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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain tonight and Saturday. Moderate temperature. Strong south and southwest gales on the coast.

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GRANTS PASS
MAY BE HOST
IN YEAR 1929

New Plan of Biennial Sessions and District Meetings to Be Tried

CHILD LABOR LAW
STAND REITERATED

Delegates, After Closing Business Session, Are Touring Grande Ronde Valley.

All business was completed this morning and shortly after noon the 22nd annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers closed with the post-convention meeting of the board of managers.

All was in harmony this morning and the remaining business to come before the convention, that of passing resolutions, hearing reports, and reading communications, was quickly disposed of.

The most important action taken by the convention during the morning was that of voting that Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers meet in biennial state convention instead of annually, and that on the alternate years district conventions be held in the three districts of the state as suggested by the bureau of publicity.

The motion was made and a unanimous vote taken after the plan had been presented by Mrs. W. J. Hawking, chairman of a special committee appointed at last year's convention to investigate the plan, which is now being tried out in Montana and is being talked of by the Iowa congress.

Beneficial to Districts

The idea of the change is to benefit the districts. The district conventions will be given the time of the convention fund that year, to be divided among the three districts. Local people will take part in the conventions and as many state officers will attend as funds are available to send, according to the plan presented.

The details of the new plan will be worked out by the board of managers, with the assistance of the three districts in designating the time of the district meetings.

The three districts as suggested by the publicity bureau are: Northwest district: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Lincoln, Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah, Yamhill, Marion, Hood River, Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook, Lane, Benton, Linn and Polk counties; Southern Oregon district: Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties; Eastern Oregon district: Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Wheeler, Grant, Baker, Harney and Malheur counties.

Roosevelt Bid Accepted

Roosevelt sent word asking for

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BUILD \$7000
STRUCTURE ON
GREENWOOD ST.

Charles Harris took out a building permit yesterday afternoon to erect a \$7,000 one-story brick business building on Greenwood between Adams and Jefferson.

The building will house Mr. Harris' glass department and it is to be so constructed, it is reported, that another story can be built on if an addition is necessary in the future.

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 difficulty, 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

City Directory
To Be Printed
Early in Year

Project Taken Up by Local Chamber of Commerce Will Be Completed Next January.

Publication of a three-purpose city directory which was undertaken by the chamber of commerce last spring, but was deferred until the question of renaming and renumbering the city streets was definitely settled by the city authorities, will now be instituted, and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, it was announced today.

Renaming of streets will not be undertaken at this time but missing and inaccurate numbers will be corrected by the city engineering department, as the compilation progresses.

New plans of publication are announced. The chamber of commerce will not, under this plan, compile the directory, but has endorsed the general plans now proposed. The West Coast Directory company, of Medford, represented by F. O. Small, will compile the statistics. The chamber of commerce secretary has investigated the company's competency and integrity carefully before giving over the intentions of compiling the facts as an organization to give reliability to the compilation.

City Directory Needed

"The city is hard pressed for a directory and we have been anxiously waiting for this book," said Secretary Reynolds today in announcing the new plan. "We are also in need of census statistics. The information contained will cover the La Grande school district, and not the arbitrary city boundaries. The Nelson Printing company will remain in the program as publisher under the direction of the compiler Mr. Small. We are promised that work will commence immediately and be pushed through to completion early in January and will bear 1928 date," concluded Mr. Reynolds.

New Features

The plan of the city directories built by the West Coast directory company includes a complete alphabetical section but does not end there. Instead it gives the name, occupation or business associations, the residence of every person over 14 years of age, the number of children under 18 in each family, a classified business and professional section, a numerical telephone directory, which is new to this city. This last feature means that with a given telephone number, the directory will instantly reveal the name of the family residing at that point. In addition, in this connection, the same reference re-

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Resume Drilling
Soon on Well in
Railroad Yards

O.-W. railroad officials here expect to resume drilling on the railroad well, back of the round house, just as soon as negotiations with the contractor, A. A. Durant, are completed. It was announced this morning.

Previous drilling has already brought the depth of the well to a considerable figure and it is anticipated that water will be struck within a reasonably short time, although no definite assertion can be made. Mr. Durant, who was in charge of the first lap of work on the railroad well, also engineered the work on the city wells. The present depth of the railroad well is generally understood to be very near that of the city wells when water was struck but this is not conceded to hold any actual significance upon the railroad project.

Two Sentenced
To Serve Year
In Penitentiary

Mark Witt and Jack Welch who were found guilty in circuit court Wednesday of burglary and in a dwelling were sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary this morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. Witt and Welch were arrested at Cave several weeks ago when they were discovered emerging from the Orton cigar store loaded with merchandise from the store. Later they were indicted by grand jury and subsequently tried in circuit court Wednesday. Both claim to be formerly of Walla Walla.

