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probably local rains in west portion
tonight and Wednesday. Normal
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PURPOSES OF
GIRLS' GROUP
IS EXPLAINEDCampfire Organization Is
Subject of Talks Be-
fore ChamberWORK HERE SHOWS
GREAT PROGRESSGirls to Plant Trees in
Gangloff Park Friday
—Hope to Beautify the
Community.

An explanation of the history and purposes of the campfire girl work in the United States and more particularly in La Grande was presented to La Grande business men today at the regular luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce, held in the Sommer grill during the noon hour.

Miss Arta Verity and Mrs. L. H. Awes, both guardians of local campfire groups, spoke briefly, other representatives of La Grande campfire organizations were guests of the chamber.

Miss Verity in her talk concerning the history of the organization told of its formation more than 15 years ago and explained in detail the honor system and the crafts.

Honors and Crafts

Honors are given for work performed of a meritorious character along certain lines laid down by the organization. Similar to the granting of medals in the Boy Scout movement. The honors tend to interest the girls, first in general work, and secondly, in specialization with the view of achieving such proficiency in some certain line as to be able to serve as an instructor to younger girls.

When a girl joins a campfire group the first rank she may reach is that of woodgatherer. Second, comes firemaker, which requires knowledge of cookery, etc. The final degree is torch bearer and the requirements are so varied that by the time a girl bears this distinction, she is well qualified in all branches of campfire activities.

Miss Verity is herself a torch bearer and was a member of one of the pioneer campfire groups in the northwest.

Tells of Aims

Mrs. Awes explained what the organization has accomplished and what it hopes to accomplish in La Grande. She declared that the object is to "make a well-rounded individual" of each member, teaching the girls how to grow physically, socially, mentally and spiritually, so as to thoroughly equip her for later life.

The term "well-rounded," so often heard in campfire circles, is in reality made up of the first two letters of three words—work, health and love.

Mrs. Awes explained that each year some certain task is undertaken by the national organization, with each group over the

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STREET LIGHT
UNITS ERECTED
AT WEST END

The work of installing the light units of the ornamental street lighting district on Adams avenue and intersecting streets in the business district is progressing rapidly—as rapidly as can be expected, city officials declare.

Several of the units have already been placed at the west end of the district, between Fourth and Depot streets along Adams avenue.

The removal of light and power poles on Adams avenue is also moving ahead although a few yet remain standing.

It is expected that the work will be completed soon after Easter.

YOUR
STORE
PREFERENCE

You trade at some stores more than you do at others selling similar lines of merchandise. You have become acquainted, in various ways, with store qualities and the things you like best about certain stores are responsible for your trading more there than elsewhere.

The reasons you have for liking these favorite stores are reasons that can also make other people like them as favorite stores. No one realizes this better than the store proprietors and it is only natural that they would constantly seek to present those reasons in an interesting way to all prospective customers in this territory. It is significant that they use The Observer's advertising columns as the most effective and most economical method available.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Ministers Plan
For Observance
Of Holy PeriodNext Week to Be Devoted
to Services, Featuring
Good Friday Devotions
at Episcopal Church.

Next week is Holy week and the La Grande Ministerial association requests that all church members of the city use their influence to prevent the arranging of social functions and entertainments so that the week may be made a time apart with God.

With this object in view the association has arranged a series of union meetings to be held at the various churches in the city with a different minister bringing the messages at each meeting.

Good Friday Service

On Good Friday, April 15, a special service has been arranged to take place in St. Peter's Episcopal church from noon until three o'clock, with seven ministers bringing the messages.

During this service the public will be allowed to come and go as it can, and those who cannot remain for the whole time are asked to enter or leave during the singing of the hymns so as not to disturb the devotions.

FAVOR HIRING OF
LOCAL WORKMENChamber of Commerce
Investigates Employ-
ment Situation

Fears held locally that, as a result of the present building development in La Grande, the influx of men will achieve such proportions as to completely over balance the demand for employment, were investigated early this week by the Union county chamber of commerce directors.

