

EAST OREGON
EDUCATORS IN
CONFERENCE

Talks Given This Morning
by Supt. C. A. Howard
and E. F. Goodwin

SCHOOL'S MORALE
UNDER DISCUSSION

State School Superintendent Touches upon Small High and Rural School Problems in Oregon.

La Grande was a mecca today for Eastern Oregon educators who gathered here, 50 strong, for their annual and acclaimed best association convention which is being attended by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, H. E. Inlow, superintendent of schools at Pendleton, is presiding. In addition to Mr. Howard, Professor F. L. Stetson, of the University of Oregon, is a special speaker. With attendance unusually large, response and interest keen, and speakers of first rank, the meeting was progressing very successfully up to noon today. Of both executive and instructive nature, the meeting was devoted this morning mainly to lectures and this afternoon mainly to business.

"The Development of School Morale," was the subject of Superintendent E. F. Goodwin's address that called forth sincere applause and commendation. Mr. Goodwin is from Milton-Freewater, where he took as illustrative during his talk. Teamwork between community teachers and students, all working together in a constructive program was a key note of his address. Pride in the hearts of students is essential to a fine student morale in the opinion of this educator who heads the McLaughlin institution that has a significant school spirit.

Howard Speaks

Two Oregon educational problems, namely the small high school and the rural school problems were the subject of Mr. Howard's address in which he presented the problems, explained their causes and forwarded solutions. A strong plea for a state high school supervisor was made by the state education head.

Consolidation of school districts is growing, though slowly, every year," said the speaker. "It will be a slow process in this state, with its peculiar situation providing for county superintendents over large areas." He went on. Then he cited figures to prove his contention that rural schools have not the advantages of consolidated schools. Statistics taken show that 1,000 consolidated school pupils and 465 rural pupils were examined on 42 points. On 41 points the consolidated school students led, and grade by grade, "with improved transportation, consolidation is going to become easier," he declared.

At a Disadvantage

"Our small schools are put to disadvantage because of inadequate trained teachers, constant changes in teachers, and consequently students do not get the type of education that the larger schools maintain," he said. Mr. Howard announced that J. W. Kreitz, county superintendent from Hood River, is to become boys and girls club leader and expressed the hope that he might broaden his work towards rural school supervision.

"The small high school is a 'sore spot' in our educational system in many cases," Mr. Howard declared, citing the financial burden of the small high school, which runs as high as \$200 per capita. "There is a lack of continuity in the study courses due to the constant changing of teachers," declared the superintendent. "Think of it. 61 Oregon high schools had teaching forces this fall that were absolutely new to students, without one teacher of the previous year back." He spoke of the lack of system in the inspection of high schools to determine whether or not the institutions are standard and again mentioned the need of

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VAN ELSBERG
PAYS FINE OF
\$250, WIFE \$150

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Van Elsberg, of La Grande, were fined \$250 and \$150, respectively, in municipal court by Judge C. M. Humphreys when they pleaded guilty to charges of possession of intoxicating liquor.

Both paid the fine. They were arrested last week after a police raid on their home, officers say.

The police also report that the La Grande Iron works were broken into Thursday and \$12 stolen. From small footprints discernible, police are led to believe that the theft was perpetrated by a boy.

Kelly To Start
Work on Highway
Shops In April

Crew of 30 to Start Excavating Soon—Two Bridge Structures May Be Erected First.

"I expect to start actual construction within the next two weeks," replied W. C. Kelly, La Grande contractor who was successful bidder for the state highway building job, when questioned this morning. Mr. Kelly returned home Thursday evening from Portland after a busy day negotiating for building materials with Portland firms. All plans are progressing very satisfactorily, he stated. Engineer McCully will send a highway man here the first of the week to mark out the location of the buildings, and following this Mr. Kelly will start a crew, which he thinks will number around 30, at excavation work. He expressed a belief that work on the two bridge structures, the service and office buildings, would be started first, but said that this had not been definitely determined.

"According to contract, the job must be done by Sept. 15 but I expect to have it completed several weeks before that date," Mr. Kelly went on. Weather conditions will have some part in determining how fast the work will progress, he admitted.

