

EAST OREGON SCHOOL MEN END MEETING

Track Meet Will Be Held at Baker on May 7— Before State Meet

GROUP ENDORSES EDUCATION BILL

Dr. Douglass Compares Schools with Businesses and Urges Taking Stock Occasionally.

Decision to hold the annual Eastern Oregon high school track and field meet in Baker on May 7, one week before the state meet at Corvallis, and passing of a number of resolutions marked the completion of the annual spring Eastern Oregon Superintendents and Principals' association meeting here Saturday afternoon.

Resolutions endorsed the education bill now before congress, urged the passage of federal and state legislation designed to prevent exploitation and to promote the welfare of American children, endorsed Oregon citizens for authorizing an Eastern Oregon normal school, endorsed the programs and work of the Oregon State Teachers' association and the N. E. A., endorsed C. A. Howard, superintendent of public instruction, and pledged thanks to those instrumental in planning the Saturday meeting.

Dr. Douglass Speaks

Speaking in the afternoon, Dr. H. T. Douglass, University of Oregon, declared that "We must set definite goals. Perhaps two of the best ways of setting these goals is to measure the schools of the country and see what the schools can do and are doing under favorable circumstances and then to set up for our schools the goals of these others."

"Schools are like businesses," he said. "We ought to take stock occasionally to see where our students are."

Dr. Douglass' address was in two parts and dealt with tests and measurements in the elementary school and in the high school.

Speaking of legislation, Superintendent C. A. Howard reviewed the measures passed at the recent legislative session. Touching upon free textbooks, he said "The matter of free text books will continue to come before the legislature until such a measure is enacted."

Favors Popular Vote

The higher teacher standard measure is considered by the outstanding legislation. He also declared that "educational policies should be submitted to the people before being put into effect. We must keep the people with us."

Mr. Howard declared that educational progress can be expected to go forward steadily and definitely only under a different kind of

REMOVE RAILS OF C. R. O. AT COVE, HOT LAKE

UNION, Mar. 21. (Special)—The Ray Woodbury company, buyer of the Cove section of the Central Railway of Oregon at the recent sheriff's sale held here, has started a large force of men to work removing the rails. The work started at Cove and on the Henpe line at Hot Lake.

The rails have been sold to the Grande Ronde Lumber company, and their engine has been brought here to assist in the work.

The train running between Union and Union Junction has been operating the past week with the assistance of the Grande Ronde Lumber company's engine.

MORE CLERKS NEEDED

When you and the buying public generally smother a store with business it meets the trade growth by adding more salespeople. Business men want to serve you quickly, efficiently, and well.

But sometimes a business man overlooks other factors in his selling organization. He doesn't expect one clerk to wait on a store full of people but he may expect a small window display and customer-satisfaction to do all his advertising. And that doesn't reach his prospects. If you never hear his goods or services talked about, you're seldom puffed his window, your trade is naturally attracted to the store that constantly calls its business story and invites your patronage through Observer advertising. It is the most economical customer-contact to be had in covering the La Grande territory.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Charles Roehm Will Take Over Carrs March 26

Promises La Grande a Furniture Store That Will Compare with Best in Northwest.

Charles Roehm, formerly associated with the Carr Furniture company for one and a half years, arrived in La Grande Sunday with his wife and daughter Virginia. Mr. Roehm returns to head the new company which has purchased the Carr furniture business.

After leaving here nearly three years ago, Mr. Roehm was buyer and manager of the furniture department of the Rhodes Brothers department store, the largest store in Tacoma, Wash., for two years, and since that time he has been buyer and manager of the furniture department of Granbaum Brothers, of Seattle, one of the largest exclusive furniture houses on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Carr will turn his business over to the new company Saturday night and express pleasure that such an able and experienced furniture man comes to La Grande. He says Mr. Roehm has made at least two trips a year to the biggest furniture markets in the country and is intimately acquainted with every phase of furniture buying and merchandising.

Mr. Roehm said he and his family have always liked La Grande and that they are glad to return to make this their permanent home. He says that he will bring the best lines in the country here and expects to give La Grande a furniture store that will rank with any in the northwest. New policies and merchandising methods will be introduced. Mr. Roehm states, and details will be announced later. He says that he will retain the name of Carr Furniture company since it has been known by that name for so many years.

