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LOCAL CLUB
REFUSES TO
ACT ON ROADChamber Asks Good
Roads Committee to
Attempt CompromiseEX-GOVERNOR IS
SPEAKER OF DAYWalter M. Pierce Regards
East Oregon Normal
School and Penitentiary
Work as Highlights

An address by ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce and a refusal to accept the good roads committee report because of the controversy between Union and Medical Springs as to what route a proposed road will take, featured the chamber of commerce luncheon today. Al Andrews also presented the swimming pool question to the chamber and it was referred to the proper committee and will be reported probably next Tuesday for final action.

Larson Makes Report

G. L. Larson, in his report of the good roads committee's work, outlined the work that would be done under the proposed bond issue, as follows: Blue Mountain road, \$150,000; Catherine creek road to Medical Springs, \$142,000; Alton-Lower Cove road, \$40,000; Hunter Lane-Summersville, \$40,000; and Clover Creek-North Powder, \$25,000, a total of \$395,000. Mr. Larson pointed out that there remains \$298,000 unexpended from the last bond issue which can be devoted to apply to the above projects.

Mr. Larson then moved that the report be adopted. Before a second could be made, Elmer Stoddard declared that he could not see where the chamber could rightfully take action for one community against another—both in the same county. He said that if the Catherine creek road project was the ballot, the bond issue will not succeed, and indicated that North Powder, Medical Springs and Telocaset would lead a spirited campaign against it.

Powers Makes Charges

P. J. Powers, of Medical Springs, declared that a "Cove man" had told him that the recent good roads meeting vote had been "fixed" by Union so as to insure passage of the resolution favoring the Catherine creek road. Mr. Powers characterized this as a desire by Union to force through a road which would be used for private logging interests. Frank Reynolds suggested that the committee try to effect a compromise between Union and Medical Springs and Mr. Larson withdrew his motion. Mr. Reynolds then moved that the good roads committee be authorized to seek a compromise and this motion was put and unanimously carried.

Leo Cullen Bryant, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Parkinson, played two violin solos.

Dr. Ray Murphy reported on the plans for the street lighting celebration, outlining the American Legion's tentative program, and also announced his selection of a

KNOWLES WILL
HEAR TRIAL IN
HARNEY COURT

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles is leaving this morning for Burns, Ore., to take the place of Circuit Judge Bates on the Harney bench. Judge Knowles was assigned to the Harney case by Chief Justice Burnett, of the state supreme court.

No circuit court cases will be held here until the June term, excepting possibly some small cases.

THE COST
OF BEING A
"GOOD FELLOW"

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"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

More Power Is
Given To Prohi
Agents by LawSupreme Court Decision
Further Strengthens
Position of Officers of
This State.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—The position of prohibition enforcement officers in this state was further strengthened by the state supreme court this morning when a decision was handed down holding that an officer may seize and later introduce as evidence certain articles not specified in the search warrant under which search of a premises is made.

The ruling was made in the case of state vs. Otto Meutzel, Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton, of Douglas county, being affirmed. The supreme court's decision follows one handed down a week ago in which it was held that an officer may enter and search a man's home without any warrant if he has reasonable grounds to believe that a still is being operated on the premises.

Lower Court Affirmed

In the case ruled upon this morning the sheriff of Douglas county and four deputies had gone to Otto Meutzel's home with a search warrant which specified that they might search the man's premises for "mish, still, supplies, equipment and appliances suitable and used for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor to-wit, whiskey." Instead of the still and supplies, however, the officers found a jar of moonshine, a barrel partly filled with wine, and several other jars which gave off the odor of moonshine but were empty at the time. These were confiscated, Meutzel was arrested and tried, and the articles introduced as evidence at the trial. A motion to suppress this evidence as having been obtained without authority was upheld by Judge Hamilton, a conviction was had and an appeal taken. "While it is the general rule," the opinion reads, "that an officer in executing a search warrant has no right to seize any property by virtue of such warrant other than that described therein, this does not affect his duty if lawfully upon the premises, to seize property that he discovers by his own senses as being then and there used as an instrumentality in the commission of a crime."

PETITION DENIED

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—The petition for a writ of mandamus to compel Secretary of State Sam A. Koser to allow house bill 72 to go to the people by referendum was this morning turned down by the state supreme court for lack of jurisdiction.

