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BAKER ASKS FOR HIGHWAY SHOPS HERE

Delegation Appears Before State Commission with Request

SITE IS OFFERED BY BAKER CHAMBER

First Rumors of Such a Movement Heard Here About a Year Ago—La Grande to Fight.

The Baker movement to secure the Oregon state highway commission shops, now located in La Grande, took concrete form last night when a Baker delegation appeared before the state highway commission in Portland.

The Associated Press report of the meeting carried on The Observer's leased wire this morning, follows:

Last night the commission heard a delegation from Baker, asking that the commission establish its Eastern Oregon shops at Baker after the expiration of the present lease at La Grande.

No action was taken on the request, apparently, as no report other than the above paragraph has been received.

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La Grande to Fight

According to information today, La Grande will conduct a spirited campaign to keep the highway shops here.

The present lease on the shops here, which are owned by Union county, expires June 15 of this year, according to information obtained from the county court today.

Employs 22 Men

At present the shops are employing about 22 men, although the number varies in accordance with the amount of work.

The opinion here is that the state is to appropriate funds for a new shop in this division during the present session of the legislature.

DRUG STORE IS ROBBED; \$25 OR MORE MISSING

Sometime during the night someone broke into the L. & L. drug store and took between \$25 and \$30 in cash from the till.

Coolidge Signs Longview Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—President Coolidge today signed the Longview bridge bill.

OUT IN THE VALLEY!

The blanket covering of the city of La Grande by The Observer is always taken for granted—with over 1700 papers delivered to readers here each evening.

On the rural routes out of La Grande, for example, The Observer goes by its own carriers and by rural carriers to over 95 per cent of the households each day.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Sportsmen Dine At Union; Elect R. Bonney Head

Nimrods and Anglers Go on Record Favoring a Strict Observance of Game Laws.

UNION, Ore., Jan. 28 (Special)—The Union Sportsmen's club, which was organized about a year ago, held its first clam feed Wednesday night at the K. P. hall.

The old officers of the club and visitors, including H. E. Coolidge, A. Andrews, H. K. O'Brien and Warden George Rogers of Walla-walla county, were seated at a special table facing the other diners.

L. A. Wright, presiding, called on practically all visitors and several local members for short talks, which deal mainly with matters pertaining to hunting and fishing.

Officers were elected for the new year as follows: R. H. Bonney, superintendent of the local fish hatchery, president; Oscar Crossland, vice president; Dr. L. S. Davis, secretary; C. L. Cadwell, custodian; and A. Crossland, trapper.

From both the La Grande and Union sportsmen there were hearty expressions of approval for the appointment on the state game commission should a vacancy occur.

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TROOP NO. 4 IS ORGANIZED HERE

Thirty Boys Join Scout Organization at City Hall Meeting

The initial meeting for the organization of boy scout troops in La Grande was held last night when Troop No. 4 was organized.

About 30 boys, five troop committee men, Scoutmaster Cranshaw, and two assistants, besides J. Russell Scott, scout executive of the tri-county council, were in attendance.

Tonight Troop No. 4 will meet at the First Presbyterian church for reorganization.

Members of the girls' committee of the La Grande Neighborhood club expressed themselves favoring the organization of campfire girls in La Grande.

During the meeting plans were discussed for a mothers' and daughters' banquet, but no definite action was taken.

Tells Wild Yarns, Police Detain Him

The police have the low-down on the German situation at last!

Joseph Frick, believed to come from Wallawa, let the cat out of the bag.

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STEAMER IN DISTRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Japanese freight steamer Clyde Maru is in distress 1400 miles off Muroran with her tail shaft broken and her propeller gone.

The chamber of commerce marine department was advised here that the vessel was sending out signals of distress.

The Clyde Maru is bound from Muroran to Grays Harbor.

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CRUSADE NOW UNDER WAY IN LA GRANDE

The Rev. C. A. Kopp, of Kalispel, Mont., Arrives for Three-Day Drive

HOLY EUCHARIST OPENS SESSION

Mission Service Program Tonight—Campaign to Continue Here Until Sunday Evening.

The Bishop's Crusade, a nation wide campaign planned at the general convention of the Episcopal church in New Orleans last year, opened at St. Peter's Episcopal church here this morning at eight o'clock with holy eucharist.

The Rev. C. A. Kopp, crusader of Kalispel, Mont., in charge of the work here, arrived in La Grande yesterday.

The second meeting of the crusade started at three o'clock this afternoon. Personal religion is the subject for this meeting and the Rev. Mr. Kopp will talk on "God in Revelation."

Meeting Tonight This evening at 7:30 there will be a mission service program when Mr. Kopp will talk on "Obstacles in Man's Approach to Him."

The crusade here will continue over Sunday, tomorrow's program including holy eucharist, 8 a. m.; mission service, "Advance in God's Approach to Man," 8:30 p. m.

All during January and February 20 crusaders, including bishops, clergymen and laymen, will sound a call to spiritual adventure, declaring that the need of the modern world is the recovery of a living Christ and the release of His power in all the affairs of modern life.

