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THE SAINTS: God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence to all them that are about Him. Psalm 89:7.

A lot of our people seem to think home is where the brew is.

### THE LA GRANDE QUARTET

A community becomes known beyond its own borders by various means. La Grande is known for its fine band, for its beautiful valley, for its gateway to the Willowa country, for its hospitality as a convention city. Other things could be mentioned. In the years to come we imagine it will gain wide fame as a hotel city and as the home of Eastern Oregon's state normal school. All of which helps to attract people and investments since communities grow in proportion to the favorable attention they attract and the unusual things they have to offer.

Not the least among the things that have contributed to La Grande's fame in the past and that have contributed greatly to La Grande's enjoyment, is the male quartet originally sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. For many years the quartet, made up by Messrs. Stoddard, Williams, Birnie and Dutton, with Mrs. Birnie as accompanist, gave generously of its talent to the people of this community. Now, since Mr. Dutton's removal to Portland last spring, it is broken up.

Yesterday, when the "top tenor" returned for a day's visit, the quartet was re-united to the delight of those attending the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary club, and the loss to the community of this fine musical organization was emphasized anew as they sang many old favorites as only the La Grande quartet can sing them.

Few people appreciate how much publicity the quartet gave this city. It sang in Yakima and at Bellingham for the conventions of the Pacific Coast Realtors—was directly responsible for bringing that convention here last year. They sang at the Tacoma district conference of Rotary clubs, at every convention and meeting of any prominence held in La Grande in recent years. Hundreds, even thousands of people throughout the Northwest know La Grande through the beautifully harmonized voices of these four men.

To maintain such a quartet and such a reputation is not an easy thing. Many hours of practice and many hours of memorizing were necessary. The time required for preparation and for singing for scores of different occasions must have been tremendous. Certainly it represented a great sacrifice for four men whose time was already much in demand because of other community activities and their private business affairs. There was no compensation except the knowledge that they were contributing to the enjoyment and happiness of their fellow-citizens and visitors. During the life of the quartet it is doubtful if any individual in La Grande gave more liberally of his time and energy in community service than these four men.

For a voluntary organization the number of songs in their repertoire was remarkable. At the farewell dinner given for the quartet a few months ago we were told that there were twenty-odd songs they sang without words or music and more than that number with the music. They enjoyed singing together, took particular pride in the exacting details of their harmony. No wonder that their equal was not to be found among many professional organizations.

Not wishing to wait until white hair—or none—adorns their amiable brows and old age destroys the charm of their voices, The Observer takes this opportunity to pay tribute to La Grande's quartet. The community has always appreciated their songs and their service. Now that they are no longer possible, it feels the loss keenly. It will be difficult, indeed, to build another organization with similar musical ability and with similar fine spirit.

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## BUSINESS SHOWS AGGRESSIVE HAND

### U. S. Chamber of Commerce Adopts Legislative, Economic Policy

WEST BADEN, Ind., Oct. 19 (AP)—American business as represented by the chamber of commerce of the United States today stood committed to an aggressive outline of legislative and economic policy touching practically every phase of the complex industrial and political structure of the United States.

Directors of the organization today gave formal consideration to resolutions passed yesterday by the national council of the chamber which after hearing pronouncements of officers and committees formally passed nearly a score of resolutions.

Ratification by the directors was regarded as a formality.

The national council, representing cross sections of every industry and coming from every corner of the United States, yesterday approved the recommendations of President Lewis E. Pierson, of New York, for a program of organized business. This program advocated congressional action to reduce corporation income taxes, repeal estate and excise taxes, approved previously enacted government policies touching return of sequestered alien property to private owners, scientific revision of postal rates, business men's cooperation with agriculture, Mississippi river flood control and voluntary railway consolidations and emphatically denounced continued government ownership of merchant marine, government undertaking of enterprises more suited to private business and further extension of bureaucracy in federal government.

## Oregon City Fire Loss About \$55,000

OREGON CITY, Ore., Oct. 19 (AP)—Fire last night destroyed the Oregon City foundry, with a loss estimated at \$55,000. The foundry, established in 1859, specialized in sawmill machinery, and of late years manufactured much of the machinery for the Hawley Pulp and Paper company.

Colonel Point, 2000 feet above Clear Canyon, was the spot selected by the Ute Indians to which went an Indian who had committed an unforgivable crime against the tribal laws, to pay the death penalty by leaping from the cliff.

