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SCOUTING TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

La Grande Boys to Devote Entire Week to Observance of Event

BREAKFAST WILL BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Each Day to Have Special Significance—Court of Honor Is Scheduled for Saturday.

Next week will mark the 18th anniversary of scouting in America and boy scouts of the Eastern Oregon council—which is only a year old—will join with boy scouts everywhere in the observance of the week. Just 18 years ago Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1910 the Boy Scouts of America were originally incorporated and on June 15, 1913 the organization was granted a federal charter by congress.

A definite program has been outlined for every day during the week, beginning Sunday with Church day, when scouting will be talked from practically every pulpit in the city and boy scouts and their scout masters will attend in a body the church which sponsors their organization.

Window displays in several of the down town business houses will be in keeping with the week, and will demonstrate to the public some of the practical knowledge which is actually obtained from scouting. Most of these displays will be put in the store windows tomorrow by the various scout troops.

Sunday Breakfast

Observation of "Anniversary Week" in La Grande will start Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, when a scouts' and fathers' breakfast will be held in the basement of the First Methodist Episcopal church. The purpose of the breakfast is to get the men and boys together and become acquainted with the fathers of the scouts. W. C. Perkins will preside as toastmaster and during the breakfast Dr. W. T. Phy and H. E. Dixon will speak. A. W. Nelson, F. L. Lilly, and W. D. Vaughn will be the cooks and the menu will consist of ham and eggs, parker house rolls and butter, jelly and coffee. Members of the boys' and girls' committee of the chamber of com-

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ELKS OBSERVE PAST EXALTED RULERS' NIGHT

Last night was past exalted rulers' night at the Elks lodge and initiatory work was exemplified for three new candidates by the past rulers. Every office was filled by a past exalted ruler. J. H. Peare presided. Charles Goodnough occupied the office of esteemed leading knight; F. S. Ivanhoe, esteemed loyal knight; Colon R. Eberhard, esteemed lecturing knight; Henry Ritter, inner guard; Norman Deslet, chaplain, and L. F. Dunn, esquire.

Other past rulers of the local lodge present for the meeting were Cecil Bolton, DeElle Greene, T. J. Scroggin and Henry Hess. Letters were read from three, who no longer make their homes in La Grande, E. W. Bartlett, C. S. Dunn and Charles Harding.

About 80 Elks were in attendance and the initiatory work was put on in a very capable manner. Those initiated were W. D. Vaughn, Elden Matthew and William Matthis.

After the lodge work a hot tamale supper was enjoyed.

MORE AGGRESSIVE SALESMANSHIP

Business volume has long since passed the point where it can be anticipated without great effort or serious planning. You no longer spend your money in a store simply because it is located in the business district and has goods for sale.

Business growth, now more than ever before, depends greatly on more aggressive salesmanship. Which means knowledge of the market, intelligently planned advertising to reach the buyers of that market at the lowest possible cost, and trained, experienced salesmanship and service for those customers when they are finally attracted to the store or shop. In the La Grande territory The Observer provides one requirement to perfection—complete coverage of this market. The business firms which will enjoy greatest business growth in 1928 will be aggressive Observer advertisers.

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Senior Class To Present 'Kempy' February 23, 24

Cast Practicing Regularly Under Direction of Miss Peard—Play Is in Three Acts.

February 23 and 24 are the dates which have been selected for the presentation of senior class play, "Kempy", this year, Miss Zelda Peard, director, announced this morning.

Rehearsals for the presentation are now being held under way, Miss Peard said. "Kempy" is a three-act comedy, a French royalty play, and is the work of J. C. Nugent and Elliott Nugent. That the Moroni-Olsen players used it for two seasons is considered a recommendation of its quality.

"Kempy" is said to be a delightful comedy with humor deftly handled by the authors. The setting is modern.

A carefully selected cast, all members having parts of nearly equal importance, has been chosen and practicing regularly under Miss Peard's direction.

