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YULETIDE IS OBSERVED AT FORUM LUNCH

Six Speakers at Interesting Chamber of Commerce Meeting Today

ELKS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN

Dr. Mildred McBride Tells Measures Which May Be Taken to Prevent Diphtheria Spread

Five speakers took part in an interesting Christmas observance program at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon at noon today in the Sacajawea Inn.

Dr. Mildred McBride, of Portland and New York, of the U. S. bureau of health and here doing medical research work under the auspices of the Oregon Medical society, spoke briefly on prevention of contagious disease, dealing particularly with diphtheria.

Salient facts in her talk follow:

1. Diphtheria can be prevented by permanent immunization.

2. One can not begin too early in the child's life and children may be immunized before they are a year old.

3. Ninety per cent of children are susceptible to diphtheria, although the majority of adults are immune. Susceptibility may be determined by tests.

4. After exposure, or in the early stages of the disease, it can be counteracted by anti-toxin treatment. If allowed to progress before treatment, grave illness and often death results.

5. Diphtheria is often hard to detect in its earliest stages, particularly in children. Doctors should be consulted when the least trace of sickness becomes known.

6. Diphtheria germs may be carried and spread by adults who are themselves immune to the disease.

She also discussed contagious diseases in general, telling of the advances made in prevention.

Dr. L. B. Bouvy, president of the state medical society, spoke briefly predicting that the time will come when Oregon will pass laws providing for immunizing of all school children. He also mentioned the state convention the society will hold in La Grande next year, saying that several programs for the public will be arranged.

The Rev. J. George Walz, of the Presbyterian church, delivered an impressive Christmas talk, preceding it by wishing a merry Christmas to all chamber members. He said that companionship and goodwill were given to the world with the birth of Jesus Christ on that first Christmas day.

H. L. Hess, local attorney and former exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, told of the Elks Christmas program. He said that in 1927 one hundred needy families were provided with baskets of provisions and that 2,000 children were guests at the lodge's Christmas tree. The Days of '49 show raises funds for this program and when this is not sufficient, members of the lodge make up the deficit. Merchants have also assisted in former years. The Elks generally give baskets to the needy but all lodges do not have Christmas trees, he said, recalling that Henry Ritter fathered the tree here in 1911.

The concluding speaker was F. H. Bridges, former La Grande resident but now in the real estate business in California, who gave a very interesting talk. "People do not appreciate the home and its influence," he said, adding that people should be a little kinder at Christmas time than is necessary. Mr. Bridges also remarked on the progress in La Grande since he left here.

STORES TO BE OPEN MONDAY NIGHT, REPORT

In order to take care of the last minute Christmas rush, the necessity for which occurs even in the best regulated families, most of the stores in La Grande will be open next Monday night, Christmas eve. The hours vary, some designating the closing time as 8:30 o'clock Monday night and others announcing a closing time at 10 o'clock or later.

Further announcements will be made later in The Observer.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—13 above.
Minimum: 12 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 33, minimum 22 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER DEC. 18, 1927
Maximum 37, minimum 9 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Butler Is Given Appointment To Two Committees

Telegram Sent By Hawley to Jack Peare Today Tells of Congressman's Selection

A telegram received from Washington, D. C., this morning by Jack Peare, chairman of the Union county republican central committee, announces that Representative Robert Butler has been appointed on the public lands committee and on the irrigation and reclamation committee in congress. The telegram was sent by Congressman W. C. Hawley. The two committees to which Mr. Butler has been appointed are the same ones that Judge N. J. Sinnott saw long service on.

"It was largely through Mr. Hawley's efforts that the appointment of Mr. Butler to the committees was made," Mr. Peare says.

Mr. Peare sent the following telegram to Congressman Hawley: "On behalf of the voters of Union county and in fact those of the second congressional district I desire to congratulate you on your success in having Bob Butler placed on those two very important committees so vital to the interests of Eastern Oregon. We appreciate your making good on the promises made to our people during the campaign."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—Representative Colton, republican, Utah, today was selected chairman of the House public lands committee, succeeding Representative Sinnott of Oregon who resigned from the House to accept a judgeship.

Representative Smith, republican, Idaho, was ranking republican on the public lands committee and ordinarily would have succeeded to the chairmanship but he is chairman of the irrigation committee and he wished to retain that post.