Anniversary Is Celebrated By Grange Members

The Blue Mountain Grange celebrated its twenty-second birthday anniversary Saturday, Mar. 19, with appropriate exercises at Grange hall.

Mrs. John Hammon has charge of the birthday table, which was decorated in grange colors and loaded with victuals. Mrs. Det Groat made the large birthday cake.

Under the direction of Mrs. Hammon each member was given a small sack and a penny for each year of age of the members was placed at the plates and the table having the largest number of pennies was given an angel cake as a special prize.

Samuel A. Hunter and John Wells gave reports of the work of the recent legislature. Several music numbers were given by the girls chorus composed of Miss Wright, Miss Wilcox and Misses Mildred and Juanita Spencer. Thomas Waldinger gave tribute to women and the chaplain, Mrs. H. A. Mather, presided at exercises for departed members.

Ex-Governor Is Speaker at Gym Dedication Meet

ILLIUM, Mar. 21. (Special)—The new gymnasium here was dedicated Friday night when an interesting program was held at the gym.

Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce was the principal speaker, and his various addresses of the school contributed a number toward the evening's program. The Imbler Parent-Teacher association served lunch.

Dog Catcher Is Hired by The City

A dog catcher will begin operating in La Grande tomorrow morning and all unlicensed dogs or dogs found running at large between six o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock in the evening will be placed in the city pound.

The owner, to secure return of the dog, must pay a \$5 pound fee and dog, must be taken to the pound to be impounded for at the end of five days, it will be killed.

Licenses must be purchased for all dogs, the fees ranging from \$1 for males to \$5 for females.

"We intend in enforcing the dog ordinance in the future, beginning tomorrow," City Manager W. C. Cross said today.

Earl Carroll Must Serve Prison Term

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—Earl Carroll, the theatrical manager, must serve the sentence of a year and a day imposed upon him for perjury as an outgrowth of his famous bath tub party. The supreme court today refused him a review.

500 ATTEND L.D.S. CHURCH CONFERENCE

Melvin Ballard, Apostle from Salt Lake City, Speaker Sunday

RELIEF SOCIETY WILL CELEBRATE

Services Throughout La Grande Well Attended Yesterday—Presbyterians Hear Bleakney.

The regular quarterly two-day conference of the Union stake of the Latter Day Saints church, which includes Baker, Union, Mt. Glen, Cove, Imbler and La Grande, held here Saturday and Sunday, closed last night with a program given by the Mutual Improvement association.

More than 500 attended the program and nearly that many were present for the afternoon session of the conference.

Apostle Attends Melvin Ballard, one of the 12 apostles of the L. D. S. church, from Salt Lake City, Utah, attended the conference, meeting with the men on Saturday and speaking before the joint session yesterday. Mr. Ballard worked in this district for many years and is well known here. He just recently returned from 11 months spent in South America, where he opened a mission. Yesterday afternoon he told many interesting things concerning the time he spent in South America and last night he told about the people there and the many ruined temples which he visited.

An interesting program was given last night in addition to Mr. Ballard's talk. This part of the program was under the direction of Mrs. Helen M. Goddick and most of the numbers were by Ethelbert Nevin, composer, and followed a sketch of his life and works by Mrs. Goddick.

To Celebrate Anniversary Tonight the Relief Society of the

GLEE CLUB HERE; CONCERT TONIGHT

Whitman College Singers to Appear at High School

Members of the Whitman college glee club arrived in La Grande this morning on Train No. 24 and will give a concert this evening at 8:15 o'clock at the high school auditorium. This is the first time this glee club has appeared in this city for some time and, as it comes highly recommended by music critics of the northwest, is expected to sing before a large crowd.

The glee club, after luncheon, went to the high school and was present at a 1 o'clock afternoon assembly.

Former students of Whitman college who are now making their home here are assisting in preparation.