The findings were that a sufficient number of both skilled and unskilled workmen live in La Grande to fill all open positions thus leaving no openings for out-of-town men who come here seeking jobs.

As a result of this finding, the chairman of the publicity committee, F. H. Appleby, today reported to the chamber of commerce on the investigation and also presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved, by the Union county chamber of commerce, that all contractors, builders, and subcontractors of building and improvement work in La Grande and Union county be and hereby are urged to continue their preference for skilled and unskilled workmen who are already residents and citizens of this community, and that they refrain from employing outside labor wherever possible since investigation shows that there is an abundance of capable Union county labor available for the work in progress and that this resolution be given both local and state publicity, in the interest of the community's welfare."

The resolution was officially signed by T. J. Scroggin, chairman of the better business bureau, and Mr. Appleby, of the publicity committee.

Drum Major's Skill
Pleases Rotarians

Edwin Lovegrove, new drum major of the American Legion drum corps here, who furnished a clever skit at yesterday's meeting of the Rotary club, served with the first as a sergeant and later as a lieutenant, and was for seven years a member of an English drum corps. He has been in La Grande for about six weeks.

Ray Williams sang two solos during the meeting yesterday and Hugh E. Brady, legion commander, and Fred E. Harley Richardson and Fred E. Kiddie spoke on the state legion convention to be held here in July.

Union Woman Hurt
In Auto Accident

HOT LAKE, Ore., Apr. 5. (Special)—Mrs. J. H. Carroll, of Union, is a patient at the Lake summer resort suffering from bruises and internal injuries received when an automobile driven by her husband overturned on the highway near Union Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll were the only occupants of the car at the time of the accident. Mr. Carroll was not injured.

C. E. Keenan, of La Grande, who was driving from Union at the time the accident occurred brought the injured woman to the hospital.

Sinclair Will Be
Sentenced Monday

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5. (AP)—Harry F. Sinclair, wealthy oil operator, will be sentenced to jail Monday by Justice Hitz in the District of Columbia supreme court for contempt of the senate.

ISLAND CITY
PASTOR NEW
PRESIDENTUnion County Ministerial
Association Holds Its
Annual ElectionTWO LA GRANDE
MINISTERS NAMEDThe Rev. Leif H. Awes
Elected Vice President
and the Rev. C. V. Dunn
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Union County Ministerial association met at the Union hotel yesterday, with representatives from seven churches in the county in attendance. The election of officers for the ensuing year was the principal feature of the meeting.

The Rev. Hall K. Wallis, of the Island City Community church, was reelected president of the association and the Rev. Leif H. Awes, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church here, was elected vice president. The Rev. C. V. Dunn, of the La Grande Central Church of Christ, was reelected secretary and treasurer.

It was decided during the meeting that the executive committee would constitute the program committee.

Program Held

Mrs. Edith Wright Phy sang two numbers after which the program consisted of several book reviews. The Rev. Mr. Awes reviewed the novel "Elmer Gantry" written by Sinclair Lewis, and the Rev. H. L. Dickinson, of the Presbyterian church of Union reviewed "The Christ of the Indian Road." Mrs. Awes gave a semi-humorous review of the "Boston Cook Book." The Rev. Hall K. Wallis gave a paper.

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Glass Believes
Al Smith Can Be
Elected in 1928

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Apr. 5. (AP)—The Asheville Citizen today quoted Charles Glass, of Virginia, as saying that Al Smith can be elected, president despite the fact that he is a Catholic and a wet, but he must let the prohibition issue alone.

"I am sure Al Smith understands that the presidency means nothing at all in the light of the prohibition issue," Senator Glass declared. "The president cannot change the constitution. He cannot even veto a joint resolution passed by congress submitting the matter to the states, and his influence with congress on such an issue would be negligible."

"Yet, for some reason, the people who talk about electing a president on a wet issue lose sight of that particular consideration. The president has nothing to do with it. When a democratic president (Woodrow Wilson) did veto the Volstead act, congress thought so little of his leadership on the matter that it passed the act over his veto."

Congress Big Factor

Senator Glass said that those who seek changes in the prohibition law should concern themselves with obtaining a majority in congress to pass the desired legislation.

