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MEETING OF
O-W FOREMEN
HERE TODAYMajor Session of Second
Division This Year;
Discuss MaintenanceMANY OFFICIALS
IN ATTENDANCEMr. Martin, R. O. Beau-
camp, of Omaha, H. A.
Roberts, of Portland
Among Those Present.

One of the major railroad meetings of the second division of the O-W for the year began here this afternoon when the maintenance of way association of the division began its semi-annual two-day session at the company's clubrooms, with 50 foremen and many officials, including Mr. Spear, president of the maintenance of way association of the Union Pacific system, in attendance. Other officials here include Mr. Martin, secretary of the system association, R. O. Beaucamp, special representative of the system, vice president E. E. Calvin, from Omaha, H. A. Roberts, engineer of maintenance for the O-W, from Portland, Frank Bryant, from Kelso, in head of the division association, R. V. Owens, watch inspector for the system, is also in La Grande and will attend some of the session.

Track, B & B (buildings and bridges), and signals come under the maintenance of way department and discussion of problems pertinent to these three will occupy most of the two afternoons of meeting. One group of foremen will attend this afternoon and a second group tomorrow, so that the program will be practically duplicated. The entire division will be represented.

Important Meeting
Not only is the maintenance of way meeting very important as an important class but it is also important because it brings together representatives of employes and employers together and presents an opportunity for them to discuss all problems," said one railroad official this morning. "The meeting has an important educational side—new ideas are presented—new problems brought up to be solved—and general conditions reviewed." It went on. "The maintenance of way meeting is a real significance to the railroad," the speaker continued.

A. G. S. GIRLS
ASK FOR OLD
FURNITURE

A plea for "that old davenport or wicker chair that you have stored away in the attic" has been made by the Associated Girl Students of La Grande high school. All this week the A. G. S. has been having their first year, which is on the second floor, katechized and painted, and gay new cretonne draperies have been hung. The girls of the organization are delighted with the redecoration of their own special room, where first aid work and the like is carried on, but there is one thing that mars their delight, and that is the lack of new furniture to replace the benches that have been in the room for several years and which the girls say have seen their "better days." So, they have issued an appeal for a used settee, davenport or chair, which point or cretonne might make look new. "We believe we can make some of these articles which are otherwise of little value very useful to us," said one of the girls of the organization. "If those who have articles which they think might be of use to us would call Main 704, we would appreciate it greatly," she said.

Shriners Club Is
Re-Organized Here

A Shriner's club was re-organized in La Grande and George T. Cochran elected president of the organization, when 40 Shriners met at dinner at the La Grande hotel last night. Dr. H. G. McCall was elected vice president and L. H. Russell secretary-treasurer. Lot Snodgrass presided at the dinner and night, which was served in the private banquet room. Shrine members seemed enthusiastic over the prospects of re-organization, for which the meeting had been called. A number of the Shriners spoke during the evening. Definite plans will be made as to meeting date and the year's program by the new officers soon. "Those at the meeting last night expressed the belief that some extremely enjoyable and interesting meetings might be provided by the club in the future."

Boy Scout Court
Of Honor Held
Here Last NightThree Boys Receive Life
Scout Badges; Many
Awards Are Given by
Committee.

Three La Grande boy scouts were awarded life scout badges last evening when a court of honor was held in the city court room here last night and were attended by more than 100 persons. The court was presided over by the Rev. Oliver Riley, chairman of the court of honor, and many awards were given boys who were successful in passing the board of review on Tuesday evening.

