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RECREATION
HALL TO BE
UP BY JAN. 1

Work Progressing Rapidly on Structure at Fourth and N

TO HAVE LARGEST GYM IN DISTRICT

Building Will Not Be Confined to Church Activities—High School to use Hall.

If weather conditions permit, work on the new recreational hall, which is being constructed by the Latter Day Saints church, is progressing as rapidly during the next few weeks as it has of late. The new building will be nearly completed by the first of the year and the large gymnasium—which will be the largest in Eastern Oregon—will probably be open for play.

Plans are to have the building up and the roof on within the next six weeks. The main building is 60 by 90 feet, and the playing floor for basketball will be 44 by 30 feet. In addition to this there will be plenty of space for four rows of seats for spectators on the downstairs floor, and a large balcony with three rows of seats, making it possible to accommodate about 2,000 spectators.

Open to Community
The new building will not be confined to church activities, but will be open to all community affairs. Elmer Stoddard, chairman of the building committee, announced yesterday. The La Grande board of education has already contracted for the use of the gymnasium on afternoons at the close of school for basketball practice and for all games during the basketball season. "We want all community organizations to feel free to use the building," Mr. Stoddard said. "It is to serve a community as well as a church need."

Besides the gymnasium, which will take up all of the main floor, the building will house a social room on the basement floor, 34 by 40 feet, for dancing parties, programs and other assemblies. A well equipped stage will be at one end of the hall.

In the basement floor there will also be a large hall, locker rooms, showers, an office room, kitchen and other society work room. Over the relief society work room there will be janitor's quarters.

Hardwood Floors
Both the gymnasium and downstairs assembly rooms will have hardwood floors. Two wide steps will lead from the hall down to the assembly room, which will be a little lower than the rest of the basement floor.

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GIRL, 6, ILL OF
PARALYSIS, IS
DOING NICELY

While infantile paralysis assumed the nature of an epidemic in Western Oregon, La Grande's method of dealing with a lone case of convulsion has proven entirely successful.

Little Lucille Sam's, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams Sam's, living on Albany street, is now in the eighth week of illness due to infantile paralysis, and physicians report that all danger of contagion is past. A strict quarantine and careful watch, kept on the case prevented the spread of the disease.

The little girl, who is expected to be completely recovered in the future, was taken ill before school opened and, inasmuch as no public precautions were necessary, the fact that a case of infantile paralysis existed in Union county was not generally known. Lucille is now able to move her fingers and toes and is taking a little exercise each day to stimulate her body.

YOUR
FEAR OF
STRANGERS

If you enter a strange store in a strange town, and a strange clerk tries to sell you a strange clock, about ten times out of ten he makes a failure of it. You react unfavorably to strange merchandise or strange people when not introduced by some one or some connection in which you have confidence. You prefer a store you know, and goods you know. Your acquaintance with both store and goods is made possible, is increased by advertising. You become familiar with them, gain confidence in them through advertising. The successful business man cannot afford to slight this contact with you, this opportunity to gain and keep your confidence. In The Observer he does it at a minimum cost with three thousand families.

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Days of '49 Will
Be Lived Again
At Annual Show

Elks Completing Arrangements for Christmas Benefit the Last Four Days of Next Week

Plans for the B. P. O. Elks 17th annual Days of '49 show, which will be held at the Zeller hall here next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, were completed last evening when the regular meeting of the lodge was held.

Mann's Imperial orchestra has been secured to furnish music for the four nights of the show, and those who like to dance are looking forward to the opening night for this season.

But there is entertainment for those who do not dance as well, in the form of games of the days of '49. Several inquiries regarding the show have been received from "gamblers" over this section of the state, members of the committee report, and indications are that they will be here to take part in the show.

Prizes Arrive
Prizes, which are given away each night during the show, are said to be different from anything ever offered before. They have already been received. Announcements as to what the prizes will be has not yet been made, but they will be on display in the show windows of some of the local business houses for a few days preceding the show.