Another petition with the same object in view was filed in circuit court here a short time after the supreme court had handed down its decision.

The whole matter is expected to come eventually before the supreme court on appeal.

Annual War On
Trout To Open
Friday Morning

Good Friday holds an especial significance for followers of Isaac Walton this year.

Because, besides the religious aspect of the day, it will inaugurate the opening of the 1927 fishing season.

And that alone is one of the most important events during the entire year to many Oregonians, who who delight to whip the flies with a fly or attempt to coax a wily speckled beauty to snatch a lure dangled in his watery stronghold.

Memories

The day also will bring memories to La Grande fishermen. In both 1925 and 1926 the first mess of trout was caught by Mrs. Ruben Zweifel, who was called by death a few months ago, and the person who brings home the first string this year will know that possibly had not the Grim Reaper exacted his toll, first place might have been only Eastern Oregon.

Anglers once all fervent prayer for good weather, and threatening dire revenge if Jupiter Pluvius emerges from his den that day.

Fishing equipment is being overhauled and rubber boots are being inspected. Worms dug from the garden are being hoarded and the latest thing in flies is being investigated and discussed pro and con.

Fathers are speaking for their cars and earning mother, daughter and son to stay clear of the garage Friday morning. In fact, some of the male members of the population of La Grande are showing unnatural activity as the zero hour approaches.

"The Big Flying Pan"

Calenders here and there have the numerals which have puzzled the uninitiated.

And, last but not least, mother is being urged to have "that big flying pan" all ready for the triumphant return.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Apr. 12 (AP)—Evaporated apples steady; prunes steady; apricots steady; peaches steady.

STORMS HIT
OKLAHOMA; 4
LIVES LOSTTornado Ravages Farming
Country South-
east of EakleyMUSTANG IN PATH
OF BIG TWISTERMinco and Union City
Buildings Unroofed—
North Canadian River
Leaves Its Banks

ANADARKO, Okla., Apr. 12 (AP)—Three persons were reported killed in a tornado yesterday at Eakley, Okla. The storm ravaged a strip of farming country southwest of Eakley, destroying eight farm homes.

MUSTANG IN STORM PATH

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Apr. 12 (AP)—An electrical storm climaxed by a tornado at Mustang, 29 miles southwest of here last night claimed one life, injured several persons and caused heavy property damage.

The storm brought rain of cloud-burst proportions and forced the north Canadian river from its banks here early today. Other situations swollen by recent rains which left a trail of washouts and damaged fields in southeastern Kansas and Oklahoma rose again today. More than a score of buildings were demolished and many damaged by the tornado at Mustang. Mrs. Frank New was killed and her husband and son were injured.

Buildings Unroofed

High winds also unroofed buildings at Minco and Union City, near Mustang. The tornado was reported to have continued south to a point near Minco, where a farm house was destroyed. The occupants were missing.

Railroad motor cars were sent to the storm area, with doctors and nurses. Police and firemen were ordered out here to assist farmers caught in the Canadian river valley.

Rescue Squads Busy

Police and firemen of Oklahoma City worked all night in

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'QUALITY STREET'
PRESENTED HEREJames M. Barrie's Comedy
Drama Staged in
Library Last Eve

James M. Barrie's famous play "Quality Street" was presented in the Neighborhood clubroom in the public library last night to a large crowd and was well received, the audience expressing much approval of the comedy drama.

This evening "Quality Street" will be presented during the regular Neighborhood club meeting. Mrs. Lorna Goodridge Miller selected this play and the following women made up the cast: Mrs. Howard Miller, Mrs. Dale Cox, Mrs. Dwight Jesse, Mrs. Lowell Williamson, Mrs. Dick Haycomb, Mrs. Clyde Selig, Mrs. P. A. Epling, Mrs. Chase Bohlenkamp and Mrs. Ellis Knight.

The drama rounds out a study of literature for the year, which has been under the general leadership of Mrs. William Miller.

Seniors Win Class Meet Although
Two Events Yet Remain To Be Run

After the second installment of the annual interschool track and field meet had been run off yesterday afternoon, the senior class, which was trailing the sophomores by 12 points at the end of Friday's stunts, had reversed matters and rolled up a really imposing lead.

With two events yet to be run off the century and the relay—the seniors have the annual title clinched with 52 points to the sophomores' 41. If the sophs should win every event from now on, which would only net them 16 points, they would have but 57—not enough to win.

