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METHODISTS END TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

Vote to Meet in Meridian, Ida., in 1929—Exact Dates Not Set

MEN'S COUNCIL TO BE RETAINED

H. J. Roan, Boise, Elected President, and E. C. Lewis, of Kuna, Chosen as New Secretary.

Next year's Western District conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held at Meridian, Ida. The invitation from the Idaho town was accepted late yesterday during the last business session of the two-day conference.

During the meeting it was voted to continue the District Men's council, an organization of the laymen, and H. J. Roan, of Boise, was elected president and E. C. Lewis, of Kuna, was elected secretary of the council.

Reports from committees were heard during the meeting, and other routine business of the district transacted. In a short talk Bishop H. Lester Smith extended his thanks for the co-operation received in the conference here, and declared that this conference and that of the Eastern district, held at Jerome, Ida., were the most successful in many ways of any held in this area.

Big Attendance

Last night's attendance at the church was the best during the entire conference, and the program which closed the two-day meeting was one of interest. Dr. R. E. Gornell, of Chicago, national representative of the board of home mission work, and Bishop Smith were the speakers. Dr. Gornell talked on home missions, bringing to an audience a vivid picture of many of the places where missions are being conducted in the home land, and Bishop Smith gave an interesting address on foreign missionary work.

S. C. Smith, treasurer of the local church, presided over the meeting and C. O. Heath had charge of the devotional service. A men's chorus, consisting of about 15 voices, sang several numbers and Paul Knauff sang a solo.

Before the meeting closed a resolution was adopted thanking the local church and the people of La Grande for their hospitality and co-operation in making the conference a success.

Cornell Head Speaks

Yesterday afternoon Dr. H. J. Burschtaler, president of Cornell college, Iowa, gave his second address at the conference. Later in the afternoon E. E. Hoiler, of Emmett, Ida., substituting for E. C. S. Brainerd, spoke on the subject, "The Kind of a Preacher Laymen Like," and following his talk, the

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ALLEN UNABLE TO ENTER RING THIS EVENING

Delmer Allen, who fought Brundell, of Portland, to a draw at Emattin Thursday night—morninging his hand in the contest, will be unable to fight in the second main event here tonight, it was announced today.

An examination of his hand by a physician resulted in an announcement that he was in no condition to enter the ring for several days.

John Hayden, of Paratello, will meet Ray Hoffman, in the second main event, and arrangements are being made to secure a fighter to meet Harrington, of Seattle, in the semi-final. The card begins at 5:45 o'clock this evening at Fox hall.

Just before two o'clock it was announced that Tommy Mitchell, of Salt Lake City, will fight Harrington in the semi-final.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING

It's not yet time for spring house-cleaning—but you are getting ready for it with plans for cleaning 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—a line for the first insertion, 2c a line for each insertion thereafter.

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Tournament To Be At Union On March 1, 2 and 3

Basketball Teams from Six Counties to Take Part—District Board Names Three Officials

A meeting of the district basketball board, consisting of E. D. Towler, of La Grande, chairman; H. M. DuBois, of Joseph, and H. M. Broadbent, of Baker, was held this morning and it was decided to hold the district championship tournament March 1, 2 and 3 instead of late in February as had been previously planned.

Six counties—Union, Wallowa, Baker, Harney, Grant and Multnomah—are included in the district and basketball teams from all sections will take part in the championship play, from which one will be selected to enter the state tournament at Salem later in March.

The tournament, according to advance information, will be held at Union. Only La Grande and Union were asking for the annual event, and schools voting on the question favored Union this year. An official statement in reference to the selection will be made later.

The district board this morning also selected three officials for the tournament. Ralph Coleman, of Oregon State college, will referee; Nolan Skiff, of La Grande, will keep score, and William Peare, of La Grande, will be timekeeper.

Flames Destroy Jensen Home At Walnut and Lake

An early morning fire left a La Grande family homeless and for a short time, while the flames were first raging through the building. It was believed that a boy was imprisoned in the burning building was not noticed and firemen spent several minutes trying to locate him before it was learned that he was safe in the crowd outside.

The fire alarm was turned in at 7:49 o'clock this morning and the firemen found the home of Fred Jensen, at Walnut and Lake streets, already a mass of flames after a quick run to the scene. The fire could not be controlled until it had destroyed all but the walls of the home and Fire Chief C. O. Murchison entered it on his records as a total loss.