Robert Ramsey opened the meeting by repeating the scout oath and Dale Baxter, of Union, closed the meeting. The life scout badges were awarded by the Rev. H. W. Parker, and were given to Clair Thomas, Paul Walker and Robert Ramsey. Star scout badges were given to Carl Coleman and Adam Leighton. These were awarded by H. E. Dixon. A. W. Nelson presented the tenderfoot badges, which were given to Stanley Kofford, Lawrence Clark, Verle McCallan, Horace Monroe, Oran Osborn, Cleon Coalwell and John Williams. Mr. Dixon also awarded the second class badges, the boys receiving them were Edwin Briggs, John Scott, Donald Culp, Kenneth Fehrmel, Willard McMurray, Lawrence Fuller and Frederick Clark. First class badges were awarded by the Rev. Oliver Riley to Robert Zweifel, Everett Reynolds, Max Stoddard and Wilford Smith.

Merit Badges Given
Walter A. Bean presented the second class merit badges. These were given to Howard Lyman, Ray Buckley, Guy Andrews, Ray

EDUCATORS MEET
HERE TOMORROWSupt. C. A. Howard and
Prof. F. L. Stetson
to Be Speakers

What local school leaders are anticipating as one of the most successful annual meetings of the Eastern Oregon Superintendents' and Principals' association will be held here tomorrow, beginning at 9:30 o'clock when the president, Superintendent H. E. Inhofe of Portland, will call some 50 school officials to order. Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Harney and Matheux counties will be represented. Superintendent J. T. Longfellow this morning advanced two weighty reasons for his expectations that the session will be one of unusual worth. They were, namely, C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, from Salem, and Professor F. L. Stetson, from the educational school at the University of Oregon, who will be the principal speakers on the day's program. Additional interest is shown in the fact that several school heads from Southwestern Idaho cities have partially signified their intentions of coming to tomorrow's meeting.

Superintendent Elmer F. Goodspeed, of the McLaughlin Union high school, will be the first speaker with an address on "The Development of School Morale." Professor Stetson is to speak at 10:15 o'clock and Superintendent Howard at 11 o'clock and again at 1:30 o'clock. Election of officers will be a part of the business session which begins at 2:15 o'clock. Dates will be determined for the Eastern Oregon track and field meet by the educators in their business session. The meeting will be held in Room 7 at the high school building.

Seats Sold Out For
"H. M. S. Pinafore"

With every seat in the house sold and dozens of ticket seekers being turned away, there is every assurance that the presentation of "H. M. S. Pinafore" by the O. S. C. glee club, directed by Professor Paul Petri, will be an unequalled success tonight. The curtain rises at the first of the two acts at 8 o'clock. An 11-piece orchestra is accompanying the musical comedy which has a chorus of 24 mixed voices in addition to the principals. Ted Roy, who has the leading part in the comedy, will sing several solos between acts. The visiting students presented a short program at the high school this afternoon.

Tax Notices To
Be Mailed Soon

Tax notices are nearly ready for mailing and will probably be put in the mail next week, according to A. L. Helms, deputy sheriff in charge of the tax department, who has been supervising the preparation of the notices for several weeks. May 5 is the last day for payment of the taxes without penalty.

SEN. CARAWAY
CALLS WORK
A 'COWARD'Secretary Spoke to Colonel
Estes "Very Abruptly"
Arkansas DeclaresSAYS TRANSACTION
WAS DISGRACEFULTook Protection of Office
to Say Things That He
Would Not Have Said
in Corridor.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20. (AP)—Secretary Work was assailed as a "coward" in the senate today by Senator Caraway, democrat of Arkansas, for what the Arkansas described as treatment accorded by Mr. Work recently to Colonel Carl E. Estes of the staff of Gov. Moody, of Texas.

"I will waive any senatorial privileges," Caraway declared. "If I have any, if the secretary of the interior wants to answer me anywhere or at any time."

Senator Caraway said that Colonel Estes, a wounded world war veteran, had come to Washington representing Governor Moody and the chambers of commerce of Texas in behalf of a national park for Arkansas. He said that Estes brought with him a letter to Secretary Hoover from Hoover's campaign manager in Texas, and that after a visit with Hoover he was sent to the office of Secretary Work, who spoke to him "very abruptly."

