

COMMISSION TO APPOINT NEW MEMBER

H. B. Coburn's Letter of Resignation Filed with City Recorder

POSTPONE MEET UNTIL THURSDAY

New O.-W. Officials, to Succeed Mr. Coburn and B. A. Jack, Arrive Here This Morning.

H. B. Coburn's letter of resignation as a member of the city commission of La Grande has been filed at the city office here and action will be taken at the next meeting of the commission which has been postponed to Thursday evening.

Whether or not the appointment of a new commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Coburn will take place at Thursday night's meeting had not yet been announced. Mr. Coburn had been a member of the commission for nearly two years, his term expiring in January of next year.

Mr. R. G. Cowling, superintendent of the third division of the O.-W. company at Spokane, has been transferred to La Grande to succeed Mr. Coburn. He arrived in the city this morning.

W. D. Tuttle also arrived here this morning from Portland, where he has been an accountant in the auditor's office of the O.-W. to succeed B. A. Jack, chief clerk in the office here, who has been promoted to the position of chief clerk in the office of General Superintendent P. N. Finch in Portland.

Mr. Jack has been in the railroad office here since April 1927, coming to La Grande from Lewiston, Idaho. He has worked for the railroad company since 1905, with the exception of about two years—1915 and 1920—when he was auditor for the Bolmer-Clearwater Grain company at Lewiston. His many offices were directly across from the city hall in the general superintendent's office.

OREGON TRAIL STAGE DEPOT OPENED TODAY

The Oregon Trail Stage company opened their new stage depot this morning at the location formerly held by the Blue Mountain Line and the Wallowa Coach company on Jefferson street, directly across from the American Express company. F. W. Venable, of Baker, manager of the company, is in La Grande today and will be here for several days, supervising the opening of the new depot, which is being redecorated throughout the interior, including kalsomining and re-furnishing of the woodwork. New furniture is being installed and the depot will be made both attractive and comfortable, according to Mr. Venable, who is pleased with the new location. The Oregon Trail stage line runs as far east as Boise and makes main connections at Pendleton. Edwin Parsons is agent at the depot temporarily.

Scouts Pass Tests At Board Meeting

Fifteen La Grande Boy Scouts of America appeared before the board of review last evening, when the board met in the character of conference officers, and all were successful in passing the board. The scouts appear before the board and pass tests necessary to determine whether they qualify for the various merit badges and rank awards. Those qualifying last night will be given their awards at the next court of honor, the date of which has not yet been set. Charles E. Reynolds is chairman of the board of review and other members are Dr. Ray Murphy, Dr. W. T. Pugh, Charles Blinger and R. E. Westenhaver.

Lumber Company Resumes Sawmill Operations Here

Bowman-Hicks to Start Work in the Woods as Soon as the Weather Is Favorable.

The Bowman-Hicks Lumber company's sawmill here worked its first eight hour shift today since last October, and this morning found many of the company's employees, who were laid off six months ago when the mill closed down, because of the large supply of lumber on hand, back at work.

The mill was closed last fall when no more storage space was available for sawed lumber and now that the supply is down again it is possible to resume operations at the mill, giving employment to a number of men, many of whom have been idle during the winter.

Work in Woods to Start In addition to beginning operations at the mill work in the woods will also start as soon as the weather is favorable. H. N. Ashby, western manager for the company, said this morning. The Mt. Emily Lumber company has practically completed its cutting in the Five Points district and during this month camps will be moved to the new location of the Grande Ronde river, where the company officials say there is timber enough to keep the mill going for the next 50 years. While the camps are being moved the mill here will be shut down for a 30-day period for repairs. Just when the first day of the shut-down will be is yet indefinite depending on the time necessary to saw out the logs now available. Present indications are that the mill will close about May 15. During the 30-day period the mill pond will be cleaned out and other repairs made.

Rotarians From Three Cities To Meet Tomorrow

Between 100 and 150 Rotarians and their wives from Walla Walla and between 50 and 75 from Pendleton will be in attendance at an interesting meeting to be held tomorrow evening in the La Grande hotel ballroom.

This was the form of a dinner and dance with a brief program during the dinner hour. One of the features will be the presence of the district governor-elect, John Casper, of Walla Walla, and it is also understood that the present governor, Hank Manny, of Seattle, will be in attendance.