The amount of damage is uncertain but it will run much higher than the insurance, which was in the amount of \$2600. The house was insured for \$1400 and the furniture for \$600.

There was no time to save the furniture and among the articles burned was a piano.

The origin of the fire is unknown but the fire chief reports that the fire was started at 9 o'clock.

Concert Tickets On Sale Today

Tickets for the concert to be given by the La Grande Neighborhood club violin quartet Friday evening, Jan. 27, in the ballroom of the La Grande hotel are now on sale at Adler's Music store. Tickets may be purchased there or in charge of the ticket sale, which consists of Miss Imogene Russell, Miss Mable Dady, Mrs. C. C. Little, Mrs. Edwood Williams, Mrs. R. J. Kitchen and W. W. Numburn, who are working under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert S. Eakin.

A special effort is being made to interest the young music lovers in the concert as well as the adult music lovers. A special admission price has been arranged for students wishing to attend.

Mt. Emily Co. Host To Lumber Men

The Mount Emily Lumber company was host to the Eastern Oregon Lumbermen's association when they met today at the La Grande hotel. The meeting is the first in several months. The session was devoted to business problems with Mount Emily Lumber company officials in charge.

Diphtheria Case First Since Fall

The first case of diphtheria in La Grande since last fall was reported yesterday and the illness immediately placed the home of Mrs. Maudie 492 Second street, under quarantine.

There is also one case of scarlet fever in La Grande although it is nearly ready to be released from quarantine.

SCHULMERICH FILES

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Ira Schulmerich, of Hillsboro, became the first candidate to file for a legislative office for the 1928 campaign when he registered with the secretary of state today as an aspirant for the republican nomination for the state senate for Washington county.

TOTAL TAXES PAID IN YEAR \$838,076.12

Annual Report Made by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Helms, Collector

BALANCE UNPAID TOTALS \$90,683.46

Sheriff Jesse Breshears Also Files Semi-Annual Report, Showing Taxes Paid in Six Months.

A total amount of \$838,076.12 in taxes was collected in Union county during the year 1927. It was learned today at the county courthouse when Deputy Sheriff A. L. Helms filed an annual report. This amount includes not only the 1926 taxes, but the interest and penalties on 1926 taxes and in addition the delinquent tax collection from the year 1921 to 1925 inclusive, Mr. Helms explained.

The 1926 tax amount to be collected was \$379,851.19. Of this amount \$72,697.74 was collected leaving a balance of \$307,153.45. The 1926 interest and penalties collected amounted to \$1,288.45. All delinquent tax collections from 1921 to 1925 inclusive which were made during the past year amounted to \$55,359.24.

The annual report, in detail, has been filed at the office of the county clerk, C. K. McCormick. Breshears' report Sheriff Jesse Breshears' semi-annual report.

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ATHLETIC CLUB WILL USE HALL

The local Union Pacific athletic club will meet at the Walla Walla room here tomorrow at Ward's Billiard parlors for a return game in the series to determine the championship team which will represent the unit at the systems tournament in March.

The La Grande team will be made up of C. C. Howard, C. W. Cook, H. Vesko, Joe Diehl, and R. V. Amersforth. Walla Walla is to be represented by A. Smith, J. J. Horst, Mr. Schmidt, Art Bastron and C. Horst. They will arrive here on train No. 24 and will begin bowling at 12:30 o'clock, according to James Rosenbaum, secretary of the local club.

Arrangements have been made by the athletic club with the M. I. A. to secure use of their new gymnasium for recreational purposes on Monday and Wednesday evenings of each week. It was announced today.

Baseball, volleyball and other games will be played by the members of the club, which is to have the use of heat, light and showers. Their hours will be from 7:30 to 9 p. m. on Monday evening and from 6:30 to 8 p. m. on Wednesday.

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Flora Bank Will Liquidate; Action Is Voluntary One

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 21.—In a notice to creditors, the Flora State bank makes formal announcement that the stockholders have voted to liquidate the institution and proceed to wind up its affairs without delay. The stockholders have been preparing for this for months and contemplated taking action last fall but the time was not considered altogether favorable, according to the Enterprise Record-Advertiser.

The liquidation is entirely voluntary and of course depositors and holders of the club, which is to have the use of heat, light and showers. Their hours will be from 7:30 to 9 p. m. on Monday evening and from 6:30 to 8 p. m. on Wednesday.