Prohibition is not a party issue, he declared, and it is not passed by the democrats or by the republicans, but by men of both parties and with no regard for party lines. It was a moral issue.

"So why in heaven's name should the democrats make the 18th amendment a party issue in the next national campaign as though electing a wet president would affect the prohibition law? I cannot believe that the sensible men in the party will try anything so foolish. If they do, they might just as well take the presidency to the republicans on a silver platter and make them a present of it. They might just as well take their party out and dump it out on the scrap heap."

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STILL HUNTState Supreme Court
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HELD A FELONYSearch Papers Not Re-
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able Grounds Exist in
Policeman's Mind.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 5. (AP)—A prohibition officer has the legal right to enter a private dwelling without a search warrant where he has reasonable grounds to believe that a still is being operated, seize the still and accompanying equipment and arrest the owner. An opinion to this effect was handed down by the Oregon state supreme court here today.

The court bases its opinion upon the fact that operation of a still is legally classified as a felony. "That a search warrant is not required in order to justify an officer in entering a building where he has reasonable grounds to believe a felony is being committed, has been committed, has been recognized from time immemorial," the opinion reads.

Result of Appeal

The particular case upon which the opinion was rendered came before the supreme court upon appeal from Washington county. James Yarde having been indicted upon such a charge and a directed verdict ordered by Judge George H. Bagley who held that the search had been illegally made and that consequently no evidence could be introduced having to do with it. The appeal was taken by the state.

After a considerable discourse on the admissibility of the evidence, however, in which the supreme court holds that it should have been allowed, the appeal is dismissed upon a technical ground, which will allow the defendant to go free in this case but which is expected to have an important bearing on procedure in future liquor trials. There is no legal provision permitting the state to appeal in such a case, the supreme court holds, giving this as the reason for dismissing the appeal and commenting, "however, since the case is here, we have deemed it fitting to make the observations above noted, although academic in nature." The opinion was written by Justice George Brown.

Facts Reviewed

The facts which led up to the case are briefly reviewed by the opinion. The search was made on Nov. 18, 1925, by Albert McFarland a state dry agent, at James Yarde's home, which was located on a small tract of land in Washington county about 15 miles from Portland.

Clayton Case Is
Near Jury Today

The last argument in the case of the state vs. William Clayton, who is being tried on a charge of possession of a still, was being heard this morning at 2 o'clock. This afternoon in the circuit court and the case was expected to go to the jury at about 2:30.

The drawing of a jury for the next case to come up before the court this week will probably take up the remainder of the afternoon. The case is that of Carl Johnson vs. Frank Seymour, et al.

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FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING—TRA-LA!

A. L. PLANS FOR
JULY CONVENTIONPrincess Contest Attract-
ing Statewide Interest
—Quinn to Attend

The regular meeting of the La Grande American Legion post will be held tomorrow evening beginning at 8 o'clock at the K. P. hall. The convention committee will meet at seven o'clock the same night.

Plans relative to the celebration when the street lights, now being installed, are completed will be discussed, and a program will probably be outlined. The arrangement of the celebration was turned over to the legion at a meeting of La Grande merchants last week.

Plans for the state legion convention to be held here in July are now taking shape. One of the main features of the convention will be the queen contest, which is creating considerable interest over the state.

Each Oregon legion post will be represented at the convention by a princess who will also represent particular locality from which she comes. The most beautiful and most representative of the princesses will be chosen as queen of the convention and will occupy a prominent place in the parade.

25 to 30 Contestants

There will probably be about 25 to 30 contestants. Nine legion posts have already expressed intentions of sending a princess, and some are already seeking the girl for the position.

The posts which have promised to be represented in the contest are: Sheridan, Hillsboro, McMinnville, Grants Pass, Salem, Eugene, Portland, Pendleton and Klamath Falls.

The La Grande legion plans to enter a representative in the queen contest, the local campaign to start sometime the first part of May. Plans for choosing the girl to represent the post have not yet been completed. Portland's campaign has been under way for some time, and at present 15 girls are in the race.