MRS. GABRIEL
RE-ELECTED
PRESIDENT

Warm Election Battle Ends in Victory for Administration

MRS. McPHERSON
ELECTED LOCALLY

Vote Count Completed Late Yesterday—Result Announced at 8 O'clock Session.

The re-election of Mrs. W. W. Gabriel as president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers was determined last evening when the election count was completed, and after one of the keenest election battles in the history of the congress. Mrs. Gabriel received 102 votes, and Mrs. Louis Dodge, of Ashland, her contestant, who has been first vice president for some time, received 85.

The entire ballot as presented by the nominating committee, of which Mrs. W. T. Brice, of Portland, was chairman, carried. The officers elected are: president, Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, Portland; first vice president, Mrs. J. M. Schumacher, Pendleton; second vice president, Mrs. C. W. Stanley, Klamath Falls; third vice president, Mrs. Richard Williams, Roseburg; fourth vice president, Miss Lenore Mooney, Portland; fifth vice president, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Nyssa; sixth vice president, Mrs. Armand Perkins, Haines; seventh vice president, Mrs. LeMoine Clark, Salem; recording secretary, Miss Jessie McGregor, Portland; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Shaw, Portland, and historian, Mrs. Frederick B. Berry, Portland.

The contest among the district vice presidents was in district No. 4, where Mrs. W. B. Mahoney, of

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ANNUAL GRIDIRON
FIGHT TOMORROW

Baker and La Grande to Meet in Former City—Hard Game Expected

Although Baker high school is confident that the La Grande high school will go down to defeat tomorrow afternoon when the Tigers meet the Bulldogs in their annual football game in Baker, La Grande high is not so sure. The Tigers, after two weeks of intensive practice, are reported to be much stronger than early in the season and are prepared to give the Bulldogs the fight of their lives. Dope usually doesn't go for much in Baker-La Grande games. Last year the Bulldogs were expected to trounce the Tigers and at half time were leading by three touchdowns. But a rejuvenated La Grande team swept the field clear in the last half, winning 21 to 13.

One-Man Team

The Baker team this year is built around Tebo Hines, negro triple threat man, who has been dazzling the Eastern Oregon grid fans for three years. Many declare that Coach Glendeman's eleven is really a one-man team and that if Hines can be stopped, La Grande has a chance. It is also conceded, however, that Hines is about as hard a man to stop as Eastern Oregon has this year.

Unless La Grande can spring a surprise and down the Bulldogs, it appears that Baker and Milton-

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WILL HOOK IN
NEW SECTION
OF PIPE LINE

City Manager W. C. Crews announced this morning that a new stretch of pipe line will be hooked in tomorrow morning on the Beaver Creek pipe line about 12 miles from La Grande. This new section of wooden pipe, 600 feet in length, will replace a strip that has some of the worst leaks along the route, he reports.

Inasmuch as the Old Town reservoir has been running over much of the time of late, the several hours required to make the change will not cause any inconvenience to local water users, as the reservoir contains sufficient water to supply the city for many more hours than will be necessary to hook in the new pipe line. It has not been necessary to pump since Aug. 25.

Mrs. Lloyd Busey
Passes Away at
Home of Parents

Was Prominent in Local and State Club Work—Funeral Arrangements Not Yet Announced.

Mrs. Lloyd I. Busey passed away this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pickens, on the corner of M avenue and Oak street, after a brief illness. She was taken ill Sunday and pneumonia and heart disease were responsible for her death.

The body is at the Hunter and Bohnenkamp mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mrs. Busey leaves to mourn her loss her widowed husband and two children, John, 5 and Griselda, 3; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pickens, a brother, C. Burk Pickens, of Yakima, Wash., and one sister, Mrs. Lynne Bohnenkamp, of La Grande.

Sarah Grace Pickens was born Sept. 15, 1890, at Keokuk, Iowa, but had lived in La Grande since 1909, graduating from the La Grande high school. She later attended the University of Washington.

She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and active in all church organizations. She was very active in club work, both local and state, and was conservation chairman of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

She was also organizing recent of the Daughters of the American Revolution here and served as a first regent of this chapter. She was a member of the American Legion auxiliary and was active in organizing the local Audubon society.

Colored Singers
To Give Recital
In City Tonight

The Williams Colored Singers, consisting of eight persons, arrived in La Grande yesterday and this evening will give a program in the latter day Saturday tabernacle here beginning at 8 o'clock. The appearance of the singers in La Grande is sponsored by the city parent-teacher council, and according to those who have been fortunate enough to hear them their programs are unusually good.