Tiger Thomas Puts Del Adams Away In Fourth Round—3 Other Kayos

A little bundle of dynamite by the name of Tiger Thomas dumped Del Adams, Boise, Ida., middleweight, into a dreamland in the fourth round of a scheduled 16-round main event here Saturday night just two and a half minutes after the going sounded.

Adams had never before been defeated in La Grande, towering half a head taller than his dusky opponent and had at least eight pounds more weight. This meant nothing to the Philadelphia, however, and he weaved in through Adams' defense consistently, raking the Gen. State pugilist from belt to top-notch with jabs short, swings, and just about everything.

Adams Down in Second In the first round Tiger started rolling up a majority of points and in the second Adams went down for a count of seven or eight on a lightning punch. The third round went to the Tiger by a larger margin and in the fourth a smashing blow to the neck floored Adams for a count of 19 and then some. It is reported that Adams did not fully recover from the blow until 1:30 Sunday morning.

Thomas returned to Portland yesterday where he will fight Billy Barnes in a main event tomorrow night.

In the semi-final Edward McDevitt, of Tacoma, won by a technical knockout over Buster Adams when the latter refused to come back for the fourth round. McDevitt broke Adams' jaw in two places, an examination after the fight showed.

Buster and McDevitt seemed well matched but the Washington slug-

Chicago Mystery Cleared Up When Relatives Arrive

Find Husband and Wife Dead in Flat—Son's Body on Improvised Pyre in Park.

CHICAGO, Mar. 21. (AP)—Mystery surrounding the finding of the body of a boy on an improvised funeral pyre near Des Plaines river in Forest park was believed cleared up by the discovery of the boy's mother and foster father, dead apparently in a suicide pact in their Chicago apartment.

Police and relatives found the bodies of Arthur (Jack) Mackewen, 35, a salesman, and his wife, Mrs. Helen Mackewen Mackewen, 32, when they forced entrance to their flat. This led to the identification of the boy, whose body had been lying since Saturday night unclaimed in an undertaking establishment as Robert Mackenzie, 11, son of Mrs. Mackewen, by a former marriage. The boy's skull had been crushed.

The two tragedies were connected when police learned of a letter which Mackewen had written to his sister, Miss Cora Mackewen. The letter intimated that little "Bob" had been "sent away" because he had stolen \$20 from his mother's pocketbook, and added: "Helen told me she was tired of living and some of those days she would end it all for herself and Bob and me."

The missive closed with a request that if he and his wife were found dead the bodies be cremated. Worried, Miss Mackewen and her father visited the Mackewen flat to find the two bodies side by side upon couches.

A coroner's physician said death had occurred 36 hours previously and after a post mortem gave his opinion that the wife probably had been killed by her husband, four days older. Testimony of a death pact was seen by detectives in the fact that all letters, pictures and personal documents apparently had been removed from the flat.

Alleged Burglars Taken Near Rieth

Tay, Dougwell, Charles West, Pat Kane and a negro, whose name is unknown, were arrested in the justice room, Rieth, Saturday and returned to La Grande yesterday. They are charged with entering the C. J. Beebe store and officers report that they admitted the theft of clothes and these were found near their camping place.

District Attorney Helm, expects to file charges against at least three of the men. The negro has not definitely been connected with the burglary and may be held only as a material witness.

Lumbermen Guests of Local Company

Methods of grading lumber were discussed Saturday when lumbermen of Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho gathered here with the Bowman-Hicks company as host. E. E. Tolin, chief inspector of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, led in the discussion.

In the morning a demonstration was given in the Bowman-Hicks lumber sheds. Graders, working in the various mills were called in to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion.

Lunch was served at noon at the Bowman-Hicks boarding house.

THREE SLAIN IN CAR WRECK IN UMATILLA

Automobile Plunges 175 Feet Down Bank of Columbia Highway

HUSBAND SHOTS BRIDE TO DEATH

Fossil Bank President Is Drowned in John Day Near Spray When Car Leaves Road.

WEEK-END DEATHS Pendleton—Three killed in auto wreck.

MIAMI CITY—Woman accidentally shot to death. London—Bank president drowned near Spray.