Ruth Smalley Is New President Of Girl Students

Miss Ruth Smalley was elected president of the Associated Girl Students for 1928-1929 this noon when the annual election of officers was held. Miss Mary Gault Parsons was chosen first vice president. Miss Ruth Gehbel second vice president and Miss Lena Duckett third vice president. Theresa Taylor was elected secretary-treasurer. The A. G. S. works on a committee plan, with a president and three vice presidents, each directing the activities of a group of committees. The officers also function as the executive committee of five.

Election followed an interesting campaign assembly this morning when candidates for every office made talks before the association. In winning the office today Miss Smalley defeated Miss Mary Culp, who with the winner was nominated by a special nominating committee, and Miss Parsons and Miss Corrie Cade, nominees from the floor. Miss Edwaine Malone is outgoing president. It is not customary to make the A. G. S. an open public, officers explained today.

HOUSE VOTES TO END FARM BILL DEBATE

May Vote on Measure Tomorrow or Thursday, According to Word

SMOOT REPORTS TAX CUT SCHEME

Tells Senate That \$212,000,000 in Slight for Next Year Represents Maximum.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The house agreed today to close general debate on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill after five more hours of discussion, thereby paving the way for consideration of the measure under procedure permitting amendment. It failed, however, to decide as to whether it would go ahead with the bill tomorrow or postpone such action until Thursday.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The \$212,000,000 surplus in slight for next year represents the maximum reduction possible in taxes at this session, Chairman Smoot reported today in laying before the senate the committee's \$203,000,000 measure on behalf of the republican members of the senate finance committee.

"Even this amount," said Senator Smoot in his report, "must be reduced by additional expenditures called for during the fiscal year 1929 by new legislation." The committee chairman gave notice he would ask the senate to take up the measure on Thursday.

WALLOWA PARK PLAN DISCUSSED

Campbell and Christianson Explain Forest Service Recreation Plan

Discussion and explanation of two separate plans for the development of recreational facilities in the Wallowa country featured the chamber of commerce forum luncheon at the La Grande hotel today. Orin Campbell, superintendent of Wallowa schools, and Mr. Christianson, of the Wallowa national forest service, were speakers, the former explaining in an instructive talk the difference between the national park plan and the forest service recreation idea. The former, he said, provides only for recreation, while the latter embraces both recreation and economic resources—as applied to grazing, use of timber, etc.

Mr. Christianson spoke of the forest service plan for recreation, pointing out that some progress has already been made. Summer homes, picnic camps, etc., are being provided in the Lostine river area and other parts of the county may be similarly equipped later if the demand is great enough. Restrictions, applying to sanitation, etc., are placed on the campers, but they have freedom in other respects and more seclusion than in national parks, he said. In national parks no privately owned land can be included in the boundaries. Before adjournment several members questioned the speaker, one member inquiring whether a committee had ever been made in reference to the amount of money that would be brought in by a national park and the value of the use of timber and grazing under the forest service plan. Such a comparison had never been made to the knowledge of Mr. Christianson.

Six Republican Candidates Want Seat in Congress

Boyd, Palmiter Latest to Enter the Race—Judge Sawyer Decides Not to Seek Nomination.

There are now five republican candidates and two democratic candidates for the nomination for congressman from this district to succeed N. J. Sinnott, who was recently appointed to the U. S. court of claims. The republican aspirants are: Daniel Boyd, of Enterprise; Roy W. Rinker, of Pendleton; R. R. Butler, of The Dalles; S. E. Nelson, of Heppner; and Hawley Bean, of Milton. The democratic candidates are: ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, and Judge Berkeley, of Pendleton.

Boyd Club Organized It was learned today that M. Boyd's decision to enter the race followed a meeting of representative citizens of Wallowa county, held at Enterprise, when a Boyd-for-congress club was organized with J. A. Burleigh as president and W. H. Spence as secretary. The club was organized after numerous pledges of support were received from various parts of the second congressional district. The loyal support of Wallowa county was also pledged.

