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SNAKE RIVER
ROAD STAND
MADE CLEARH. E. Coolidge Presents
La Grande's Views at
Wallowa MeetingWASHINGTON MEN
FAIL TO ATTENDResolution Passed Oppos-
ing Proposed Longview
Bridge—Officers for
New Year Elected.

Discussion relative to the proposed Snake River extension of the Union Pacific railroad from Home-
stead, Ore. to Lewiston, Ida., the
passing of a resolution opposing
the proposed Longview bridge
across the Columbia and election
of officers featured the meeting of
the Greater Wallowa association
held last night at Joseph.

It was expected that representa-
tives from Clarkston, Wash., would
be present to give their views on
the Snake River cutoff in answer
to arguments against the plan, but
for some reason, they did not ap-
pear.

H. E. Coolidge, president of the
Union county chamber of com-
merce, gave La Grande's position
on the question of the Snake River
extension, presenting facts and fig-
ures from a telegram received
from Mr. Spencer, of the U. P. of-
fices in Portland.

U. P. Opposes Plan
It was pointed out that the U-
nion Pacific deems the proposition
of the new road to be one that
should be strongly opposed. The
chances for added tonnage to jus-
tify the road are not apparent and
the increased distance via Lewiston
from Huntington to Portland would
be disadvantageous to the econ-
omy of operation even if the new
road could be built for nothing.

Bringing up the matter of taxes,
Mr. Coolidge stated that Oregon as
a whole would lose thousands of
dollars annually in state revenue
should the present main line as-
sume the status of a branch line.
Instead of cutting through Oregon,
the proposed road would merely go
around the state, it was explained.

Before Mr. Coolidge's talk, M. V.
Knight, pioneer prospector and
miner, made a dramatic appeal for
the road along the Snake River. He
stressed the advantages to be gain-
ed for mining, fruit men and a
chance to gain tourist travel be-
cause of the wonderful scenery.

Oppose Longview Bridge
State Senator Albert Hunter
spoke briefly and called attention
to the proposed Longview bridge
across the Columbia river. He
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J. J. HANDSAKER
IS SPEAKER AT
ROTARY LUNCH

The chief speaker at today's
meeting of the La Grande Rotary
club was J. J. Handsaker, New
East relief worker, who reviewed
the work of the relief organization
in the last 10 years, placing par-
ticular emphasis on the work in
connection with the children, and
expressing the belief that the work
would be largely completed within
the next two years, and that the
children under the New East re-
lief would be self-supporting by
that time.

The Rev. Oliver Riley and C. R.
Seltz gave short autobiographies
that were particularly interesting.
Both men have traveled extensively
and have had a variety of unusual
experiences and their talks helped
to make an excellent program.

W. C. Perkins brought up the
question of awarding a pennant to
the grade school football winner
and this was approved. He also
presented the Red Cross roll call,
which was met with 100 per cent
response on the part of the Rotary
club members.

Retraction Ends
Wallowa County
Suit for DamageAction Taken by Defense
After Jury Selection
Was Completed Pre-
vents a Trial.

After the jury had been selected
and everything was ready for the
opening of the trial, the case of
W. E. Hibbard against the Enter-
prise State bank and A. K. Par-
ker, cashier, scheduled for trial in
the Wallowa county circuit court
yesterday before Judge J. W.
Knowles, was settled outside of the
court.

Mr. Hibbard, who is state man-
ager of the Capital Life Insur-
ance company, which has its
home office at Denver, Colo.,
brought action for damages for
libel against the Enterprise bank
and A. K. Parker, cashier, after
Mr. Parker, it is alleged, had writ-
ten to the home office of the in-
surance company charging Mr.
Hibbard with stealing an automo-
bile.

The defense publicly retracted
the charge and apologized for ever
having made it. E. R. Ringo, of
La Grande, represented the plain-
tiff. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard, who
were at Enterprise for the trial,
left here this morning for their
home in Portland.

Red Cross Roll
Call Campaign
Makes Progress

The Red Cross membership
campaign is progressing rapidly.
Mr. Ray P. Murphy, chairman of
the drive, reported this morning.
The Union county chamber of
commerce has joined practically
100 per cent. About 40 members
have already paid and others have
signed pledges.

The plan is to conduct the cam-
paign through other organizations,
lodges, clubs, churches, etc. All
organizations, which have not yet
been reached are asked to get in
touch with Mr. Murphy and re-
ceive materials to take up the
work. In conducting the cam-
paign, through the various organ-
izations, the work of soliciting is
avoided.

