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OREGON: Unsettled; probably
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P.-T. A. CONVENTION DRAWS NEARLY 200

BUSINESS OF
CONVENTION
IS TAKEN UPReports of State Officers
Presented at Session
This MorningGROWTH DURING
LAST YEAR GREATOrganization Now Has
17,000 Members—Child
Welfare Accomplish-
ments Stressed.

The first business session of the 22nd annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers was called to order here this morning at 10 o'clock by the president, Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, and during the morning reports of state officers and a few committee reports were heard.

The Rev. J. George Walz gave the invocation, after which greetings were read from Mrs. A. H. Reeves, of Philadelphia, national president. The convention program was then presented by Mrs. William Kietzer, corresponding secretary, for the executive committee, and was accepted.

Mrs. Bruce R. Kester, of Ontario, chairman of the rules committee, reported the rules of the convention, which were made to conform as closely as possible with those of the national convention. Mrs. A. King Wilson was introduced as parliamentarian.

129 Delegates
Nearly 200 visiting women are registered so far for the convention, 129 of which are accredited delegates with the right to vote. Mrs. Carl Douhan, of La Grande, chairman of the credentials committee, reported during the morning session. The delegates represent 63 associations in the state, and include 14 teachers. Forty-five of the delegates present have been teachers. It was learned during the morning session.

Mrs. H. R. Hanna, chairman of the conference committee, announced that a number of conferences had been applied for and would be held Thursday and Friday mornings in the First Baptist church and in the I. O. O. F. lodge hall.

Mrs. Kietzer Reports
The first state officer to give her report was Mrs. William Kietzer, corresponding secretary, who paid tribute to Mrs. Frederic H. Mory, who preceded her in this office and was compelled to resign because of her health. Mrs. Kietzer told of the work accomplished during the year and some of the things hoped for in the future.

Mrs. H. M. Shaw, of Milwaukee, treasurer, gave a detailed report, which showed \$492 on hand in the general fund at present. Mrs. Lillie D. Thomas, recording secretary, of Portland, gave a brief report. Mrs. Louis Lodge, vice president,

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CITY BUDGET
HEARING DUE
THIS EVENING

At the regular meeting of the city commission this evening in the municipal building at 7:30 o'clock, the hearing on the proposed budget for 1928 will be held.

The budget total for the year is \$139,191.27, compared with \$130,460.63 for 1927 and \$125,855.50 for 1926.

IF HE
USED HIS
MIRROR

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P.-T. A. CONGRESS CHIEF



Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, who gave her annual address at the opening meeting last night. Mrs. Gabriel is of Portland.

Witt and Welch
Found Guilty of
Burglary Charge

Mark Witt and Jack Welch were found guilty of burglary not in a dwelling but in the circuit court today after the jury had been out about two hours. Sentence will be passed later. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles instructed and dismissed the jury to the jury room at 11:30 o'clock, the deliberation ending when the report was made at 2 o'clock.

Witt and Welch were arrested about a month ago at Cove when they were caught coming out of the Orton car store, according to court officials.

Union-Wallowa
Masons to Meet
Here on Friday

A district meeting of the Masonic lodges of Union and Wallowa counties will be held here Friday evening, Oct. 28, when a special degree team from the Craftsman's club at Eugene, of which University of Oregon master masons are eligible for membership, will be present and will confer the third degree.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic lodge hall, and will be preceded by a chicken dinner at 6:30 o'clock in the L. O. O. F. building. The Masonic lodges of Union, Cove, Elgin, Summerville, Lostine, Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph will be represented at the meeting. All local Masons and visiting members of the lodge are invited to attend.

One of the sponsors of the visiting team is Paul A. Shaw, formerly a La Grande man, but now attending the university.

Legionnaires To
Gather at Union

About 30 American Legion members and their wives are expected to attend the Union, Baker and Wallowa county legion banquet and dance tonight at the Union hotel. Guests are expected to number all around 50. Informal talks during the banquet will be heard but no formal program has been arranged, according to American Legion officials of this city. The Baker and La Grande posts have had charge of the arrangements for the affair.

President Again
Gives His Stand

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—President Coolidge reiterated today to one of his callers that there is plenty of timber in the republican party from which to choose a presidential nominee without considering him.