Mrs. McManus Is Called Beyond At 3:15 Today

Mrs. Gladys B. McManus, who had been ill only a short time, passed away at her home at 1910 Walnut street, at 3:15 o'clock this morning. She was well known in La Grande and had a host of friends and her death cast a shroud of gloom over the city. Funeral services have not yet been arranged. Her body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

She was born Sept. 19, 1898 in Idaho and was 30 years, two months and 29 days of age at the time of death. She came to La Grande when a child where she spent the remainder of her life. She is survived by her husband, Elmer, three children, John, 7; Patricia, 6 and Richard, 2; her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Black, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Blanch Stoddard, Mrs. Myrtle Russell, Frank Black, Miss Lucille Black, Cecil Black and Miss Ruth Black.

Mrs. McManus was active in church, social and club affairs in La Grande. She was a member of the L. D. S. church.

Insurance Session Held In Pendleton

A number of La Grande insurance men went to Pendleton yesterday where they attended a meeting of insurance agents in connection with the business of the Oregon Insurance Union which is composed of insurance agents throughout the state.

The men met at a noon luncheon and returned to La Grande late in the afternoon. They were: R. V. Copsey, Charles Reynolds, Jack Ferris and Oscar Warnock.

Rehearing Denied By Supreme Court

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18—(AP)—The supreme court today denied the following petitions for rehearing:

Guardian Building & Loan association vs. McCallister; Dixon vs. Fox; Weatherspoon vs. Stackland; Pierce vs. Northern Pacific Railway company.

The Weatherspoon - Stackland case was taken to the supreme court from Union county.

Gun, Watch Taken From Barron Home

Another case of burglary was reported to the police last night by R. L. Barron, 1016 Thirteenth street. He said that some one entered his home and took a .22 caliber automatic pistol and a 17-jewel watch.

Former Governor Of Indiana Dies

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 18—(AP)—Winfield T. Durbin, former governor of Indiana, died today at his home here.

BUILDING AND LOAN HELPS ENTIRE CITY

W. O. McCaw, of Aberdeen, Tells of Wealth Created in His City

NUMBER OF HOME OWNERS INCREASE

Works to Advantage of Both the Borrower and the Investor; Safe Investment, He Says

That a co-operative building and loan association—co-operative in that the community as a whole is financially interested either as a borrower or an investor—is a tremendous asset to any city because of its natural upbuilding of the community, both physically and financially, was the statement made last night by W. O. McCaw, president of the Aberdeen, Wash., Savings and Loan association in an interview with an Observer reporter.

Mr. McCaw, who has served as president of the Washington state league and who is at present a regional official of the national association, has had a leading part in the success of the building and loan in his city, keeping his hands on the reins from the inauguration of the "Washington plan" in spite of the usual bumps that had to be surmounted before it became an unqualified success.

An Exhaustive Study

Not only has Mr. McCaw been vitally interested in his own concern, but because of his state and national positions, he has been in a position to make an intelligent and exhaustive study of associations in other cities and states. He was here yesterday conferring with members of the La Grande Building & Loan association.

"Our building and loan association has increased the number of home owners in Aberdeen by at least 15 per cent and, at the same time, has resulted in an increase in the tax valuation of property much more than that," Mr. McCaw said. "It has kept home money working at home and has created more wealth than any other one concern. Our members are happy."

As an example of the widespread confidence in the Aberdeen association, he pointed out that 2,000 school children are members of the organization. "This condition is general all over Washington," he

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BANKERS OF TWO COUNTIES MEET

Will Have Session With State Officials of Eastern Oregon Tonight

The bankers of Union and Wallowa counties will gather tonight at the Sacajawea Inn for a banquet and meeting with the state officials of Eastern Oregon.

All the banks in the two counties are expected to have representatives at the session which is the first two-county meeting of bankers to be held in La Grande, according to Lester H. Bramwell, president of the Union county bankers association.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss bank taxation. "The supreme court recently ruled that bank shares cannot be taxed for an amount greater than the other money capital. The banks are not trying to evade taxation entirely and they are willing to compromise possibly by way of income tax on certain profits", Mr. Bramwell says.

The problems relative to this subject will be discussed by the representatives at the meeting.

The Eastern Oregon state officials who will be in attendance are: State Senator-elect Colon. H. Eberhard, Representative Johnson, of Wallowa, State Senator A. R. Hunter and Representative H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin.

Paraguay And Bolivia Listen To Peace Plan

Strong Hopes Now Held That War Be Avoided; Pan American Conference to Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—With its offer of mediation in the Bolivian-Paraguayan controversy accepted by both disputing countries, the way was clear today for the Pan American conference on arbitration to take affirmative steps to reconcile the two nations.

