

OPENING OF
SEVEN-STORY
HOTEL TODAY

Hundreds of People Visiting the Sacajawea Inn This Afternoon

PROGRAM TONIGHT
INCLUDES DANCING

Two Musical Events to Take Place Sunday—Many Congratulatory Messages Received.

The Sacajawea Inn, new La Grande seven-story hotel located at the corner of Fir street and Adams avenue, is having its grand opening program this afternoon, evening and tomorrow.

Open houses began at two o'clock this afternoon and continue until four during which time the public may inspect the hostelry. A similar inspection will be held from 5 until 10 o'clock tonight.

The opening dinner, the only event of the day for which there is a charge made, will begin at 6:30 this evening. Reservations for this indicate a greatly crowded affair. Tonight dancing will be in order in the spacious ball room from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Two Events Sunday
Tomorrow's program will feature two events—a La Grande municipal band concert at 2 p. m. and a piano recital by Dr. Emil Hana, Portland pianist-composer, at 8:30 p. m.

This afternoon's musical program, from 4 o'clock, was most arranged by Mrs. Jessie A. Hoskins, instructor. Tom Bruce will be the first to appear and will sing two numbers "Down by the Sea" and "Tiptoe." Robert Gould will accompany him at the piano.

Mrs. Harry W. Mohr will sing "May Day Morn" and "I Wonder If Ever The Rose" and Miss Lois Nelson will accompany her at the piano.

Miss Daisy Roberts will sing "Some of Songs" and a second number to be selected. Mrs. H. N. Ashby will be her accompanist.

Miss Bertha Banta will play a violin solo and Miss Nelson will play a piano selection.

Mrs. Edna Halley Stonebraker is to sing "All of the May Time" and "Mignon," accompanied by Mrs. Ashby, and Willard Peck, of Baker, will sing one number to be selected.

Light refreshments will also be served during the afternoon.

Tonight's Program
This evening the musical program will continue.

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GOLDEN RULE
DINNER TO BE
FEBRUARY 21

Plans are now practically completed and everything is in readiness for the Golden Rule dinner to be given Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at the Sacajawea Inn. This banquet is sponsored by the campfire girls of the city, backed by the Rotary club, and is for the purpose of raising \$100 to support one Near East orphan for a year.

Mrs. L. H. Aiken, campfire Guardian, received a letter this week from J. J. Handaker, North-west regional director for the Near East relief, in which he told of a similar banquet held in Portland last week in the Indian Grill of the Multnomah hotel, which was attended by two persons. He also enclosed a copy of a letter from C. C. Thurner, active managing director in the Near East, telling of conditions there and the work that is being done with the money sent by the workers in the U. S.

Complete girls are selling tickets for the banquet here Tuesday night, and it is reported that the tickets are going fairly good. Bishop W. P. Remington of Pendleton will be the principal speaker and the Rev. Oliver Riley will preside as toastmaster at the banquet.

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TO SEE AND
TO READ

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Jurors Return
Guilty Verdict
In Theft Trial

Joe Soto and Joe McBride Are to Be Sentenced by Judge J. W. Knowles Next Monday.

Joe Soto and Joe McBride were declared guilty of theft of an automobile by jury yesterday after a 10-minute deliberation. The case began in circuit court at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and was finished at about 2:30 o'clock when Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles instructed the jury. Soto and McBride will receive sentence from the judge on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. They were indicted by grand jury following their arrest near Pendleton with the stolen car, the property of William Sailer, of this city, late this fall.

No Court Monday
No case will be heard in court Monday due to the postponement of the scheduled case.

Sentence has not yet been pronounced on Walter Mayo, who was found guilty a few days ago on charges of non-support of a minor child.

OBSERVER WILL BUY BACK COPIES OF HOTEL EDITION

Although a considerable number of copies of the Sacajawea Inn special edition of The Observer have come in, more calls have been received for extra copies than can be supplied and The Observer will appreciate subscribers bringing in copies of this hotel issue. To supply the demand for additional papers, The Observer will buy back any of the hotel special editions, if complete and in good order, for five cents a copy.