Remington Will Speak at Golden Rule Meal Feb. 21

The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, of the Eastern Oregon diocese, with headquarters in Pendleton, will be the main speaker, and the Rev. Oliver Riley, of the Episcopal church here, will be toastmaster at the Rotary-Campfire girls' "Golden Rule dinner" which is to be served in the new Sacajawea Inn on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. At this time the public will be given opportunity to eat for one meal what 33,000 Armenian orphans each have three times a day.

The purpose of the dinner is to raise enough funds to aid in the support of Near East orphans—Armenians, who are now scattered in various orphanages in Greece, Russia and other countries. The Near East relief is taking care of these orphans and also endeavoring to train each child in some trade so as to make him self-supporting and an asset to his country.

The Campfire girls will sell 325 tickets at 50 cents each, the money to go for the support of some orphan child. The cost per child each year for food and clothing is $100.

The meal, with the exception of coffee and cream, will as far as possible be served as it is in the Armenian orphanages, with bare tables, paper napkins and tin dishes. The menu will consist of meat stew, macaroni and cheese, prunes and brown bread. It will really be a demonstration of how many on the "other side" live.

The Sacajawea Inn will donate room and service that night, the La Grande merchants will donate the food, and the printing offices in town will donate tickets and menu cards.

County Awards Gasoline, Tire, Oil Contracts

Bids were received and contracts awarded for the county's supply of gasoline, oil and tires during the year yesterday afternoon before the adjournment of the county court session until next month's term.

The contract to supply the county with gasoline during the year was awarded to the Standard, Union and General oil companies. Veltex Oil company received the bid to supply the county with oil and the Playle Oil company was awarded the contract to supply all of the tires necessary during the year.

Modern Woodmen Meeting Enjoyable

Members of the Modern Woodmen lodge here enjoyed an interesting meeting last evening. Members whose birthday anniversaries come during this month served refreshments to the others. This is a custom which is regularly observed the first of each month.

1927 Grand Jury Still in Session

The 1927 grand jury is in session for the last time today at the court house. Shortly after noon today, however, no report had been made from the meeting. Shortly after the adjournment of this jury a new jury will be drawn for 1928.

DR. STEINER PROTESTS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, was today instructed by the state board of control to prepare a letter to the county judges of Oregon requesting them to desist from the practice of thrusting upon the care of the state their aged and dependent citizens who are in their last days.

HICKMAN NOT SANE, STATES DR. SHELTON

Alienist Declares Girl's Slayer Suffering from Dementia Praecox

MOTHER, FATHER GIVE TESTIMONY

Drama Injected into Trial When Parents Take the Witness Stand—Father Sobs as He Talks.

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Feb. 3 (AP)—Today was alienists' day in the sanity trial of William Edward Hickman, kidnaper, killer of Marian Parker, with one of yesterday's defense alienists resuming the witness stand. Attorney Jerome Walsh indicated before the sessions opening that most of the day would be monopolized by his medical experts.

A smirking grin was flashed by Hickman as he preceded his guard into court. He bestowed it upon newspaper men who sat with their telegraph operators at the wire table directly behind the prisoner's court room seat.

Wet weather and spasmodic downpours outside, the first inclement weather since the trial opened, failed in the least to dampen the ardor of trialfans. The spectators seats were filled soon after the opening hour, and at least half the occupants were of the fair sex.

Alleges Dementia Praecox

The witness on the stand was Dr. R. O. Shelton, of Los Angeles former member of the San Diego county lunacy commission. He resumed the medical explanation he began late yesterday of the reasons for his opinion the defendant suffered from dementia praecox, "one of the worst types of insanity."

Walsh asked Dr. Shelton how many times he had examined the defendant. He testified there were four visits, and that the first, a three-hour examination was the longest one.

Hickman's judgment was testified to be "extremely bad" because of his "insane delusions and faulty emotion."

