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EIGHT TAKEN
IN RAIDS BY
PROH AGENTS

All Plead Guilty in Justice Court to Possession of Liquor

ONE WOMAN AMONG
GROUP ARRESTED

Fines and Jail Sentences Given Offenders—All But One Remain in Jail Today.

Eight persons were arraigned in the justice court here yesterday afternoon on charges of illegal possession of liquor and seven of them were in the county jail today. One paid his fine of \$150 and was released. All plead guilty to the charges placed against them.

The arrests came as the result of about a week's work here by federal and state prohibition officers, assisted by G. M. Pierce, special agent.

Sentenced to Jail

L. A. Knapp was followed from Hilliard to La Grande, where he was arrested for illegal possession. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and serve 30 days in the county jail, but unless he is successful in raising the money for his fine before the 30 days is up he will serve 250 more days.

Charles Lathin, arrested when a raid was made on the French restaurant, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and fined \$200, which he has not yet paid. A gallon of moonshine whiskey was found in the lavatory all ready to empty in case of a raid.

Fred Mayo and Lulu Mayo, who run a rooming house at Union, which is classed as a blind for selling moonshine by officers, were fined \$100 each upon arraignment, which they did not pay and were committed to the county jail. An attempt was made by Fred Mayo to destroy the gallon jug of moonshine whiskey the officers said, as they entered but it happened to land in a soft place and did not break. Equipment for testing moonshine, many bottles, corks and other evidence including a loaded revolver were found.

William Mahaffey, who was working with the Mayo's, officers said, happened in while the prohibition officers were there and was arrested. He was searched and two bottles of moonshine whiskey and a loaded revolver were found. He carried the gun for self protection, he told the judge yesterday.

W. G. Blackburn, M. L. Woodfin and Z. H. Thompson of La Grande were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 but Blackburn was the only one who paid his fine. The other two were committed to the county jail to serve it out at the rate of \$2 a day.

LEWISTON TO
ELGIN BRANCH
IS SUGGESTED

That H. H. Corry, public service commissioner of Oregon, has advanced the idea that a branch railroad from Elgin to Lewiston would effectively solve the problem of a railroad from Lewiston to connect with the mainline of the Union Pacific system, is announced in the weekly issue of the Elgin, Ore., newspaper.

The line would be constructed down the Grande Ronde river. The Reeder declared from Elgin to Lewiston and would give a water grade all the way.

"This would open up a new territory between Elgin and Lewiston and satisfy La Grande and Baker, who are afraid that the present line will become a branch line should the proposed Lewiston-Homedale extension be constructed," the newspaper says.

NEWS
WHILE
IT IS NEWS

During the last few weeks the superiority of The Observer's world news service through the Associated Press, leased wire, has been demonstrated in the start of the Elgin-Baker line. The start of the Elgin-Baker line, the making of a new world's record pole vault record at Philadelphia—scores of happenings are given you FIRST through The Observer—news while it's still news.

Not to read The Observer regularly each evening means keeping twelve to eighteen hours behind the times in the La Grande territory. It is only natural, therefore, that The Observer's circulation should show regular, constant growth not stimulated by artificial means. For the advertiser it is only the inexpensive and sure way of covering this territory.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Would Increase
Facilities For
Combatting Fire

Local Lumber Company Presents Two Requests to City Commission, Involving \$2,500 Outlay.

Two requests for an increase in the fire fighting facilities at the M. Emily Lumber company plant were presented to the city commission last night and both were referred to the city manager and fire chief. The meeting was of short duration, lasting only 40 minutes.

One asked that the city install a new alarm box at the plant. Fire Chief U. G. Marchison reported that the cost would probably range around \$700 or more.

The second asked for a circulating 8-inch main around the building with hydrants installed on the same basis as the earlier work was done. It was reported that this, if done, would cost the city about \$1800.

P. C. Fields reported that all pulling places for the June 28 election had been arranged for, although it had been necessary to change two or three.

Salary List Allowed

The salary list for the month of May, amounting to \$5275.24 was allowed.

In the city manager's report the financial report for the week just ended showed that receipts amounted to \$1105.18 and disbursements \$292.60. Ordinarily the disbursements are much larger than the receipts.

The report also announced that the La Grande municipal band is prepared to play an opening outdoor concert just as soon as weather will permit.

LEGION PLANNING
PUBLIC WEDDING

Will Be Special Feature of State Convention Here During July

Plans for a public wedding during the state American Legion convention to be held here July 21, 22 and 23 were announced last evening at the regular meeting of the legion post at the K. T. hall, by Chester Thompson, chairman in charge of the feature.

