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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Friday; probably occasional rains west portion; moderate temperature.

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CAST VOTES
ON 2 SLATES;
COUNT LATER

Several Nominations Are Made from Floor at P. T. A. Business Meeting

MRS. DODGE LEADS
OPPOSITION LIST

Election Follows Heated Discussion of Amendments to Organization's By-Laws.

With an opposing element disagreeing on practically every subject introduced during this morning's business session of the 22nd annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, resulting in drawn-out arguments, it was impossible to complete this morning's program and at 1:30 this afternoon the session adjourned for lunch with the election ballots yet uncouned.

The meeting was a disagreement from the very beginning, and several counts and recounts of the accredited delegates, or those eligible to vote, was necessary before the real business of the morning finally got under way.

A final count and roll call of the accredited committee showed 191 credited delegates. The parliamentary was called into action on many occasions, and proved to be very helpful in settling arguments.

Two of the eight proposed amendments to the by-laws failed to carry, one losing by eight votes, and the other ending in a count of 99 for and 61 against. The constitution call for a two-thirds vote for an amendment to carry.

Election of Officers

When all of the proposed amendments had been considered, the convention turned to the election of officers. Mrs. W. T. Brice, chairman of the nominating committee, was called upon to give her report and responded. After considerable argument about only one name being placed on the ballot for each office, and an explanation by Mrs. Brice that this was the privilege of the committee, the report was accepted.

Mrs. M. Shaw, of Milwaukie, state treasurer acting as chairman, appointed Miss Harriett Thayer, of Portland; Mrs. C. M. Belcher, of Medford; Mrs. Manley Smith, of Portland; the Rev. J. George Walz, of La Grande; Mrs. Hazel C. Hoff, of Portland; and H. M. Broadbent, of Baker, as tellers.

Nominations from the floor were then called for and the first to take the floor was Miss Grace Brice, of Portland, who nominated Mrs. Louis Dodge, of Ashland, as president.

Nearly Complete Ticket

A complete ticket with the exception of seven vice president and treasurer and several of the district vice presidents was nominated from the floor. The only competition for the office of district vice president is in district No. 4, where two women are nominated.

Nominations made from the floor by the opposition group follows:

For president: Mrs. Louis Dodge, of Ashland; first vice president:

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LAST HALF OF
TAXES DUE IN
COUNTY, NOV. 5

Nov. 5 is the last day on which taxes for the last half of the year may be paid without interest. It was announced this morning by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Helms. Mr. Helms requests that taxpayers bring with them the receipts for payment of the first half taxes in order to save confusion and time in the transaction.

IF HE
USED HIS
MIRROR

The business man whose business doesn't grow is as disturbed as you are when your income doesn't do the same thing. He wants to know why—just as you do.

He might not be able to help you in your difficulties but you probably are able to help him. If he'd only ask you. You could tell him a lot of things about improved service and stocks possible—but your primary reason for not trading with him is that his business doesn't interest you enough. And yet it is probably a very interesting business. AFTER you know about it. The only way you can know about it is through his advertising. It's the one means on which you depend for business news. It's the business looking-glass. If his business is not in the picture you see, your interest naturally goes elsewhere.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

La Grande And
Baker Teams To
Play Saturday

Bulldogs Favored to Win from Tigers—Band to Accompany Eleven to Copper City.

Baker and La Grande, traditional gridiron foes, will clash in their annual battle Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Baker, with the Bulldogs having the edge in odds. Baker defeated Union 57 to 0 last Saturday and has been undefeated this season, while La Grande has lost both to Enterprise and Wallawa. Of late years the two schools have been alternating, La Grande winning in 1924, Baker in 1925 and the Tigers last year, and from all indications, fans declare, Baker is due to win again this week end.

Coach Ralph Christie, while not optimistic, believes that his team is much stronger than two weeks ago, declaring that his interference is working considerably better. He will take 16 men to Baker.

Coach Glindeman, of Baker, is confident his team will win. W. W. Nussbaum, director of music in the schools, is taking the 40-piece high school band to Baker and the band will be at the Baker field during the entire game. Considerable interest is being shown locally in the appearance of the band. It is expected that a large crowd of La Grande fans will be on hand for Saturday's game.