The caller was Louis Wiley, business manager of the New York Times, who expressed to the president his surprise last August when he read the announcement that Mr. Coolidge did not choose to run for re-election. The president, Wiley said, dismissed the subject with a statement that there were plenty of men to choose from.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26, (AP)—President Coolidge today issued a proclamation setting aside Nov. 24 as Thanksgiving day and calling upon the people to show suitable gratitude for "manifest blessings" which have come to them during the past year.

GAME COMMISSION
PLANS ARE TOLD

L. A. Wright, of Union, Says Wallowa Lake to Be Screened Soon

UNION, Ore., Oct. 26 (Special)—Responding to a call from the president, about 50 members of the Union Sportsman's club met Monday evening in the club cabin at the fish hatchery grounds for a business meeting. The men brought sandwiches, cakes and pies, and a committee served salmon, coffee and baked beans. The dinner was served about 6:30 o'clock and was followed by the business session.

One of the chief discussions was in reference to the members putting on a minstrel play. The club decided in favor of the show, and President R. H. Bonney appointed William Baxter, George Baxter and Tony Smith as a committee in charge of the affair. Mr. Belmont, of the Eastern Oregon Music company, of La Grande, was present, and said that he could furnish a male quartet number for the program.

L. A. Wright, local member of the state game commission, was present and told the members about the activities of the commission during the summer. The proper screening of Wallowa Lake so as to prevent the escape of smaller fish will be taken up when the water in the lake is low enough for the work to be done, he announced. He also told of the attempt to build a dam for Sturgeon lake near Portland, and why this project is being held up at present.

Another matter the commission discussed was the flooding of more land adjacent to Lower Klamath lake for a bird preserve. Mr. Wright ended his talk by urging that the members of all sportsmen's clubs given their unstinted aid to the game wardens in seeing that the fish and game laws are respected.

County Game Warden John Walden, another La Grande man, who attended the meeting, told about his efforts to see that the laws were obeyed. He reported that this year there was a shortage of Chinese pheasants and grouse in several counties of Eastern Oregon. An estimate, based on his findings, and reports from others, places the license money received from hunters and fishermen in the county this year at considerably more than \$19,000.

Walden, formerly a Union county boy, and employee at the local fish hatchery, now making his home in California, told about the fish and game conditions in California.

The members so thoroughly enjoyed a plate of fried fish which the president had furnished for the feed that they voted to have a trout feed before the season closed. Sunday, Nov. 5, is set as the day for the fishing trips, with a limit of 10 fish to each fisherman, and the feed is to be held on the evening of the seventh at the cabin. R. H. Bonney agreed to see that the fish were fried if the men would have them at the hatchery by noon on Monday.

Pleads Guilty To
Larceny Charge

Guy Bates pleaded guilty on charges of petty larceny before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles this morning. He will be sentenced at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

MRS. GABRIEL
ADDRESSES
CONVENTIONState President of Parent-
Teacher Congress Gives
Annual MessageWELCOME VISITORS
AT FIRST SESSIONCity Officials and Educa-
tors Extend Greetings
—Mrs. Dodge, Ashland,
Responds.

Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, told something of the purpose and aims of parent-teacher work last evening, when the opening session of the 22nd annual convention of the congress was held in the First Presbyterian church, convention headquarters.

The church was crowded with interested delegates and visitors, and preceding the president's address the visiting women were welcomed to the city by J. T. Longfellow, representing the schools of the city; E. A. Sayre, who spoke for the schools of the county; A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, who spoke for the city itself; H. B. Coolidge, president of the Union county chamber of commerce; Mrs. Sherwood Williams, president of the La Grande Neighborhood club; the Rev. Oliver Riley, representing the La Grande Ministerial Association; and Mrs. L. Faus, president of the La Grande Parent-Teacher city council and general chairman of the convention.

Mrs. Dodge Responds
Mrs. Carl Helm, vice president of this district, presided over the meeting, and after the visitors were welcomed called upon Mrs. Louis Dodge, of Ashland, for four years first vice president of the state organization, and for two years a member of the state board of managers, for the response.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Harley Richardson at the piano and R. J. Dykhus sang two selections, accompanied by Miss Cynthia Holt.

Mrs. Gabriel's Address
The president's address followed: "My dear members and friends of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers: It is a great pleasure to greet you this evening on the happy occasion which brings our workers from every part of the state in the interests of the children."