Mr. Boyd, the latest candidate, has taken more interest in national than state politics heretofore. He had intended being a candidate for delegate to the national convention on a platform advocating Coolidge for president and McNary for vice president, but did not make formal filing with the secretary of state. It was understood following a conference in Portland last week that Mr. Boyd would enter the contest providing Fred E. Kiddle, of Island City, was not a candidate. Mr. (Continued on Page 5)

Three Theaters Incorporated By Meyers, Greulich

Three Theaters, Inc. and Colonial, today were consolidated into the La Grande Theaters, Inc. The change in management, which was announced a few weeks ago, was due to the sale of A. R. Bowen's interests in the Arcade and Star to Francis Greulich, proprietor of the Colonial. Mr. Greulich and J. T. Meyers incorporated the three theaters under the new management. Mr. Meyers and Mr. Bowen owned the Star and Arcade jointly.

The policy of the new firm will be practically the same as the Arcade and Star. The Colonial will be closed for a week or 10 days, due to a fire Saturday night in the projecting room, but when repairs are made it is expected that this theater will be operated as many days per week as the patronage demands. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen expect to leave here about the last of the month on a six-week trip into the east, visiting in New York, Connecticut and other states. Mr. Bowen will retain his apartments here, and will continue to make La Grande his home, he said this morning, adding that his future plans are as yet undecided.

Club Planning To Blast Perry Dam

A. V. Andrews, secretary of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club of La Grande, announced this morning that the club would blow up the Perry dam at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. Consent for this, Mr. Andrews said, has been granted by Mr. Brown, owner. The dam has been in existence for about 30 years it is said. Mr. Andrews says that with the dam out steelhead will have no difficulty in going up the river.

U.S. MARINES SHIFTED TO EAST COAST

America Determined to Prevent Possible Raids by Nicaraguan Rebel

OLD GLORY BRINGS AID TO CORINTH

Government Moves to Protect Her Citizens in Shantung — Refugees Tell of Red Terrorism

Foreign Events Nicaragua—More U. S. marines arrive. Corinth—U. S. brings relief to stricken area. Shanghai — Refugees tell of red terrorism; Nationalists reported to have captured Tsinan; three powers to protect citizens.

Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, May 1 (AP)—Determination by American authorities to prevent any raid by rebels on the east coast of Nicaragua was seen today in the arrivals of the cruisers Cleveland and Galveston with detachments of American marines.

The Cleveland and Portland later proceeded north while the Galveston and Denver remained. This reassured those who have been fearful that General Augustino Sandino would suddenly descend upon Puerto Cabezas. There have been indications, however, that Sandino's raiding activities are over for the time being since there are no recent rumors that he has been ill for some time at a small plantation northeast of Matagalpa.

OLD GLORY BRINGS RELIEF CORINTH, Greece, May 1 (AP)—The stars and stripes flying above devastated and destitute Corinth today brought relief to a people stricken by a series of earthquakes and brought expressions of gratitude from the whole of Greece.

Admiral Paul Koundouriotis, president of Greece, went as he watched the flag flying above the American army tent of Miss Emira (Cashman) of Boston, who is in charge of the first aid station. He said: "That is a real symbol of sympathy, generosity and love which has touched our hearts and kindled our souls."

Fourteen babies which were brought into a shaking world which destroyed the homes of their parents were being cared for in the tents by Near East relief nurses. They were rocked in cradles built (Continued on Page 5)

BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: National League and American League. Lists teams and scores for various games.

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May Day Demonstrations In Europe Result in Riots—Three Deaths in Warsaw; New York Police on Guard

WARSAW, Poland, May 1 (AP)—May day began here with the killing of three persons and the wounding of 12 when communists this morning tried to join the socialist parade. Shots were exchanged when the socialists refused to permit the communists to march with them.

VIENNA, May 1 (AP)—With shouts of "Bela Kun must be liberated," several thousand communists wound up a May day demonstration by making a determined assault upon the prison building where the Hungarian communist is incarcerated. Fortunately the police guard at this point was strong enough to withstand the attack and frustrated the communists' design. The ringleaders were arrested and their followers withdrawn crestfallen.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, May 1 (AP)—The three socialist parties celebrated May day with parades and mass meetings in which over 100,000 persons participated. The parades carried banners denouncing capitalism and demanding division of the church from state and school, while the communists demanded the immediate release of Bela Kun, the Hungarian communist, from jail in Vienna.

The parades were comparatively orderly as adequate protective measures had been taken by the police.