The wedding will be held at the ball park, prior to the fireworks display. A cash prize of \$50 and \$100 in merchandise is being offered to the couple who will volunteer to be married at the public wedding. In addition to the marriage license, the attendance, music for the wedding march and something to eat will be provided.

Any couple who will take up the offer is asked to get in touch with Chester Thompson as soon as possible so that proper arrangements can be made.

Plan Success Elsewhere

This plan is usually followed at the national legion convention but this will be the first time that the idea will be attempted at a state convention. Members of the local post hope that it will be a success and announce that the volunteering couple will be treated with every respect and courtesy.

The convention, housing situation was discussed and an appeal is being made that anyone who will have an extra room during the convention list them with Mrs. Rena Palmer or Earl C. Reynolds at the chamber of commerce offices. Many requests for reservations have been received.

Proceeding the post meeting the convention committee met, when a report from the transportation committee was heard. It was announced that the Dayton, Wash., dress corps had arranged for a special car to La Grande for at least one day of the convention and perhaps two. A special train of eight or ten cars will come from the Willamette valley district, made up of the Portland, Salem, McMinnville and Sheridan dress corps.

After train will probably be made up of legionnaires from Cottage Grove, Corvallis, Eugene, Marshfield, Roseburg and Medford.

Special Stunts

A letter has been received by the stunt committee chairman from practically every dress corps saying that they are arranging for a special stunt to be given on the streets of La Grande during the convention. The legion auxiliary also met in regular session last evening, the

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Barn Destroyed;
Cow, Calf Rescued

A barn belonging to Doyle Cleveland, at Emathia and Lake streets, just outside the city limits, was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon. The fire truck was called out at 4:45 o'clock but was unable to stop the flames. The fire is believed to have been caused by children playing with matches.

Considerable difficulty was encountered in saving a cow and calf from the burning building but this was finally accomplished.

700 ATTEND
ORATORIO IN
TABERNACLE

"The Creation," Presented by Pendletonians, Wins Praise

GORDON BRISCOE
DIRECTS MUSICIANS

Proceeds Will Go Toward Local Fund to Construct New L. D. S. Recreation Hall.

One of the finest things ever heard in La Grande in the way of sacred music took place last evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle, when "The Creation," an oratorio by Joseph Haydn, was presented by a large group of Pendleton musicians under the direction of Gordon Briscoe. Approximately 700 were in attendance.

The oratorio itself is one of marked beauty, none of which was lost in presentation, members of the audience declared.

The oratorio begins with the representation of chaos and there is a distinct impression of confusion and lack of order. Then the telling of the story of the creation starts, recitatives being given by the soloists.

There were deep, rolling notes to indicate the thunder, the tinkling sound of rain and hail, the twitter of birds and the low of cattle were all represented in the orchestra, which was one of the outstanding features of the oratorio.

The work of the chorus, of the orchestra and of the soloists was exceptionally good. Mrs. John Knight soprano, as Gabriel, E. J. Warren, tenor, as Uriel, and Henry Karpenstein, baritone, as Raphael, were the soloists in the first part. Mrs. Charles Bond, soprano, C. H. Abrams, tenor, and Willard Bond, bass, formed a trio for the second part of the oratorio. Mrs. Helen Smith, as Eve, and R. M. Mayberry, as Adam, furnished solo and duet numbers for the third part.

Ad L. D. S. Hall

The oratorio was brought to La Grande by the recreation hall finance committee of the Latter Day Saints church. Mrs. E. Ross, chairman in charge, the proceeds to go toward the new recreation hall to be constructed here.

Following are the names of those taking part.

Chorus

Soprano: Mrs. E. E. Allen, Mrs. E. B. Aldrich, Miss Mildred Perkins, Mrs. C. H. Edwards, Mrs. Brook Dickson, Mrs. E. Edwards, Mrs. C. E. Frimmon, Miss Geraldine D. Hansen, Mrs. James K. Hill, Mrs. C. L. Kendall, Mrs. John Knight, Miss Minnie Keefe, Mrs. Chas. Lemmon, Mrs. W. J. Lynde, Miss Isabelle Macy, Mrs. J. H. McKee, Miss Edna Murphy, Mrs. E. O. Parker, Mrs. Sophia Robinson, Mrs. L. G. Smith, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Mrs. R. H. Thompson, Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mrs. G. R. Traffon, Mrs. Chas. Vaughan.

Contraltos: Mrs. C. H. Abrams,

Mrs. W. W. Bishop, Miss K. Rubin, Mrs. C. K. Cranston, Mrs. S. W. Cressley, Miss Anna G. Hall, Miss Vera Hampton, Mrs. D. D. Hobart, Mrs. L. E. Jensch, Miss Loretta Nordstrom, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Mrs. R. H. Thompson, Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mrs. G. R. Traffon, Mrs. Chas. Vaughan.