"The great bond which draws us together is parent-teacherhood, the common tie which makes many of our interests as one. Happy indeed we should be, for the glory of youth lies at the very heart of our congress of parents and teachers. Joy should be ours as we work in its ranks. The brightness of the dawn and the awakening of spring should color and inspire our thoughts. Are we not striving for the best for all youth, the coming citizen, the men and women of tomorrow? Need there is indeed for us to huddle a trail down which the dancing feet of our children may pass in safety. To shield them in their tender, impressionable years from forces which would rob them of their best heritage of life, love and labor. To enlighten them, to teach, to train, to develop. Who may do this but the parents themselves, and how may they know unless they study to find out the way?"

"The Inner Meaning"
"This, then is the true and inner meaning of our parent-teacher work."

"That, not collectively can the child be trained to task, but as individuals we may study collectively to bring to ourselves a truer

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Government Seeks to Show Fall
Resorted to Secrecy in Oil Deal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Holding steadfastly to its line of attack, the government continued today to produce testimony to show that Albert R. Fall resorted to secrecy in order to turn over to Harry F. Sinclair the navy's Teapot Dome naval oil reserve.

More Paralysis
Cases Reported
In West OregonNew Outbreaks at Tigard
and in Marion County—
Girl, 2, Dies in Astoria
of Disease.

TIGARD, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—On the discovery of one infantile paralysis case here and two other suspected cases, the local public school has been closed for one week by order of the city superintendent.

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—Ladona Ann Smith, aged 2, died yesterday at the home of her parents at Skamokawa, Wash., of infantile paralysis. She was the first victim of the disease in the lower Columbia river region.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—Marion county's third case of infantile paralysis in the last two weeks was reported to county health officials late yesterday. The case, a mild one, is that of 15-year-old Marjorie Jane Bosler, a high school student. The other two cases in the county are improving satisfactorily, according to officials.

MASKED MEN
ROB BUSINESS
MAN OF \$3629

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—Two armed men, with faces covered with black masks held up Joe Lemma, proprietor of the Linton department store, slugged him into unconsciousness and robbed him of \$3629 shortly after he opened the store today.

Commanding Lemma to throw up his hands the robbers took about \$50 from the cash register, and forced him into the office, where by prodding him with their guns they compelled him to open the safe.

As the door swung open one of the bandits floored Lemma with the butt of a gun. After rifling the safe the robbers escaped in a waiting auto. They stopped for gas at a service station three miles northwest of Linton.

Meanwhile customers flocked into the store and a delivery boy and driver waited on them. Lemma was not found until the rush subsided and the boy and driver discovered him unconscious in his office. Yesterday was payday at Linton and Lemma had on hand a large amount of money to cash checks.

To Pave Street
At Camp Clatsop

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—Plans for the further development of Camp Clatsop, the field camp for the Oregon national guard, were made today by Colonel Hiram U. Welch, commanding the 18th Infantry, and Lieut. Col. A. C. Baker, chief of staff.

Funds recently appropriated by the war department will be used to construct about 20 additional buildings. It is planned to pave the main camp street before field maneuvers next June.

Kills Two Bobcats
With Sticks, Stones

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—Miss Minnie Suiste, 16, living southwest of this city, yesterday killed two bobcats with sticks and stones. She was herding sheep when her dogs drove the big cats into a cliff where she pelted them with boulders and sticks until they died.

APPLE SHOW OPENS

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—The annual Milton-Freewater apple show in the east end of Umatilla county opened this morning for a two-day exhibit.

Corporation, a prospective bidder, Owen J. Roberts, special oil counsel, drew testimony that after Fall had promised to notify Kistler if it was decided to lease the reserve, Kistler got his first information that the lease had been consummated by reading the newspapers.

Amos L. Beatty, chairman of the board of the Texas Oil company, testified that his company had offered terms for the exchange of fuel for crude oil from the reserve which figured higher than the Sinclair terms. He also learned of the lease through the newspapers, but saw no effort at secrecy by Fall.

Fall was again active, interrupting Sinclair counsel at one point to suggest additional questions to be asked of witnesses on cross examination.

