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EXPERIMENT
IN PHYSICAL
WORK STARTSTo Discard Girls' Inter-
scholastic Basketball
Contests for YearALL STUDENTS TO
BE GIVEN CHANCEAnnouncement Made at
Hi-Dad Meeting Last
Night by Mr. Longfel-
low and Mr. Towler.

A comprehensive plan of girls' athletics in the La Grande high school to substitute for the plan now followed which includes girls' interscholastic basketball games, was outlined last night by J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of the La Grande public school system, and E. D. Towler, principal of the high school, at a meeting of the Hi-Dads of the school, which was held in the city hall.

The plan was explained by Mr. Towler and Miss Ruth Johnson, director of physical education for girls in the high school, and has been adopted by the board of education as an experiment for this year, and if it proves successful will be continued in the high school. If not successful the plan may be taken up again, Mr. Longfellow explained. The idea of trying such a scheme is to get the majority of the girls in the high school into the athletic activities instead of the 12 or 14 who have been active in the school's basketball.

Mr. Towler explained that some had the idea that it was a plan to do away with girls' athletics, but that instead it was to include more girls in athletics. He explained the details of the plan as far as they have been worked out.

No interscholastic games. The girls of the school will be organized into two groups, an A group and a B group, and each group will include a basketball team from each of the schools with substitutes. Each of the groups will play a series of games during the year, giving all of the classes and many girls a chance to participate. Each team will work toward 100 per cent. winning teams in any game not to be given more than 50 points. Other points will be given for sportsmanship, fineness, and other features to be worked out later. At the end of the season the team with the most points will be the winner. Four awards will be given to each group of teams, according to the present plan.

The purpose of the plan is to expand girls' athletics. It will include more than 100 girls and will be controlled entirely by the school and will provide 12 or 14 basketball games during the season. The plan is in use in both Oregon colleges and in about one-third of the high schools of the state, where it has worked out successfully, it is said. It is based on the recommendations of the National

TIGERS PLAY
M. I. A. FIRST
WARD QUINTET

The Tigers will play the first ward team of the M. I. A. tonight at the recreational hall at 8:15 o'clock in a mid-week game that is expected to be an interesting one. A 25 cent admission fee is to be charged the public. Students tickets will be honored.

The Tigers are preparing early for their two-day trip up the branchline when they will play Joseph on Friday and Enterprise on Saturday of this weekend. The first ward team, composed of players with high school records, has proved a strong one in the stake conference and, matched against the high school boys, should provide an exciting tilt.

GETTING
READY FOR
SPRING

It's not yet time for spring housecleaning—but you are getting ready for it with plans for changing things about, getting new things, getting rid of old things.

Check over the things in the attic or storeroom or woodshed—check over the things you'd like to discard if you could do so to a reasonable advantage. Then write a Want Ad for The Observer and have it inserted several days. Someone wants the things you don't want. You can find them—and their money—with a Want Ad. The cost is extremely small—the a line for the first insertion, 7c a line for each insertion thereafter.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Agreement Sent
East By Lumber
Firm CreditorsIf Eastern Stockholders
Confirm Action Long
Litigation May End, Ac-
cording to Attorneys.

If an agreement reached last night here by creditors of the Blue Mountain Lumber company, now in the hands of a receiver, meets with confirmation of the eastern stockholders, a long litigation, extending for more than two and one-half years will come to an end, according to attorneys.

Creditors here are now awaiting an answer to a telegram, filed to the eastern stockholders last night by Mrs. L. B. Tuttle, of New Haven, Conn., who came west to represent the eastern stockholders, in which she outlined the proposed agreement. Whether the long litigation will come to an end, making it possible to sell the extensive holdings of the company, located on Catherine creek, or whether the litigation will go on for another long period of possibly two or three years, is thought to depend on the answer from the stockholders. It is explained by attorneys of the claimants.