PENDLETON, Mar. 21. (AP)—Three persons were instantly killed early Sunday morning when a heavy touring car left the Columbia highway five and a half miles west of Pendleton and crashed down an almost vertical 175-foot bank to a roadbed of rocks below. William L. Holl, 26, of Baker, Blue Line Stage company driver, Ben Griggs, 21, of Pendleton and Barbara Watkins, 18, of Pendleton were instantly killed when thrown on the rocks as the car somersaulted. Death was instantaneous, their heads being badly crushed.

Girl Escapes Helen Whitted, 27, the other girl in the party, was miraculously thrown clear of the car shortly before reaching the spot where it left a perpendicular cliff and escaped with cuts and bruises. Her screams brought rescuers to the scene.

The car, which was used as a stage, was traveling at a high rate of speed when it hit the blind reverse curve. The machine scraped a rock resting well, shattered a guard fence and plunged down the slope where it was completely demolished.

WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH

MIAMI CITY, Ore., Mar. 21. (AP)—Mrs. C. E. Martin, 38, was accidentally killed by her husband, four days older, Sunday morning. Both were playing with revolvers, smacking them at each other. Martin had a larger that he did not know was loaded. The bullet struck his wife in the breast, passing through the heart, killing her instantly.

Martin was not taken into custody, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Martin is employed by the Hammond Lumber company and had been married about two years. Besides the husband a four-month-old daughter survives.

BANK PRESIDENT DROWNED

CONDON, Ore., Mar. 21. (AP)—Leoland Stelwer, president of the Stelwer and Carpenter bank of Fossil, Ore., was drowned in the John Day river near Spray, Ore., last night when an automobile in which he was riding with Herbert Barnard plunged off the highway into the river, swollen by flood.

They were traveling in a light car which left the road at a sharp turn. Barnard tried to rescue Stelwer but lost his hold and Stelwer was carried away in the current. His body had not been found this morning.

The man who was a graduate of the University of Oregon, was a son of Mrs. Ann Stelwer of Fossil. The father, the late W. W. Stelwer, formerly was president of the bank. He is survived by two children, a brother and two sisters.

Rotary Club Hears Two Guest Speakers

Members of the La Grande Rotary club meeting at the Foley grill at noon today heard addresses by two guest speakers, Dr. R. C. Lee, of Union, and W. R. Reese, nationally known lecturer. Mr. Reese has just recently returned from Australia.

Members of the Whitman college glee club were also present and furnished a violin and vocal solo. The Rotary quartet sang a selection during the luncheon hour.

Spring Officially Arrives in City

Following on the heels of one of the warmest days this year, spring officially arrived in La Grande this morning about the time the sun came up. Yesterday the maximum temperature was 59 above and a warm sun played over the valley most of the day.

Henry Ford Is Accused of Malice

DETROIT, Mar. 21. (AP)—Actual malice in the heart of Henry Ford governed publication in the Dearborn Independent of the articles upon which Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit was based, the plaintiffs' counsel told Judge Fred M. Reynolds in argument today over the admissibility of evidence.

W.C. BECKETT BUYS HOTEL SITE TODAY

Portland Promoter Exercises Option on the Grandy Property

CLEARING OF SITE WORK UNDER WAY

Actual Construction of Six-Story Hotel to Begin as Soon as Buildings Are Removed.

W. C. Beckett, of Portland, today exercised his option on the Grandy property at the corner of Fourth street and Adams avenue, according to Sherwood Williams, and will take possession in a day or two.

Mr. Beckett will erect a six-story fireproof hotel on the site, to cost more than \$25,000, exclusive of furniture. The contract for the project has already been let to Trunchell and Parelus, the same contractors who last year supervised repair work in the O.W. shops here.

L. S. Weeks is in charge of the removal of the buildings, including the Grandy home, from the lot and work has already been started. Actual construction of the hotel is expected to begin in the near future, as soon as "the site" is cleared.

BROWNING WINS SEPARATION SUIT

"Peaches" Charges Not Sustained in Evidence, Is Judge's Decision

CARMEL, N. Y., Mar. 11. (AP)—Edward West Browning, wealthy New York real estate man, today won his separation suit against his wife, the former Frances "Peaches" Heenan, in a decision handed down here today by Supreme Court Justice A. H. R. Seeger.

