring an early agreement on the question which so long had found members at loggerheads.

What status the new bill will be given in the committee remains to be seen. The house committee, which voted yesterday to sidetrack the McNary-Haugen measure until next Tuesday, had planned today to consider the Aswell bill which omits the provision contained in the former act.

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Realtor Tells of Mid-Winter Meet

The La Grande Realty board met for luncheon this noon at the Sumner hotel, presided over by the president of the board, William Miller.

A report of the mid-winter Northwest Realtors meeting held at Tacoma, Wash. last week, by Sherwood Williams, occupied most of the time. Williams attended the meeting as a representative from the local board.

Dinner was served at one o'clock by section No. 2.

GRANTS EXTRADITION

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—Governor Pierce today granted extradition on a requisition from Governor Young of California of Robert A. Wilson, who is wanted in California on a bad check charge. He is in custody at Grants Pass.

Bremerton Blaze Damage Is \$15,000

BREMERTON, Wash., Jan. 7 (AP)—Damage estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed two buildings and threatened the downtown districts and navy yards here early today. The cause of the fire was not ascertained.

WHERE EARTHQUAKES CAUSED MOST DAMAGE



Airplane view of Calexico, Cal., and Mexicali, Mexico, showing some of the damage caused to these adjoining border towns by the series of earthquakes that have shaken the Imperial valley since last Saturday. Yesterday several more shocks were felt although no damage of any size was done. Arrows indicate points where the damage was most pronounced in the Jan. 1 quakes.

Search For Boy Once Abandoned, Taken Up Again

Wraith of Hope Leads 30 Men to Invade Sandy Flats, on Mount Hood's Snowy Slopes.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—Clinging to a wraith of hope, searchers who have been seeking Leslie Brownlee, 20-year-old Portland boy, on the blizzard swept slope of Mount Hood, decided today to continue the hunt. They reversed a decision reached last night to abandon the organized quest.

When dawn broke today at Battle Axe Inn, at Government Camp, headquarters for the search, 30 of the men who yesterday trapped the snow fields decided not to give up. Last night it was decided that all but 10 should quit today.

One slim clue came to headquarters today in a report from Orrie Young, a trapper, that he had seen tracks of snowshoes, such as young Brownlee wore, in the Sandy flats region, late yesterday. Bill Cochran and Horace Cooper set out this morning, hoping to pick up the trail.

Bill Epton, ranger at Sandy Flats, reported that he had heard a single pistol shot. Nelson England and Harry Conway went to investigate this.

Brownlee went onto the mountain last Friday evening. He became separated from Al Poyers and his companion, Saturday noon in a blizzard while they were on a climb to the summit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brownlee, parents, were still at Battle Axe Inn today.

Blue Mountain Grange Installs 1927 Officials

GRANGE HALL, Jan. 7 (Special)—The first meeting of the year was held Wednesday afternoon when the Blue Mountain grange members gathered at the hall here and the following officers were installed:

Frank Wright, master; E. L. Eckley, overseer; Mrs. C. H. Spencer, lecturer; Ed Dunt, steward; Mrs. E. A. Masterton, chaplain; Mrs. Sam Williamson, treasurer; W. B. Gekeler, secretary; J. P. Hamann, gatekeeper; Mrs. E. L. Eckley, crier; Mrs. C. D. Hoffman, ponona; Mrs. Frank Wright, flora; and Mrs. Calista Strainham, lady assistant steward.

Mrs. W. O. Sherwood, retiring master, inducted the grange officers for 1927.

After the officers were seated, an interesting program was given including songs, speeches, readings and discussions. A speech was made by the retiring master, Mrs. Edith Gekeler spoke briefly using as her topic "A New Year's Wish to The Grange." Each one present answered roll call by stating something he or she intends to do during the year.

During the business session the question of "Free Textbooks for the Schools of the State" was discussed.

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AMERICANS EVACUATING HANKOW CITY

Despite Chinese Offers of Protection, U. S. Citizens Take Leave

ADMIRAL WILLIAMS ORDERED TO EAST

Situation Is Quieter in British Concession Today—Nervousness at High Point, However.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Admiral Williams, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, has been ordered to Shanghai to "observe and report conditions."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7 (AP)—A dispatch received here today direct from Hankow, filed at 8:45 o'clock last night, indicated the exodus of Americans from the riot-torn Chinese city was continuing in spite of the urgent invitations of Eugene Chen, Cantonese minister of foreign affairs for them to remain.