La Grande Will
Shoot Against 3
State Trap Clubs

The Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club will open its part in the Oregonian trapshoot tomorrow, in competition with 27 other teams over the state. Because of the number of teams entered the Oregonian plan is to have three rounds each Sunday. This, however, does not mean that three strings of 25 targets are to be shot each day. The first string of 25 will not only count against an opponent in the first round, but in the second and third as well.

The first round finds La Grande pitted against Echo. In the second and third the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club will face Astoria and Pendleton. Scores are to be telephoned or telegraphed to Portland after the shoot.

The following teams are entered: Arlington, Halsey, La Grande, Echo, Portland, Astoria, Lane county, Pendleton, The Dalles, Bend, Klamath, Roseburg, Toledo, Heppner, Roseburg, Toledo, Conville, Monitor, Prineville, Siletz Bay, Union, Huntington, Medford, Baker, Washington county, Neskay and Enterprise.

Competition will continue each Sunday until April 15.

Local shooters will gather at the Lone Tree grounds at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. Everyone is invited. A. V. Andrews, secretary, says.

Convention Fund
Dance on Monday

The Eagles' lodge will give the first dance of a series for the benefit of the P. O. E. convention fund Monday evening at Eagles' hall here, when Bob Fletcher's Pendleton Round-Up band will play. All efforts are being made by the committee to make the dance a success.

The Eagles' state convention will be held here in June.

Chamber to Honor
George Washington

Tuesday forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce will be observance of George Washington's birthday and W. W. Thomas, from the history department of the La Grande High school, will give a talk entitled "George Washington."

Andrew Loney Jr. will play several concert solos.

War Veterans To
Meet on Feb. 23

A meeting for all ex-service men, sponsored by the Salvation Army, will be held at Eagles' hall here Thursday evening, Feb. 23, when various benefits for ex-service men will be thoroughly explained. Each ex-service man is entitled to \$500 worth of benefits for his service in the World war, and the nature of these benefits will be explained at Thursday night's meeting. Oils Palmer reports.

Similar meetings will be held throughout the state during this month, the purpose being to educate the ex-service men regarding the benefits.

COOLIDGE IS
CRITICAL OF
LAWMAKERS

Not in Sympathy with the Course That Congress Is Pursuing

TOO LIBERAL, THE
EXECUTIVE THINKS

President Feels Chances for Tax Reduction Are Now Seriously Endangered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—President Coolidge is out of sympathy with the course congress is pursuing in respect to appropriations, farm relief and flood control, and he believes the chances for tax reduction now are critically endangered.

He feels that the two houses have been too liberal in appropriating federal funds and that as a result tax reduction is correspondingly remote. He has noted that in addition to the \$45,000,000 increase in the proposed tax cut, congress has added \$3,000,000 to the army appropriation in excess of what he thought necessary and has doubled the shipping-board appropriation.

The tax bill is now lying dormant in the senate, where leaders have tucked it away to await additional revenue information with the Mac I. returns. There have been administration warnings that too great reduction would be worse than none at all, and only recently Representative Gardner, of Texas, ranking democrat on the house ways and means committee, predicted that there would be no reduction this year.

The farm relief bill recently approved by the senate agriculture committee, with its equalization fee, draws from the president the same objection that prompted him to veto last year the McNary-Haugen bill. In his veto message he selected the fee as the most objectionable feature. He has heard of the Kookum farm relief plan now under discussion here and has learned from the agriculture department that while the proposal has some merit, it includes other features regarded as not feasible.

PENDLETON WINS
WITH EASE, 32-12

Tigers Suffer Defeat on Buckaroo Floor—Opponents Never Headed

PENDLETON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Pendleton high school had an easy time defeating La Grande here last night, 32 to 12. The Buckaroos took an early lead and held it throughout.

Lineup:
Pendleton (32) — (12) La Grande
Heiderman (13) F. — (6) Hillbard
Cook (5) F. — (3) Broden
Grando (5) C. — (2) H. Wolfe
Schneider — G. — Stoddard
Temple — G. — Herr
Fiske — S. — (1) Faus
Childers (7) S. — Buzz
Halverson (2) S. — Newlin
Bewilde — S. — Roe

Incidentally, last night's defeat

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HONORED



"Father of Presbyterism in northwestern Washington" is the title bestowed on the Rev. Reverend K. McElhannon, whose half century of continuous service in the ministry recently was commemorated at a banquet. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1845, ordained at Victoria in 1877, and crossed into the United States to continue his work and become a citizen in 1893.