VOLTAGE TEST IS
MADE BY E. O. L. P.New Transmission Line
Cut in at North Powder—
Improvement Noted

An interesting experiment conducted by the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, in connection with the new transmission line which is now practically completed to Union, is explained today by J. P. Lottridge, vice president, in a communication to The Observer, accompanied by two charts illustrating the experiment.

"Our new transmission line is practically completed to Union," Mr. Lottridge says, "but it is not quite in shape to be tied-in that far. Sunday we did tie-in, however, at North Powder, and began transmitting electricity to the Grande Ronde valley from Baker over the new transmission line as far as North Powder."

The two voltmeter charts one taken in La Grande on Oct. 22 before the new section of line was cut in, and the other at the same place Oct. 24, show a wide difference. On Friday's chart the line is very wavy, indicating unsteady voltage. Practically all of the smaller waves would not be noticeable in the operation of lights or other electric equipment and the longer fluctuations could only be noticed by a very slight flickering of a light, Mr. Lottridge explains.

"At the same time," he continues, "the service rendered was not up to the standard we try to maintain and the difference between Friday's and Monday's charts is very marked. You will see that on the chart for Oct. 24 there are practically no sharp fluctuations. The line is smooth and, from the standpoint of service, almost perfect. We are very much pleased with the indication shown by this experiment."

Mr. Lottridge states that approximately the same load conditions prevailed on both days; if anything, the load conditions were worse Monday than last Friday because of a heavier demand.

Bay Sentenced
To Year in Jail

Guy Bay, who pleaded guilty yesterday before Judge J. W. Knowles to petty larceny, was sentenced to one year in jail with the promise of a parole after serving six months, depending upon good behavior.

Judge Knowles passed the sentence at 10 o'clock this morning.

\$75 Stolen From
Local Drug Store

The Silverthorn-Wright Drug store was broken into during the night and approximately \$75 stolen from the safe, which had been left unlocked, according to a report to the police. It is believed that the burglars entered the store by way of the front door. Police have as yet found no clues that would lead to an arrest.

Bodies of Women
Found in Trunk

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 25 (AP)—The bodies of two young women were found dismembered in a trunk in a residence here this afternoon.

Police reported after a brief investigation that persons living in the house denied knowledge of the bodies. They were being questioned this afternoon.

200 ATTEND
BANQUET IN
HONAN HALL

Parent-Teacher Delegates Discuss Past History and the Future

TRIBUTE PAID TO
MRS. FRED SCHILKE

Americanization Program Held Later in Evening—Mrs. Gordon MacCracken Speaks.

Members of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers attending the 22nd annual convention here gathered at Honan hall last evening for their annual banquet, which was the theme of the banquet, and many toasts to the memories of the organization and the hopes were given. Mrs. Clyde Metcalf, of La Grande, presided as toastmistress. About 200 women were present, and a delicious banquet was served by the women of St. Peter's Episcopal guild.

Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, pioneer worker in the Oregon Congress, was the first speaker on the memories of the organization. "The Parent-Teacher association had its birth in the desire of parenthood to properly launch the children," she said. She told of the early history of the organization and the difficulties in getting started, but through it all the final mutual understanding and usefulness. "Surely big tasks grow from little acorns" she said in ending.

Honors Mrs. Schilke

Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, of Portland, another worker in the congress for many years, was the second speaker. She paid high tribute to the late Mrs. Fred Schilke, of La Grande, the only past president who is now deceased. She said that the word "sacrifice" comes closest to summing up the memories of the Oregon congress, that every woman who has held the presidency of the organization has sacrificed much to promote its work.

Bruce Kester, of Ontario, told something of the early work of the congress in Malheur county and Eastern Oregon, and of the early health work there.

Speak on "Hopes" Mrs. Louis Dodge, first vice president of the congress, of Ashland, Mrs. W. J. Gabriel, president, Mrs. B. L. Elliott, national treasurer, of Portland, and Mrs. J.