The claimants presented testimony yesterday in a hearing before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, for which several out-of-town attorneys, claimants, Mrs. Tuttle were here. Late yesterday creditors reached a tentative agreement as to the amounts due to each and Mrs. Tuttle submitted to it the approval of the stockholders. The case has been of considerable interest in this section during the two or more years that it has been pending. Additional interest is added in the fact that the Central Railroad of Oregon's stock is owned by the Blue Mountain Lumber company, it is said.

Three Students
To Attend High
School Session

Three students of the La Grande high school, Lawrence Ray, Franklin Elberhard, and William Perry, will leave tonight for Eugene, where they will attend the student conference, an annual two-day event of statewide importance among high schools. While they will not be official delegates, the school will represent the school while attending the sessions Friday and Saturday.

The conference includes lecture sessions in departments of student government, high school journalism, high school annuals and the like.

While in Eugene the three boys will be guests of friends at fraternity houses. They will stop for a short time in Portland before returning home Tuesday. Lawrence Ray is president of the junior class in the high school.

H. B. Coburn Speaks
At Rotary Lunch

A very interesting talk was given before the La Grande Rotary club at its weekly luncheon in the La Grande hotel today at noon, when H. B. Coburn spoke of the construction of the tunnel under the Hudson river in New York. He explained how the engineering feat was accomplished, in spite of striking mud and soft soil.

W. A. Berry Is New
District Manager

W. A. "Add" Berry, formerly of La Grande but who has been away from here for the last several years, has been promoted to district manager of Stages stores in Union, Walla Walla and Baker counties, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Berry and his family have moved into their home on Adams avenue. He succeeds Paul Stratton, who has been given the district managership in the Boise, Ida., territory. Mr. Berry came here from Portland.

B. F. Peterson New
Union President

B. F. Peterson was elected president of the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen organization when during a business meeting last night the union elected its officers for the coming year. Henry Pieper was elected vice president and Harry W. Mohr secretary-treasurer. The office of recording secretary went to Leslie Duncan, business manager, to Clyde Wilson, and guard to Frank Shanks. The meeting was held at the Crescent Meat market.

City Is Installing
New Street Signs

New street signs, which are being posted on ornamental lighting standards in the business district, are being installed under the direction of City Manager W. C. Crews at present. The signs, on a metal strip with a wooden backing, are done in square black letters upon a yellow background.

CREATES STIR



She's created a stir in church spheres by her approval of women smokers, Miss A. Maude Royden, British evangelist, photoed here upon her arrival in New York.

RAIL ACCIDENTS
LOW LAST YEARO-W. Second Division in
Second Place—Hunting-
ton Gets Safety Prize

"Accidents on the O-W railroad have been lessened from 40 to 45 per cent during the year 1927. This encouraging bit of news was brought this morning by J. E. Grodzki, general safety agent of the O-W, who arrived here this morning to attend the regular division safety meeting which is convening this afternoon at the club room.

"Our department offers a bonus to the division and to the shops with the best safety record each year. This year the Huntington shop, in your second division, receives the shop banner and the second division merits second place," continued the general safety agent. He will be a principal speaker at this afternoon's meeting at which about 40 are expected to be present. Harry M. J. Turner of La Grande, safety agent with Mr. Grodzki, will also be a speaker at the session, which is in the nature of a safety school.

ARMY LEADERS
WILL CONDUCT
MEETING HERE

Major and Mrs. A. E. Haynton, the divisional commanders of the Salvation Army from Portland, arrived in La Grande today and will conduct a meeting here this evening, which will include a public enrollment of 10 junior soldiers and the dedication of 12 babies by Major Haynton. This afternoon Major Haynton is conferring with Mr. W. T. Phis, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board, advisory board members and other business men, while Mrs. Haynton is meeting with the women of the Home League.

Paul Krantz will sing at the meeting this evening, in addition to other interesting features. The public is invited.