Articles of incorporation of the bank were drawn April 29, 1914, by E. Richman, Edward Hentz, W. J. Beach, Albert Wilson and A. L. Gosch. The last named had come from Missouri and was the organizer of the institution and has been a cashier and active manager ever since. He has maintained a sound bank through all the ups and downs of the war and the period following, and his withdrawal from affairs of the community will be greatly regretted.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the bank last week the old directors and officers were re-elected to serve through the remainder of its corporate life. They are:

Directors: G. C. Clark, W. H. Baker, Milton A. Gosch, A. L. Gosch. Officers: G. C. Clark, president; W. H. Baker, vice president; A. L. Gosch, cashier.

Open Reservations For Lecture Jan. 23

Reservations for the illustrated review, "Ruler of Power" to be presented at the Arcade theater Monday evening Jan. 29, will be made starting Monday morning Jan. 22, at the offices of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, according to announcement made today. There is no charge for the event or for the reservations, but people interested are asked to arrange for their seats as soon as possible, and reservations made will not be held after Friday, according to the power company.

Mr. Ripley will present his illustrated review of the high school at 1 o'clock, Jan. 30, so that the local theater will be able to care for the adult population which wants to hear him.

Triplets Born To Ponderosa Couple

Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, of Ponderosa, are the parents of girl triplets, born to them at the St. Elizabeth hospital at Baker, according to word received here. The babies weighed five pounds and three ounces, five pounds and eight ounces and four pounds and eight ounces. Mr. Gray was still somewhat unwell at the time of the birth.

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BUILDER OF CANAL DIES IN NEW YORK

Major General George W. Goethals Succumbs After a Long Illness

Funeral Services Will Be Tuesday

Body of Great Engineer Will Be Buried at West Point—Wife at Bedside When Death Came.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—Major General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, died at his apartment today.

The announcement was made by a son who said that his father had been ill for several months. Interment will be at West Point.

His two sons and his wife were at his bedside when death came. The nature of his illness was not disclosed, but those closely associated with him in business said he had been seriously ill for two months and that hope for his recovery had been abandoned several weeks ago. His illness did not become generally known until today.

Retired From Active Work After his retirement from active service with the army he dropped out of the public eye to a great extent but continued as consulting engineer with offices in New York. He was one of the principal advisers of the port of New York authority during the construction of the Holland vehicular tunnel. It was also an advisor of the port authority in its other projects, including bridges now being built between Staten Island and New Jersey and the proposed bridge across the Hudson to Fort Lee, N. J.

Funeral Tuesday General Goethals is survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Rodman Goethals and two sons, Col. George R. Goethals and Dr. Thomas R. Goethals.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the military academy at West Point, New York, at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

Wolfe's Arm Dislocated In the third quarter C. Wolfe, La Grande center, tripped over Crozen, Joseph center, and dislocated his right arm at the elbow. The loss of Wolfe from the lineup temporarily threw the Tiger team off its balance and Joseph gained a four-point lead before the blue and white eagles managed to regain their stride. At the end of the third quarter the score stood: Joseph 12, La Grande 8. In the final period Stoddard hooped a long shot and Hibberd broke through the entire field with a fast dribble and caged a close shot, Joseph shot a lone point in the last period but that was enough.

Game's Past Throughout The game was fast with both teams unable to rim the hoop regularly. Forwards on both squads missed time and again after breaking through the defense. If either team had been shooting up to form, the score would have mounted into the 30s or 40s.

Because of the speed of the game, it was rough. Referee Hattisoff being unable at times to keep up with the fighting basketball players. In addition to Wolfe's injury, Crozen played the last quarter with Hibberd broke through the result of a head-on collision with Stoddard, La Grande captain and guard.

La Grande's offense showed brilliant.

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JONES SEEKING PRESIDENCY OF LOCAL NORMAL

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Election of a new superintendent of schools in Eugene and the possibility of there also being a new clerk, looked as the principal items of business before the board of education at a meeting to be held Monday night.

David John Jones, superintendent of the local system, some time ago applied for the presidency of the new state normal school to be erected in La Grande and Eugene council his name among the three most likely to be considered for that position.

H. E. Inow, the man being considered for the superintendentcy here is superintendent of schools in Pendleton and president of the Oregon State Teachers' association. He is an educator of considerable scholastic record and is said to have one of the best public school systems in Oregon at Pendleton.

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No Objections Seen It was stated authoritatively on behalf of the United States delegates that there is nothing to hide, nor is there anything to regret in the American governments stand. There has been no indication that any delegation will bring the matter up.