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Colored Singers
To Appear Here
Tomorrow Night

Williams' Colored singers, a musical organization which is now touring Eastern Oregon, will appear in the L. D. S. tabernacle Friday night under the auspices of the La Grande City Council of Parents and Teachers.

These singers, eight in number, have traveled over most of the United States and Europe, and are advertised as exponents of true melody.

The program will consist of jubilee songs, ballads, negro lullabies, classical selections and sacred songs. The parent-teacher council believes that the program will be a real treat for everyone who enjoys vocal music. Reserved seats may be secured at Glass Drugs.

Attending P. T. A. Convention

The following voting delegates and alternates were registered at P. T. A. headquarters yesterday afternoon:

Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, Portland; Mrs. Lenore Mooney, Portland; Mrs. G. C. Sales, Portland; Mrs. Roy Bush, Portland; Mrs. Lily D. Thomas, Portland; Mrs. Charles M. Adkins, Gales Creek; Mrs. D. C. French, La Grande; Mrs. H. C. Walgrave, Portland; Mrs. B. Worcester, Portland; Mrs. John Summers, Lebanon; Miss H. H. Gillespie, Portland; Mrs. P. V. Ross, Portland; Mrs. C. E. Phelps, Portland; Mrs. R. A. Johnson, Portland; Mrs. Wilfred W. Davis, Willamette; Mrs. E. A. Alger, Portland; Mrs. J. Chapman, Portland; Mrs. M. Brown, Gladstone; Mrs. E. S. Hall, Roseburg; Mrs. J. Marvin Lamb, Eugene; Mrs. F. E. Oxner, Eugene; Mrs. H. G. Hale, La Grande; Mrs. G. M. Pierce, La Grande; Mrs. Harry P. Hatfield, Roseburg; Mrs. L. C. Alexander, La Grande; Mrs. Lucille Reid, Portland; Mrs. Bertha Grillo, Portland.

Mrs. Anna Stodd, Portland; Mrs. Agnes Bjerkeland, Portland; Mrs. J. K. Charlton, La Grande; Mrs. John E. Bates, La Grande; Mrs. J. Faus, La Grande; Mrs. Carl Douchan, La Grande; Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, Portland; Mrs. R. A. Johnson, Portland; Mrs. L. Galbraith, Portland; Mrs. H. C. Morse, Portland; Mrs. A. A. Perlinger, Hood River; Mrs. A. J. Miller, Hood River; Miss Irene Rippey, Portland; Mrs. E. D. Towler, La

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LOCAL BONDS
ARE SOLD AT
HIGH FIGURE

Block of Municipal Improvement Bonds Draw Bid of 103.011

BUDGET ACCEPTED
BY COMMISSIONERS

Parking Ordinance Passed Will Become Effective in 30 Days—Water Supply Good.

A block of \$85,567.10 of municipal improvement bonds, under the Hancock act, were sold last night to George H. Burr, Conrad & Bloom at the highest price paid for La Grande offerings in many years. The purchasing company agreed to pay \$1,030.11 for each \$1,000 bond—more than three above par.

Announcement of the bond sale resulted in four bids being received, all offering to purchase the bonds at more than par. Hugh B. McGuire Co., Portland, bid \$1,022.50 for each \$1,000 bond; Blythe, Witter & Co., of Portland, bid \$1,012.50 for each \$1,000 and the Lumbermen's Trust company bid \$1,012.50 for each \$1,000. The fourth bid to be opened was the successful one. The bonds represent some 13 improvement districts in this city which have been completed. They are to be retired in 10 years and bear five and a half per cent interest.

Budget Accepted.

In addition, the city commission held a hearing on the city budget for 1928 last night and, as no objections or remonstrances were heard, the budget as prepared and advertised was accepted and the recorder was authorized to notify the county officials.

The budget this year is in the amount of \$133,101.27 of which \$83,804.27 must be raised by taxes. Special tax for interest and principal on bonds will amount to \$34,730.

Plenty of Water

The city manager, in speaking of the water situation, declared that the Old Town reservoir has run over every day since Aug. 26 from water received from the Beaver creek pipe line, and that no pumping from the deep wells has been done since the night of Aug. 25.

