

CONFERENCE WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY

Attendance Continues at High Mark; John Dean Presiding Today

MORE APPLES AND CHERRIES URGED

County Agent Gives Resume of Work Accomplished Along Horticultural Lines in Year

Tomorrow, is poultry day, and Saturday as the day devoted to the boys and girls' clubs, close the sixth annual economic conference which is occupying this week.

The attendance today is very good, the subject touching one of the largest industries of Union county, that of horticulture.

TRIAD CHOIR PLANS EASTER PRESENTATION

The Triad Choir of the Presbyterian church is making preparations for the presentation of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, director, for an elaborate Easter cantata, which will be given Easter night and on Good Friday evening at the church.

WILL INSTALL REV. SHIELDS AT ENTERPRISE

The Rev. William Baird, of Baker, stated clerk of the Grande Ronde presbytery, was in La Grande yesterday to confer with the Rev. J. George Wals, pastor of the local Presbyterian church and moderator of the presbytery, on matters pertaining to the program of the spring session to be held in the La Grande church on Tuesday, Apr. 16.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m. 24 above. Minimum: 23 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 49, minimum 31 above. Condition: rain .92 of inch.

WEATHER Feb. 28, 1929 Maximum 44, minimum 23 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Commerce Club's Annual Banquet Plans Complete

Entertainment Features Announced; Meeting Next Tuesday Night at Sacajawea Inn

An event which will climax a year of activity and service to Union county and which will inaugurate a new year is scheduled for next Tuesday night at 6:45 o'clock when the Union county chamber of commerce holds its annual banquet in the Sacajawea Inn.

Plans for the occasion have been completed and an interesting program planned. A number of features including the main speech, will be given by out-of-county persons who have signified their willingness to be present for the occasion.

Professor William A. Bratton, of Whitman college at Walla Walla, Wash., has consented to give the main address of the evening. "Mr. Bratton is a man of wide experience 'who has recently spent several months in the east," says Huch E. Brady, president of the chamber.

P. A. Rockne, of Baker, will entertain with some accordion selections. Besides his claim to fame as a musician Mr. Rockne is a second cousin of Coach Rockne, of Notre Dame," Mr. Brady says.

"A ukelele duel will be given by Reid Geddes and Elwood Hatt, the couple who made a decided hit at the midnight matinee New Year's."

"Miss Myrna Ward, local eloquist of ability, also will entertain," Mr. Brady said.

Installation of new officers of the chamber will be in charge of Dr. W. P. McAdory.

Two important parts of the program will be the reports of Judge Brady, outgoing president and of Charles Malboeuf, executive secretary.

"The program will be good, we feel that the chamber has accomplished many things this year, of which it can be proud and that the meeting will be well attended," Mr. Brady said.

Tickets at \$1.00 are on sale at the chamber of commerce, office and at the Sacajawea Inn.

Quintets Begin Play At Union This Afternoon

The annual scramble for the basketball championship of Union, Baker, Walla, Malheur, Harney and Grant counties started at Union this afternoon with the two dark-horned quintets—Haines and Ontario—facing each other.

This evening at 8 o'clock La Grande and Walla are to meet and at 9 o'clock Mount Vernon is to play Enterprise.

A large number of La Grande people were expecting to drive to Union this evening to watch the Tigers play.

Inger Folgate, Whitman collegian, has secured to referee the 14 games of the district tournament.

Income Tax Men Here For a Week

Roy L. Maule and C. E. Schafer, income tax experts who are working out of the offices of C. C. Huntley, federal internal revenue official, arrived in La Grande last night from Enterprise and will remain here until after Mar. 5.

They are at room 232, in the post office building, and are here for the purpose of assisting Union county people in preparing income tax returns. They make no charge for their service, which is sponsored by the government.

City Dads Hold Regular Meeting

Only routine matters came up for consideration at the city commission meeting held last evening. On motion, the city authorized a deal to C. B. Miller for lots 4, 5 and 6, block 5, Romig's addition. All members of the commission were in attendance.