Medical Springs
P-T. Body Formed

A parent-teacher association to
be known as the Medical Springs
association, was officially organized
at Ponderosa yesterday afternoon,
when an enthusiastic meeting was
held at the Medical Springs school
house. Mrs. G. M. Pierce, presi-
dent of the Riveria Parent-Teacher
association here, Mrs. L. Claus,
president of the city council of par-
ents and teachers, and Mrs. C. P.
McPherson, district vice president,
attended from La Grande and as-
sisted the Ponderosa women in the
formalities of the program.

Mrs. Henry Maxwell was elected
president, Mrs. George South, vice
president, Mrs. Elmer Kennedy,
secretary, and Mrs. Frank Larson,
treasurer. Twenty-two were in at-
tendance. A large membership has
been enrolled but weather condi-
tions prevented many of them from
attending yesterday.

At the close of the business meet-
ing the association adjourned to the
school basement, attractively ar-
ranged for the occasion, where
refreshments were served. The
school house is to be the permanent
location for the association's meet-
ing.

Presbyterian Club
To Meet Thursday

The Men's club of the Presby-
terian church will meet at the
home of John Hodgkin, corner of
Ninth and M, Thursday evening.
The Rev. Oliver Riley, rector of
St. Peter's Episcopal church, is to
be the speaker of the evening.
Members are anticipating a very
interesting meeting.

EX-GOVERNOR
DECLINES TO
SEEK OFFICEWalter M. Pierce Is Not a
Candidate for State
Grange MasterFARM ACTIVITIES
GIVEN AS REASONPrefers to Remain a
"Worker in the Ranks"
for Principles Oregon
Grange Upholds.

In an open letter presented to
The Observer today, Walter M.
Pierce, former governor of Ore-
gon, makes it clear that he is not
a candidate for the office of mas-
ter of the Oregon State grange.

Mr. Pierce's letter, in full, fol-
lows:

"Definite information has just
reached me that my name is on
the ballot for master of the Ore-
gon State grange. This has been
done by friends without my con-
sent. I highly appreciate the honor
and thank them for their considera-
tion. However, I do not only 'do
not choose to run' for master of
the Oregon State grange at this
time, but feel that it is my duty
to all concerned to definitely de-
cline. My farm activities will not
allow me to give the time and per-
sonal attention the office of state
master demands. It is decidedly
best that I remain a worker in the
ranks, for the principles for which
the Oregon State grange so defini-
tely stands.

"The more than 12,000 organized
grangers in the state of Oregon
constitute the largest and most ef-
fective organization in the state,
unselfishly working for human
rights and just and equitable tax-
ation and equal opportunities for
all. More definitely I believe
than ever I am with the absolute
necessity of our standing together
and fighting to the last ditch
against the flagrant wrongs that
are so clearly discernable upon
every hand.

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STRONG MAC-HI
ELEVEN COMINGUndeclared Milton-Freewater Team to Play
Here on Friday

Final preparations are being
made for the next to the last foot-
ball game of the season for the La
Grande High school eleven, which
will be played at the local athletic
field Friday afternoon. With the
Milton-Freewater team of unde-
clared veterans as opponent.

The McLaughlin school grid
players will come here favored to
defeat the Tigers by a few touch-
downs, although Coach Ralph
Christie's bunch of athletes are
hopeful of giving the Prune Pick-
ers a hard run for their money.

While Milton-Freewater has not
lost an Oregon game this year La
Grande has failed to win one.
Baker and Mac-Hi played a seer-
less game but Baker was later
defeated by Ontario 7 to 0. Mac-
Hi has challenged Ontario to a
championship game for Thanks-
giving day and if Ontario does not
accept will declare the champion-
ship of Eastern Oregon forfeited.

Ralph Christie's bunch of athletes
will be playing at the local ath-
letic field Friday afternoon. With
the Milton-Freewater team of unde-
clared veterans as opponent.

Sammy Mandell's
Rule Stronger;
Beats Mr. Myers

CHICAGO, Nov. 16 (AP)—Sam-
my Mandell, cut over the light-
weight division of boxing, was
more secure than ever today.

Exhibiting an improved defense
and a dazzling offense, Mandell
easily outpointed Jimmy "Spug"
Myers, the Portofino Idaho slugger,
in a ten-round bout at the Col-
umbus last night. The title was not
at stake.