21 Poultry Men
Attend Meeting
With Dr. Johnson

Oregon State College Expert Gives Demonstration—Talks of Chicken Disease.

Twenty-one poultry men, representing most of the larger poultry flocks of the county, attended the poultry meeting in the post office building here yesterday afternoon, which was the most interesting and instructive meeting of its kind ever held here.

Dr. W. T. Johnson, in charge of poultry disease investigation work at the experiment station at the Oregon State college, attended the meeting and gave a lecture of special interest to poultry growers. Dr. Johnson has been attending other similar meetings in Eastern Oregon and was asked to come here by H. G. Avery, county agent.

Commoner Diseases
Poultry disease information not having been available to any great extent here, Dr. Johnson started his talk by enumerating some of the commoner disease troubles among the larger flocks. One of the commonest is bacillary white diarrhea, which results in the biggest loss among the baby chicks, he declared. There is no means of controlling this disease except by having clean disease-free stock.

The state livestock sanitary board, under the direction of Dr. W. H. Lytle, has established a quarantine against shipping baby chicks except from flocks which have been tested and found to be free of disease. The same kind of quarantine has also been established in Washington and Idaho. The Oregon State college has been delegated to handle the testing of flocks in this state, and numerous flocks have been tested during the past year. As a consequence many hatcheries advertise chicks that are free from disease, which is expected to result in lower mortality of baby chicks and a greater egg production. A certain percentage of birds, mature with the disease and are always poor layers.

Parasites
Dr. Johnson spent much time explaining troubles caused by parasites, including coccidiosis, which is caused by a very small parasite. Other parasites which are injurious include several types of round worms and varieties of tape worms. This condition could be controlled by sanitation, Dr. Johnson declared. Concrete floors in the brooder house yard has proved effective in a few Western Oregon commercial

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Greenwood Wins
Championship in
Grade Schools

The Greenwood basketball team became 1928 champions yesterday when it won the last game of the series, defeating Riveria 18-6 at the high school gymnasium.

The strong Greenwood cagers, coached by L. R. Delane, have a record for the season that is unmarred by a single defeat.

The sturdy built Greenwood five, larger than either Riveria or Central, displayed a splendid brand of ball and seem likely prospects for high school material in the future.

Next Friday afternoon, probably the most exciting game of the grade series will occur when Central and Riveria play for second place in the series. Riveria won the series last year and the year before and defeated Central by a slight margin in their first game this year.

The Central boys declare themselves just as eager to win second place honors as the Riveria five is. Their game starts at 4:30 o'clock.

The Greenwood school also capped the football championship title this year. Their basketball players follow: Hartman, Workman, Cochran, Shepherd, Hughes, Delbois, Stoddard, Berry, Shepherd, Gunn and Burnett.

County Dog Tax
Warning Issued

"Unless dog owners want to pay double fee or be subject to a fine they had better pay their county license fees before Mar. 1," declared Clerk C. K. McCormick this morning.

Under Oregon law, county dog license fees are doubled if not paid by Mar. 1 and owners not paying the license are subject to fine. The county clerk is anxious that dog owners of Union county respond to the law better than they have done so far this year.

Washington Club
Program Monday

The Washington club today announced a meeting at the Foley hotel Monday evening, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p. m. The meeting will begin with a dinner and the following program will be given:

Group of piano selections, the Rev. Oliver Riley; group of songs, Mrs. H. N. Ashby and stereopticon lecture, "The Other Wise Man," Mr. Hunt and the Rev. Mr. Bradner.

WINTER COLD
RETURNS TO
MIDDLEWEST

Budding Lilacs Smothered Under a Six-Inch Blanket of Snow

TWO DEATHS DUE
TO FRIGID WAVE

Airmail Service at Standstill—Near Zero Temperatures Are Reported Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (AP)—Midwest reports of an early spring, harbored by robins and budding lilacs, were smothered today beneath a six-inch blanket of snow. Two deaths and numerous injuries were attributed to the storm which swept over Chicago yesterday, following several weeks of spring weather.