Fair Marks

Some fair marks were chalked up yesterday. Ducks played off the half mile in 2:11.4 and wasn't pressed. Smuts clocked off a fairly fast 44 in 57.2 and like Davis, didn't have to extend himself much.

Lyman cleared the bar at 5 feet 4 inches and didn't have to go higher. Lyman started jumping at five feet and leaped three times, never missing. How high he could have gone will be ascertained in later meets.

Incidentally Lyman, Smuts and Charlton are having a pretty race for high point honors. Lyman has 20, Smuts has 16 and Charlton 15. Smuts has a chance to nose Lyman out.

Charlton threw the javelin 145

feet 11 inches to place first yesterday.

The sprint, so far, have gone to Smuts, who came home in the 220 in 24 flat. He is entered in the 100 and if he should win, would have rolled up 21 points—a respectable figure.

Monday's Events

The results of yesterday's events follow:

220-yard dash: Smuts (S), Stoddard (J), Time 24 seconds.

Javelin: Charlton (SP), Hank (S), Stoddard (J), Price (SP), Distance 146 feet 11 inches.

Low hurdles: Lyman (S), Berry (SP), Price (SP), McCorle (J), Time 20 seconds.

Half mile: Davis (S), Amos (J), DeLong (SP), Thompson (S), Time 2 minutes 11 4/10 seconds.

High jump: Lyman (S), Vaughn (J), Berry (SP), Wolfe (SP), 5 feet 4 inches.

High hurdles: Lyman (S), Evans (SP), McCorle (J), No fourth place, Time 15 5/10 seconds.

Mile run: Brown (S), White (S), Berry (SP), Lyman (J), Time 5 minutes, 28 2/10 seconds.

44-yard dash: Smuts (S), Newton (S), Henka (S), Daniels (F), Time 57 2/10 seconds.

100-yard dash: First heat: Keefe (S), 11 1/2 seconds; second heat: Smuts, 10 5/10 seconds. Finals yet to be run off.

SOLUTION OF
PRUNE SLUMP
IS OUTLINEDGovernment Survey Indicates
Necessity of
StandardizationBETTER PACKING
IS ANOTHER NEEDBuilding Up of Demand
and Improved Methods
of Distribution Urged
at Salem.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—Improved methods of merchandising of northwestern prunes, including standardization, better packing, distribution and increased consumption, are needed, if producers are to receive fair returns for their labor in the face of a steadily increasing crop, in the opinion of the United States department of agriculture economists, following an economic survey of the industry.

This was reported today at a gathering here of representatives of the prune industry of the Pacific northwest by Chris L. Christensen, head of the division of cooperative marketing of the department of agriculture, and B. H. Critchfield, agricultural economist of the federal department. They delivered a detailed report showing the results of their study of the prune situation.

Survey Asked For

The department's survey, made through the recently created division of cooperative marketing, was conducted at the request of producers, cooperative associations and other interested agencies, and related especially to the so-called Italian prune grown in the states of Oregon and Washington.

Department representatives interviewed wholesalers, retailers and consumers in 29 cities in a study of consumer demand which showed, among other things, that consumers, even those of the Jewish race, who are the largest users of prunes, do not know that there is more than one kind of prune. Prunes are "just prunes" to most people, although there is a marked difference between the Italian type which has a tart flavor, and the California sweet prune.

More Production

The trend of prune production has been markedly upward in California and the northwest during the past 35 years. Available statistics show that if the trees already planted are allowed to come to full bearing, the average annual production of prunes in the United States may be 29 to 33 per cent greater than at present in six or eight years.

The trend of prices to growers has been distinctly downward, and many producers are not receiving satisfactory returns for their labors. Available information as to production trends and market demands indicated, said the report that there will probably be little if any, marked increase in the general level

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Gasoline Price Is
Set at 21 Cents

PENDLETON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Gasoline will retail at 21 cents a gallon in Pendleton, according to an announcement made today following a meeting of service station men last night. This action brings to a halt all rumors of a gasoline war which were heard here since one company started selling at 17 cents last week.

Injunction Against
J. E. Wheeler Signed

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—Presiding Circuit Judge Evans today signed an order temporarily enjoining J. E. Wheeler from filing bankruptcy proceedings in federal district court in connection with the Portland Telegram. The order also restrains Wheeler from interfering with the business of the Telegram Publishing company while it is in the hands of the court. Wheeler was notified Thursday afternoon to show cause why the order should not be made permanent.