Proceeds from the show go toward a Christmas fund, with which the Elks lodge gives a community Christmas tree for the children each year, and sends Christmas baskets to the needy families of the city.

City Dads Meet
Thursday Night;
Business Light

An adjourned meeting of the city commission, held last night in the municipal building, was devoted largely to routine business matters.

Three rooming house license applications were acted upon. An application by Mrs. Young for permission to operate a rooming house at 209 Fir was approved and two others for the Darland hotel, and for 1024 Washington avenue, were referred to the city manager with power to act.

Teal, Winfree, McCulloch and Shuler, of Portland, offered to provide the legal opinion for the \$45,000 bond issue for the K avenue to Second street reservoir water main for \$45. The offer was accepted.

Estimates for improvement work were allowed in the total amount of \$5,353.54 and September bills in the amount of \$3,955.39 were ordered paid.

High School Boys
Form Aero Club

A number of high school boys have organized an Aero club, with the object of promoting interest in aviation, and is meeting each Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the school under the supervision of A. W. Hawk, science teacher.

At present 13 seniors and eight juniors are members of the club, which is open to any high school boy who desires to join.

The boys at present are planning on building airplane models and are studying aviation in its many phases.

G. Humphrey is president, Vernon Patten is vice president, Bliss Leslie, second vice president, and Loren Blanchard, secretary-treasurer.

Large Crowd Hears
Evangelist Speak

The largest crowd that has yet been in attendance at the Methodist church during the Dr. Cope land meetings, was present last evening to hear the evangelist review the various elements of prayer that have been discussed in detail since the beginning of the series. Tonight special musical numbers will be in store, in addition to the chorus singing.

Select Two To
Represent State

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Myrtle Crosse, Portland, and Ted A. Roy, 22, Corvallis won the right to represent Oregon in the Astor Kent foundation district addition. It was announced last night by KGW radio station. Miss Crosse was designated in the contest as number 18 and Roy number 1. They were selected by a vote of judges and listeners from a group of young women and men who sang over the radio Saturday and Sunday nights. The district competition will be held at San Francisco.

Miss Crosse received 885 votes and Roy 1128. "The closest competitor in the mens division was Thomas F. Clarke of Portland who gained 973 points. Runners up in the female division were Genevieve Howard of Salem with 130 votes and Mary Katherine Breck of Baker with 297 votes.

AUTO WRECKS
KILL, INJURE
OREGONIANS

Aged Portland Man Is Hit by Two Cars While Crossing Sandy

O. A. C. INSTRUCTOR CRITICALLY HURT

Dr. John L. Osborn, Zoology Teacher, Suffers a Fractured Skull in Dallas Collision.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Struck by a skidding car, Frank Robinson, 65, was hit a second time by another car and he died of injuries received in the double crash. The first car that hit him applied brakes to avoid striking the second car, but the two cars collided. The accident happened last night as Robinson was crossing Sandy boulevard at East Seventy-first street.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT
VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 14 (AP)—Herman Vetter, of Portland, was killed near Pioneer, Wash., 10 miles north of here yesterday when thrown from his light coupe which skidded as he tried to avoid hitting a stalled truck. A truck approaching from the opposite direction hit him after he fell from his car.

FOUR BADLY HURT
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Jelly, Oscar and Jasper Albers and John Quinn, all residents of Skokholm county, California, were badly hurt when their auto went over a hundred foot embankment on Elk river, northern Curry county. All were brought to the hospital.

ERICKSON GIVEN
\$408.56 BY JURY

C. H. Finn Is Loser in Replevin Suit Tried by Circuit Court

The jury found for the defendant in the replevin suit of C. H. Finn vs. E. A. Erickson, which has been before Circuit Judge James Alger Fee, of Pendleton, since Monday. The defendant, since Monday, was awarded \$408.56, the full amount which he had asked for a storage bill against the plaintiff. The jury went into a night session at 8:15 o'clock, returning a verdict at about 5 o'clock.