William Anderson, railroad brakeman, was killed when crushed between two trains which collided on the Chicago Belt line railroad. The collision was caused when swirling snow obstructed his vision, the engineer of one of the trains said.

In Waukegan, a suburb, Massie Brown, 12, was killed by an automobile while playing in the snow with two other girls who were severely injured. The driver of the car said he did not see them until too late because of the snow.

Below Zero Weather
Weather bureau forecasts were cloudy and colder by a possible minimum temperature of 8 to 10 below zero.

Airmail service was at a virtual standstill. Milwaukee had a snow fall of three inches and reported the temperature at 10 degrees above zero at 4 p. m. today. At St. Paul it was 7 above and clear at the same hour.

Portland M. I. A.
Team Will Play
For State Title

"East meets West" tonight in one of the most interesting town basketball games of the season to be played at the L. D. S. hall when the championship M. I. A. team of Portland, representing Western Oregon, will meet the Union state champions, the M. I. A. First Ward, representing Eastern Oregon.

Both teams have fine records for the season, and a brand of really good basketball is being anticipated by the local M. I. A. officials, who expect a double turnout for tonight's double-header. The preliminary game is to be a tilt between the championship M. I. A. team of Portland, representing Western Oregon, and the O. W. team, which is to participate in the O. W. tournament in Portland Feb. 22. This will be their last appearance here before going to Portland and many fans are eager to see the O. W. team in action.

The Portland M. I. A. team has a long string of victories and is expected to make the main game an exciting one. The local team, too, has an enviable season's record, their defeat at the hands of Willamette last Saturday being the only loss. Tonight's game will refer their contest. The regular M. I. A. lineup will be in action.

Following are the lineups of the preliminary game: O. W.: C. E. Millering, M. Rokland, guards; F. (Continued on Page 5)

Odd Fellows Will
Remodel Temple

The L. O. O. F. building is soon to undergo interior improvements that will include the installation of hot and cold water plumbing fixtures in every room upstairs. It was decided last night when the lodge met, with Noble Grand C. A. Chadwick presiding. There was a good attendance, numbering about 40. At the meeting, which was held at the L. O. O. F. temple, the second degree work was put on.

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For Hickman, Slayer of Marian Parker

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IN INDIANA



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VICE RING SAID
TO INVOLVE 250

Startling Confession Alleged to Have Been Made by Druggist

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—Startling revelations of the ramifications of Portland's vice ring, involving more than 250 persons hitherto unmentioned, and including names of persons in other parts of the state, developed today in a confession reported to have been made by Herbert Coffin, 45, druggist, who was arrested shortly after midnight.

Officers who made the arrest, seized a book containing the names and other information which they said would prove a strong link in evidence against the vice ring. A system of communication and methods of making appointments was revealed to the investigators.

The list of names was said to include the names of two clergymen, a policeman and men prominent in civic affairs.

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Girls Burned To
Death in Plane
Crash in South

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 18 (AP)—Alma Rose and Mildred Rogers, 17-year-old Columbia school girls, were burned to death today when the airplane in which they were making their first flight burst into flames after crashing into a railroad trestle at the edge of the city.

Don Diegel, the pilot, escaped from the burning plane and was taken to a hospital where it was said he was badly injured.

The two girls were said to have been advised by Diegel and also by Dr. C. A. Butch, one of the owners of the plane, not to go up this morning, because of the unfavorable weather conditions.

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Boycott Threat
Follows Death
Of Chinese Man

Accuse American Ship Officer of Slaying—Four Demands Made by Labor Union Workers

AMOIY, China, Feb. 18 (AP)—The alleged slaying of a Chinese by an American ship officer today brought threats of a boycott of American goods.

The Chinese labor unions, especially the water front cargo handlers made the threat as the result of an incident which occurred Feb. 9. Chief officer F. R. Williams of the United States shipping board freighter Edmore is said to have attempted to shoot a Chinese alleged to have been stealing flour. The Chinese marauder was only slightly wounded, but a Chinese boatman was hit and later died.

Laborers Make Demands
Following the boatman's death, the laborers struck. They refused to load the Edmore and presented their demands to the American Consul Harvey Lee Milbourne through the Fukien commissioner of foreign affairs. These demands were:

One—formal apology by the American consul.