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—The entire New York police force, some 21,000 uniformed men and several hundred detectives were on active and reserve duty today to guard against possible May day disorders. Police headquarters said no disorders were expected but that inspections of the meeting places of radical and communist printing plants indicated an unusual amount of revolutionary literature recently had been circulated. The socialist action committee in a letter to police commissioner Warop demanded he rescind orders instructing the police to arrest all persons responsible for distribution of illegal literature. The letter called the order an "incitation to disorder."

SINCLAIR TELLS OWN OIL STORY

Admits Receiving \$757,000 "to Protect Rights of His Company"

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Harry P. Sinclair's own story, told to the senate Teapot Dome committee, was that he received \$757,000 after the famous Continental oil deal, but that his interest in the deal was to protect the rights of his company.

Breaking a silence which he has maintained through his "trial for criminal conspiracy in the Teapot Dome lease and the long senate investigation, the oil man said he had turned over to the Sinclair Crude Purchasing company \$757,000 in securities and \$142,000 in interest after his acquittal here in his recent trial.

Sinclair, detailing his conception of the Continental deal, whereby Standard and Sinclair companies paid a profit of 25c a barrel to the Continental Trading company, said that H. M. Blackmer, one of the organizers of the transaction, gave him the funds. He had stipulated that his company should share in the commission he said.

"I got it in the form of Liberty bonds," he said. "They were sent to me over a period of two years." "Beginning in 1922 and extending to when?" "I think it was in the fall of 1923."

"From whom did you get the bonds?" "From Mr. Blackmer. Some were sent by a messenger whose identity I do not know. Whether (Continued on Page 5)

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Two Killed When Car Overturns; Man Badly Hurt

WALLACE, Ida., May 1 (AP)—Annie Fernan, 20, of Pine Creek, and Philip Girard, 29, of Cataldo, were almost instantly killed, and Arnold Keller, 22, of Wallace, was seriously injured at 1:30 this morning when their speeding automobile mounted the bank at a turn on the Yellowstone highway near here, and overturned.

W. Poincaré, of Cataldo, a fourth passenger in the car, was virtually uninjured.

To Investigate Heavyweight Fight

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NAME STEIWER ON CAMPAIGN FUNDS BOARD

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—A committee of five senators was named by Vice President Dawes today to conduct the senate's investigation into campaign expenditures of presidential candidates.

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—The democratic state committee in a statement issued from Gov. Smith's campaign headquarters and published today noted the use by Senator Thomas A. Walsh of his congressional franking privilege in circulating campaign material in California.

Congressman Dies In Plane Crash

COLUMBIANA, N. Y., May 1 (AP)—Thaddeus Sweet of Phoenix, N. Y., member of congress was instantly killed when an airplane in which he was flying from Washington to his home, made a forced landing near Whitney Point this afternoon.

SEATTLE, May 1 (AP)—Martin Hiebief, Seattle highway contractor, was shot and killed last night by a policeman who had arrested him for drunkenness.

The shooting occurred, George Huntley, the arresting officer, said, when Hiebief attacked him with an automobile crank with the avowed intention of "knocking your brains out."

Women's Vested Choir of 30 Voices Outstanding Musical Organization



The chorists of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande is regarded as one of the outstanding musical organizations of the state, being the only organization of its kind. The chorists were given prominence in the last Sunday Oregonian and the Observer herewith presents a picture of the chorists. Mrs. A. L. Richardson is choir director, and Rev. J. George Wald, minister. Choir members follow: Left to right, front row—Mrs. G. R. Clarendon, Mrs. L. B. Moe, Mrs. Evelyn Hermsdorf, Mrs. Eva Pearl McClay, Miss Helen Baker, Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. I. J. Lindsay, Mrs. S. B. Morgan, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, director, Mrs. Ray Paul-Grauer, Mrs. Miss Corine Baker, Miss Mildred Bradshaw, Miss Ruth Gehbel, Miss Edris Maguire and Mrs. Harley Richardson, organists. Back row, left to right—Mrs. Hoscoe Neal, Miss Isabelle Miller, Mrs. Walter Nowland, Mrs. Oscar Poarch, Mrs. Genevieve Hanna, Miss Catherine Humphreys, Miss Miriam Hanna, Miss Gwendolyn Buchanan, Miss Lenora Ely, Miss Ruth Durland, Mrs. Avis Gebler.