New Views on Coolidge's Meaning
of "Do Not Choose" Are Presented

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, (AP)—
Some new views on what Presi-
dent Coolidge meant when he said
he did not choose to run in 1928
came out today as editors passed
in and out of the White House.

Representative Wood, of Indiana,
chairman of the republican cam-
paign committee, said the president
would be obliged to run for re-
election if the people demanded his
nomination.

J. Morton Howell, former minis-
ter to Egypt, who said he had had
a personal conversation with Mr.
Coolidge regarding the "do not
choose" statement, insisted the
president had taken himself defi-
nitely out of the race and he did
not believe he would consent to be
drafted. Mr. Howell did not feel
justified in describing his conversa-
tion with the president. He be-
lieved, however, that Mr. Coolidge

would be available in 1932.
Giving his interpretation of the
Coolidge statement, Representative
Wood said the president "expressed
an exact desire" when he issued it.
"He had had all the honors of
his office and he has given me of
the most remarkable administra-
tions in our history," Mr. Wood
continued. "If he is nominated
next year it will be because of the
overwhelming desire of the people
for him to continue in office."

Referring to the five recent elec-
tions to fill vacancies in the house,
the Indiana representative declared
that the republicans had shown
their strength by winning four of
the contests.

"These elections were based on
the campaign of upholding Presi-
dent Coolidge's administration,"
Wood said. "In Colorado, the only
contest which the republicans lost,
the issue was on prohibition."

Elevator Drops;
Dempsey, Rickard
Escape InjuriesEx-Champion Turns Pale,
Promoter Visibly Un-
nerved After a 9-Story
Plunge Today.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 16 (AP)—
Jack Dempsey, former heavy-
weight boxing champion, and Tex
Rickard, promoter, narrowly es-
caped death or serious injury to-
day when a crowded elevator in
which they were riding dropped
from the ninth floor of the Cham-
ber of Commerce building to the
basement.

The pair was leaving the tenth
floor quarters of the federal court
where Dempsey is defending him-
self in an action for \$232,333.33
damages brought by his former
manager, Jack Kearns.

Twenty or more persons crowd-
ed into the elevator with Demp-
sey, Rickard and Arthur N. Dris-
coll, one of Dempsey's lawyers.
Frank Ydstyk, the operator, felt
the elevator slip from his control
as it passed the ninth floor. He
attempted to halt it but it moved
gained greater speed. As the fifth
floor was passed Dempsey asked
"what's the matter?"

"We're falling," Ydstyk says he
replied.

The car struck the basement and
bounced five feet into the air and
settled more slowly to the ground.
Ydstyk added. He finally worked
the car to the main floor and dis-
charged his passengers.

Dempsey blanched under his
habitual tan, the operator said.
Rickard and Driscoll were more
visibly unnerved but they left the
building without assistance.

MACHINE GUNS
HOLD STRIKERS
AT A DISTANCE

DENVER, Nov. 16 (AP)—The
menacing muzzles of machine guns
trained from behind barricades
greeted striking coal miners when
they appeared in the Colorado
mine of the Rocky Mountain
Fuel company. The mine is the
only one in Northern Colorado that
has operated since the I. W. W.
strike was called more than a
month ago, and the strikers have
been holding daily demonstrations
there.

Mine officials gave warning yester-
day that nine guards would
shoot the first picket that appeared
on the property today and the
strikers heeded the warning and
contented themselves with meeting
near the edge of the property. Ap-
proximately 200 strikers were in
the party, and unlike former days,
they did not take women or chil-
dren with them.

Remus Loses Point
In Murder Trial

CINCINNATI, Nov. 16 (AP)—
The third day of testimony in the
instantly commonly applicable in Ohio
will be applied in George Remus' trial
for the murder of his wife, as a
result of a decision today by Jus-
tice Chester R. Shook.

Remus, in a long and heated ap-
peal to the bench, demanded that
the tests be considered as not lim-
ited to three, but take in "possibly
10 or 15 or 20."

The clash between Remus, ap-
pearing as his own counsel in his
trial for homicide, came when Charles
P. Tait II, prosecuting attorney,
questioned Thomas Green, 70-year-
old ventriloquist.

Mother of Twins
In Coma 27 Days

ST. PAUL, Nov. 16 (AP)—For
27 consecutive days, Mrs. Joseph
Beck, 28, has lain unconscious, un-
aware that a few hours after she
had been injured in an auto ac-
cident, she had become the
mother of twins.