Nichols, Hallcock and Verdell, of

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CHEATS DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Special Union Pacific train will leave Portland Sunday evening for a week's jaunt around Eastern Oregon. Aboard will be more than a hundred representatives of Portland business firms and industries.

The itinerary includes Baker, Caldwell, Nampa, Boise, Ontario, Payette, Weiser, La Grande, Bend and a number of smaller cities. Traveling with the Portland men was the Portland killing band and the Telephone quartet.

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President of the state association, Andrew Miller, of Portland, secretary W. A. Hall, vice president of the U. S. National bank of Portland, and J. E. Edlison, vice president of the West Coast National bank of Portland, were at the meeting.

Shansi Group of 80,000 Defeated By Chang's Men

PEKING, Oct. 14 (AP)—A spokesman for Chang Tso-Lin, Manchurian war lord and dictator of Peking today claimed that the Shansi army numbering about 30,000 has been virtually annihilated by northern alliance forces.

However, two Shansi divisions detailed to raid communications have advanced to within 20 miles of Peking and are engaging the northern alliance forces. Strong reinforcements have been discussed to deal with this new menace to Peking, which the spokesman for Chang Tso-Lin declared would soon be disposed of as the northern alliance forces have ample reserves.

Plans for P.-T.
Congress To Be
Completed Soon

Mrs. L. Faus, Chairman of Convention, in Portland Confering with State Officers.

Mrs. L. Faus, general chairman in charge of the state convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers to be held here Oct. 25 to 28, left last night for Portland where she will confer with state officers and others engaged in parent-teacher work in connection with the final plans for the convention.

Plans for the state meeting are now nearing completion, committees in charge announce, and the detailed program will be announced in the near future.

Rally Arranged
A special rally, in the form of a community sing, will take place Thursday, Oct. 20, in the high school auditorium here, when parent-teacher songs will be learned. W. W. Nussbaum, music director in the schools here, will direct the singing, which is sponsored by Miss Ingeborg Russell, music chairman for the convention, and her committee, which consists of Mrs. J. T. Longfellow and Mrs. N. E. Thacker. All parent-teacher association members in this district, which includes Union, Baker and Wallawa counties, are urged to attend rally.

Tickets for the singing Oct. 28, sponsored by the La Grande Parent-Teacher city council, will be out soon, announcement was made today.

Powder Woman Is
Burned by Explosion

NORTH POWDER, Oct. 14 (Special)—Mrs. Don Pearson, about 75 years of age, was seriously burned about the body at 10:30 o'clock this morning when washing a blanket with gasoline and kerosene water. An explosion resulted and Mrs. Pearson was immediately taken to the St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker. She resides on E street. Her condition is regarded as serious.

Police Find Two
Missing Children

Two children, lost yesterday, were found by the police a short time later and returned to their homes.

The two-year-old daughter of J. W. White, 1905 Second street, was lost about 7:15 o'clock in the afternoon and was located shortly before 5 o'clock. Mr. Smith's son, 2 of 1815 S. street, was returned to his father about two o'clock after having been missing from home since 10 in the morning.

Portland Train To
Start Trip Sunday

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BOOTLEG KING SLAYS WIFE



Divorce action begun by his wife when he was a prisoner in Atlanta penitentiary ended in the tragic slaying of Mrs. Remus by George Remus, former Cincinnati bootleg king. Remus surrendered to police after the shooting. In a cross-petition to her divorce suit, he had named Franklin Dodge, former department of justice agent, as co-respondent. Remus is shown above at the left after his arrest.

150 Local Boy
Scouts Will Go
To Baker Rally

About 150 boy scouts will leave La Grande tomorrow morning at 7:30 o'clock for Baker, where they will attend the first annual field and rally day for scouts of the Eastern Oregon council. Word was received this morning from O. E. Campbell, scoutmaster at Wallawa, that about 30 boys from there would join the La Grande scouts tomorrow morning en route to Baker. Also a number of boys from Cove will accompany the local scouts to the neighboring city.