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SPORTSMEN WILL MAVE CLAM FEED

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Meets Feb. 14—to Enter State Tourney

The Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of Union county, with most of its members in this city, will hold its annual clam feed on next Tuesday evening, Feb. 14. This will be the initial meeting of the organization this year and at that time membership cards for 1928 must be purchased. These cards also entitle the member to attend the clam feed and the summer trout dinner, besides carrying full voting privileges, etc. Annual business will also be disposed of.

Reports are that an especially tasty menu is being prepared, with clams, of course, as the main dish.

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Heflin Renews His Attack In Senate Today

Condemns Newspaper Accounts of His Speeches About Gov. Smith and Catholic Church.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (AP)—Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, issued a statement today renewing his attack on the "Roman Catholic political machine" and condemning newspaper accounts of his speeches in the senate about the Catholic church and Gov. Smith, of New York.

"I am against the insidious efforts of the Roman Catholic political machine," he said "to tie itself around the neck of the democratic party. I am not fighting religious freedom in any way. I am fighting for religious liberty in its broadest and profoundest sense.

"No United States senator in recent years," he said, "has been so misrepresented and vilified like I have been. While some of the papers have been fair and accurate in their accounts of what occurred in the senate last week, the majority of them have been unfair and abusive and disgusting to a vast majority of fair minded men."

UNION TEAMS LOSE 3 GAMES TO LA GRANDE

Basketball teams of three Union M. I. A. organizations fell before three similar La Grande teams here last night in an interesting triple-header event that was fairly well attended. Beginning with the boy scouts teams of the two M. I. A. organizations, Union lost 30-10. Following this game the Union and first ward M. I. A. teams, which are participating in the stake tournament, played and here too, Union lost decisively, 42-12. The married men's teams of the two cities played the final game and again the La Granders won, 30-10.

A peppy delegation of Union fans accompanied the three teams here and livened up the games with yells and songs. The game between the two ward teams was the final one of the stake series.

Justice F Winner Of $70,000 Handicap

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 3. (AP)—Justice F, owned by William Daniel, of Chicago, led a field of 16 to win the $70,000 New Orleans handicap receiving the winner's purse of $50,000 and a gold trophy. The presentation was made by Mayor William Hale Thompson, of Chicago.

WANTED FOR MURDER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Police announced today they determined that Edward Bray, alias E. J. Barrett held as a federal prisoner on an auto theft charge was wanted in Buffalo, N. Y., for the murder of Edward Rambow, slain Oct. 27, 1927.

Bray was injured when a car, alleged to have been stolen from Vancouver, Wash., was ditched near Hood River, Ore. He was brought to Portland after spending several days in a Hood River hospital.

VOTE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

PENDLETON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The Pendleton Elks lodge last night voted life membership to P. Alexander, pioneer merchant and banker of this vicinity. Mr. Alexander is the oldest living past exalted ruler of the local lodge and has been a member of the order since 1895 when the order was established here.

Tiger Basketball Squad En Route To Baker—Hard Contest Expected

After all's said and done there is no basketball game for La Grande fans like the annual Bulldog-Tiger contest. Traditional rivalry, a constant see-saw of victory, well matched strength of the two teams—all these things enter to make the Baker-La Grande basketball games highlights of every season.

Last year was distinctly La Grande's year. Now, local fans don't deny that this looks like the Bulldog's day. Nevertheless, upsets have happened, and the La Grande High school wasn't downhearted this morning regardless of the fact that Baker's team is conceded stronger. A number of students will accompany the team to Baker tonight, as well as a delegation of city fans.