Major Haynton is much pleased with the recent progress made by the La Grande corps of the Salvation Army, and has great hopes for the "do your best" campaign which was started New Year's eve. The aim is to grow in every branch and department of the work. The campaign is under way all over the United States and will end Easter Sunday.

NOMINATES TOWNE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Claude R. Porter, of Iowa, was nominated by President Coolidge today to be a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed Commissioner Henry C. Hall, of Colorado, resigned.

O. S. C. DENIES
BANISHMENT
OF PACIFISTKirby Page Not Prevented
from Speaking on the
Campus, Officials SayANSWER MADE TO
EUGENE REPORTWidely Known Peace Ad-
vocate and Editor Says
College Outlawed Dis-
cussion of Peace.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Officials of Oregon State Agricultural college did not deny Kirby Page, peace advocate and editor of "The World Tomorrow," right to speak on the campus Monday, inquiry revealed today. Page at Eugene last night was quoted as saying that he had been barred from speaking on the campus.

Page was scheduled by campus Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. organizations for three meetings in this city, including a noon luncheon in the college tea room with a small group of students.

The Y. M. C. A. advisory board members recommended canceling the noon meeting following rumors of protest from undetermined origin which came in the absence of the "Y" secretary and too late for investigation by the administration. Page spoke to students, faculty and townspeople at an evening hotel banquet and at a night meeting in the largest city church.

SAYS PEACE OUTLAWED

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Kirby Page, who addressed university students here last night on "The outlawry of war," discovered today before that the discussion of peace had been outlawed at Oregon State college.

"The question of peace cannot be discussed on the campus there," said this prominent author on international problems, after the intervention of President Kerr of O. S. C. had resulted in the cancellation of his engagement. The entire affair was carried off very quietly, said Mr. Page. Students were simply told that the noon campus meeting sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. campus groups had been cancelled. No explanation was made to the would-be audience.

"When I came west," Mr. Page explained in relating the suppression incident at Corvallis last Monday, "I allowed 10 days for the coast engagements to be scheduled at the discretion of the Y. M. C. A."

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Bank Officers
Re-Elected At
Night Meeting

All officers of the La Grande National bank were re-elected last night when the board of directors met at the bank for organization. A. T. Hill is president of the bank; P. L. Meyers, vice president; H. E. Coolidge, cashier, and Earl Zundel and H. A. Zurbrich, assistant secretaries.

Mr. Hill was also re-elected president of the Union County Investment company, which fiduciaries in connection with the bank. P. L. Meyers was re-elected vice president, H. E. Coolidge, secretary-treasurer, and H. A. Zurbrich, assistant secretary.

The board of directors of both the bank and the investment company consists of A. T. Hill, P. L. Meyers, John C. Macpherson, J. G. Snodgrass, J. E. Conley, Robert E. Eakin, Earl Zundel and H. E. Coolidge.

Teaches Calories,
Career, Courtship

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (AP)—Courtship, career and calories in ten lessons are to be offered Chicago young women by the Y. W. C. A. Experts will tell them how to be happy on \$1,500 a year; how to avoid divorce; how to make husbands happy at breakfast and how to greet them when they return home at night.

Successful marriage, according to Mrs. Gladys Jenkins, under whose supervision the course will be given, "is not based on love in the sentimental sense but on psychology."

"We shall instruct our girls," she said, "in personal charm, which not to wear kid gloves, for example."

Leon Trotsky To
Fight Banishment

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Continued reports reached London today that Leon Trotsky, one-time power in the council of soviet Russia, has refused to leave Moscow despite orders for his banishment.

Sandino Force
Beaten Back By
Marine BirdmenBombs Prevent Concen-
tration North of Quilali
—Revolt in Somotillo
Reported Controlled.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 11 (AP)—Rebels attempting a concentration four miles north of Quilali in the province of Nueva Segovia yesterday, were attacked by a U. S. marine airplane commanded by Major Ross E. Powell. Nine of the rebels were killed and three wounded.