Several Other Bidders

Mr. Kelly was jubilant with the outcome of the bid. He obtained the job on a bid of \$38,980. His nearest bidder was the firm of Tranchell & Parellos, of Portland, builders of the La Grande hotel, who were \$1200 higher. W. V. Voder of La Grande, bid \$50,350 and

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Commerce Club
Is Making Plans
For Home-coming

The annual mid-season event, which has been proposed by the Union county chamber of commerce as a regular feature every summer, will be discussed at Tuesday's forum luncheon of the chamber at the La Grande hotel. The committee will present plans for entertainment and financing the mid-season event. It has been suggested that the event this year be in the form of a "home-coming" to be held during the month of June on the same date as the annual meeting of the Union County Pioneer association.

A committee from the local Oregon and will outline plans to have the state convention of the lodge to be held in La Grande in June. The better business bureau committee, together with the auxiliary committee appointed by the president at the last forum luncheon, will report the progress made in the matter of local investments. The bureau has recommended the chamber endorse the high school movement in soliciting funds instead of advertisements for the cost of the high school annual, "The Mimic."

A quartet from Albany college will furnish music for the program.

Last of Indoor
Band Concerts
Sunday at 4:15

A record breaking crowd of music lovers is expected to attend the band concert tomorrow afternoon at 4:15 o'clock at the Astoria theater, when the La Grande municipal band will present the final series of indoor recitals.

These concerts, which have been held regularly for the last three or four months, have in each case attracted capacity audiences and in many cases, people were turned away because of lack of seats and standing room. What promises to be an excellent program has been arranged for Sunday and it is to be expected that the crowd will be as large as ever.

The change in time of the concert, from 4 to 4:15 o'clock, will permit the seating of all persons before time for the opening number. All concerts are sponsored by the city of La Grande and no admission fee is charged.

Lodge Members To
Gather at Cove

About 10 La Grande Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will go to Cove tonight to attend the regular district association meeting which will be held there. During the early part of the evening there will be separate meetings of the two lodges, and later they will join for a social time.

The district association, which includes all I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges in Union county meets once each month. Last month's meeting was held at Summerville.

Plans for local Odd Fellows to attend the meeting were discussed last evening when the regular lodge session was held. Only the regular business of the order was transacted.

TED ROY AND
COMIC OPERA
SCORE HERE

Oregon State College Glee and Madrigal Clubs' Program Pleases

LARGE CROWD IN
L. H. S. AUDITORIUM

Staging in Enterprise Also Results in a Full House and Praise by the Audience.

The operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore," which was presented by the Oregon State College Glee and Madrigal clubs in La Grande last night before an audience which taxed the capacity of the high school auditorium, was declared by all who were fortunate enough to see the performance as being one of the best musical entertainments witnessed in La Grande in recent years.

The operetta itself is a satire on the English navy as it was during the period that the production was written. The scene for the entire presentation is the quarterdeck of the "Pinafore," a ship of the English navy, which is captained by Capt. Corcoran.

Ted Roy Scores

The music of the operetta was particularly outstanding, and Ted Roy, with his mellow tenor voice, proved to be a special attraction. Each of his numbers during the operetta were met with loud applause. Between the two acts of the operetta he sang his prize-winning song, "Hill of the Future."

An excellent dinner was served at the home of Mrs. J. W. Knowles, under the direction of Miss Olive Bradshaw.

An interesting program was enjoyed by the conference on Friday afternoon, when, following Miss Marquardt's talk, Miss Alice Cook gave a reading. The Misses Jane Stange and Guida Ashby danced. Miss Bethel Trill sang a solo and Miss Barbara Placide played a piano selection. The girls enjoyed a matinee dance for the rest of the afternoon and refreshments were served. Teachers from visiting schools included Miss Georgia Johnson, Enterprise; Miss Josephine Kain, Wallawa; Miss Mary Coul, Imbler, and Mrs. Golden Geisend, Union.

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RAILROAD GROUP
IN SECOND DAY

Division Council Meeting to End with Sessions This Afternoon

The second day of the O.-W. R. and N. division council meeting is in session at the railroad clubhouse here this afternoon. The meeting is for all maintenance of way foremen and officials of the company and the purpose is to discuss matters pertaining to the work of the foremen's association and the performance of the various representatives as foremen with the railroad company.

The opening session was held yesterday, presided over by E. A. Buskirk, roadmaster of the Pendleton district. A number of officials of the company were in attendance, all of whom spoke during the afternoon and joined in the general discussion of matters affecting the working conditions of employees and other items of interest to the company and to the employees, including matters of efficiency, safety, etc.