Assembly Held

This morning's pep assembly, held at nine o'clock featured a stunt by the A. G. S. acclaimed one of the cleverest to be staged in several years at the high school. The stunt was written by Ruth Irwin, chairman of the memory book committee, and served to show the students the purpose of the memory book which the organization keeps from year to year. Virginia Hoehne introduced the cast of the skit and explained the purposes of the memory book committee. Those who took part in the skit, which centered about an ex-L. H. S. school girl who had lost her memory and who had it revived by vivid pages from the memory book, were: Vivian Hansen, Mildred Stanley, Phyllis Gordan, Martina Sams, Florence Hicks, Margaret Cauliffe, Helen Walker, Mildred Smith, Alice Cook, Velma Kennedy, Marjorie Reynolds, Dorothea Harrison, Ruth Smalley and Ruth Irwin, Miss Smalley and Miss Irwin sang a duet, accompanied by Clark Buckman, during the skit.

Dick Hibberd, a member of the basketball team, was called upon for a short talk by the student body president, Tom Bruce, who presided.

Mrs. Bertha Hayes, of the faculty, made an interesting talk to the students. A musical number was furnished by Barbara Pidcock who played several selections.

To Take Eight Men

Kenneth Owen, student body manager, announced that the seniors were leading in the point contest with the frosh second, the juniors third and the sophomores last. A recent stunt writing contest which was conducted ended with the sophomores winning, the juniors second, the seniors third and the frosh last, he said.

Coach Christie this morning announced that his squad of eight men which he will take to Baker would be made up of Hibberd, Stoddard, Wolfe, Herr, Braden, Faus, Roe and Newlin. The team left at three o'clock. The game will start at 7:30, it is understood.

SEARCHING FOR HER

Here is a photograph of Miss Frances St. John Smith, who disappeared from Smith college, Northampton, Mass., and for whom officers and friends have been searching for weeks. Ponds have been dragged, many clues have been run down and found false, and as yet, no trace of the girl has been discovered.

Landis Court Apartments Are Sold to N. Rice

The sale of the Landis Court apartments, until this week owned by J. A. Reynolds to N. W. Rice, of Vancouver, was announced this morning by Charles W. Fross, who has accepted the position of manager of the Second street apartment building. Mr. Reynolds completed the transaction in Portland this week, returning to La Grande yesterday to take Mrs. Reynolds and their daughters and son to Vancouver where they will make their home. It is understood that by the transaction Mr. Reynolds obtained a farm near Vancouver where they will make their home.

The new owner, Mr. Rice, who is an engineer for the S. P. S., will continue to make his home in Vancouver and the management will be entirely in the hands of Mr. Fross. The apartment house was sold a few months ago by Dr. R. P. Landis to Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Fross is employed at the W. H. Bohnenkamp company.

Lindbergh Will Carry Request Of Independence

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 3. (AP)—A plea for the freedom of Porto Rico in the form of a "message from the people of Porto Rico to the people of the United States," was entrusted to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh today at a special session of the Porto Rican legislature which conferred a medal of honor upon the American aviator.

Tired by last night's reception here after his hop from St. Thomas, Col. Lindbergh slept late today.

While the colonel, with his customary promptness in the air, arrived at San Juan on time yesterday, he still remained abed this morning when it had been expected he would start a motor trip to see the city's historic places and public buildings.

The crowds last night seemed to tire him and at the governor's reception he asked to be excused so that he might go to his room before starting for the carnival ball at the theater.

Boulder Canyon Bill Is Reported

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The Swing-Johnson Boulder Canyon bill was approved today by the house irrigation committee with the proviso that it be not placed on the house calendar until March 15.

P[illegible] Sinnott, Oregon, vot[illegible] opposite.

Bill Seeks Rogue River Hatchery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—A bill to establish a $50,000 fish hatchery on the Rogue river in Oregon, was introduced in the house today by Representative Hawley, republican, Oregon.

MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE

Ivan McCumber in Jail in Goldendale—Death Occurred on Jan 22

GLENWOOD, Wash., Feb. 3 (AP)—Ivan McCumber, 29, is under arrest, charged with killing his wife, Olga McCumber, 32, Glenwood school teacher. McCumber was arrested at his home by Sheriff McEwan and Chief Deputy Winters of Klickitat county.