Once Taught in Vale Mr. Kopp, who has been assigned as a crusader here, was born in Eau Claire, Wis. He was educated at Tipton college, confirmed in the little Mission House at Vale, Ore., while teaching school there and has spent his entire ministry in Montana as a missionary.

Mr. Kopp is very earnest in the work he is doing. "I will try and present the subjects in a common sense sort of way and straight from the shoulder," he said. "I am willing to work as hard as is necessary to produce results."

While in La Grande Mr. Kopp is at the Foley hotel.

Fire in Church Quickly Put Out

The fire truck was called to the basement of the First Baptist church this afternoon to extinguish a small blaze which was caused by an overheated furnace.

The women of the church announced that the scheduled banquet to be held this evening will not be postponed, as the damage was slight and will not prevent holding the dinner.

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MICE PLAGUE IN CALIFORNIA

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State Planning No New Highway Construction

Commission Orders Re-Survey of Old Oregon Trail Between Kamela and Hilgard.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—"We are NOT going to make any new state highways," declared William Doby, chairman of the state highway commission today.

The statement was made to a delegation from Old Grand Irons that wanted to have the state build a road from Midway to connect with the proposed Salmon river highway.

Bonds for the Salmon river road have been voted but are being held back awaiting court action. Judge Doby told the delegation that he would take the proposal to the county court or to the trustees of the new superior-highway district trade to vote bonds of the Salmon river route.

The commission ordered a re-survey on the Old Oregon Trail between Kamela and Hilgard, 12 miles, for the purpose of widening this section.

Slayer Assists In Recovering of Woman's Body

PLATEVILLE, Wis., Jan. 28 (AP)—Ritter's woods today gave up several parts of the dismembered body of Mrs. Hattie Hales Coffey, as another link in the state's chain of evidence through which it hopes to send her bigamist husband and confessed slayer to prison for life.

With William N. Coffey, Madison board salesman and confessed slayer of his bride, as their guide, officers recovered the remains.

Guarded closely by officers, Coffey showed no emotion as he led the party from one snow-crowded mound to another, and saw them dig into the frozen earth and extract portions of the body of the woman he had confessed killing last Oct. 3 in Grant county, Wis.

The proceedings were watched by 1000 persons.

Bruce Cox Named Club President

WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 28—The board of directors of the Wallowa Commercial association met in the back room of the Stockgrowers and Farmers National bank Tuesday night and elected Bruce Cox president for the coming year.

Other officers named were: Vice president, L. E. Allen; treasurer, Ray Johnson; secretary, N. J. Billings.

A membership committee for the club has been named consisting of Ray Johnson, C. W. Allen, Barton Wade, C. E. McDaniel and Ward Evans.

The board of directors is composed of: Bruce Cox, N. J. Billings, L. E. Allen, E. F. Johnson, C. W. Allen, Ray Johnson and C. T. McDaniel.

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200 WORKERS ESCAPE FROM FIRE BARRIER

Smoke-Filled Tunnels of Mine Exact Life of But One Employee

THREE FIREMEN KILLED IN N. Y.

Stephen Pleas, 7, Shot by Father, Dies in Portland Hospital—Murder Charge Filed.

Morgantown, W. V.—200 miners rescued, one killed. New York—Three firemen killed, five hurt. Portland—Boy dies of gunshot wounds.

MORGANTOWN, W. V., Jan. 28 (AP)—Trapped by a fire in a Scott's run coal mine 200 miners were rescued today from the smoke-filled underground tunnels.

One minor, Harry Scheldman of Fairbance, Pa., was the lone victim of the fire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—The body of a third fireman, killed last night in the collapse of three floors of a fire swept seven-story loft building in the Lower East Side today was removed from the rubble.

Other two bodies already had been recovered. Three firemen of ten caught in the wreckage on the street floor were in the hospital today, suffering from fractures, lacerations and contusions.

The Rev. Alexander McCarthy, of St. Rose of Erin church, fought his way through the flaming debris to administer the last rites of the church to Michael Anzalone, one of the firemen pinned in the mass of stone, mortar and girder. Anzalone is in the hospital.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Stephen Pleas, 7, shot in the head a week ago by his father, Mike Pleas, died today at a hospital. Pleas, who has been held in jail contending that the boy was accidentally hit while he was shooting at Ned Hoak, whom he accused of stealing his wife at a party.

Charges of first degree murder were filed against Pleas following the death of the boy.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28 (AP)—William B. Wilson, secretary of labor under President Wilson and democratic opponent of William S. Vare for the U. S. senate, believes that the senate's investigation of the Pennsylvania election will show that he was elected and not Vare, as indicated by the official returns.

He so asserted last night in addressing a Jackson day dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, at which the name of Governor Al Smith of New York, as a democratic presidential possibility was received with prolonged cheers and republican claims of nation-wide prosperity were challenged.