Many Officials Here

Among the officials who are here for the meeting are H. H. Brannan, special representative of the O.-W. company from Salt Lake City; R. V. Owens, general supervisor of time service, from Omaha; P. A. Steers, president of the Maintenance of Way Foremen's association, from Salt Lake City; and H. A. Roberts, engineer of Maintenance, from Portland; J. P. Grodzki, chief safety agent from Portland, is also in the city and is one of the speakers at the meeting.

Walter H. Gubb, superintendent of the second division, is chairman of the meeting, and a different employee of the company or subordinate official is appointed by him to preside over each session. E. Larkin, supervisor of bridges and buildings, is the presiding officer this afternoon.

Yesterday's and today's meetings are practically the same, about 20 foremen from the division attending each meeting. The meeting is held for two days so that all foremen will be able to attend, it being impossible for the entire number to leave their work and attend the meeting on the same day.

Meetings of this kind are held twice each year. In every division of the railroad system, from here to the officials will go to Spokane, Wash., to attend a similar meeting.

Mothers, Girls
Attend Banquet
At High School

Is Feature of the Eastern Oregon Conference, Which Closed at 3 O'Clock This Afternoon

Around 120 persons, including 30 visiting students and about 40 mothers, attended the Mothers and daughters banquet held last night at the domestic science department of the high school as a feature of the two-day Eastern Oregon girls' conference, which was completed about 3 o'clock this afternoon. The conference, held this year for the first time in history, has a dual purpose, one for vocation guidance and the other for study of girl's league work.

Speakers have included Miss Alice Marquardt, county health nurse, who took up various phases of the work and presented an interesting manner yesterday afternoon in the opening session. Miss Edwina Malone, president of the A. G. S., and Miss Eleanor Vernon, advisor of the A. G. S., have led most of the discussions, which have been informal, with teachers and students participating. League work was studied this morning and physical education and vocational work this afternoon.

Hike Before Breakfast

A hike to the park, where breakfast was served, began at 7 o'clock this morning with about 30 attending and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Miss Malone presided at the banquet last night, speaking on the ideals of the A. G. S., honor, service and friendship, and welcoming the mothers. A violin trio, composed of Effie Blanchard, Seville, Prout and Jennie Nielson and directed by Bertha Bantz, played several selections. Miss Doris Barnes spoke on "Honor," Miss Alice Cook on "Service," and Miss Catherine Buckley on "Friendship."

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Circuit Court To
Re-Open Monday

An adjourned session of the February term of court, for which a heavy calendar has been set by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles will be opened Monday morning by the judge. Court commences at nine o'clock.

Secretary Replies
To Caraway Speech

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—Replying to charges of Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, that his actions toward Colonel Carl E. Bates, of Texas, had been "cowardly," Secretary Work today made public a letter in which he denied having called Bates a liar and of having used offensive language toward him.

The letter, written to Senator Phillips, of Colorado, expressed regret that Senator Caraway had made his statements from "hearsay."

May Submit Peace
Plan to Others

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—France today announced her readiness to submit to the German, British, Italian and Japanese governments a peace plan for the post-war correspondence along with the draft of a general treaty pledging them not to resort to war.

Faster Baseball
In Coast League

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 31. (AP)—Revived interest, faster games and a record year are predicted for the Pacific Coast baseball league this year by its president, Harry Williams, in a statement issued today.

President Williams said "playing the longest season in organized baseball the Pacific coast league, as usual will be the first in the country to open its gates April 2."

Should favorable weather prevail along the coast during the playing period indications point to something approximating a record year. The league is much faster than a year ago.

G. A. R. OFFICIAL DIES

ALBION, Mich., Mar. 31. (AP)—Washington L. Gardner, 83, former national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and communications officer in the Harding administration, died at his home here this morning, following a heart attack.

OH DEAR, OH DEER, OH DEER



Spring's arrived on the Pacific coast, but deer in southern California mountains, where there's snow, continue to welcome any visitor carrying food. Thomas Todd, Hollywood flumseu, seems dear to these deer. But maybe it's only the box of crackers they're after.

Union County's
Share in Motor
Fees \$19,879.63

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 31. (AP)—Multnomah county's share in the apportionment of receipts from motor vehicle registrations for the period from Sept. 16 last to March 15, 1928, was \$19,879.63. Scott County with \$23,824.74, and Lane county's share was \$24,257.30.