Justice Seeger granted the separation on the ground of abandonment, dismissing Browning's first cause of action of alleged cruelty. Justice Seeger complained the nine pages of his decision with the words: "The defendant has failed to justify her conduct in leaving and abandoning the plaintiff. Her counter claim must be dismissed and the plaintiff is entitled to a judgment of separation from his bed and board forever."

Justice Seeger held that there was no evidence to sustain Mrs. Browning's charges against her husband.

Criticizes "Peaches"

Justice Seeger held that the weight of the evidence was entirely against Browning being an "unnatural or abnormal husband and that he failed to find any evidence that he had been cruel or inhuman."

He pointed out what he said were inconsistencies in Mrs. Browning's testimony by recalling that she had complained of being tired of her elderly husband's society.

Mexico District Faces Calamity

NOGALES, Ariz., Mar. 21 (AP) A dispatch to the Herald from Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, said that geologists there forecast a new calamity which may far exceed the destructive toll of last year's floods in that vicinity.

Imminent eruption of the Ceboruco volcano is in prospect. The volcano, said dispatch, is in a state of action at this time producing numerous tremors, which according to seismographist presage severe eruptions.

Sinclair Seeking New Trial of Case

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil operator, today formally asked for a new trial on the charges of contempt of the senate for which he was convicted by a District of Columbia supreme court jury.

The motion for a new trial was filed by George F. Hoover and Martin Littleton, counsel for the oil man, and Justice Hill set March 23 for argument.

JURY DISAGREES

CHICAGO, Mar. 21. (AP)—The trial of 129 furniture dealers and firms, charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws ended today when Federal Judge Carpenter discharged the jury after it had failed to reach an agreement. The case went to the jury Thursday.

Next Congress To Consider Tax Reduction Plan

Surplus of \$500,000,000 in U. S. Treasury Indicated—Coolidge Favors Action in December.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21. (AP)—The question of tax reduction, one touching pocketbooks of millions of Americans, fast is looking as one of the outstanding subjects that will confront the new congress, the seventieth, when it convenes early next December.

Viewed in the half light that a nearly nine months prospective shows the question already shows signs of developing into a political issue that will have a distinct echo in the swiftly approaching 1928 presidential campaign.

Coolidge favorable The forecast by Secretary Mellon of a treasury surplus slightly in excess of \$500,000,000 for the current fiscal year and the subsequent indication by President Coolidge that he believes this would justify a reduction in revenue rates should a certain continuity of conditions closely observed by members of both house and senate still remaining at the capitol.

Already the democrats through their "Mackinac" Representative Oldfield, Arkansas, chairman of the minority congressional campaign committee, have taken a thrust at the republican position on tax reduction. In a statement issued yesterday, he estimated that American consumers would pay \$1,000,000,000 in living costs this year that would not have been necessary if the democratic tax revision plan had been adopted at the last session.

This pronouncement is looked upon as the forerunner of more lengthy and vociferous utterances that are expected next November when the house ways and means committee assemblies about six weeks ahead of the convening date of congress to take up the writing of a new revenue bill.

As yet, however, democrats have given no indication whether they will work in cooperation with republicans in drafting the measure or formulate a separate bill of their own. In 1925 the minority agreed with the party in power on a bill that was described by both political camps as a republican last winter a number of democratic spokesmen have indicated their nonpartisan consideration of the \$35,000,000 democratic reduction plan which was pigeonholed in committee by house republicans.

Whatever the minority does, republican leaders already have indicated they are going ahead with a new revenue measure. Some believe the democrats have taken a how far the majority party proposes to ease the tax burden and the class of tax payers to be benefited. Should the plan meet with democratic approval there are indications that the minority will give its active support and devote their time to accusing republicans with having delayed tax reduction until the eve of a presidential election.

This accusation was frequently made during the last session republicans countering with the statement that it would be unwise to attempt any reduction until after June 30, which marks the end of the first year of operation of the present revenue law.

Trial Marriages Increase Rapidly In Soviet Russia

LENINGRAD, Russia, Mar. 21. (AP)—Trial marriages are becoming increasingly numerous throughout Russia, due to the abolition of all church and civil ceremonies.