Struck by an auto as she was
crossing a street, Mrs. Beck was
picked up unconscious and taken to
a hospital where, during the past
few days, she has been given her
first food, a small amount of
milk, and has been virtually no change
in her condition, however, since
the accident.

The twins are healthy and happy,
hospital reports said.

Orange Owl Will
Have Purity Issue

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 16,
(AP)—Homer and Coffin, Ore-
gon State Agricultural college
honors society, has elected Rob-
ert Bell, Newport, senior in civil
engineering, editor of the Orange
Owl, and has made certain or-
ganization changes. This com-
pleted a "house cleaning" by stu-
dents following complaints
against rascally jokes in the home-
coming issue of the Orange Owl.
The former editor of the Or-
ange Owl, and president of the
society resigned. Kenneth Low-
ell Corvallis, was elected presi-
dent, and James Winton, Port-
land, secretary. Bell announced
that the next issue will be a
"purity number."

RAID \$500,000 BOOZE FACTORY



Federal agents under Thomas E. Stone, Detroit's federal prohibi-
tion administrator, the other day raided a suburban brewery
and distillery in the city's busiest section and confiscated nearly a
half million dollars' worth of beer, liquor and paraphernalia. The
picture above shows agents examining barrels in a room in which
the raiders effected an entrance to the cellar. In the underground
brewery were eighteen 5000-gallon vats and three 30,000-gallon
steel tanks, each filled with beer.

4-Story Plunge
To Pavement Is
Puzzling Police

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16, (AP)—
Police here were investigating the
death of Charles D. Booth, former
Portland insurance man who died
today of injuries received when he
plunged from the kitchen window
of his fourth floor apartment on
Chesnut street. Booth's wife was
held by the police after being found
in bed at the place in an alleged in-
toxicated condition.

The woman was hysterical when
questioned. She said that she and
her husband had entertained Port-
land friends at the apartment last
night and that after the visitors
left she fell asleep to be awakened
by the landlady and a policeman
who told her her husband had been
found dying in the court below the
window.

The police searched for the
friends referred to by Mrs. Booth.
Finger marks on the window sill
showed that Booth had clung there
for some time the investigators said
and his shoes had scraped off the
paint on the side of the house.

Empty bottles indicated there
had been drinking at the party, po-
lice said, but there was no indica-
tion that there had been a struggle
in the place.

Mrs. Booth said that her husband
was formerly a branch manager of
a Portland insurance company and
that they came to San Francisco
three weeks ago. She said they
had been married 18 years.

Booth was taken to a hospital
where it was found he suffered a
fractured skull, spine, pelvis and in-
ternal injuries. He died several
hours later.

Stanford Asked
To Play Jan. 1,
Manager States

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal.,
Nov. 16 (AP)—The Stanford uni-
versity football team has been in-
vited by the Tournament of Roses
committee to be the western par-
ticipant in the annual east-west
game held at the Rose Bowl, Pas-
adena, Cal., on New Year's day. Al-
fred R. Masters, graduate manager
of Stanford, announced this today
and declared that the university
officials will render a decision af-
ter the Stanford California "big
game" Saturday.

Players of the Washington and
Jefferson college will be the eastern
opponents, it was understood here.

Paralysis Fatal
to Portland Child

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16 (AP)—
Infantile paralysis was fatal to
Naomi Marble, 4, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Lynn Marble, yesterday
at a hospital here.

Twenty-three new cases in the
state were reported in weekly re-
ports to the state health office to-
day. This was a slight decline from
the preceding week.

Negro Suffrage
And Prohibition
Come to Front

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP)—
The position of the south on negro
suffrage as contrasted with its at-
titude toward prohibition is again
in dispute on Capitol Hill.

Senator Glass, democrat, Vir-
ginia, sees no inconsistency in
southern attitude toward the
14th and 15th amendment, giving
negro citizenship and the right
of voting, and in their position to-
ward enforcement of the eight-
eenth amendment. Senator Borah,
republican, Idaho, would have all
enforced alike. Their views were
expressed in letters made public
last night.

Replying to an editorial in the
New York World, the Virginian,
declared it was "absurd" to draw
an analogy between the south's views
on the two subjects. The 14th and
15th amendments, he said, were
born "in the passion of the war
and constituted an attempt to de-
stroy white civilization in nearly
one-third of the country and to
set on its ruin an Ethiopian
state, ignorant, profligate, cor-
rupt." He termed its adoption as
an "unspeakable crime" and ex-
pressed doubt as to whether it had
ever been constitutionally ratified.