Orchestra

Violins: Mr. Rupert Anderson, Mrs. Gordon G. Briscoe, Mrs. Esther Shindell Bower, Miss Helen Lee Chastain, Miss Gladys Price, Miss Esther Frohman, Miss Catherine Hawsey, Mr. Laron Hinkley, Mr. R. A. McDonald, Mr. Raymond Reese, Mrs. Hattie Ulrich, Violas: Miss Charlotte Reddick, Mrs. G. W. Richardson, Cellists: Mr. Carl Frimmon, Miss Hope Hulow, Bass Viol: Mr. Conrad Dietrich.

Ensemble: Mr. Ira Lockney, Mr. James Yenny, Mr. Chas. B. Baker, Mr. J. H. Wilson, Mr. Bert Jorach, Mr. Andrew Loney, Jr., Mr. Elmer McManis, French Horns: Mr. P. J. Caldwell, Mr. L. J. Lindsey, Oboe: Mr. Karl Dietrich, Trombones: Mr. C. O. Dazert, Mr. Frank Hayes, Mr. Helen E. Smith, Tympani: Mr. Thom. Welsh.

MAY REMOVE LEOPOLD FROM PRISON TO ISSANE, ASYLUM

JOLIET, Ill., June 2 (AP)—An effort to have Nathan Leopold Jr., one of the slayers of Robert Frank, removed from the prison to an asylum was believed today to be under way by his family.

Dr. Bernard Atkins, formerly psychiatrist at Joliet prison, came to Joliet today, presumably at the request of the family and was with the prisoner a half hour.

Blame Hubby for
Attempt to Kill
Estranged Wife

George Rohner, of Baker, Accused of Murderous Attack from Ambush with Rifle.

BAKER, Ore., June 2—George Rohner, who is alleged to have fired two shots at his estranged wife from the side of a road when Mrs. Rohner was on her way to Baker yesterday to testify against her husband in a suit recently filed against him for divorce, was today charged with assault with intent to kill last night by District Attorney Leland S. Finch.

The automobile, occupied by Ben Preston, brother of Mrs. Rohner, his wife and two small children and his mother was suddenly stopped when the front wheels of the car came onto a board containing several nails and wrapped with barbed wire lying across the Baker-Cornucopia highway this side of Virtue flat. The board had evidently been placed there with the intention of halting the car.

Shot From Ambush

Immediately after the machine stopped, a shot rang out and Mr. Preston thinking that one of his rear tires had blown out, alighted from the car. Mrs. Preston also stepped out of the machine and as she did so another bullet fired from a 30-20 rifle splintered against the car and a portion of it passed within four inches of Mrs. Rohner's head. Another piece penetrated the head of her brother's three year old son, inflicting a scalp wound.

The Preston lady was cut about the face by flying glass.

Mr. Preston drove his car into Baker and it is believed the person who fired the shots went to his own car and drove into town. Rohner was arrested at his home here just as he was leaving the house.

Suspect Cautely

Sheriff McKinney and District Attorney Leland S. Finch visited the scene of the affair yesterday afternoon and found where someone had been lying in the grass near the road behind a clump of sagebrush. They also traced footprints from the spot up a gulch and over a hill to a place where an automobile had been parked.

They compared the footprints of the automobile tires and shoes

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PUREBRED CALF
WILL BE AWARDED

Dr. W. T. Phy to Again Give Prize to Winner at Union Stock Show

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 2 (AP)—At the annual livestock show to be held at Union June 5, 6 and 10, Plymouth King Korndyke, a registered purebred Holstein calf will be given by Dr. W. T. Phy, owner and director of Hot Lake Sanatorium, as a prize for the best grade dairy cow of milking age, bred of any breed, and dry even and cubs in milk, will be given equal consideration. However, winning cows are not eligible to compete.

Plymouth King Korndyke is a highly bred bull from two outstanding animals with splendid records back of him. He is the son of Plymouth King, a champion in his class at the 1924 Pacific International, and grand-sire of 320,000 Carnation King Matador, whose 11 nearest dams average 30.43 pounds of butterfat per week. His mother, Plymouth Fines Matador, combines with her high producing qualities excellent show or type characteristics.

To Give Ram Lamb

Reducing the importance of the Union livestock show in fostering the improvement of livestock in Eastern Oregon, Dr. Phy is offering as a further prize a purebred Hampshire ram from the Plymouth farm flock for the best one of at least three and not more than six registered ewes of any breed or color. The lamb offered as a prize is of fine breeding.