The swimming event, which was at first scheduled as a part of the program, will not be held, because of inability to get permission from the city council of Baker to use the lakefront. All of the other events, however, will take place.

E. Russell Scott, scout executive of the council, was in Baker yesterday and staked out the claims for the gold rush, which will be a main feature of the day. There will be a feed on the athletic field, where the events will take place at noon, and each boy is asked to take his own "mess gear."

In the evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock there will be a court of honor, the largest ever held in Eastern Oregon. Three life badges will be awarded at this time, five star badges, one eagle scout badge, about 20 first class badges, 25 star of merit badges, 100 merit badges, and 50 merit badges.

Rabbi Disagrees
With Multnomah
W.C.T.U. Stand

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14 (AP)—When Rabbi Louis I. Newman read a dispatch from Portland today quoting members of the Multnomah county Women's Christian Temperance union as declaring they would attempt to forestall a public debate between himself and Judge Ben H. Lindsey on companionate marriage, he said the women were making a "regrettable blunder."

Rabbi Newman's comment on the agitation in Portland against the proposed debate in that city follows:

"The attempt to prevent open discussion of companionate marriage and other ideas of Judge Lindsey is a regrettable blunder. The opponents of the debate judge have over-reached themselves. I am heartily against companionate marriage but I can see no harm and much good from a public refutation of Judge Lindsey's argument. His two books, 'The Revolt of Modern Youth' and 'The Companionate Marriage,' which have just come from the press, are widely read. Suppression of them and agitation against discussion of them are short sighted policies."

Greeks to Stop
Comitadjis Raids

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 14 (AP)—The Greek government has decided upon measures for the security of Macedonia and Thrace against Bulgarian comitadjis who are reported here to have killed 150 Greek travelers near Smyrna.

Ruth Elder and George Haldeman
Safe and Sound on Barendrecht

PARIS, Oct. 14 (AP)—Forced down at sea after battling storm and mechanical trouble, the flying American girl, Ruth Elder, and her comrade in adventure, George W. Haldeman, were safe and sound today on the Dutch tanker Barendrecht, floating steadily for the Azores. They are due to arrive there some time tomorrow morning.

Their monoplane, the "American Girl," took fire after their rescue, and lies beneath the waves of the Atlantic, a mass of charred wreckage.

Backers of Ruth
Elder's Flight
Are 'Cashing In'

Promoters Maneuvering to Get the Most Money Possible Out of American Girl's Adventure

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (AP)—The "cashing in" maneuver accompanying spectacular achievement today occupied promoters of Ruth Elder's attempted flight to Paris.

Backers of the adventure wanted a highest bidder for the girl's story of the flight while indications were that contracts for movie and vaudeville work involving thousands of dollars would be offered the pretty young heroine.

Declaring that the story of the flight had been sold to a syndicate and anything Miss Elder might say to any other newspapers would ruin the commercial value of her article, H. E. Cornell, of Lakeland, Fla., declined to cable Miss Elder instructing her to outline the flight for American newspapers.

Out for the Cash
"We're going to keep this thing bottled up until we sell it," said T. H. McArdle, another one of the promoters, who has bought the story. "The girls were instructed to talk to no one until they heard from us."

"Anyone would be dumb not to know there is money in this. And we would be dumb if we didn't take it. Neither Miss Elder nor Haldeman will say a word until they get the O.K. from us telling them who has bought the story. We've sent plenty of cables over there making these instructions clear."

Long distance telephone calls, usually from Wheeling, W. Va., interrupted business conferences as Joseph Holladay, one of the backers, kept the wires hot with advice to the men here not to settle anything until they had submitted it to him on his capacity as legal adviser to the group.

While McArdle was busy, Cornell talked. "We deserve something out of this," he said. "Look at what we've done for aviation. Why, we've put America on the map with this flight."

Wants \$150,000
McArdle said he would not consider anything less than \$150,000 for the flight story, with an immediate cash payment of \$25,000. But he would only bid \$150,000. The offering continued with waning interest until last bids which the promoters were willing to consider involved a total profit to them of considerably less than \$20,000.