Parking Ordinance

A parking ordinance, which

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SERVICES AT
M. E. CHURCH
ATTRACT MANY

In spite of inclement weather and other attractions, the revival services now being conducted at the First Methodist Episcopal church by Dr. Theodore Copeland, of Dallas, Tex., are growing in size and more and more persons are flocking to the services. Regarders, are attending, it is reported.

Dr. Copeland, in his third week of services, declares that he is greatly encouraged and is also more and more pleased with the community.

Tonight, at 7:30 o'clock, he will preach on "Love." W. W. Nussbaum will have charge of the singing.

Last Sunday 18 persons applied for church membership.

THEY'RE HAPPY AGAIN



Above is Walter J. Hill, youngest son of the late James J. Hill, whose third marriage almost went on the rocks. Hill, a Montana ranch owner, photographed with one of his prize horses, married Mildred Richardson (right) former Pollock star, last spring a few minutes after divorcing his second wife. A short time ago she sued for separation, alleging cruelty, but they "made up" and blame the trouble onto gossip.

\$75,000 BONDS
SOLD BY BOARD

School District Block Purchased at 100.63, Delivered in La Grande

The La Grande board of education sold \$75,000 in bonds for refunding purposes last night to the Lumbermen's Trust company, of Portland, which bid \$100.63 per \$100 for delivery in La Grande. Foris & Hargrove, Dean, Witter & Co., bid \$100.75 and Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., and George H. Burr, Conrad & Bloom bid \$100.64, but both of these were for Portland delivery. Two other bids were received.

The board accepted the Lumbermen's Trust company bid because the purchasing company assumed the cost of insuring the bonds and transmission of \$75,000 by fire from Portland to New York.

The bonds, payable serially, are four and three-fourths per cent while the bonds the board is calling carried five per cent. In addition to this savings, the new bonds are serial bonds and the board's obligation under these and other serial bonds for each year is fixed whereas under the bond issues now being called, the district was called upon to pay as much as \$30,000 in one year.

For a period of 10 years the board has paid off \$5,000 two years, and for the last two years, has paid \$10,000 plus interest. Beginning this year the board will

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Court Hears of
Transactions In
Liberty Bonds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—Getting to the heart of its case, the government today presented testimony in the Teapot Dome trial that \$90,000 in liberty bonds had been placed in a safety box held in the name of Albert R. Fall after the leasing of Teapot Dome to Harry E. Sinclair and that huge debts of Fall's New Mexico ranch had been paid off about the same time.

The \$90,000 in bonds was placed with the First National bank of Pueblo, Colo., by M. T. Everhart, Fall's brother-in-law, after a trip east. M. T. R. Tule, assistant cashier of the bank testified. Then the government presented the books of Fall's Teapot Dome ranch, in which Everhart also was interested, and developed testimony that holders of \$110,000 in notes had been paid off with bonds other than the \$90,000 Everhart had deposited.

Rule's testimony followed a ruling by the court that Sinclair's sworn testimony evidence before the senate oil investigation committee could not be used against him but that voluntary statements he had made to the public might be offered. The point at issue was whether Sinclair went to Fall's ranch prior to leasing the oil field reserve from the former secretary of the interior for the purpose of discussing the dome.

M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of Fall, the man the government contends carried liberty bonds to Albert R. Fall after the leasing of Teapot Dome, naval oil reserve, declined to answer a number of questions in the oil trial today on the ground that it might tend to incriminate him.

Captain Sticks
To Ship; Tells
of Scores Lost

Reports Today Indicate That 68 Were Drowned When Italian Passenger Liner Sank.

BAHIA, Brazil, Oct. 27 (AP)—Still shaken by horrible scenes of Tuesday night when the Italian steamship Principeessa Mafalda sank off the coast of Brazil, Captain Privat, commander of the French steamer Mosella, which rescued about 100 persons today told of the horror of the night, as men, women and children struggled helplessly in the sea.

Although advice gathered from the more than half dozen rescue ships at the scene indicated that only a comparatively handful of more than 1200 passengers and crew on the vessel were lost, Captain Privat expressed belief that it was not an exaggeration to say that there were 400 dead.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 27 (AP)—Rescue ships sped toward this port today carrying hundreds who were snatched from death when the Italian liner Principeessa Mafalda sank after an explosion 30 miles off the coast of Brazil opposite Porto Segura, about 600 miles north of here.