Following his usual custom, Dr. Phy will have an exhibit this year in the Plymouth building here.

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Wilhelm Willing
In Golf Semi-Finals

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Dr. O. F. Willing, Seattle, Wash., and John Rebeck, who were taken to the semi-final matches of the Oregon state amateur championship golf tournament by victories today, Wilhelm and Willing clash in the upper bracket of the semi-finals tomorrow and Rebeck and Willing in the lower.

Today's round was:

Dr. O. F. Willing beat Roy Moss, 2 and 1.

Hattie Wilhelm beat G. O. Truett, 1 and 6.

John Rebeck beat Major Whitling, Waverly, 2 and 1.

Don Moss beat Vincent Hoip, 2 and 2.

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Ex-Follies Beauty
Dies of Poisoning

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 2 (AP)—Gene Goddard, former Follies beauty, believed to have been known as Mary Lynn in Chicago, died this morning of a blood poisoning which she contracted Tuesday when she swallowed poison. The police express the opinion here outside was the result of brooding over disappointment in a love affair.

Open Bids On Tons of Food To Feed
Oregon National Guardsmen at Camp

SALMON, Ore., June 2 (AP)—The federal government will spend approximately \$148,000 for the Oregon national guard encampment at Camp Clatsop and the artillery training period at Fort Stevens. It was stated at national guard headquarters yesterday after opening of bids on supplies.

Substantial supplies, gasoline, oil, grease, forage and wood are included in the main items and the cost of transportation is estimated at \$40,000.

Among the items on which bids were opened were 40,000 barrels of bread, 7000 pounds of beef, 2000 pounds of bacon, 2000 pounds of

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AFTER CRASH—ENGINE ON TRAIN



This remarkable picture, taken following a train wreck on the Virginian railroad near Ingleside, W. Va., in which two men were killed and 20 injured, shows a locomotive atop an electric motor. The engine was crashed head-on. Removing the engine gave wreckers a problem.

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Kansas Storm
WRECKS HOMES;
LOSS IS \$60,000

DOVER CITY, Kan., June 2 (AP)—About 25 houses were unroofed and 50 more otherwise damaged when a tornado swept through the north part of Dodge city today, causing damage estimated at \$60,000.

The tornado also struck at Ford, 15 miles southeast here, demolishing a new building and damaging several other structures.

Prune Marketing
Plans Approved

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Plans for marketing prunes and establishing prices are to be put into effect by an organization approved by the conference of prune growers of Oregon and Clark counties, Washington, which adjourned late yesterday. A committee of nine was entrusted with the duty of preparing contracts under which the marketing plan is to be put into operation. The committee will report to a meeting of prune growers and a campaign for signature, will follow.

A board of nine members will be the governing body, two from present cooperatives, two from organized growers, four from pruners and the fifth to be selected by the eight from outside the pruner industry. A second group of five will act as price determination committee.

Chaplin Answer
To Divorce Suit
Filed in Court

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The film comedian declared his wife had associated over a long period of time with two other men, one an auto salesman. He did not give the names. When he remonstrated against this, Mrs. Chaplin asked him "what are you going to do about it?" Friends told him, Chaplin said, that his wife openly said that she was "cray about the auto salesman."

His wife conceived the idea of a divorce, he set forth, asking him at one time what settlement he proposed to make.

Accuses Lita

In his direct answer Chaplin denied his wife's charge of cruelty and the accusation that he seduced her under promise of marriage. He further denied that he ever wanted to deter the marriage.

The comedian said his wife had told him long before the separation had fallen that she had made up her mind that she was not in love with him.

Chaplin further branded as false statements in his wife's complaint charging that he urged her to enter into other than proper marital relations with him.

New York Will
Welcome Flyer;
Plans Elaborate

This fantastic welcome arranged by New York for captain Charles A. Lindbergh will be carried out, although Washington will be the first city to welcome the nation's hero back to America.

All the elaborate plans for what is intended to be one of the greatest receptions in the history of the metropolis will stand. Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the mayor's reception committee said after a telephone conversation with Secretary of War Davis in Washington.

Lindbergh will fly the Spirit of St. Louis from Washington to Miller Field, Staten Island, June 14. He will cross the harbor on the city tug Macom, through a line of welcoming steamers and beneath a squadron of airplanes from the battery he will parade up Broadway and receive an official welcome at the city hall.

Then will follow a big parade up Fifth avenue to Central park, where Governor Smith will decorate him with the state medal of valor.

Captain Lindbergh will remain in New York three days attending receptions and dinners, and on Friday, June 17, he is scheduled to fly to St. Louis, arriving there that afternoon.

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