Dr. Victor Maurtua, of Peru, chairman of he special committee appointed by the conference to suggest conciliation procedure, conferred immediately today with other members of his committee and planned to call a meeting as soon as Bolivia's acceptance should be received here.

Although no concrete steps have been suggested to remove all danger of war between Bolivia and Paraguay, it is undrstood that the committee will strive to have both countries cease all warlike activities, urging Paraguay to demobilize and Bolivia to calm its people.

Even partial settlement of the controversy will greatly facilitate the other labors of the conference, which so far has been greatly handicapped by the threat of war hovering over South America. Delegates had so far avoided as far as possible any meeting at which the dispute might have been brought up and given rise to heated debate.

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 18—(AP)—The Bolivian-Paraguayan crisis made a quick shift in the direction of peace today with the acceptance by Bolivia of the good offices of the Pan-American conference of conciliation and arbitration.

This decision followed on the heels of a Bolivian order to the commander of the Bolivian frontier forces to cease attacks on Paraguayan troops in the disputed Chaco region where tension has run high for the past ten days.

(Paraguay yesterday announced acceptance of the Pan-American offer of mediation thus indicating together with Bolivia's action that the possibility of immediate further hostilities has been largely averted)

Coolidge May Go To Sapeloe Isle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—President Coolidge expects to be in Washington for Christmas but is considering an invitation which would take him shortly after the holiday to Sapeloe Island, off the coast of Georgia.

The island is the property of Howard E. Coffin, automobile company executive, who has thrown the place open to the president.

Declare Dividend On Joseph Bank

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles made an order today declaring a 10 per cent dividend on the First Bank of Joseph, Ore. This makes 40 per cent paid to depositors.

Judge Knowles also made an order, since all claims and depositors of the Cove bank have been paid, transferring the remaining assets to Grover Duffy for liquidation for the stockholders.

Less Winter Wheat Planted This Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—The department of agriculture today estimated that 42,223,000 acres had been sown in winter wheat this year compared with 47,280,000 acres last year.

The sown area was estimated as 8.6 per cent less than the area given to winter wheat last year.

PLUMBING FIRMS MERGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18—(AP)—Five large plumbing and heating contracting firms of Portland have effected a consolidation and will begin operation January 2 as the Plumbing & Heating Sales corporation, capitalized at $250,000. The announcement was made today by George G. Root, president of the new organization.

Henry Ford Amplifies Statement; Wise Spending Important, He Says

DETROIT, Dec. 18 (AP)—Declaring that nobody will development by "putting money in the bank," Henry Ford today recited his advice to boys under the "Spend for Leadership". The statement was an amplification of the one made in Washington recently and which occasioned considerable comment.

"A boy's job is not to accumulate dollars but to use them to produce more dollars. Invest in yourself until you are forty. It is knowledge and experience which are every leader needs. If a boy saves it should be with some expenditure in view," Mr. Ford said.

"The last thing a boy needs is money. The only thing he does need is to learn how to spend money—all the money he can get—for self-improvement.

"To know how to spend money is one of the qualifications of any leadership by "putting money in improvement.

"To know how to spend money wisely, earn more than you can spend wisely, but you will never get to that point by saving."

The statement was copyrighted this year by the Detroit News and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

CHURCH IS CELEBRATING

Pope Pius XI as he appears today and (inset) as he looked when he celebrated his first mass in San Carlo al Corso at Rome 50 years ago. His sacerdotal jubilee is being celebrated this week.

House Accepts Boulder Canyon Measure Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—The House accepted today the senate amendments to the Swing-Johnson Boulder Canyon dam bill, sending the measure to the White House.

The vote was 166 to 122.

Johnson Urges Dirigible Base At Fort Lewis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—A proposal to establish a dirigible base at Fort Lewis, Washington, was introduced today by Representative Johnson, republican, Washington, who said he hoped to make Fort Lewis the chief air port of the west. His bill would call for construction of a hangar, buildings and other works at a cost of $2,000,000.

Johnson said the support of members of the naval committee of delegations from Washington, Oregon and Idaho would be sought.

Smallpox Raging In Yukon District

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 18—(AP)—Smallpox which has been raging in the towns on Kotzebue and Norton sounds, is reported in radio messages from Anvik to be spreading up the Yukon into the interior.

The message said half the supply of vaccine in Anvik on the Yukon is being sent to Holy Cross, about fifty miles down river, by dog team. There is no apparent lack of vaccine.

MONUMENT IS DEDICATED

SARASOTA, Fla. — The new monument at Five Points, in the heart of the business section, a memorial to those who have lost their lives in defense of the nation, was recently dedicated by the American Legion.