Mrs. McCumber died at her home Jan. 22, supposedly from the effects of having been kicked in the head by a horse the day before.

The complaint charges McCumber with striking his wife on the head with a "deadly instrument." McCumber is now in jail in Goldendale.

Submarine S-3 Is Safe in Cuban Bay

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The submarine S-3, which was out of communication with the control force for nearly three days, has arrived safely at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, her destination.

The report to the navy today reporting the arrival did not state what trouble the craft encountered which caused considerable anxiety here and prompted a search for her.

France Not Ready For Stabilization

PARIS, Feb. 3. (AP)—Premier Poincare today again disposed of the idea that the government is ready for immediate stabilization of the franc.

When the discussion of the financial situation was resumed in the chamber of deputies he said, "the hour for stabilization has not yet come."

Company To Fight Proposed Inquiry

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3. (AP)—The American Telegraph and Telephone company will resist any attempt to make it a party to an inquiry into rates proposed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, it was said today at the state railroad commissione office. The American concern is the parent organization of the Pacific company which has asked the commission for permission to increase rates. Hearing on the application scheduled to start before the commission. The city of San Francisco heads a group of cities opposing the rate increase.

WOMAN FOUND GUILTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—Mary Clifford, 23, was found guilty of passing bogus currency by a jury reporting in Federal Judge McNary's court today. She was arrested in Oregon City on Nov. 6 by William MacSwain of the secret service department. The currency exhibited in the case was raised from $2 to $5.

Stewart Sticks To Guns; Defies Oil Committee

Senator Walsh Will Attempt to Have Him Arrested for Refusal to Answer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Decision to ask the senate to immediately order the arrest of Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil of Indiana, was reached late today by the senate oil committee.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, committee prosecutor, said he would seek to get action before adjournment today and have the wealthy Chicago oil operator before the bar of the senate tomorrow to answer before them for his refusal to reply before the committee to questions as to his knowledge as to what became of the Liberty bonds of the Continental Trading company of Canada.

Should the senate order the arrest, Stewart could apply to the district of Columbia supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus and have a hearing in that court.

Stewart persisted today in his defiance of the senate oil investigating committee.

The oil magnate stood fast by his decision to refuse to answer questions as to whether he had discussed with Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome, the profits of the extinct Continental Trading company, which made millions by buying oil for $1.50 a barrel in the United States and selling it back to the Stewart and Sinclair companies for $1.75.

Refuses to Answer

After preliminary sparring between Walsh and the witness when Stewart was recalled, the prosecutor finally asked:

"Did you know anything about the purchase of Liberty bonds by the Continental?"

"Repeating what I have said before," the witness replied, "I don't think I should answer.

"Were you ever consulted about the purchase of these bonds?"

"I reiterate what I said before."

"Were you ever consulted about the disposition of the bonds?"

Stewart.

Stewart hesitated.

"Why did you hesitate?" Walsh asked.

"That is none of your business, senator, nor is it any of the business of the committee. I say that with all deference."

Then the Standard official again declined to answer.

Marshal Haig Is Laid To Rest In The Abbey Today

LONDON, Feb. 3. (AP)—While all England mourned and three sons of his king led the three mile procession from St. Columba's to Westminster Abbey, the body of Field Marshal Earl Haig today was borne through the streets of London in one of the greatest military pageants in the history of the British capital.

The body was borne on the gun carriage on which had been mounted the gun which fired Great Britain's first shot in the world war. It was the same gun carriage on which the body of Britain's unknown soldier was taken tenderly to his last resting place.

Behind the casket were the pallbearers and Marshal Petain.

Three of King George's sons were in the sad procession: the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Prince Henry.

The family mourners were next in the procession. Immediately after the royal princes came the lonely figure of a woman dressed in deep black. It was the Countess Haig, walking with bowed head. She went quietly to her place in the choir as the procession entered Westminster Abbey.