OPEN SWITCH IS CAUSE OF TRAIN WRECK

Northwestern Passenger Collides Head-on With Freight Today

TWO RAILROAD MEN ARE KILLED

None of the Passengers Seriously Hurt; Accident Occurred Near Largo, California

UKIAH, Cal., Feb. 28 (AP)—Two trainmen were killed and several passengers injured by flying glass when a Northwestern Pacific passenger train ran through an open switch and collided head-on with a standing freight train at Largo, 32 miles north of Healdsburg, today. Four cars of the five-car Eureka Express were derailed.

G. E. Bradley, 41, of Ukiah, killed a widow and three children. Simon Landree, 35, of Sausalito, he left a widow.

Bradley was engineer of the passenger train and Landree was fireman on the freight.

G. W. Cunard, engineer of the freight train, was taken to a hospital at Ukiah, where his condition was pronounced critical.

None of the passengers was seriously hurt. The accident occurred on a reverse curve.

SCHOOL BOY HIT BY TRUCK DRIVER

George Gunn's Leg Broken; Driver Attempted to Avoid Youngster

George Gunn, seven or eight years old, was injured about 1 o'clock this afternoon when he was hit by a truck driven by Joe Jones. According to the report Mr. Jones made to the police, the boy dodged out from behind another car and, although Mr. Jones immediately slammed on the brakes he could not avoid hitting the child.

The accident occurred on Fourth street near the high school. George is a pupil in Central school.

Physician Guilty Of Dope Charge

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 28 (AP)—Dr. John Gibson Sargent, Centralia physician, was found guilty of violating the federal narcotics laws, on all three counts against him, when the verdict of the jury was read in the federal court here this morning.

April 8 was set as the date for sentencing Dr. Sargent, and his attorney at once gave notice of an appeal. The physician was released on his present bond of \$5000.

Fred Falconer, Pendleton Sheep Man, Opposes Wallowa Park Plan

PENDELTON, Ore., Feb. 28—"Thirty per cent of the summer grazing land for sheep in Wallowa county would be cut off if congress should set aside 199,000 acres of the Wallowa National forest as a national park," says Fred W. Falconer, prominent Eastern Oregon sheepman. Mr. Falconer was formerly a resident of Wallowa county and still runs several big bands of sheep there.

Congress is asked to set aside the 199,000 acres in a senate resolution introduced by State Senator Fred Kiddle at Salem last week, and the resolution is now up before the house of representatives at Salem.

The heart of the grazing area in Wallowa county, which includes the head of the Imnaha, the head of Eagle creek and the head of the Minam river, would be taken away from the stockmen if congress acts on the senate resolution. The 199,000 acre area, according to Mr. Falconer, is sufficient to summer 25,000 ewes and lambs. "If this grazing land should be lost to the stockmen, it would be necessary for them to sell their sheep; Wallowa county would lose the tax revenue received from the sheep and the values of holdings on the Imnaha would be greatly depreciated."

"Under present conditions, Wallowa county with its high standard

Wild Dogs Hunt Deer Near Here, Reports Declare

Two Deer and Four Dogs Killed; Three Canines Shot Down and Remainder Scattered

A hunted herd of 20 deer and a pack of police dogs, hounds and curs, have been the actors in a drama which was staged in an area from 12 to 15 miles long between Ladd canyon and La Grande.

Two Deer Slain. Mr. Hansen said this morning that one hound was killed by the deer and that two deer had been slain by the dogs.

The men who were called to Ladd Canyon succeeded after the two day hunt in shooting three of the dogs. Altogether the pack numbered about ten canines, Mr. Hansen reports. The hunt has been discontinued for the present as the showers of bullets succeeded in frightening and scattering the dogs for a time and the deer have gone back into the brakes of the canyon.

One deer badly wounded by the dogs was brought into La Grande yesterday to Dr. H. W. Riley, but it died last night, the hunters report.