In many instances here men and women were married one week, became tired of one another the next week, and the apparently obtained divorces so second trials with other persons could be made.

During the short time the new soviet marriage code has been in effect, the number of registered marriages in Leningrad alone has decreased 75 per cent, while the number of divorces has increased by 80 per cent, the daily average being about 57.

The sharp decline in marriages is attributed to the new regulations exempting newlyweds from registering their union with the state, common-law marriages being sanctioned. The increase in divorces is due to the ease with which unions can be dissolved.

The guardianship of children does not appear to be a serious problem. For example, one woman with five children applied for a divorce. Her husband made no protest.

"What shall we do with the children," asked the divorcee clerk. "He can take the two boys," said the woman sharply, pushing the youths toward her husband. "They will probably prove to be as big hoodlums as he is. I'll take the three girls."

AIRMAN FLYS DOWN AMAZON; QUILTS MANAOS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Mar. 21 (AP)—The Western Telegraph reports that Commander De Pinedo, Italian aviator, who left Manaus, Brazil, this morning for Para, down the Amazon, alighted at Itacoatiara.

SHANGHAI IS CAPTURED BY CANTONESE

Invading Armies Attack Foreign Settlements—Are Held at Bay

BRITISH SUFFER SOME CASUALTIES

Americans Land 1500 Marines Navy Department Is Notified—Morale of Troops High.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 21 (AP)—The war has come to Shanghai. The forces defending the foreign settlements from the rising Chinese had suffered 12 casualties including two killed and 10 wounded.

Two Punjabi soldiers of the British forces were killed by snipers. The wounded comprised five Punjabis, a Russian policeman and four British soldiers.

SHANGHAI FALLS SHANGHAI, Mar. 21 (AP)—The vanguard of the Cantoneses army entered the native city this morning. The Shantungese fled at their approach and the city was taken without fighting.

The municipal council declared a state of emergency, and landing parties of all nationalities represented in the Shanghai naval concentration, including 1500 American marines, embarked to defend the foreign settlements against invasion from without or trouble from within.

Possibility of serious disorders was intensified by the calling of a general strike of Chinese workers to celebrate the fall of the city to Chang Kai-Shek's southern forces, which now hold virtually all of China south of the Yangtze river.

Foreign Forces 15,000

The foreign defenders ashore here total 15,000 men, part of whom are holding the 20 mile exterior defense line while others strongly patrol the streets of the foreign settlements.

The 1500 American marines are patrolling the northern and western mill districts where trouble is most likely to break out owing to the general strike and the gathering of crowds of idlers.

The marines came ashore with full equipment, including machine guns and metal helmets, ready to remain until the trouble is over. They landed laughing and joking, glad that their own inactivity, cramped aboard ship, was over.

The Japanese landing party also totals 1500, and the French, Italians, Dutch, Portuguese and Spanish likewise debarked strong detachments. The British already have numerous forces on duty ashore.

Trouble in Native Districts The native districts of Nantao and Chapel, were the scene of trouble all day long. There was incessant rifle and machine gun firing and the occasional boom of artillery throughout the afternoon.

The barriers between the natives and foreign districts were closed and heavily guarded. The foreign defenders suffered their first casualties when a British Punjabi trooper was killed and two were wounded by gunman firing from an alleyway at the border of the international settlement. Two foreign policemen were injured by bricks thrown from the top of a building on the Nanking road.

Attack Foreigners Chaos reigned in Shanghai tonight after the fall of the city to the Cantoneses this morning. Rioters ran loose in the native quarter all day, and tonight a band of Chinese troops, presumably attached to the retreating northern army, broke through the barrier to the north of the international settlement and began looting.

A British armored car rushed up in response to a police call for aid. The car was subjected to continued machine gun fire. Lieutenant Newman, Corporal Anstee and two soldiers were wounded.

He resumed his flight down the Amazon river and at 1:05 p. m. passed over Paraitia, having traveled about 400 miles from Manaus. De Pinedo's arrival Saturday at Guajara Mirim dispelled anxiety about him. His delay was caused by difficulty in finding a place from which to get a proper start.