The company is composed of a double quartet: Julius B. Maxwell, first tenor; C. P. Williams, second tenor; Oscar B. Plant, baritone and Carl J. Turner, bass, composing the male quartet, and Miss Nellie Dobson, lyric soprano; Miss Lillian Luckey, dramatic soprano; Clara K. Williams, contralto; Miss Ethel M. Bowyer, soprano, musical director and pianist, completes the personnel of the company.

Reserved seats for the program tonight went on sale at the Glass Drug store Wednesday morning, and many seats had been sold up until noon today. Tickets will be sold at the door tonight. The public is invited to attend.

Rewards Twice As
Much for Dead Ones

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Oct. 28 (AP)—Dead bandits are bringing twice the figure of bandits "on the hoof" in Fond Du Lac county.

Bankers of this county have offered \$1000 cash for each dead bandit, and a mere \$500 each for members of the bank robbing fraternity captured alive and convicted.

The schedule conforms to the vigilante protective plan recommended by the state bankers association.

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Buffalo Barbecue and Trapshoot
To Begin at Enterprise Tomorrow

The fourth annual two-buffalo barbecue and trapshoot which will be held at Enterprise Saturday and Sunday is being eagerly looked forward to by a number of sportsmen in this county, according to indications, and La Grande and the valley towns are expected to send a large delegation to the Wallowa county seat for the event.

The first day of the trapshoot, which will be in the nature of practice, will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. On the following day, starting at 10 a. m., the competition will begin. The club reserves the right to handicap a shooter on his known ability and A. T. A. rules are to govern the shoot. Lunch will be served at the grounds.

Saturday night the buffalo barbecue will be held, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp with Ben Weathers as master of ceremonies. The menu follows: yams a la Provencal, dressed chicken, olives, salmon of duck, roast

ACCIDENTS IN
WEST TODAY
FATAL TO 9

Train Wreck at San Dimas, Cal., Kills 6, Mortally Hurts Another

TWO DIE IN SALEM
AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Portland Reports Accidental Death; Two Missing Men Are Believed to Be Suicides.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

San Dimas, Cal.—Six dead one dying, due to train wreck. Portland, Ore.—One dead, two hurt in mill accident. Salem, Ore.—Two killed, woman badly hurt in automobile crash. Portland, Ore.—Two believed suicides.

SAN DIMAS, Cal., Oct. 28 (AP)—Six men are dead, another is dying and still others were injured in the crash of a Santa Fe passenger train early today into a truckload of workmen almost in the center of this foothill town.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Sylvester Decker of Hugo, Ore., near Grants Pass and Allan Decker of McCoy, Polk county, brothers were killed and Mrs. Sylvester Decker possibly fatally injured when 8:25 o'clock this morning when their automobile was struck at NeSmith station crossing by a Southern Pacific gasoline car.

NeSmith station is in Polk county on the west side Pacific highway about three fourths of a mile south of Rickwood.

The two men died within 25 minutes after the accident. Mrs. Decker was taken to a hospital at Dallas where she lies unconscious. Her recovery is doubtful.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker lived on a homestead at Hugo, Josephine county. For two days they had been visiting at the home of Decker's father, F. M. Decker of McCoy, Polk county, and Allen Decker was accompanying them back to their home. Mrs. Decker before her marriage was Miss Etta Reed of Grants Pass.

The grade crossing where the accident happened is an open one with visibility in both directions, but has been the scene of several serious accidents. About two years ago Miss Dorothy Kyle, of Corvallis, was killed at the crossing.

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22 RATTLERS
SHOT ON ROCK
IN WALLOWA CO.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—At the late date in the season, W. D. Ballard has a first-class rattlesnake story to report. He was in West Grossman last week, visiting his father, A. B. Ballard, and walked out in the timber to get the cows one of the bright, warm afternoons. Looking down to a crest flat rock below him on the hill he saw a mass of snakes enjoying the warm sun. He had a small rifle with him and he deliberately picked off the serpents. Then he went down and counted them and found he had killed 22, ranging in length from a foot and a half to three and a half.

Last summer, four rattlers were killed in the garden and it is supposed they came from the colony which Mr. Ballard wiped out. Among the crevices in the rocks on the hill side the reptiles probably had their den where they crept in for the winter.

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In Airplane Wreck

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THIRD DIVIDEND

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—The state banking department today declared the third dividend in the liquidation of the First Bank of Pilot Rock. The dividend is for 10 per cent. Two previous ones were 25 per cent each. Depositors number between 450 and 500 and claims total \$136,000.

The state game warden, the federal game warden, members of the state game commission and other men of state and national importance have been invited.