SEEK KIDNAPED MAN

WINKLER, Tex., Dec. 18—(AP)—Texas rangers and border patrolmen headed a party of 100 men today in a search over the barren Trans-Pecos oil country for P. O. "Dewey Blackie" Burcham, local restaurant owner, reported to have been kidnaped and left to die by rum runners.

WRESTLING MATCH DATED

BOSTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—Gus Sonnenberg, former Dartmouth football player, has agreed to wrestle Ed (Strangler) Lewis again for the heavyweight championship in the Boston Garden on Jan. 4.

NEW KIND OF TRIANGLE

LEWISTON, Ida., Dec. 18 (AP)—A smallpox quarantine was forcing a woman to remain under the same roof with her divorced husband, while her legal husband was kept outside, has developed here.

CHILLY AT MARSHFIELD

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—The low temperature mark for the year was reached in Coos Bay country last night when the mercury fell to 28 degrees above zero, causing first light freezing of the ground this winter.

TAX RELIEF BODY PLAN SUBMITTED

Three Suggestions Expected to Reduce Burden By $3,500,000

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—A tax on tobacco, abolition of the one-mill market road tax, and use of the counties' share of the state automobile license revenue for paying interest and principal on county road funds are three recommendations made by a subcommittee of state property tax relief commission.

The sub-committee, reporting after a conference here late yesterday, will contribute its ideas to the main commission which is to meet here Thursday, Friday and Saturday to formulate suggestions to the legislature for property tax relief. Three other sub-committees' suggestions also will be considered.

The sub-committee reporting yesterday believed that if the three suggestions it proposed were adopted the property tax burden could be reduced at least $3,500,000.

Abolition of the market road tax, it is said, would cut off $1,200,000; diverting 25 per cent of the auto license fees to payments on county road bonds would save $1,250,000; and a tobacco tax in lieu of a one-mill elementary school tax would yield $1,000,000.

KING GEORGE PASSES QUIET DAY, REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 18—(AP)—King George's physicians tonight issued the following bulletin, time 8:10 p. m., on His Majesty's condition: "The king has passed a quiet day and the progress noted this morning has continued."

The long and patient struggle to save the life of King George and restore him to health and strength witnessed another of its tremulous fluctuations in the last 24 hours but the latest advices from the sick room this morning indicated an upward turn again.

The morning bulletin of the doctors said that both the king's general condition and the condition around the infected lung area had improved overnight, if only slightly.

SCHOOL BOY TO SERVE 20 YEARS IN PEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—(AP)—A 17-year-old school boy today faced a minimum prison sentence of 20 years for strangling to death his 18-year-old sweetheart because, he said, she wanted to kiss him.

Vincent Rice pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree yesterday in Richmond county court after the state had rested its case in his trial for murder in the first degree growing out of the slaying of Alice Jean in her mother's home in Port Richmond, Staten Island, last month.

The sentence, which will be pronounced Thursday, is mandatory under the Hennes law, with no possibility of parole until the minimum has been served.

Drastic Action Urged By Judge After Slaying

Gang Murders Star Witness in Kidnap Trial in Chicago; Five Others Badly Beaten

CHICAGO, Dec. 18—(AP)—Drastic action, following the slaying of a witness and severe beating of several others, was urged today by Judge Robert E. Gentzel at the opening of the trial of three men charged with kidnaping ten-year-old Billy Ranieri.

The judge promptly ordered the crowded courtroom cleared and addressed himself to police officers: "Kidnapings, extortion and the slaying of state's witnesses could not happen in Europe or in Italy. It is time for the police to take drastic action. Such things as have occurred in connection with this case are a terrible indictment of the police department."

The crowd, driven from the courtroom, quickly formed in line outside and pressed toward the doors, anxious to gain admittance to hear the testimony of Billy himself, expected to be the first as well as the state's star.

Crowd Questioned, Searched

They were forced to submit to questioning and search for weapons before being readmitted.

Two bullets through the head, another in the body as he ran the gauntlet of guns in a West Taylor street restaurant late yesterday, and Ole Scully was dead. The prosecution in the Ranieri kidnaping case had lost one of its most important witnesses.

The state had been six weeks in picking a jury to try three men for the abduction of the boy. It had chosen carefully, for it wanted 12 men who would not hesitate to impose the death sentence it is asking for the men on trial—Angelo Petitti, Andrew Cappellano and Tony Cappellano. It got death—Ole Scully's.

Others Beaten

Assistant state's attorney Samuel Hoffman had just completed his opening statement to the jury when his message was received in Judge Robert E. Gentzel's courtroom:

"Ole Scully was shot dead, and the heads of arms of five of his companions were broken with baseball bats by five men who followed them into a restaurant on West Taylor street."