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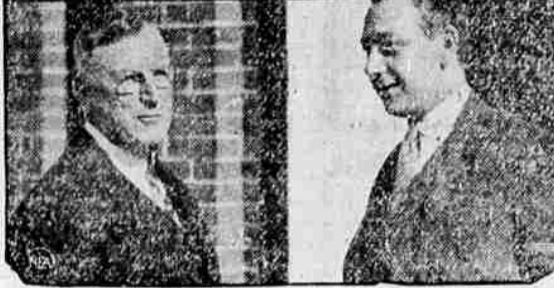
(ENLA Service, Berlin Bureau) Fritz Lamm, German airman thwarted by bad weather on his first attempt to fly the Atlantic from Germany, has again set out for America via the Azores, from Solferino.

## ELINOR'S HUBBY



(ENLA Service, N. Y. Bureau) Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hill were honeymooning at Atlantic City when this picture was taken on the boardwalk. She was Elinor, daughter of the head of the Campbell Soup company. Last year this time she was peering anxiously in her father's Campbell plant just to experience a factory girl's life.

## LILLIENDAHL CASE HEADLINERS



Prominent figures in New Jersey's Lillendahl murder case are pictured above. Top, Mrs. Lillendahl and her lawyer, C. M. Phillips; center, Postmaster William Tamberlain of Vineland, N. J., and his wife, who delivered the "Peggy Anderson" letters to Mrs. Lillendahl; below, Prosecutor Hinkle and Detective Black.

## Fort Madison, Iowa Merchant Chosen As "Average Man" of United States

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (AP)—average home on an average street, drives an average car and is the head of a family of four which is the average used by the census bureau.

Neither a leader nor laggard in the affairs of his town, Roy L. Gray, the "average" nominee, has just jazz to light classical composition, average education, lives in an

He is a church member who does not attend services regularly. He takes in radio music from car, has just jazz to light classical composition, and he believes the movies

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to be not as bad as they are reputed to be. The younger generation does not alarm him. He has an average interest in matters which do not directly affect his home or his business.

### Interested in Politics

A party man in national politics, he is independent on local issues. His attitude on prohibition is non-committal because he believes neither wet nor dry are giving him accurate information on the issue. He is a member of the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club, the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

"Most of all," he says, "I am interested in my home. And next comes my business because my home depends upon it."

He likes to read the current magazines better than anything else, but reads the advertisements first because "they keep me in touch with the latest developments."

### Reads Speeches

In the newspapers he reads with interest about new inventions, then about great disasters or unusual crimes. Foreign news has no appeal for him, but the speeches of the president or of the governor of Iowa he will read from beginning to end.

The choice of Mr. Gray to wear the title bestowed upon him ended a nation wide search in which Mr. Dutton used a map, a weather chart and the census report, dividing the number of cities and towns in the country into its population to find that Fort Madison was the average town in population, location and climate.

Once Fort Madison was selected, its citizens were asked to choose from among themselves who best represented the average. The city found that "there is a little bit of all of us in Roy L. Gray."

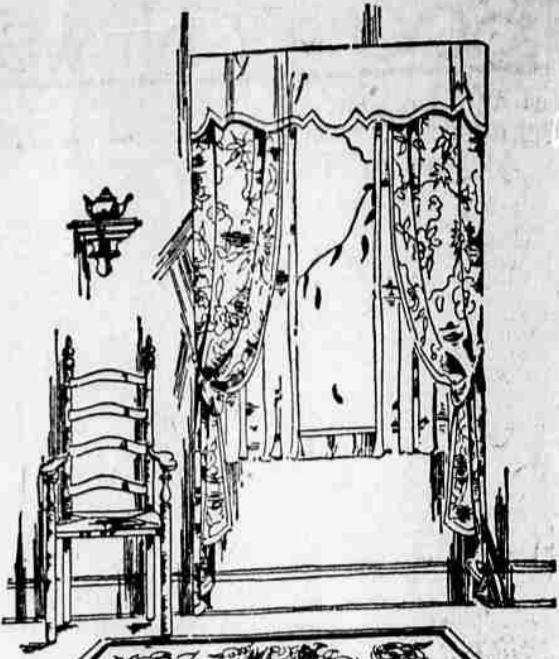
## Gives \$2,500,000 For Research Work

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—The anonymous donation of \$2,500,000 to the most costly archaeological enterprise ever undertaken has been announced with publication of plans to excavate 25 acres on which stood the Agora of Athens, famous market place of antiquity.

The American philanthropist making this gift to research did so through Colonel Arthur Woods, former police commissioner of New York, on the stipulation that the donor's name be kept secret. With these funds the American

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school of archaeological studies at Athens, which has already obtained consent of the Greek government for the excavation work, will raise \$1,000,000 worth of property on which several thousand people live in an effort to bring to light the culture of the ancient world. The ancient market place is believed to contain buried temples, libraries, stadia and other public edifices. These may hold the artistic treasures described by Cicero, Pausanias and other classical writers that have been buried since the reign of Pericles. The site is termed the most promising of the world and its excavation has been estimated for several years.

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