An unidentified man who described himself as an independent motion picture producer told McArdle that he was willing to buy one dollar to seal an option on Miss Elder's service as a film actress. The man said he had never made a picture. McArdle agreed to consider the offer.

Reports said that two of the larger movie producing companies might offer. Miss Elder contracts and the Keith-Albee vaudeville officials asserted they had a promise of Miss Elder's services if she decided to go into vaudeville. Vincent Lopez said he had cabled the aviator an offer of \$10,000 a week for appearance with his orchestra.

The potential return of Lindbergh's flight was estimated at several million dollars, but the aviator turned down hundreds of stage, movie and testimonial proposals and began a nation wide tour under the auspices of the Daniel Guggenheim fund for the promotion of aeronautics.

Earth Trembles
Near Ord, Neb.

ORD, Nebraska, Oct. 14 (AP)—Slight earth tremors were felt here and in a ten-mile radius at 1 a. m. today. No damage was done.

Anti-Saloon League
To Start Campaign

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 14 (AP)—The Anti-Saloon league of Missouri has launched a campaign to obtain not less than \$50,000 to be used in organizing the state "against the possibility of Governor Al Smith, Senator James Reed or any other presidential candidate of similar attitude toward prohibition carrying the state." It was announced here today. The drive will be known as the "Wayne B. Wheeler memorial campaign."

Labor Endorses
Five-Day Week

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 14 (AP)—The national convention of the American Federation of Labor with not more than half its delegates on the floor for the final session today, recorded its endorsement of the principle of the five-day work week.

The convention was officially ended shortly after noon.

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CINCINNATI, Oct. 14 (AP)—Charging "deliberate and premeditated malice" the Hamilton county grand jury today indicted George Remus for first degree murder for shooting his wife to death in Eden Park here a week ago.

MECHANICAL
MAN' LATEST
ACHIEVEMENT

Science Perfects Televox, Newest of All Electrical Contrivances

TURNS ON LIGHTS, DOES OTHER TASKS

Sensitive "Ear" Responds to Human Voice—Government Has Three Now in Operation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (AP)—A "mechanical man" whose faculties are at both ends of a telephone connection and whose functions imitate those of human workers, today held the center of the stage of scientific achievements.

This modified automaton responds to the voice of a master as housewife, a clerk to a broker, and as mechanic to the garage man. The machine, an electrical contrivance known as the "televox," was demonstrated here by H. J. Wensley, engineer for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

Sensitive Ear
The device has an extremely sensitive ear, attuned to voice sound waves that must be delicately carried to a mechanistic "brain."

Orders are issued through a tuning fork into the telephone, to which is attached a small loud speaker. The telephone connection is made in the usual way. When the bell rings at the post of the automaton a ringing relay calls into action the equipment, which lifts the receiver. Amplifiers then take up the sounds that come over the magnified, controlling different waves, and the current thus transmitted, traveling on or off a switch, as desired.

The televox is contained in a box three feet high and two feet wide and consists of a series of sound filters, amplifiers and magnetic levers. It responds only to sound transmitted by telephone and only to sounds pitched in certain keys.

In the demonstration of the first sound sent over the televox the automatic slave lit a series of lights, at the second it turned on an electric fan, at the third it switched on a searchlight.

Three of the machines are in active use by the war department stationed at the three reservoirs that supply water to Washington, D. C. There they watch over levees, performing perfectly on a 24-hour-a-day basis the duties the same number of human workmen would be called upon to do in eight hours.

GIVEN \$3,000
BECAUSE BALL
HIT HIS HEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—George Curtis won a verdict of \$3,000 against the Portland baseball club today in his damage suit for injuries suffered when hit by a foul ball in the grandstand of the local park. The ball struck Curtis on the right side of the nose below the eye, breaking the nose and injuring the jaw. The mishap occurred in May, 1925. The ball club contended that in sitting in an unprotected place in the grandstand a spectator assumes the risk of being hit but the jury took a different view.

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