Col. Estes said that the man whose body bears wounds, a seat, the Arkansas said. "He told Colonel Estes he knew what he had come for and that he knew all about Texas and Arkansas he cared to know. He called Colonel Estes a liar and ordered him out of his room. Estes was never permitted to say what his business was."

"The transaction was disgraceful and cowardly," he said, things to Colonel Estes in his office which he would not have said in the corridor.

Road Over Mountain
Is Open To Travel

Road conditions are about the same at Meacham, where for the past several weeks an eight-mile stretch of highway has been in bad shape. The road was completely closed on Wednesday for cars have been allowed to go on through yesterday and today, and highway crews are on hand to lend assistance when necessary. The highway offices advised this afternoon that all motorists who cross the road use chains when crossing the mountains.

The snow that fell Wednesday caused the road to be closed on that day because it made it impossible for the traveler to distinguish which tracks there are from the deeper holes.

County Assessor
Files For Office

County Assessor D. H. Proctor filed for office this morning with County Clerk C. K. McCormick. This is the fifth of the present incumbents who have declared at the county offices. County Clerk McCormick, County Treasurer Florence Bacon, County Commissioner W. W. Stevens and County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre have in addition to Mr. Proctor filed to date.

Coach Company Puts Two New Stages
In Service on La Grande-Joseph Route

The Wallawa Coach company, with headquarters in La Grande, took its place as one of the best equipped lines operating in any one section of the state yesterday when they introduced their two new 12-passenger Roadmaker stages in successful performances over the La Grande-Joseph highway.

Common Stocks
Go Up To \$26.50
On Wall StreetDash Sent General Motors
Which Advanced \$7 to
\$192; Close at the Best
Prices of Session.

NEW YORK, Mar. 20. (AP)—Common stocks of radio corporation, zooming up \$26.50 a share to \$195, dashed past General Motors, which advanced \$7 to \$192 on the New York stock exchange today. Both stocks closed at their best prices of the session. Dozens of others issues participated in a headlong advance. Baldwin locomotive had a net gain of \$15.26 when it sold at \$282.50.

Transactions in the last half hour were so great that the ticker tape, which had been running as much as half an hour behind the market all day, did not record the final transaction until 28 minutes after the session closed. Total sales, 4,586,300 were above the four million mark for the fourth time this week and the fifth time since the current "bull market" began on March 2.

Wright Aeronautical stimulated by the Stinson endurance flight in Florida, advanced \$12 a share. Other spectacular gains included Dupont \$9.50; Westinghouse Elec-

FARMERS FORCED
TO LEAVE HOMESThousands of Acres of
Land Under Water, Re-
sult of Ice Jam

SASKATOON, Sask., Mar. 20. (AP)—Between thirty and forty thousand acres of farm land in the Pike Lake area were under water today as the result of an ice jam on the Saskatchewan river. Twenty-nine farmers and their families are known to have been forced to abandon their homes. Some stock had been lost in the rapidly mounting waters and farming operations have been struck a serious blow by the loss of seed grain.

The ice jam has been piled to a height of about 40 feet by the pounding flood and is being gradually thrust toward Saskatoon. The depth of the water on the inundated farms ranged from a few feet to the height of the roofs on some of the houses.

The flood descended upon the valley with suddenness, and some farmers who failed to heed the first

"Hermit Slayers"
Executed Today

CANYON CITY, Colo., Mar. 20. (AP)—Arthur Osborne, and Ray Noakes, Colorado "hermit slayers," were executed at the state penitentiary here early today for the murder in July 1926 of Fred W. Selak, aged recluse of Grand Lake, Colo.

Noakes, 23 years old, the younger of the two boys, was hanged at 12:40 o'clock (M. T. time) and Noakes was hanged at 1:13 minutes later by Dr. R. E. Holmes prison physician. A few moments after the body of Noakes had been lifted down, Osborne, 24 years old, mounted the steps to the gallows and the trap dropped at 1:15. He lived 15 minutes. The identity of the executioner was kept secret. The state paid him \$50 for springing the trap.