Two—Punishment of Chief Officer Williams in accordance with the law.

Three—Indemnity for the family of the deceased of ten thousand dollars.

Four—A guarantee from the United States consul against the occurrence of similar acts in the future.

Ship Tied Up
The Edmore is an American Oriental line steamer operated by the Dollar Steamship company from Seattle. The Edmore is definitely tied up at Amoy pending the settlement of the case, the United States consul having assured the Chinese that the ship will not sail until the incident has been settled.

The shipping board is estimated to be losing a thousand dollars daily as a result of the ship's delay.

Dynamite Bombs
Wreck Chicago
Homes at Night

CHICAGO, Feb. 18, (AP)—Dynamite bombs, silent for three weeks, ripped their way through two buildings in separate parts of the city last night.

The home and undertaking establishment of Municipal Judge John A. Sharbaro on North Wells street was bombed almost at the same time that a blast tore away a portion of the Century garage on West Harrison street—a place frowned upon by police and federal agents as a gangster hangout.

Coming less than a month after a bomb attack against the homes of City Comptroller Charles Fitzmorris and Dr. William Reid, both of whom are close allies of Mayor Thompson, the bombing of Judge Sharbaro's home and business place was looked upon by police as another defiance of the administration for its war upon organized crime.

The Century garage bombing puzzled police, although they were agreed the motive undoubtedly was rooted in gang rivalry. It was in front of this garage last Tuesday that Isadore (Nigger) Goldberg, known as a strong-arm man for a vice and gambling syndicate, was shot down and fatally wounded.

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Plane Crashes On
Macon Main Street

MACON, Ga., Feb. 18 (AP)—A pilot killed in mid air by the premature explosion of an aerial bomb, an airplane entered in the southeastern air derby here today, crashed down into Cherry street, main business thoroughfare, killing the other occupant, perhaps fatally injuring one pedestrian and inflicting slight hurts to a score or more.

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SEVERAL IN
FERRY WRECK
ARE MISSING

Confusion in Checking Passengers Makes Exact Number Uncertain

SCORES PLUNGED
INTO FRISCO BAY

Majority Saved by Nearby Craft—Cause of Accident Not Known by Authorities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (AP)—An undetermined number of persons still were missing today when police and rescuers checked their reports in an effort to ascertain the number of casualties in the accident to the ferry boat Peralta, from whose decks an unknown number of passengers were swept into "San Francisco bay."

Revised figures showed that ten persons believed to have been on the boat last night when her passenger laden propeller dipped into the bay still had failed to return to their homes. Estimates of passengers were from 30 to 100 persons were plunged overboard. The official list showed 17 had been rescued.

Reports estimating the number of persons missing at first one to 13, caused confusion today as to the actual number. The Key Ferry system, owners of the Peralta, said only one passenger, known to have been on the ferry was missing. Unofficial lists gathered through police and other sources agreed in names of three persons missing.

They were:
J. W. Collins, of Oakland.
Hugh Findlay, Berkeley, assistant editor of a trade magazine.
Mrs. Edna Kraft, 38, a negro, living in Oakland.

What caused submerging of the forward part on the boat as she sped toward Oakland with a heavy load of commuters during the evening rush hour likewise remained undetermined.

Large Crowd on Ferry
The big electric driven ferry, operating between San Francisco and Oakland for the Key Route transit system, was nearing its east bay destination during the rush hour last night when the accident occurred. Although the ferry was not filled to its capacity—4,000 persons—a large crowd was aboard. Many of these had gathered on the lower forward deck.

Suddenly the huge ferry lurched downward and the scores of passengers submerged in the cold salt water. Passengers were washed overboard. Pandemonium broke loose among the others because they thought the ferry was going down. Women knelt on the decks and prayed while the men attacked lockers filled with life preservers. The air was filled with the cries of those struggling in the water and the screams of women and children on the decks.

The Peralta's crew was ordered to the life boats as the big ferry slowly settled back on an even keel. Men passengers threw life preservers to those in the water. The ferry hayward, which was passing the scene, launched lifeboats as did the naval training station at Goat Island, which in but a few hundred yards from the scene of the accident.