U. S. marines occupy Quilali and careful watch for an attempt of the Sandino forces to make a sudden raid led to the discovery of the rebel contingents assembling from various quarters for a possible assault of the town. Flying over the groups Powell dropped bombs and dispersed them. He said he might have done much more damage, had he so desired.

Col. Mason Gulick in command of the marines in Nicaragua declared today that planes would be sent out regularly to bomb the rebels when and wherever they appeared.

REVOLT PUT DOWN

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 11 (AP)—A short lived revolt in Somotillo, department of Chinandega was ended by loyal Nicaraguan national guardsmen and they were in control of the situation today, marine corps headquarters announced. The revolt followed the desertion of a number of members of the national guard. Inspired, according to marine headquarters, by followers of the rebel general, Augustino Sandino.

A marine detachment was sent to Somotillo, when it was reported the whole town was in revolt. While they were on their way the cheer word was received at headquarters that loyal troops had gained control of the town.

Colonel Louis Mason Gulick, in command of the marines in Nicaragua, said that about six hundred and a sergeant had deserted under persuasion of the Honduran rebel general, Pralata.

Planes Crashes. A marine plane engaged on a photographic mission crashed yesterday near Trinidad, midway between Managua and Quilali. It was the second crash in two days. Marine headquarters said that both planes were old machines of a type now being superseded.

The machine burst into flames when it hit the ground and was destroyed. The pilot and photographer were not injured.

Marines killed a man on trial for murder at Bluefields when he attempted to escape. P. Escobar, the accused man, dashed away as a marine corps lieutenant started to lock him up in prison on his return from the court house. When his command to stop went unheeded, the lieutenant fired and hit Escobar in the left shoulder. Two inflated marines then opened fire and Escobar fell mortally wounded.

Hornsby Traded To
"Avoid Conflict"

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Rogers Hornsby was traded to the Boston Braves "in order to avoid any future conflict in the management of the club and for no other reason," Charles A. Stoneham, president of the New York Giants said today in explaining the sensational baseball deal, announced last night by which the Giants sent Hornsby to the Braves for catcher Hogan and outfielder Welch.

Coolidge To Speak
For Motion Pictures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge will participate in talking-motion pictures when they leave Washington Friday for Havana. The pictures of their departure from Union station will be taken by a camera equipped with a sound-recording device, and when the pictures are shown on the screen voices and noises incident to the event will be reproduced along with the actual scenes.

Louisville Greets
Agnes M. Royden

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 11 (AP)—Whether or not Agnes Maude Royden smokes cigarettes has nothing to do and will not interfere with the scheduled appearance of "England's" most distinguished preacher" here Feb. 1, according to Mrs. Leona L. Miller, of the Louisville chapter of the American Guild of Healt.

The position of the Louisville chapter of the American Guild of Health was explained by Mrs. Miller when she said:

"We are bringing Miss Royden to Louisville because we consider her a gifted speaker and one of the most spiritual powers of our day, and we are in absolute accord with her when she says that she does not consider cigarette smoking of religious importance."

PILOT ROCK
MAN ELECTED
SHEEP CHIEFK. J. Warner New Presi-
dent of Oregon Wool
Growers' AssociationBAKER BIDS FOR
1928 CONVENTIONUse of Wool Substitutes
Deployed at Final Ses-
sions of Organization in
Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Jan. 11 (AP)—K. J. Warner, of Pilot Rock, was late yesterday elected president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association in the closing minutes of the 31st annual convention here. Bob Thompson, of Heppner, was re-elected vice president for 1928 and Fred Phillips, of Baker, was elected second vice president.

Frank Hagenbarth, president of the National Wool Growers' association, in a final address, said that he was good in co-operative work providing the groups did not become involved in controversies over markets.

Baker extended an invitation for the next convention to meet there. The executive committee will determine the location later.