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While his legal battery was preparing a counter bombardment to Peaches' charges, Browning discussed the case as he saw it.

He reiterated his denial of his wife's charges of cruelty; called himself a victim of "too much mother-in-law"; expressed determination to keep his 10-year-old adopted daughter, Dorothy Sunshine, out of the litigation, and declared a reconciliation with his wife to be impossible.

"Persecution has killed my love for her," he said. "I will positively be in reconciliation. I don't see how I could possibly be expected to forgive Peaches for what she has done to me."

Browning ridiculed testimony of Mrs. Heenan that he had asked her to live with them.

"Did you ever hear of a sane man who invited his mother-in-law to stick around day and night?" he asked.

A brief seeking admission as evidence of a diary kept by Peaches before her marriage is being prepared by the Browning counsel. If the diary is admitted, Peaches' former "boy friends" will be called to the witness stand.

Peaches, resting at her West End avenue apartment, declared her diary merely contained "the kind of ravings any flapper might write."

Charlotte Mills, 26-year-old daughter of the slain choir singer in the Hall-Mills murder case at Somerville, N. J., today was added to the Browning separation case when attorneys for Browning announced that she had been subpoenaed to appear Monday in White Plains, N. Y.

Heflin's Life in Danger, He Claims

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, declared in the senate today that he had received a hundred letters threatening his life because of his recent attack on the Knights of Columbus.

REPLACES "MA"



Texas has gone back to the idea of having a "first lady" who confines her activities to lady-ing and doesn't try to govern—and here she is, Mrs. Dan Moody, wife of the new governor, who takes "Ma" Ferguson's place, is shown in the gown she wore at her husband's inaugural ball at Austin.

He entered the lobby of the bank in a casual way, and asked her if she was alone. She replied in the affirmative, and he immediately drew a revolver, locked the front door, and walked behind the counter. "Fill this sack with everything you have," he ordered, according to Miss Weatherston's story.

The sack was a large cotton sack. She swept all the coin and currency on the counter into the sack, and the holdup then ordered her to bring all the money out of the safe. He put all the silver and currency and some of the gold into the big sack, leaving about \$200 in silver behind.

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The holdup then compelled the cashier to lock the rear door of the bank and showed her into the vault. It is presumed that he walked down the main street of the town and out into the country.

The bank is fully insured against robbery, Miss Weatherston said. It was scheduled to reopen today as usual.

Henry Bergman, president of the bank, was in Portland at the time of the holdup.

Miss Weatherston is 26 years of age and has lived in Florence all her life.

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WILSON EXPECTS TO REPLACE VARE

Fells Democrats at Jackson Day Dinner He Will Be U. S. Senator

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Senators Reject Five Hartley Men

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 28 (AP)—Five men appointed by Governor Roland H. Hartley to the University of Washington board of regents, were rejected by the senate today after two hours of debate.

One regent John D. Farrell, Seattle was confirmed.

Marx's Cabinet Drawn Up Today

BERLIN, Jan. 28 (AP)—Chancellor Marx's new cabinet to succeed the one which resigned early last month was constituted today.

Dr. Stresemann continues as foreign minister.

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Robber Escapes After Looting Florence Bank

Unmasked Holdup Man Forces Girl Cashier into Vault after Taking All Cash But Silver.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—A lone, unmasked holdup man held up Miss Harriet Weatherston, cashier of the Florence State bank, at Florence, at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and escaped with nearly all the money in the bank, amounting to between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Miss Weatherston was locked in the vault by the holdup man. With the aid of a few matches and a part of a screwdriver which she found in the vault, she managed to take off the lock of the vault about an hour and a-half after the robbery.

Miss Weatherston spread the alarm immediately upon releasing herself. Sheriff Frank E. Taylor and a posse left Eugene at once for the scene of the robbery.

A posse had held up traffic on the Coos Bay line of the Southern Pacific so the sheriff and his deputies made the trip on a speeder.

Citizens Take Up Search In the meantime, the citizens of Florence started searching the surrounding woods for a trace of the bandit.

Miss Weatherston described the holdup as a man of 35 or 40 years of age. He was light complexioned, rather slender and about five feet 10 inches tall, she said.

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U.S. Marines Are Ready For Call To The Orient

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—The emergency marine battalion at San Diego, held for possible service in China, today was increased to a strength of 1,133 men.

The force, which the navy says is stationed at the California port for use anywhere needed, has been augmented by 500 men withdrawn from the mail guard, marines from Mare Island and a detachment en route from Puget Sound. It is ready to move immediately on receipt of orders.

Major General Lejeune, commander of the marine corps, said, but there has been no indication that any order has been issued.

Half of the force from the Puget Sound yard was sent yesterday to the concentration point.

British Forces Parade in Hongkong; Uncle Sam Is Awaiting Developments

HONGKONG, Jan. 28 (AP)—Headed by military and naval bands, naval detachments from British warships here and the volunteer corps in full strength paraded through the Chinese quarters of the city today.

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