KNUTSEN FILED

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—Two Knutsen, highway contractor who was arrested yesterday on a charge of issuing a check without sufficient funds, was free today. The warrant it was discovered later, was one that had not been destroyed after Knutsen had made good the small amount on which action was first started.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)

Mrs. Eva N. McGee, on trial for murder in connection with the death last August in Tillamook of her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee, appeared more rested and cheerful in court today, the second day of the trial. Having the afternoon no temporary jurors was added to the list or since obtained yesterday.

TODAY'S GAMES

National League
Pittsburgh 2 7 1
Cincinnati 1 6 2
Batteries—Kremer and Smith; Donohue, Lucas and Hargrave.

TESTIFIES IN DIVORCE TRIAL



Mrs. Edward C. Carrington, who is being sued for divorce by her husband, who names his brother, Campbell Carrington, as co-respondent, testified in the trial yesterday, declaring that she kissed Campbell once on his held head. Her husband charges she visited Campbell's apartment without his knowledge.

Awes Is Speaker
At Opening Meet
Of Week Services

With a fair-sized crowd in attendance, the first evening union meeting of the Holy week program was held in the First Methodist church last evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. H. W. Parker, of the Methodist church, presided and the Rev. George Albert Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist church, gave the prayers. The Rev. Oliver Riley, rector of the Episcopal church, gave the benediction.

The Rev. L. H. Awes, pastor of the Lutheran church, delivered the evening sermon. His subject was "The Cross in Everyday Life of Christians."

Tonight the meeting will be held at the First Baptist church and tomorrow night the Rev. W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, will speak in the Episcopal church.

Jefferson Day
Dinner Nearing

NEW YORK, Apr. 12 (AP)—The New York World says today that the annual Jefferson day dinner of National Democratic club here April 23 will mark an effort by democratic leaders toward "wiping out the bitterness engendered and restoring the party morale shattered by the convention of 1924."

Governor Smith will attend and the World says undoubtedly efforts will be made to turn the affair into a real Smith boom, although the closest friends of the governor will not encourage any open presidential demonstration.

Leaders in no less than seven Madison squares have already accepted invitations to attend," says the World, "and acceptances pouring in from other states indicated that virtually every shade of belief in the democratic party will be well represented."

Carroll To Start
Serving His Term

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4 Cremated Near
Big Flats, N. Y.

CORNING, N. Y., Apr. 12 (AP)—A man named Henkle, his wife and four children, the oldest aged four, were burned to death today when their home located a short distance east of Big Flats was destroyed by fire.

Weird Story Is
Told to Police
By ContractorSays He Was Forced at
Point of Gun to Drive
Bandits to Bridge and
Dump "Body."

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—Police were today investigating a story told by Fred Holstrom, a contractor, that he was held up on a highway west of Portland last night by three men, who loaded a machine gun, cartridge belts and a sack containing what appeared to be a human body into his truck. Holstrom said he was forced to drive through Portland and to a bridge over Oregon slough where the sack was dumped into the water. He was forced to drive across Interstate bridge and through Vancouver, Wash., to a point near Salmon creek, Wash., where he was left, lashed to the front seat.

He captured met a sedan, apparently by appointment and sped off toward Seattle with their arsenal, he said. He managed to reach a farm house nearby where he told his story. Vancouver officers brought him to Portland where he reiterated his story.

Chief Engineer Carl Prehn, of the police harbor patrol, assisted by Engineers Austed, Patterson, Jasper, Schroeder, Ahren and Tait, began dragging the Oregon slough today from the patrol boat F. W. Mulkey.

Grapples dragging the Oregon slough phoned police headquarters at 1 p. m. that they had been unable to find any body or other object and that they had given up the search.

The police will turn Holstrom over to the Washington county authorities this afternoon for questioning. If there was any crime connected with the mystery, police say it was committed in Washington county and that it is proper for the officials of that county to attempt to solve it.