Indications were that the rescue ships, the first of which is due here at midnight tonight, picked up all but 68 of a total of 928 passengers and a crew of 240 aboard the Mafalda.

The survivors of the disaster told graphic stories to the commanders of the ships which rescued them and their accounts were forwarded by wireless. The exact number of victims was not included in their accounts.

The passengers, 800 of whom were Italian emigrants bound for the promised land of South America, where in high spirits as the Mafalda approached the coast.

Suddenly the ship came to a brusque halt. The Mafalda's radio frantically called S.O.S. The nearest ships responded to the call under forced draught and relayed it being others to the rescue.

The radio operator in a later message said that a fatal accident had occurred aboard the Mafalda because of dryness in the boiler plates. Experts were inclined to believe that the boilers exploded due to an improper water supply. Drowning and scalding, among the passengers turned to consternation and trembling. The coolness of the ship's officers prevented a panic.

Need Cars for Trip
Over Grande Ronde

Courtesy cars for a tour of the Grande Ronde valley tomorrow afternoon have been requested of the chamber of commerce by the parent-teacher organizations here. Earl Reynolds, secretary, announced today. The parent-teacher associations wish to give their visitors, attending the state congress, a view of the valley. The tour is to start at 1:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church and all persons who can give the necessary word of introduction are urged to communicate with Mr. Reynolds.

Dr. Cook Granted
Review by Court

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, was in effect granted a review by the supreme court today of the decision of the circuit court of appeals refusing to permit the federal district court before which he was tried and convicted of using the mail to defraud, to release him on probation.

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NAVY ROW IS
TAKEN UP BY
MR. McKELLAR

Tennessee Senator Criticizes Action of Secretary Curtis Wilbur

CONGRESSIONAL
PROBE IS URGED

Admiral Magruder Appeals Directly to Coolidge—Asks for Presidential Review.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—President Coolidge has denied the application of Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder for a reconsideration of the order relieving him from duty as commander of the Philadelphia navy yard, and has declined to grant Magruder a personal interview, Secretary Wilbur announced today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—With Secretary Wilbur ready to consider any request Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder might make for an investigation of his removal from command of the fourth naval district following written and spoken criticism of navy methods, a congressional inquiry loomed as well today with announcement from Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, that he planned to introduce a resolution calling for such action.

Correspondence between the department and Admiral Magruder since publication of his magazine article which aroused the present controversy, was made public yesterday. It was said that Magruder had evaded or answered unsatisfactorily a group of questions put to him in an effort to elicit information to support the charges he had made.

Wilbur's Explanation

Secretary Wilbur made it clear that Magruder's removal was not a "punishment" but rather by his subsequent assertions in speeches and in official correspondence.

Declaring Magruder's removal as an "outrage" Senator McKellar in a radio address delivered last night at Memphis, asserted that instead of being criticized he should be thanked by the navy, by congress and by the people of the country.

If navy officers are to be muzzle, dishonored and disgraced and allowed to say only kind words about the conditions in the department, he said, it is time to get to work "step in and remedy the matter."

APPEALS TO COOLIDGE

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26 (AP)—Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder would rescind the order of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur relieving him from command of the fourth naval district was expressed today by Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder.

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PATTERSON TO
EAT EGG THAT
BROKE RECORD

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 27 (AP)—Governor and Mrs. Patterson at their breakfast tomorrow morning will divide a big barred Plymouth Rock egg, in the laying of which a hen at Oregon Agricultural college broke a national egg record for heavy breeds.

The distinguished Oregon hen is known as 1586. She laid the egg Tuesday and it was the 24th for her in a year. She had two days more to go, and it was thought she might raise her total for the 12 months to 326. This hen's eggs are big, weighing about 25 ounces to the dozen.

"Knowing Mrs. Patterson's interest in barred Plymouth Rocks," wrote Professor A. G. Lunn to the governor, "I am sure that you will appreciate having for your breakfast this egg which is responsible for a new national record."