Oregon Basketball
Team Is Ineligible

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 20. (AP)—Members of the Washington high basketball team, champions of Oregon, who started for Chicago yesterday to participate in the national tournament to be held in that city, were halted by telegraph at Arlington and instructed to return home. It developed the team was ineligible to play in the tournament due to the fact that the Washington high school, as well as other Portland high schools, never affiliated with the Oregon high school athletic council. Money raised to defray expenses of the trip will be returned to its donor.

Portland Man Files
For Representative

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 20. (AP)—George A. Hall of Portland filed his declaration with the secretary of state today as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature for Multnomah county.

THEIR UNDERSEA LABORS ENDED



Conspicuous among the navy's salvage workers whose untiring labor finally brought the submarine S-4 to the surface from her three-months' grave on the bottom of Provincetown Harbor were these six stalwarts: (above, left to right) Chief Gunner William Longman, Captain Henry Hartley and Chief Gunner Clarence L. Tibbals; (below) John Kelly, Bill Carr and Tom Eadie, divers.

Remus Will Be
Released From
Insane Hospital

LIMA, Ohio, Mar. 20. (AP)—George Remus, former bootleg king and wife slayer, won his fight for freedom from the Lima state hospital for the criminal insane today when the third district court of appeals handed down a decision holding him sane.

The decision was rendered after the court had had consideration for more than three weeks the question of whether Remus was sane. The hearing on his application for release on a writ of habeas corpus opened on Feb. 20 and continued about two weeks while attorneys and Remus himself took their turns in the witness chair.

Remus' attorneys did not call him and the state demanded the reason. They were told that he was available to them if they wanted him, and he was summoned for cross examination. For three days he testified to the most minute details of his life, adding about 150,000 words to the record of the hearing.

"Temporary Insanity"

Remus killed his wife, Imogene, as she was riding through a Cincinnati park the morning of Oct. 6, 1927. He surrendered himself, pleaded and entered a plea of "temporary insanity."

Remus, an attorney, acted as one of his own defense counsel during his trial for murder. He testified he had been tortured by his wife's infidelity with Frank L. Dodge Jr., Lansing Mich., a former department of justice agent, who was largely responsible for sending the former bootleg chieftain to the Alcatraz penitentiary, for violation of the liquor laws.

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Bombing Threats
More Bullets In
Chicago TodayCourt Bailiff Is Wounded;
Attorney General Will
Study Facts Before
Making Decision.

CHICAGO, Mar. 20. (AP)—More threats of bombings, more bullets, more pleas for federal protection at 125 criminal trials, more pepped politics in Chicago today.

United States District Attorney George E. O. Johnson, an appointee of Senator Deneen was warned in an anonymous telephone call that he had been marked for a bomb. A report that a political meeting of Circuit Judge Swanson was to be broken up by bombs spread alarm and then blew up of its own momentum when the meeting being held without incident.

A municipal court bailiff who has been a ward worker for the anti-Deneen forces headed by Mayor Thompson and State's Attorney Crowe was shot and seriously wounded by one of a dozen federal agents who raided a saloon at State street, near 57th.

The shot was added to the Chicago killer's repertoire when a man whose name is believed to have been Marchese was shot down and then burned after gasoline had been poured over the body. A card in the man's purse carried the name of Paul Marchese. That is the family name of the widow of Diamond Joe Esposito, Deneen worker slain nine days ago.

From Washington came word that Attorney General Sargent had received the request of United States Marshal Palmer Anderson for authority to deputize additional marshals on primary election day, and that he would study the facts before making a decision.

The shooting of Beatty was made mysterious by determination of the federal marshal to handle the affair independent of police. The agents, headed by G. F. Golding, chief of the general investigators who are presumably working directly out of Washington, arrived.