The message makes no direct mention of the situation in the British concession, but indicates the Chinese still were in control of that section of the foreign colony.

HANKOW, Jan. 6 (AP)—Anxiety for the safety of Americans in Hankow arose late tonight when a British steamer was placed opposite the American consulate, and Frank P. Lockhart, American consul, centralized the American colony advising women and children to go aboard and take provisions for three days.

Thirty American women went aboard the ship and made ready to sail for Shanghai.

Lockhart's circular concluded as follows: "Women and children who are unwilling to avail themselves of these facilities cannot expect to receive any guarantee of safety or protection facilities at a later date."

Preved at Action Eugene Chen, Cantonese minister of foreign affairs, called the American consul general and representative American businessmen into a conference during the afternoon and they still were in conference late tonight.

The Chinese minister was reported to be insisting into the reasons underlying the movement for removal of the American women and children from the colony. He declared the Cantonese government had issued a proclamation saying they would be protected.

Everybody was extremely nervous as the result of the tension lasting only four days in spite of the southern government's assurance of protection.

Foreign Minister Chen issued a proclamation blaming the British for the incident of Jan. 3, which

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CHICK GANDIL SAYS SWEDE'S STORY OF 'SLOUGHING' TRUE

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (AP)—Arnold Gandil, banished White Sox first baseman, has sworn in an affidavit that Detroit threw four games to the Chicago team in 1917 and that almost every member of the White Sox gave \$45 to a fund subsequently turned over to the Tigers.

The affidavit was made in the office of the Chicago Tribune and the charges which hold those made before Commissioner Landis on Wednesday by Swede Risberg.

Chick Gandil said he came here to testify in the resumption of the hearing.

In the affidavit Gandil maintained that he was the one who sent word to the Detroit players that the Sox would reward them for "losing up."

Gandil said the frame-up was made before the first of these four games was played.

"I met Bill James, park the grandstand at Comiskey Park before the first game," Gandil's affidavit read, "Bill said to me, 'these are going to be some pretty soft games.'"

"And I said, 'well, Bill, if it goes all right I will see that you are fixed up.'"

Gandil offered to go before Kenesaw Mountain Landis, ruler of baseball, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Quoted Affidavit After reciting his conversation with James, the Tribune quotes the affidavit as continuing: "The first intimation that I had that it was generally known among the Chicago players that these games were being thrown was the night after the first game in the clubhouse, when Rowland, Schalk, Collins and Gleason were discussing how easily we had won the game."

"I know that the four games, Sept. 2 and 3, 1917 were thrown by Detroit to Chicago, and that subsequently a fund of money was raised to which all save one or two of the White Sox team contributed \$45 apiece; and that presently the money was delivered by me to Bill James, a Detroit pitcher."

"At the time the series began Chicago was two and one-half games in the lead, with Boston pressing them. The winning of four games would make Chicago's pennant chances almost sure; whereas the loss of even half those games would cut the margin of the Sox over Boston to almost nothing."

"Our club left Chicago after those four games. It was upon our return that I first heard mention of what we ought to do for the Detroit players. Someone suggested giving them—the pitchers, I mean—a suit of clothes. I said, 'let's make it money, and we finally decided that before the season ended we would give the Detroit pitchers about \$200 apiece. That meant that every one of us would kick in with \$45.'"

Collection Sept. 28. The money was collected Sept. 28.

"I suggested it would be a good time to take the money to the Tigers, who were playing in Philadelphia," Rowland (Clarence Rowland) and then manager said "go ahead and get the money."

Not all the money he collected, Gandil said, was in cash. Some made pledges. "I remember getting promises or cash from Felsch, Williams, Schalk, Heibold, John Collins, Risberg, Eddie Collins, Clifton Faber, Jackson, Joe Hense, Eddie Murphy, Ed Russell and a few others who named I do not remember. I did not get any from Rowland or Kid Gleason."

Money Given to James. Describing the handing over of the pool to Bill James, Gandil deplored: "We (Risberg and Gandil) went to a room in the Aldine hotel, Philadelphia where we found Bill James, Datus, Oscar Stange and Cunningham playing poker. I called James outside and said, 'Bill, here's the money I promised you, or words to that effect. About the only thing I remember Bill saying was 'that's good. Howard's been anxious for his dough.'"