Coups Nets Man
Four Million In
Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, Apr. 12 (AP)—A sensational stock market coup of \$4,000,000 was attributed to Jesse L. Livermore by the New York Times today. Reports in Wall street from persons known to be in Mr. Livermore's confidence, said the Times, were that the coup was made in a cleverly maneuvered pool operation in stock of the Freeport Texas company. The stock yesterday touched 74 1/2, 3/4 below its high for its time, reached Saturday. Its low mark was 8 in 1925 and 1926 in 1926. After yesterday's high mark it had a break, closing at 72.

Mr. Livermore is reported to have directed the pool operation. The Times points out that if the pool had not been dissolved Livermore's failed profits are still largely on paper and there is yet the possibility of their being reduced.

Interest Divided

LONDON, Apr. 12 (AP)—British interest in the far eastern situation was divided today between the reaction to the five-power note of protest against the Nanking outrages, presented to the Cantonese authorities yesterday and the sudden activity of the northern army in checking the advance of the Cantonese armies to the north of the Yangtze river.

In official British quarters the prevailing opinion was that while the powers specified no time limit for a reply to their demands, they would brook no extended delay. It was felt that the powers would not agree to any further independent investigation, which it was understood Eugene Chen, the Chinese foreign minister, intended to suggest.

So far as could be ascertained the Cantonese had been halted, at least temporarily, and even forced to retire in some places, by the rejuvenated army of the northern general, Sun Chuan-Fang. One report from Nanking said the Manchurian soldiers were proceeding down the Tientsin-Pukow railway as General Sun's soldiers were advancing in strength southward along the Grand Canal.

Umatilla County
Fruit Is Damaged

PENDLETON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Fruit in the east end of Umatilla county was damaged to some extent by the frost of Sunday night when the mercury dropped to 22 degrees in some areas. Apples and peaches, apricots and cherries were hit in certain districts. Winter cold is held responsible for most of the damage more than the recent cold, as most of the growers had snuggled pots in action Sunday and Monday.

Conservatives Are
Again Victorious

MANAGITA, Nicaragua, Apr. 12 (AP)—General Viquez, reported to the conservative President Adolfo Diaz, today that conservatives were victorious in all their engagements yesterday. He said they forced the liberals to abandon all their positions in the hill tops and retreat toward Esquipulas and the south, with the loss of 16 machine guns, two three-inch cannons and sixty cases of ammunition.

General Viquez expressed the belief that the liberals were forced by hunger to abandon their positions and retreat toward the jungle. He estimated that the dead numbered 100 in two days' engagements.

RING OF YOUNG
AUTO THIEVES
IS BROKEN UP

OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 12 (AP)—Three boys declared to have confessed thefts of automobiles in Berkeley, San Jose and Olympia, Wash., in Portland, Eugene and Ashland, Ore., and in Weed, Redding, Oakland and Salinas, Cal., were held in the city jail here today while police investigated their stories. Their preliminary examination has been set for April 14.

The boys were arrested at Salinas for Oakland police Saturday. They gave the names of Jack Hartley, John Sherlock and Earl Barstille, each 18 years old. They said they stole an automobile in each of the foregoing cities on route down the coast.

NATIONALIST
ARMY SPLITS,
SHEDS BLOODModerate and Radical
Cantonese Elements En-
gage in FightingMAY DELAY REPLY
TO POWERS' NOTERussian, Chinese Troops
Concentrated on Siberian
Border—Trouble
Reported at Chinkiang

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—President Coolidge expects compliance by the Chinese nationalist authorities with the demands made by the U. S. in connection with outrages at Nanking against American nationals, and for that reason he has not given consideration to steps for enforcement of the demands.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—The actual outbreak of hostilities between moderate and radical elements of the Cantonese armies in China has shoved into the background, for the moment at least, speculation as to the Chinese reply to the demands of the powers.

China yesterday, and has turned attention to the possibilities of the political split in the nationalist party, which is giving signs of widening rapidly.

Fighting today between the factions, reported at several points including Shanghai, Hangchow and Nanking, may serve to delay replies to the five-power note, demanding reparations for insult and injury to foreigners by Cantonese troops at Nanking, but it also may have far reaching results on the whole future of China and the policies of other nations towards that country.

The Victory March Forward

Of the Cantonese apparently, has been made possible by their ability to present a united front, although it has been evident for some time that the moderate and liberal wings were at odds.

There were no official advisers available here today to indicate when a reply to the five-power demands might be expected either from the political government at Hankow or from General Kai-Shek, military chieftain and now apparently heading an active moderate revolt against radicalism in the nationalist party.

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