The message created a sensation.

"None of our lives are safe," exclaimed the prosecutor, "ours or the witnesses."

To Answer Challenge

"This is a challenge to all law enforcement," said state's attorney Swanson, "and it will be answered as such."

Those who were beaten severely while Scully was being killed were: Narceno di Dimonico, restaurant owner; Joe Malone, sewer contractor, (no kin to Scully); Jack DeVito; Joe Sabello, and Frank Pantalone. DeVito is a brother of Mike DeVito, another state witness in the Ranieri trial.

Thrill Seekers Lost Somewhere In Grand Canyon

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 18 (AP)—Searching parties on foot, by water and by air were under way today in an effort to locate Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hyde, of Hansen, Idaho, "Thrill Seekers," lost somewhere in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river.

While one party in a boat headed by P. P. Papraw, assistant superintendent of the Grand Canyon National park, started down the river from Bright Angel early today, a tri-motored army airplane, ordered from March field, Riverside, Cal., was expected by noon to be zooming up and down the canyon searching with powerful glasses for the couple believed to have been drowned or stranded while navigating the treacherous river rapids in a row.

Other searching parties of Indians living between Needles, Ariz., and Mojave reservation seventy five miles north were threading tortuous trails along the river.

Coquille Bandit Shot In Gun Fight

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 18—(AP)—One youth was shot dead in a gun fight and another captured by officers and citizens today after an attempt to hold up the First National bank of Coquille.

Repulsed by a revolver shot from the cashier at the bank, two youths fled unidentified in a car and were overtaken in a residential district where one of the pair was killed in a gun fight and the other captured. The name of the dead man was believed to be Marion Rube. Red McLowan was the name given by his companion who was arrested.

40 New Flu Cases In Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—Forty new cases of influenza were reported to the city health bureau today, bringing total since disease appeared here in November to 519.

HOOVER SHIP HEADS NORTH FOR BRAZIL

President - elect Carried Into Atlantic Stretch of Goodwill Mission

ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO AMERICA

Police in Buenos Aires Announce They Have Confirmed That Bomb Plot Was for Hoover

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18—(AP)—Police announced today that they had definitely confirmed that the recently frustrated bomb plot was aimed at the special train on which Herbert Hoover and members of his party were riding. The confirmation came as a result of obtaining more details from the men who are under arrest in connection with the finding of the bombs and other equipment in the home of one of them.

The police said that the plotters had definitely arranged the time and place where the bombing was to have been carried out. It was agreed that when the train passed a sign by the side of the railway with the word "action" written upon it, a bomb was to be exploded.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec, 18—(AP)—The U. S. S. Utah, carrying President-elect Hoover on the Atlantic stretch of his goodwill mission to Latin-America, sailed for Rio Janeiro at 10:50 o'clock this morning.

The president-elect, leaving Montevideo where he had been received with great cordiality, boarded the Utah this morning with his party.

As the ship left the roadstead several Uruguayan war craft took up positions as escorts and accompanied the American vessel as far as the island of Flores.

Exchange of Speeches

Concluding his visit to Uruguay, Mr. Hoover carried from this republic deep impressions of its desire to contribute to the peace of the Americas. He gave expression to these impressions in an exchange of speeches with President Campisteguy at a farewell banquet which was attended by a distinguished company of Uruguayans and North Americans.

After leaving Rio Janeiro on Christmas eve, Mr. Hoover will decide his future itinerary. Apparently he has decided to eliminate some West Indian stops which were originally planned and possibly Havana will be excluded from the return voyage.

Anxious to Reach Florida

Mr. Hoover is believed to be anxious to get to Florida for conferences with party leaders on the makeup of his cabinet. He is also thought to be anxious to make plans for his own administration including the tasks to be set for the special session of the new congress which is to be called primarily for the solution of the farm relief program.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 18—(AP)—Preparations for the reception of President-elect Hoover and his goodwill party were in full swing today.

The Avenide Rio Branco will be illuminated and the Brazilian and American colors will be displayed profusely.

Lunches and dinners have been arranged for the party.

EXPECT PEACE PLAN ACTION BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—President Coolidge is of the opinion that the Kellogg treaty to outlaw war has sufficient support for its ratification without any reservations or accompanying resolutions.

The senate foreign relations committee today voted 14 to 2 to report the peace treaty to the senate.

You haven't finished buying yet? Well, goodness sakes alive! Take note that of the shopping days There still are left but five.