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Seven Mexicans
Executed for
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MEXICO CITY, Apr. 5. (AP)—Tried by summary court martial for the kidnapping and murder of Edgar M. Wilkins, American electrical engineer, seven men have been sentenced to death by a firing squad at Guadalajara.

The guilt of the culprits was said to have been established at the court martial Sunday night, after the ten-year-old son of Wilkins had identified one of them, Mariano Calzadilla, as the leader of the band which captured his father and himself.

Wilkins and his son were captured by the outlaws a week ago last Sunday. The boy was released with a note demanding a ransom of \$20,000 which he took back to Guadalajara. Federal troops were immediately sent out to capture the bandits, and Calzadilla said it was anger over the close pursuit by the troops that caused the bandit to murder the American.

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King Ferdinand Growing Weaker;
Michael May Rule If Death Comes

PARIS, Apr. 5. (AP)—King Ferdinand of Rumania today was of last year of Prince Michael, Carpathian's heroic son, as his heir apparent to the throne and also the regency provided for by the act to take charge of affairs should Ferdinand die. The regency would rule until Michael was 18 years old.

Nicholas Jorga, leader of the disident section, issued an appeal to all groups to unite and then discourage political adventures and inspire respect for Rumania beyond her frontiers.

Carol Disconsolate

Carol remained today at his villa in Neully, to which he returned yesterday with his infant daughter, Margareta, after a mysterious journey in his limousine which some persons believed would take him to the Le Bourget flying field, whence he would go by plane to Rumania or some spot near the border to await eventualities in Bucharest.

Bound by his word of honor that he would not return to Rumania without permission, Carol was waiting disconsolately today the arrival in case of the death of Ferdinand, of a summons to his father's bed.

CHICAGO VOTING;
POLLS GUARDEDOne Gangster Slain in a
Clash with Police—
Others Warned

CHICAGO, Apr. 5. (AP)—A burst of election violence and a flood of ballots today marked Chicago's bitterest mayoralty contest with prospects for a record vote of upwards of 1,000,000.

Bombing of two democratic political clubs on the north side early in the morning long before the polls opened, and the killing of Vincent "Schemer" Drucci, beer gang leader of the north side late yesterday apparently reached the peak of the turbulence in pre-election hours, but not the end.

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LONDON, Apr. 5. (AP)—Announcement from China that the United States, Great Britain and Japan have presented demands upon the Cantonese government for reparations for the Nanking outrages was expected in London momentarily today, following news that the United States had instructed its minister in Peking what course to take. It is stated that the British minister has already received his instructions.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4. (AP)—Gradual advance of the Cantonese armies into Northern China in the direction of Peking and Tientsin, where there are large American colonies, is viewed with grave anxiety as only the continued control by northern forces prevents the possibility of a recurrence in this area of incidents such as that at Nanking.

The apprehension that the situation is causing in official circles is reflected in the close attention president Coolidge is giving to reports from Minister MacGowen, at Peking, and Admiral Williams, American naval commander at Shanghai, and also in his frequent conferences with Secretary Kellogg.

Within the last 24 hours these official reports have confirmed news dispatches portraying an increasing menace to foreign lives in the area north of Shanghai and indicate that Peking and Tientsin are the objective both of the Cantonese military forces and of the agitators that have been sent forward as a vanguard to arouse anti-foreign sentiment.

May Expect Some Action

While the gravity of the situation apparently is subordinating official contemplation of steps by the Washington government, looking for a demand for reparations for the Nanking outrages, there is some indication that action on this may be expected in the near future. Although the state department has maintained complete silence on this subject and thereby preclude any authoritative outline of the contemplated position, dispatches from London state that cable exchanges now are in progress between the London, Tokyo and Washington governments over the prospective demands.

Advices from Paris also state that the French government has instructed its minister to protest the Nanking incident, in which two French priests and their lives among officials, but President Coolidge has been assured that adequate protection for them is being provided.

Fears for Americans in North China territory which is expected to be invaded soon by Cantonese nationalist troops have spread among officials. But President Coolidge has been assured that adequate protection