Senate bill No. 1265, known as the Smoot national forest bill, was approved by the association in a resolution urging that the Oregon delegation to congress support the measure. Congress is asked to appropriate \$2,500,000 for the proper carrying on of predatory animal and destructive rodent control work in 11 western range states in another resolution adopted by the association.

Score Wool Substitutes. The use of wool substitutes was deplored in another resolution endorsing the efforts of the Wool Council of America in its national advertising campaign to show the superior value and economy of woolen fabrics and thereby increase the demand for wool.

The sheep men are opposed to the creation of additional public parks or game reserves where such will tend to restrict state development.

Sheep in the various counties of Oregon are assessed at rates varying from \$3 to \$12 per head and the wool growers will urge the next session of the legislature to enact legislation for the tax com-

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HERE'S SANDINO



A characteristic photo of General Augustino Sandino, the Nicaraguan revolutionist, whose men have suffered heavy losses in fighting with United States marines.

Democrats Meet
In Capital For
Jackson DinnerNomination of Candidate
and Choice of Conven-
tion City Leading Con-
versational Topics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The eve of the Jackson day dinner found arrivals for the traditional democratic get-together speculating today on the nomination of a candidate, the choice of a convention city, the absence from their meeting of Gov. Smith, of New York, and on many other questions of party interest.

Advocates of Gov. Smith were the most active among those arriving early many giving optimistic views on his chances. Committee men from New York, Illinois, California, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Washington and Minnesota asserted that the New York governor leads in sentiment in those states.

Other Possibilities. Numerous other names including "favorite sons" also were heard including Reed, Ritchie, Walsh, Donahy, Woolton, Hull, Glass, Pomerehne, Robinson, of Arkansas, George, of Georgia, and Ayres, of Kansas.

Preliminary talk pointed to a fight among Chicago, San Francisco, Cleveland, Detroit and Miami for the convention with several other cities, among them St. Paul and Houston also possibilities. Theodore B. Dockweiler, California member is expected to submit a bid for \$200,000 to put the convention in the coastal metropolis.

Some party leaders said they considered that Governor Smith was wise in absconding himself from the dinner, even though most of the other potential candidates for the nomination are expected to be on the matter, and that his record as governor of New York illustrates his view on public questions.

Oregon's Stand. A great majority of the democrats of Oregon are for Gov. Smith first and Gov. Ritchie second, Will R. King, national committeeman from that state, declared upon his arrival here. He added that there was some sentiment for Senator Reed, of Missouri.

As to a convention city, Mr. King said that Oregon representatives on the national committee favored San Francisco and did not believe the convention in any event should be held anywhere east of Chicago. Representative Oldfield, of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee, said his state would support the nominee of the party.

Cites British Stand. "The insistence of Great Britain, her navy experts and delegates at the Geneva conference upon her absolute need for a larger tonnage of cruisers, regardless of the naval program of other powers, is most persuasive evidence that we also have a definite need for cruiser tonnage, regardless of the program of other powers, if we are to have a well rounded fleet for our defense, and also that such a program for us is in no sense competitive."

Not Competitive. The secretary that the program providing construction of 33 cruisers, five aircraft carriers, nine destroyers leaders and 32 submarines was "in no sense competitive but is based upon the needs of our navy as is determined by the secretary of the navy upon the technical advice of the general board."

"The president is opposed to competitive building," he continued. "Congress has also main-

INTERIOR SUPPLY
BILL REPORTEDCalls for \$272,420,000—
Recommends Comple-
tion of Baker Project

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The multitudinous activities of the interior department will require an expenditure of \$272,420,000 next year under the second departmental supply bill reported to the house today by its appropriations committee.

All but \$62,000,000 of the total, which is \$33,745,000 below last year's measure and \$457,999 under the budget estimates, is provided for army and navy pensions. Mindful of the difficulties in this respect arising from failure of a deficiency measure in the waning hours of the last session, the committee recommended that the \$16,000,000 proposed for pension next year be made available immediately in order that there may not again be doubt of prompt payment of pension obligations in the closing months of the fiscal year.