Among the receipts of other counties were Baker, \$17,326.01; Douglas, \$29,165.80; Jackson, \$48,604.64; Klamath, \$26,043.26; Umatilla, \$26,867.19; Union, \$19,879.63; Josephine, \$16,160.34.

The apportionment is under the law whereby 75 per cent of the net receipts from motor vehicle registration is given every six months to the state highway fund and 25 per cent to the counties. The total received by the highway fund on the March 15 apportionment was \$4,611,000 and by the counties \$1,337,000.

*Total gross receipts were \$5,471,835.35, from this, before the apportionment was made, an administrative expense of \$222,335.35 was deducted.

The apportionment is shown in a statement by Secretary of State Koser.

Missionary To
Speak At Baker
2-Day Session

The program for the annual meeting of the Grande Ronde Presbyterian society, of which Mrs. A. T. Hill of La Grande is president, was announced this morning. The meeting is to be held in Baker Tuesday and Wednesday. A program of much interest to the society has been arranged and includes reports of the secretaries, an address by Miss Christina J. Brakamp, a missionary on furlough from Chefoo, China, and other excellent talks.

The program, which includes addresses by a number of La Grande members, will be printed in Monday's Observer.

Robert C. Ayers
Files In Salem

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 31. (AP)—Robert C. Ayers of La Grande is a candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney for Union county. He filed yesterday.

Hawley Elected To
Ways, Means Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—The house today elected Representative Hawley of Oregon to the post as chairman of the powerful ways and means committee vacated by resignation of Green of Iowa.

Old Plane Falls;
Burns Fatal to 2

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 31. (AP)—A twirling glider in an old army training field last night caused the death of two persons, an instructor pilot and a student just learning aviation.

Flying over Compton, a suburb of Los Angeles, the plane, a JN-4-D type, commonly known as a "jenny" was said to have crashed to earth from a 100-foot elevation. The pilot, John Smith and his student passenger, Frank O'Connor, both of Los Angeles, were burned behind resignation.

"THE TRAIN" IN HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—For from the picture of physical perfection he portrayed for a score of years in the majors, Walter Johnson, now manager of the New York Yankees, has entered the emergency hospital here to recover from the after effects of an attack of influenza.

63 Passengers
Hurt When Two
Trains Collide

Broadway and Liberty Limited in Wreck Near Lima, O.—Wires Down Due to Storm.

LIMA, Ohio, Mar. 31. (AP)—Sixty-three persons were injured last night in the wreck of the Broadway and Liberty limited, fast Pennsylvania railroad passenger train, four miles west of here, road officials announced today.

Of those hurt, 4 were passengers and 19 railroad employees. Twenty persons were in hospitals today, suffering from severe injuries, while others were nursing cuts and bruises.

The 44 injured passengers were riding on the Liberty and Broadway limited trains, both of them eastbound and running about 30 minutes apart.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the Broadway limited, which was behind schedule pulled up alongside a signal tower to await orders. A general west storm over Northern Ohio had struck Lima, playing havoc with telephone and leveling telegraph wires until means of communication had been lost.

Making Up Time

Running 30 minutes behind the Broadway limited the Liberty was speeding along at 40 miles an hour trying to make up time it had lost because of the storm. Apparently the train crew was unaware that the Broadway had stopped for orders.

The Liberty crashed into the rear end of the first train, telescoping a club car, a mail car and a passenger car and derailling some of its own coaches.

Twenty of the more seriously injured were removed to hospitals here while the physicians gave medical attention to the others in the coaches. The track was cleared quickly and the two trains were consolidated for the remainder of the run from Chicago to Washington and New York. The Broadway left Chicago at 12:40 p. m. yesterday.

Smyrna Shaken
By Tremor; 38
Reported Dead

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 31. (AP)—Thirty-eight persons were reported dead and 55 injured in a series of seven sharp earthquakes which shook Smyrna beginning at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The city, famed since antiquity for its many disasters, saw houses rebuilt since the terrible fire of several years ago and the Turkish-Greek war, crash down.

Half of the neighboring village of Touburk was destroyed and 100 houses of Beikirk 10 dead and 40 injured were reported.

The Turkish Red Cross society is rushing help to the stricken district.

All telegraph poles in the Smyrna region were hurled down and communications were cut off completely. News of the quake reached Constantinople by way of Konin.