FARM RELIEF
QUESTION IS
NOT SOLVED

Administration, with Con-
vening of Congress Near,
Still "at Sea"

COOLIDGE OPPOSES
TARIFF CHANGES

Senator McNary, of Ore-
gon, and Other Leaders
Making Attempts to
Work Out Measure.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, (AP)—
With the convening of congress
only three weeks away, the admin-
istration is bending efforts to meet
the four-year-old farm relief
problem but as yet there are no in-
dications that President Coolidge
is committed to any particular plan.

Two facts have emerged from a
conflict of generalities, namely, that
the president is unalterably opposed
to an equalization fee of the type
embodied in the vetoed McNary-
Haugen bill and that the adminis-
tration is prepared to resist any at-
tempt to revise the tariff structure
by those who contend that this
would bring relief to the farmer.

From views expressed at the
White House it has been learned
that Mr. Coolidge has not com-
pleted the study of the farm ques-
tion which he undertook early this
fall. The president is keeping in
touch with leaders of congress who
are trying to work out a bill and his
attention recently has been at-
tracted to the report of a business
men's commission headed by
Charles Nagel, former assistant
secretary of the commerce depart-
ment. While this report suggests
the advisability of downward re-
vision of the tariff as a factor in
helping the farmer—a policy which
Mr. Coolidge opposes—the pres-
ident does believe that the facts
which the commission developed
are worthy of careful study in that
they may throw new light on the
problem.

Leaving no doubt of the presi-
dent's opposition to changing tariff
structure it has been disclosed at
the White House that Mr. Coolidge
regards the free trade barrier one
of the farmer's principal bulwarks.
Without it, he believes, business
and labor could not prosper and the
country's ability to purchase the
farmer's products would be corre-
spondingly diminished.

While the president is attempt-
ing to reach a conclusion as to the
best course to be pursued on behalf
of agriculture, Senator McNary of
Oregon, and other leaders of con-
gress are trying to bring to an
agreement those still insisting upon
the McNary-Haugen bill and those
opposed to its equalization fee plan.
That his task may be difficult has
been indicated by Representative
Dickinson, of Iowa, one of the
house farm leaders who has pre-
dicted that "a farm bill with an
equalization fee either will be pas-
sed and approved this winter or it
will be an issue in the next election."

Story Told By
2 Women Gives
Police a Clue

HIGHLAND, N. J., Nov. 16
(AP)—Stories of two women that
they were the wives of Herbert O.
Meisterknecht, inventor and en-
gineer who was shot dead while
telephoning in his workshop, were
regarded by authorities today as
furnishing a motive that dove-
tailed with statements attributed
to a brother-in-law sought as the
slayer.

Police said that Alex Schreiber,
a brother of Mrs. Sophie Meister-
knecht, had charged that the in-
ventor's marriage to his sister was
bigamous. Irving Parker, a job-
sterman, said Schreiber had run
from the workshop after the
shooting and handed him a card
with his name and address on it,
with the words "I have shot my
brother-in-law."

Never Divorced
Mrs. Susan Meisterknecht, com-
ing from Yonkers with her 15-
year-old daughter, told police she
had never been divorced from the
inventor but that he had left her
about two years ago when he told
her he loved the woman who later
became known as the second Mrs.
Meisterknecht. At the parting,
the first wife said, he made her
sign a document that she had only
sent her money since then, she as-
serted, but she had only seen him
once at the funeral of their son
who died last month. After the
funeral, she said, he had written
her letters intimating desires for
a reconciliation.

SMOKES EIGHT
HOURS BEFORE
BECOMING ILL

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 16
(AP)—Eight hours of steady
smoking increased the pulse, res-
piration, temperature and blood
pressure of Vincent Maddi. The
first three hours were the easiest
with no apparent ill effects.

Maddi is a medical student at
the University of Maryland. His
petite arguments over whether or
not tobacco was harmful, he at-
tempted yesterday to smoke 50
cigars in 12 hours while friends
made observations and recorded
the results.

For three hours he puffed at-
tively with no physiological reaction
to support those who would deny
that "a good cigar is a smoke."

At the end of the next three
hours his pulse was 108 instead of
80 and his respiration 20 instead
of 17. His blood pressure had in-
creased from 120 over 75 to 135
over 80. He was feverish, irrit-
able and restless.

The test ended abruptly when
the third cigar made him ill.
"I might have suffered serious ill
effects had I continued," Maddi
said today.