MRS. McPHERSON



Mrs. C. F. McPherson, pictured above, is assistant general chairman of the parent-teacher convention now in progress here. She has been nominated as vice president of this district and is a former president of the La Grande City Council of P.-T. A.

ADMIRAL TAKEN
FROM HIS POSTSecretary of War Relieves
Magruder from His
Command

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26 (AP)—It was learned at the navy yard this afternoon that Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder has been relieved of his command of the fourth naval district, and has been ordered to return to the United States.

Magruder, who has been in command of the fourth naval district since 1924, was relieved of his command by Secretary of War D. H. Hughes.

While the admiral declined to outline his plans in detail, close friends said an appeal to President Coolidge, with a complete official review of the magazine article controversy and subsequent events leading up to the order of detachment, might be sought if Secretary Wilbur refused to reconsider his action. Pointing to his 42 years of service during which they said he had frequently been commended for meritorious service, but never reprimanded, the admiral's friends said his summary detachment probably was without precedent in the United States navy.

"Secretary Wilbur's orders was a hard blow to me," said Admiral Magruder. "I can't understand it at all. I was under the impression that the controversy arising from my magazine article had been straightened out. Surely I have not been detached through lack of attention to duty, for I have always worked diligently to build up the navy. Since I have been here I have worked from early morning until late at night."

FUTURE STATUS UNCERTAIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The future status of Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder, critic of navy methods and professed advocate of economies in naval expenditures, remained in doubt following notification from Secretary Wilbur that he had been removed from command of the fourth naval district.

Surprise and speculation were rife among navy men here, especially in view of the fact that the affair created by the admiral's recent magazine article had been declared a closed incident by the navy department. The opinion of the admiral's removal was not made public until late this morning.

Meanwhile Admiral Magruder awaited at Philadelphia the arrival of his successor, awaiting that he would ask a thorough explanation and preparing for a trip to Washington in response to summons from Secretary Wilbur.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26, (AP)—The relief of Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder, as commander of the fourth naval district.

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Mrs. Gates is Given
Verdict of \$17,500

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26, (AP)—Verdict for \$17,500 was returned in favor of Mrs. Adeline M. Gates last night in her breach of promise suit against R. Russell Smith, former northwest golf champion. Defendant's counsel W. W. Banks declared that Smith had nothing with which to satisfy the judgment.

Unity-Hereford
Stretch of Road
To Be SurfacedJoslin and McAllister Succes-
sful Bidders on Two
Eastern Oregon High-
way Jobs.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26, (AP)—Grading of the Devil's valley section of the Klamath-Lakeview highway, six miles, will be advertised by the state highway commission for the November meeting.

Surfacing of the last stretch of the John Day highway, 6.4 miles, the Cow valley-Brokan section, also will be advertised for next month. In discussing location of a highway through Yachats, in Lincoln county the commission late yesterday announced that hereafter it will not divulge the route of a new road until it had acquired such scenic points as are desired for parks.

Contracts were awarded as follows: Polk county: Bridge over Yamhill river six miles west of William, Clackamas Construction company, \$18,397.

Crook and Deeschutes counties: Buildings at Prineville and Bend for department equipment: John J. Cunningham, \$3500 for the two.

Baker county: Unity-Hereford section of Baker-Unity highway: 14.5 miles surfacing: Joslin and McAllister, \$66,810.

Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties: Arlington-Pendleton section of Old Oregon trail; maintenance material: Joslin and McAllister, \$79,139.

Klamath county: Keno-Klamath Falls section of Ashland-Klamath Falls highway; maintenance material: Simonson and Hefty, \$54,115.

Lane county: East unit Lowell-Goodman creek section of William-et highway; grading 3.9 miles: Moon Bros., \$108,890.

Senator Curtis
Willing To Be
G. O. P. Choice

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26, (AP)—Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, republican leader of the senate, today intimated the 1928 presidential race.

In a letter to Roy L. Bone, of Topeka, organizer of the "Curtis-for-president" club in Kansas, the senator wrote that "if my friends of Kansas desire to send a delegation to the next republican national convention favorable to my nomination, I shall be greatly pleased to be their candidate."

The republican leader humbly declared, however, that "I will not consent to become a candidate if the delegation is to be selected with the view of voting for me for a few ballots as a 'favorite son'."

"As I stated when the question was first put to me 'I will not allow myself to be used as a stalking horse for anyone,'" Senator Curtis added.