SHAKE-UP PREDICTED GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—A shakeup in the personnel of the city police and street departments was affected last night when Mayor George Fox took office succeeding Isaac Best. The new city administration has issued instructions that petty traffic violations by visiting tourists are not to bring fines as in the past. For several years considerable adverse sentiment has been aroused here by the arrest of many tourists during the summer season. Indiscriminate searching of cars also will be barred. Some opposition was experienced, the mayor receiving a bare majority for his appointments which embraced a complete change of the police force.

Smith's Boom For President Begins

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—New York's democracy offers Alfred E. Smith to the country for president. The governor's boom was launched last night by Senator-Elect Robert F. Wagner at a dinner at the National Democratic club to its new officers. Some 1,000 persons were present.

Wagner said the great issue of the next presidential campaign would be reconstruction of the tearing down of the barriers between states. Then he continued: "There is one man in the country who stands out as a defender of democracy in the same manner in which did Thomas Jefferson and the other great figures of the past. We of the state of New York offer to the people of the nation the services of this great courageous leader in the person of Alfred E. Smith."

Coolidge Favors Arms Parley Fund

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—With the declaration that the U. S. should give full cooperation to peace conferences arrangement limitation, President Coolidge today passed congress to appropriate \$75,000 for expenses of American participation in the forthcoming negotiations of the preparatory commission for disarmament at Geneva.

RADIO PHONE SERVICE IS SUCCESSFUL

First Message Transmitted Across Atlantic at 8:44 A. M. Today

AP DISPATCH IS SENT AT 10:20 A. M.

Following Inauguration, Operators Plug in for Conversation at \$25 a Minute.

By the Associated Press The first news despatch to be received by The Associated Press over the newly inaugurated radio phone commercial service between London and New York came from its London bureau at 10:20 o'clock today, when the New York headquarters completed a connection over the wire and radio circuit of the American Telephone and Telegraph company operating in conjunction with the British Postoffice.

The London bureau dictated the following news dispatch to New York: "London Jan. 7 (AP)—Official announcement that the Prince of Wales will visit Canada and the United States next summer is expected to be made at Ottawa, Canada, soon. The Prince of Wales desires to accept the Canadian government's invitation to attend the jubilee celebration in July. The prince is expected to visit New York and the middle west."

DREAM COMES TRUE NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—The dream of scientists became a reality today when commercial radio-telephone service between New York and London was formally inaugurated.

The epochal event took place at 8:44 o'clock, New York time, this morning, when official greetings were exchanged between President W. H. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, in New York, and Sir G. Evelyn P. Murray, secretary of the British general postoffice, London.

Seated at a table in the offices of the A. T. and T. company in Lower Broadway, President Gifford lifted up the receiver at 8:44 o'clock and said to the operator: "Can you get me Sir Evelyn Murray in London?"

Connection Easy In a few seconds later the telephone bell tinkled and Gifford said: "Good Morning."

"Good Morning," came the reply, 3,500 miles away.

Shortly afterwards static interrupted the proceedings and the two officials said: "I beg your pardon," as they strained their ears to catch the words.

Conditions became better after a time, however, and Gifford told Sir Evelyn that he believed the new service would link the two countries together as neighbors in a real sense. He congratulated the British general postoffice on its cooperation.

Sir Evelyn replied he was certain that the inauguration of personal conversation between the countries would strengthen the existing friendly ties.

As the two officials said goodbye, the operators plugged in for the first call of the regular commercial service at the rate of \$25 a minute.

Officials here, following their announced intention declined to make public the name of the lucky person to make the first call.

SAME FUNDAMENTALS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—Trans-Atlantic radio telephony is (Continued on Page Five)

PLANES CRASH IN MID-AIR, 2 CADETS SLAIN

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 7 (AP)—Cadets Richard E. Terrell, 22, and Charles Shild, 22, both members of the attack section of the advanced flying school at Kelly field here, were killed today when their ships collided 1,500 feet in the air and fell to the earth in tall spins.

Five Killed When Train Hits Trolley

SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 7 (AP)—Five persons were killed and 17 injured, five perhaps fatally, when the Gopher Limited on the Great Northern railroad ploughed through a stalled street car last night.

Witnesses said the car had started across the railroad tracks when the crossing gates descended, knocking the trolley pole down and stopping the vehicle. As the engine's headlights gleamed into view there were shrieks as the trolley passengers darted for the exits.

Only two passengers managed to get out of the car unhurt before the collision.