Recommendations in addition: Owyhee project, Oregon, \$2,000,000; Tualatin and Baker projects, Oregon, appropriation of unspecified sums; Vah project, Oregon, \$750,000; Klamath project, Oregon-California, \$271,999.

SUPPLY BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The second big appropriation bill of the session, that providing \$32,292,999 for the state, justice, commerce and labor departments, was passed by congress today and sent to the senate.

Report Upholds
Sterilization Law

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Charges made by Dr. G. U. Snapp, of Salem, that the state sterilization law was being misused at the state institution for the feeble minded were not upheld by the state board of eugenics yesterday. The board convened at the institution and listened to Dr. Snapp's statements. The charge was made by Snapp in connection with the case of Llewellyn Burnside, 16, who recently escaped from the institution and whom Snapp declared was not feeble minded. He objected to sterilization of the youth, which is required at the institution before he can be released. The state board endorsed the recommendation of Superintendent Smith that the boy be sterilized.

Lindbergh Guest
In Balboa Today

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Jan. 11 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh today became the guest of the 27,000 Americans in the canal zone visiting the city of Balboa after his stay at Panama City where he landed Monday from San Jose, Costa Rica.

725 MILLION
ADDITIONS TO
NAVY SOUGHTSecretary Wilbur Places
Program Before House
Committee TodayMORE WARSHIPS
HELD NECESSARYTwenty-Five Cruisers,
Five Aircraft Carriers,
Nine Destroyers and 32
Subs Included in Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Stressing his own belief that "America needs a first class navy," Secretary Wilbur placed today before the house naval committee both his personal reasons and those of the navy general board for asking congress to authorize a \$725,000,000 new warship construction program.

"In the preparation of this program the general board has primarily considered the need of this government for its naval defense," he said. "It is true that in determining this need the general board at all times has taken into consideration the condition of other navies and their construction and replacement program, so far as they are known to us."

About Future Wars. "Future wars must be fought largely by vessels already completed, at the beginning of the war. Great Britain announced at the Geneva conference that she needed about 100,000 tons of vessels of the cruiser class. Our original proposal at Geneva was for cruiser tonnage of between 250,000 and 260,000 tons, a tonnage less than we felt necessary for our fleet. We were willing to accept the hazard of building less tonnage than we needed if the other powers would accept similar hazards."

"Great Britain was not willing to accept this limitation but her needs for the larger tonnage of cruisers she proposed to be imperative for the protection of her national interests."

"The insistence of Great Britain, her navy experts and delegates at the Geneva conference upon her absolute need for a larger tonnage of cruisers, regardless of the naval program of other powers, is most persuasive evidence that we also have a definite need for cruiser tonnage, regardless of the program of other powers, if we are to have a well rounded fleet for our defense, and also that such a program for us is in no sense competitive."

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NEARBY WELLS
DRAIN TEAPOT
DOME, WARNING

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 11 (AP)—The Teapot Dome naval oil reserve is being drained by wells in the adjoining Salt Creek field, the "legal fiction" that this is not so to the contrary notwithstanding, Auber E. Watts, representing Harry F. Sinclair's mammoth oil company in the recent receivership of the property, warns the United States attorney in a special report filed today in federal district court for Wyoming. The government's loss from this cause may have been \$6,000,000 and is continuing, the report said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—

The presentment returned by a federal judge charging Harry F. Sinclair, William J. Burns and five associates with conspiracy to obstruct justice was upheld today by Justice Frederick L. Siddons in the supreme court of the district.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, today directed today by the senate public lands committee a confer with government counsel in the Teapot Dome oil litigation a course of procedure to be followed in the inquiry into the ex-tinct Continental Trading company of Canada.

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