Expects Pierce To
Make Race Again

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31. (AP)—The Portland Telegram in a political review by Henry M. Hansen today says that developments in the West-Pierce squabble this week indicated that former Gov. Walter M. Pierce is likely again to be a candidate for governor. In his reply to a letter from Oswald West, a former governor, Pierce set forth a platform of five political principles.

Prince of Wales
Thrown 3 Times

BROMSGROVE, Worcester-shire, Eng., Mar. 31. (AP)—The Prince of Wales rode in two steepchairs today and was thrown three times. He gave up the first race when he tumbled twice but finished the second despite a fall.

Athena Child, 3,
Dies in Cesspool

PENDLETON, Mar. 31. (AP)—The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Grey, ranchers in the Athena district, was drowned yesterday morning when he fell into a cesspool at the ranch house.

Occasional Rain
Week's Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31. (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning April 1 was announced here today by the U. S. weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for normal temperatures and considerable cloudiness with occasional rains over Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Northern Nevada and probably Northern and Central California.

DEATH TAKES
WILLIS, OHIO
FAVORITE SON

Presidential Candidate Is Stricken Suddenly Ill at Ohio Wesleyan

WAS TO SPEAK AT
HOME-COMING MEET

Audience Left in Tears with Announcement—National Sorrow, Sympathy Expressed.

MICHIGAN NAMES SENATOR

LANSING, Mich., Mar. 31. (AP)—Arthur Vandenberg, republican, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, was today appointed United States senator from Michigan to succeed Senator Woodbridge M. Ferris, who died March 23.

The appointment was made by Gov. Fred W. Green.

Vandenberg, who is 44 years old, has been regarded as a probable candidate for the republican nomination for U. S. senator this fall, although he has made no formal announcement of his candidacy.

DELAWARE, Ohio, Mar. 31. (AP)—United States Senator Frank B. Willis, Ohio's favorite son candidate for the republican nomination, was eliminated from the contest by death last night, while attending an all-district "home-coming" demonstration.

He was stricken a few minutes before he was to deliver a campaign address to his fellow townspeople at Ohio Wesleyan university, and just as the Columbus republican club glee club was singing "A Soldier's Farewell."

While the glee club was singing the senator left the stage, telling friends he "wanted to get a breath of fresh air." His death, which five physicians said was caused by cerebral hemorrhage, occurred within five minutes. He was 50 years old.

He had told his private secretary, Charles A. Jones, he was "feeling very bad." Soon after the senator collapsed, Mrs. Willis, called from the stage where she had been sitting with her husband, reached his side a few minutes before he died.

Audience In Tears

The audience first was informed the senator had been taken ill and would be unable to speak. They sensed something more distressing had happened and as they lingered to learn the truth, many of his old friends, both men and women, cried. Some women became almost hysterical.

National guard troops that had participated in the parade and demonstration, took charge and dispersed the crowd, which became excited but was orderly.

With the senator when the end came, besides Mrs. Willis, were his brother, Buell W. Willis, his father-in-law, John Doudin, of Salem, three brothers-in-law, his private secretary, and a few friends.

Telegrams expressing sorrow and sympathy continued to pour in today to Mrs. Willis and relatives of the distinguished senator. Political opponents were unanimous in their praise of the senator's character, ability and sincerity. All declared they had the deepest regard for Senator Willis in every respect.

HELVEN SUSPICIOUS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—A suggestion to Mrs. Frank B. Willis.

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LINDY DENIES
HE WILL FLY
ROUND WORLD

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 31. (AP)—Categorical denial is reported that he contemplated round the world or transpacific flights was made by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, before his departure today for San Diego, Cal., to receive a new monoplane built for him there.

GERMAN PLANE
NOT TO START
BEFORE APR. 2

DUBLIN, Mar. 31. (AP)—The German plane Bremen was in its hangar at Baldonnel airfield today because of adverse weather. The three fliers regarded a hop off on their flight to New York before Monday as unlikely.

Free State troops guarding the plane prepared for a long siege against the weather. They dug themselves into trenches, with a shelter overhead, as a protection against the prevailing wind, rain and cold.

Baron Ehrenfried Gunther Von Huenfeldt, leader of the flight, said:

"We do not intend to make experiments, but will wait in all calmness the development of weather conditions until a favorable period comes to us."