Student Leader Is Kidnaped, Ducked

SEATTLE, Feb. 3. (AP)—Marion A. Zioncheck, president of the University of Washington student body, last night was bound and gagged and taken to the shore of Lake Washington, where he was ducked, paddled and his head shaved by nine hooded men who seized him at his home. The kidnaping followed a dispute over student policies.

SEATTLE, Feb. 3. (AP)—Police assistance in an investigation of the kidnaping last night of Marion Zioncheck, president of the associated students of the University of Washington, was requested today by President M. Lyle Spencer.

Sinnott Guest At Coolidge Breakfast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, (AP)—Another group of house members were invited to the White House for breakfast today by President Coolidge.

Those present included Representatives Colton, Utah, and Sinnott, Oregon, republicans, and Evans, Montana, democrat.

FALL RIVER FIRE LOSS IS IN MILLIONS

Entire Business District of Massachusetts Town Is in Ruins Today

NO LIFE LOSS IN CONFLAGRATION

Two Thousand Workmen Idle Today — Other Cities Aid in Keeping the Flames in Control.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 3. (AP)—The Fall River business district lay in ruins today. Only a few gaunt walls stood in an area of five blocks which was swept by fire last night and early this morning.

The loss was estimated by the mayor and police chief as between $7,000,000 and $12,000,000. Some insurance men thought it might run as high as $25,000,000.

There was no loss of life. Several firemen and others were slightly injured by falling walls and the effects of smoke. Two thousand workers in offices, banks, hotels and stores were without employment today.

Starting at the corner of Pocasset and Main streets, the flames swept northward to Bank street and eastward to Rock street. They destroyed three hotels, six banks, two theaters, a church, a newspaper plant and several office and store buildings.

Residences Saved

Firemen from all cities and towns in this vicinity and from cities as far away as Providence and Boston helped in the all night fight. It was 2:30 a. m. before they were assured that the flames would not spread into the residential district and result in a still worse conflagration.

Close to 2,000 persons were without their regular jobs today as a result of the fire.

Most of them stood in the streets last night and watched the flames eat up building after building as a high wind carried the fire along.

Those who were not on the scene last night came to look at the ruins today and found their places of employment levelled and covered with ice.

Starts in Textile Plant

The fire started in what was formerly the No. 1 mill of the Pocasset Manufacturing company. The four units of this abandoned textile plant were in process of demolition.

It was the oil-soaked floors of the old mill that gave the flames tremendous force at the start. A strong wind carried burning embers long distances. Almost immediately the Fall River fire department realized that it could not cope with the first and hurried calls for help were sent out.

No Panic in Theaters

This was early in the evening. Down town theaters were filled. Warning was given to the audiences and they filed out without panic. Guests at hotels in the path of the flames were notified in time to leave before the fire reached them.

Relentlessly the wall of flame pushed forward into the heart of the business district. At the height of the fire all communications with outside points was cut off. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies lost their quarters.

The telephone exchange was saved but the operators were ordered out when it appeared that the building would go. They returned this morning to find everything intact but a church wall leaning against one side of the building.

MOTHER, BABE ESCAPE FIRE; OTHERS BURN

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 3. (AP)—Leon Wiley and four of his children were burned to death last night and his wife and the fifth child narrowly escaped cremation when fire destroyed their cottage at Lake Minnetonka. The children's ages ranged from six to 12.

Screams of Wiley awakened his wife in another room. She took the baby and tried unsuccessfully to reach her husband. After being severely burned herself Mrs. Wiley, with the baby in her arms, leaped from a window. Mrs. Wiley's condition was reported as critical today.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

NOTED BARITONE WEDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—Reginald Werrenrath, noted baritone and his bride, the former Verna Neidig, of Chevy Chase, and Washington were on their honeymoon today after a quite marriage in Weehawken, N. J.

They were married by Mayor Emile Grauert with Mr. Werrenrath's mother and a brother of the bride as the only witnesses. Mayor Grauert, when asked concerning the ceremony, said he understood it was to have been kept secret.