The Washington government, however, has not changed its position on the many fundamental points of national policy regarding which its delegates here at the proper time will doubtless be adamant. Specific points are not mentioned but it is generally understood that prohibition of international intervention is one of them.

ORGANIZED LABOR SEEKS 2.75 BEER

President Green Explains Action Taken—Political Issue Likely

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 21 (AP)—Organized labor's demand for a 2.75 per cent beer plank in the platform of the major political parties is aimed only at the Volstead act, and does not seek repeal of the 18th amendment to the constitution, says William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

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The Columbia river highway was sheeted last night from midnight until 9 o'clock this morning, when it was cleared by highway crews. A blizzard was raging through the Columbia gorge at 9 o'clock this morning and there was little indication of it abating, according to Ray Conway of the Oregon State Motor association, who returned from there.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—After 29 days unusually mild

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE



President Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State, arrived in New York yesterday and was met by Mayor Walker and thousands of Gothamites. De Valera's followers, who attempted to parade with opposition placards, were subdued by the police. Mr. Cosgrave is here on a goodwill trip.

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COSGRAVE IS WELCOMED IN CHICAGO TODAY

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—William T. Cosgrave, president of the executive council of the Irish Free State and his party, arrived at the La Salle street station aboard a private car attached to the Twentieth Century Limited at 12:10 o'clock today and were met by a welcoming throng of several hundred persons and a guard of more than 100 police.

The Cosgrave party was met by an official reception committee appointed by Mayor Thompson at wearing top hats.

Cheers went up from the crowd on the party's left the train and members of the party smiled and bowed as photographers' flash lights boomed.

The police cleared a path through the crowd for the party as it made its way through the concourse to waiting automobiles for a parade up Michigan avenue to the Drake hotel where the party will be quartered.

There was no antagonistic demonstration.

Guard Inspection To Be on Feb. 1

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, has issued orders for the annual federal inspection of the national guard in this state. The inspection will require about a month and will be held Feb. 15. Regular army officers will be the inspectors. Advance information from the war department indicates that the inspection will be more exacting than ever before.

Copper Output In Oregon Gains 70 Per Cent, 1927

Total Value of Gold, Copper, Silver, Lead Produced in State Last Year Was \$365,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Special)—The value of gold, silver, copper, and lead produced in Oregon in 1927, according to the estimate of J. M. Hill of the United States bureau of mines, department of commerce, was \$365,000, an increase of \$30,260 or nine per cent as compared with the value of metals produced in 1926. The largest increase (58 per cent) was in the value of copper produced. Gold increased three per cent, but the value of silver decreased three per cent, due to lower price of the metal, and the value of lead decreased 68 per cent, due to smaller production and lower price.

The gold production of Oregon in 1927 is estimated at 13,600 ounces, valued at \$281,000, an increase of 357 ounces as compared with 1926. The Empire dredge, Superior dredge and Buffalo Monitor lode mine were the largest producers of gold. An abundant supply of water made possible more widespread and larger placer activity throughout the state.

The output of silver from Oregon mines in 1927 is estimated at 21,700 ounces, valued at \$18,000 as compared with 29,733 ounces valued at \$18,553 in 1926, an increase of 7 per cent in quantity as compared with 1926. Gold concentrates produced in Grant county yielded the largest quantity of silver and copper concentrates were the second most important source of the metal in 1927.

Copper Yield The yield of copper in Oregon in 1927 is estimated at 692,000 pounds, valued at \$65,700, as compared with 296,484 pounds, valued at \$41,504, in 1926. This represents an increase of 70 per cent in quantity. Most of the copper output was from the Homestead Iron lode mine in Baker county.

It is estimated that 5000 pounds of lead, valued at \$200, was recovered from Oregon ores in 1927, a decrease of 57 per cent in quantity as compared with 11,849 pounds, valued at \$224, produced in 1926. The 1927 output of lead was a by-product of gold concentrates produced in Grant county.

East Oregon In Eastern Oregon the principal production of gold and silver was made by the Empire dredge, near

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Dissolution Of Japanese Diet Occurs Today

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (AP)—The long threatened dissolution of the Japanese diet took place today. The opposition immediately presented a motion of censure upon the reassembling of the diet after a new year's recess.

The government, however, forestalled an actual vote by announcing the dissolution as soon as the finance minister had finished his speech.