GIRL POET



Audrey Wurdemann is just 16 and a student at the University of Washington, but her book of poetry has been accepted by a Boston publisher. She has been writing verse since seven years of age.

MANSLAUGHTER
VERDICT GIVEN

Turner, Ore., Woman Will Be Sentenced by Judge Kelly on Nov. 5

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Mrs. Ruth W. Lockwood, widow 46 years old, owner of a farm near Turner, was found guilty by a jury last night of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Maynard Sawyer, druggist, who was killed by an automobile driven by Mrs. Lockwood last July. The jury deliberated two and a half hours.

Judge Percy R. Kelly ordered that Mrs. Lockwood be brought before him Saturday, Nov. 5, for sentence. The penalty for the offense is from one to 15 years in the state penitentiary. It is believed the case will be appealed.

Skull of Girl
Fractured; Hope
Held for Life

WALLOWA, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Miss Lillian Shell, well known young woman of Wallowa, is in the Wallowa hospital in a critical condition, the result of a fractured skull sustained in a fall from a horse she was riding late Sunday afternoon.

The skull is fractured near the base of the brain on the right side and the efforts of the hospital are bent toward preventing a clot of blood forming. If this can be done, it is felt there is a good chance for her recovery. Meanwhile her condition will remain uncertain for perhaps two weeks.

That her death was not almost instantaneous, the doctor ascribes to the fact that the wound bled freely.

Police Nab Man
Prepared to Kill

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Police Search For
Murderer of Two
Southern Women

Husband Believed to Have Killed Both His and His Brother's Wives in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 28 (AP)—A search of land and sea was under way today for Henry Moltz, former New Iberia, La., butcher shop proprietor and erstwhile commercial artist, who, drunk and in a jealous rage, is alleged to have killed his wife and his brother's wife yesterday by clubbing them over the head and then hacking their bodies to pieces with a huge knife.

Radio reports received today from three of seven ships requested to search their holds and question their personnel in the hope that Moltz would be located, said no trace of the fugitive was found. Similar reports were received from officers of adjacent towns and states who were asked to be on the lookout.

Moltz is wanted for killing his wife, Mrs. Theresa Alfano Moltz, 25, the mother of his three children, and Mrs. Leona Lee Moltz, 28, his brother Joseph's wife, and the mother of three. The bodies were found in trunks, face down with the severed heads, arms and lower limbs placed around and on top of the torsos. With the body of

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Magruder Says
His Mistake Was
Too Much Talk

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28 (AP)—Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder who has been detached from command of the fourth naval district because of his criticism of navy administration feels that the mistake of his life has been that he has talked too much.

"I have been lucky in my career up to this time," he told members of the fleet reserve association in an address last night. "But it has the mistake of my life that I have talked too much. Navy men are taught to keep their mouths shut. When a navy man opens his mouth he gets into trouble—that has been my experience."

Keen disappointment over President Coolidge's refusal to review his controversy with Secretary of the Navy Willbur was expressed by the admiral, who stated, however, that he accepted the president's decision as final and would go wherever he was ordered.

Admiral Magruder has been called to Washington by Secretary Willbur for a conference on or about Nov. 5. His successor, Rear Admiral Julian L. Latimer, is expected here a few days prior to the date.

Send Guard Planes
To Colorado Mines

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 28 (AP)—Three Colorado national guard aircraft were dispatched to the strike scene in Southern Colorado today. The planes were sent at the command of Governor Adams and it marks the first military move of the state in quelling possible outbreaks. The planes will make their headquarters at Pueblo.

GIRL IN RED RUFF

WALSHBURG, Cal., Oct. 28 (AP)—Amelia Sablich, the girl in red, who has been one of the most effective leaders of the present I. W. W. coal strike in the southern Colorado, was injured severely today when she was trampled by a mine guard's horse.

The 19-year-old girl led 250 strikers of the Ideal mine at dawn this morning. Armed and mounted guards halted the strikers but Amelia started to advance without her followers. One of the guards attempted to grab her and as she only horse struck her with its hoofs. She received broken wrist, numerous bruises and possible internal injuries.

Accuse Remus of
Another Killing

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28 (AP)—Prosecuting Attorney Charles P. Taft II of Cincinnati, announced here today he had evidence George Remus, millionaire bootlegger, killed his wife, Imogene, because she intended to testify in her divorce suit that Remus murdered an Indiana sheriff in 1923.

RECOVERED, IND., Oct. 28 (AP)—The statement of Charles P. Taft II, Cincinnati prosecuting attorney, that he had evidence to the effect that George Remus, millionaire bootlegger, was involved in the killing of Sheriff William Van Camp here four years ago, failed to coincide with local versions of that shooting today.

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