Ten Persons Die;
Two Are Burned
In Theater Fire

SELEMA, Cal., Mar. 20. (AP)—Tobru Noda, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Noda was accidentally shot and killed by his five-year-old brother, Kanama, while the two children were playing with a revolver in a bedroom upstairs in the Noda home about three miles northeast of Selma.

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 20. (AP)—One of four boys grouped about a gas main here dropped a match into an opening to "see the blue flames." Thirteen-year-old Julian Williams was blown 25 feet in the air and killed instantly. The three others were badly injured.

AMARILLO, Tex., Mar. 20. (AP)—Six unidentified bodies were in morgues here today. Two, found yesterday in the Fort Worth and Denver roundhouse, Washington, were those of men believed to have been killed by shifting of railroad ties in a car in which they were riding at Tascosa Wednesday.

DIE IN FIRE

BALTIMORE, Mar. 20. (AP)—Two lives were believed to have been lost in a fire which started in the Arcade theater at Crisfield, Maryland, and wiped out the uptown business section of the town last night. A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun says. Estimates of the loss caused by the destruction of more than a score of business buildings, including two theaters and a hotel, ranged from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Veteran Newspaper
Man Dies Suddenly

PORTLAND, Mar. 20. (AP)—N. J. (Lou) Levinson, 74, veteran Pacific coast newspaper man, died suddenly at his home here last night. His death was believed due to an internal hemorrhage. He had been about the house as usual during the day. Levinson had devoted virtually his entire career to newspaper work from the time he began as a country correspondent for papers of Indianapolis as a youth. He served the Portland Oregonian in various editorial capacities for many years. His last newspaper work was as editorial writer on the Portland Telegram. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Margaret H. Levinson.

NEW WORLD
RECORD SET
BY AVIATORSGeorge Haldeman, Eddie
Stinson in Air 53 Hours,
36 Minutes 41 SecondsBEAT GERMAN MARK
BY MORE THAN HOURSecond Endurance Flight
Record Established by
Stinson; Portland Aviator
Delighted.

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla., Mar. 20. (AP)—George Haldeman and Eddie Stinson set a new world's record endurance flight today of 53 hours 36 minutes 41 seconds. They landed at 1:14:10 p. m. eastern standard time, after breaking by an hour and 14 minutes and 10 seconds the German mark made last August.

The fliers landed a mile from where they took off, and taxied south to the spot they left Wednesday morning. They still had gasoline in the tanks as the motor was still running.

Bringing back to America the coveted record Stinson and Haldeman accomplished what had been essayed vainly for months by their brother aviators. Adverse weather, accidents and engine trouble combined to compel abandonment of other attempts at the record including those made by the new record holders themselves.

Stinson, a manufacturer of airplanes who produced several used in transatlantic flight attempts last year, has distinguished himself in numerous air competitions on this side of the Atlantic. Haldeman was pilot for Ruth Elder in their attempt to span the Atlantic which ended nearly in disaster when their plane was forced down at sea.

Second Record

It was the second time Stinson had established a world's record for endurance flight. The first was made in 1924 when with Lloyd Berland, he remained aloft for 28 hours, 19 minutes and 55 seconds. Landing their plane gracefully on the beach about a mile from where they took off for the attempt Stinson and Haldeman taxied to the tinner's stand where they were greeted by wild acclaim by a great crowd that had been awaiting them on the beach all morning. Their wives and fathers were among the first to dash to their plane.

TAXATION IN
OREGON STILL
ON INCREASE

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 20. (AP)—Taxation in Oregon continues to increase. A statement prepared by the state comptroller shows that for 1928 approximately \$2,099,900 more has been levied in the state than for 1927. The levy in 1927 based on the 1926 tax rolls, was \$47,975,377.52 while the levy this year, based on the 1927 tax rolls, is \$49,944,568.06.

The special school tax shows the largest increase, from \$11,566,979.94 last year against \$12,500,099.59 this year.

Condition Reported
Unfavorable Today

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Mar. 20. (AP)—An improvement in the condition of Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, mother of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, was noted this forenoon.