The Kansas is one of the first administration leaders to definitely enter the presidential race since President Coolidge made his announcement last August that he did not choose to run for president next year.

Senator Curtis did not amplify his declaration that he would not be a "stalking horse" for anyone, but it was taken to mean that he did not wish to have the Kansas delegation for trading purposes in the convention and would consent to run only as a serious contender for the nomination.

Schwartzbard Is
Held Not Guilty

PARIS, Oct. 26 (AP)—Samuel Schwartzbard, young Jewish watchmaker, who assassinated General Simon Petliura, Ukrainian separatist leader last year, "to avenge the Ukrainian pogroms" was acquitted today.

Announcement of the verdict was greeted with cheers and tears of joy by a great crowd which packed the courtroom.

Outside of the palace of justice on the Ile De La Cite, the heart of Paris—there were thousands who set up a great cheering punctuated here and there by exclamations of disapproval by Ukrainians and other sympathizers of the slain leader.

ITALIAN SHIP
SINKS; MANY
LOST AT SEALiner Carrying 1,208 Per-
sons, Goes Down Off
Coast of Brazil1,000 BELIEVED TO
HAVE BEEN SAVEDCause of Tragedy Is Un-
known But Sharp Reef
May Have Pierced Ves-
sel, Reports State.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Oct. 25 (AP)—Only 34 of the 1,258 persons aboard the steamship Princessa Mafalda were missing late today said a message received here by the local agency of the Navigazione Generale Italiana.

The cause of the sinking, as given in the message received in Montevideo was the collision of the ship with a floating hulk.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 25 (AP)—Latest advice received here indicated that almost all of the more than 1,200 persons aboard the Italian steamship Princessa Mafalda, which sank last night off the coast of Brazil, had been saved.

Many of those shipwrecked have arrived at Bahia in small boats. These confirmed previous news that the boilers of the ship had exploded.

Ten steamships were stated to be standing by the scene giving aid to the victims.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 26 (AP)—The luxurious Italian steamship Princessa Mafalda, carrying more than a thousand passengers, most of them Italian, sank last night off the coast of Brazil with a death toll believed to number in the hundreds.

Rescue ships standing by all night picked up at least 720 persons of the 1,208 stated to have been aboard the stricken vessel, while another estimate placed the number saved at 1000.

A Brazilian cruiser, the Itad Grande do Sul, was under orders to aid in rescue work, while four steamers were at the scene three of which were known to have rescued hundreds of persons.

Cause Unknown
The cause of the appalling disaster was not definitely known here, but it was believed that the vessel struck a reef off the Abrolhos rocks and foundered after her boilers had exploded.

The Princessa Mafalda, reported to be the fastest in the European-South American service, was en route from Genoa to Rio Janeiro and Buenos Aires, sank near the Abrolhos rocks, 30 miles southeast from Brazil and about 400 miles off the coast from Caracas, midway between Bahia and Rio Janeiro.

Word received here by wireless and at Pernambuco said that the stricken vessel sent out its first SOS call at 7:17 p. m. and sank several hours later at 11 p. m. after her boilers had exploded.

Although shipping circles here stated that there were 1500 persons aboard the liner, the Rio Janeiro agent of the Navigazione Generale Italiana, owners of the ship, stated that the number of persons aboard the vessel was 1,258 of whom 240 were members of the crew.

All but 110 of the passengers were Italian emigrants bound for a new home land in Brazil and Argentina, 741 of the passengers were.

MISSING GIRL
IS DISCOVERED
AT BEND, ORE.

BEND, Ore., Oct. 26, (AP)—River girl, missing since Oct. 17, was found here late yesterday. She said she did not know how Inez Fredericks with whom she left home, happened to get on a west bound freight train from which she jumped or fell at Cascade locks on Oct. 19. She said the two girls decided to run away while on their way to school. They boarded a freight. Before the train left Bend River the train crew began clearing it of hoboes and the girls got off, she said.

A brakeman got hold of Inez and that is when the girls separated. Alice said she had seen nothing of her friend since. She walked to The Dalles and continued to Bend by freight. Her discovery was due to the activity of Mrs. Nell King, Bend police matron. With the aid of police, county officers and a state official the matron forced her way into the home of the family where the girl was being hidden.