It has been learned, Mr. Hansen says, that the deer reported to have been killed by coyotes at Elgin recently were also the victims of onslaughts by police dogs.

The dogs show no evidence of being starved and seem fat enough, but they are so exhausted that they can hardly jump fences, as a result of the pursuit by the dogs.

It is believed by Mr. Hansen that the dogs were turned loose perhaps during a parley in the same way, Mr. Hansen says. The police dogs and hounds chasing the deer at Ladd Canyon, travel in packs, closing upon the deer and breaking the hamstrings in the hind legs.

The locations where the fights have taken place are gruesome, Mr. Hansen says. In some places can

Indictments Are Returned Today By Grand Jury

The county grand jury, which was called into session Tuesday, made a report today of three indictments and no true bills. One indictment, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was arraigned this morning in circuit court and will plead in the court Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Sandefer was arraigned in the justice court, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury.

Clarence Munley, charged with burglary of a dwelling in the night time, was arraigned in the circuit court this morning and pleaded not guilty.

45-Year-Old Fire Menaces Dwellings

NEW STRAITSVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 28 (AP)—The smoldering peril of a 45-year-old fire in the coal lands of this vicinity today again menaced a section of New Straitsville as the flames, eating their way to the surface, burst out and spread a trail of deadly gas over the hillsides.

Miners from several companies were blasting around an exposed crater nearly 50 square feet in an effort to shut off the flow of air and check the flames.

Started in the 80's by men who fired a mine in the heat of a strike, the blaze has smoldered since then, eating its way along the veins of coal and occasionally cropping to the surface. In the approximately 45 years since the fire started, the underground menace has moved several miles in each direction, causing cave-ins and raising buildings.

Legion Leads In Search For Man

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—The American Legion post at Sandy, Ore., has organized a widespread search near Sandy in an attempt to find William Haworth, 32, missing since yesterday morning. Haworth is said to have suffered shell shock during the war and friends fear he has lost his memory.

LOWER HOUSE AUTHORIZES 2 ELECTIONS

Fight Over Plan This Morning Menaced Tax Program for Awhile

INCOME TAX VOTE IN LATER MONTH

House Passes Bill Urging California to Complete Roads; "Ace in Hole" Measure Approved

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—Two special elections, one in May and one in November, were authorized by the lower house when house bills 592 and 596 were passed this morning.

The entire tax program, built on the agreement that under no consideration were the expected referendums on the intangible and excise tax bills and the personal income tax bill to be voted on at the same election, nearly rode to a fall when unexpected opposition developed to the holding of two special elections in one year.

House bill 592 which authorizes a special election on June 28 when all tax measures passed by the legislature, excepting the personal income tax, may be voted on. In case the referendum is invoked on any of these measures, and house bill 596 which authorizes a second election in November in case the referendum is invoked on the income tax measure, were up.

Seek Prompt Action. Representative Carkin asked that the special election bills be placed on third reading in order that they might be sent over to the senate for prompt action there.

Sleeping members came to life and there was a demand from Motzler, from Goldstein and from Robinson as to the necessity of two special elections in one year when all the measures could be handled in one election.

Carkin explained that the property tax relief commission considered it unwise to have the income tax come up for vote at the same election with the others.

"Do you mean to say," queried Henderson, "that the people haven't intelligence enough to discriminate between these different kinds of taxation?"

Judging From the Past. Hazellet came to Carkin's defense. "We can only judge the future by our experience of the past. In 1925 the people turned down every tax proposal worked out by the legislature and at the same election voted two additional normal schools."

Goldstein stated it was insult to the people to say they could not discriminate between the different taxes at the same election.

MacPherson stated that he was as much opposed to special elections as anyone in the house, but that the two-election plan had been worked out after two years' study by the property tax relief commission, and since none of the objects had presented a better plan of "removing the financial crisis facing the state," that the legislature should support the plan of the commission.

Judge Potter also supported the action of the commission. 10 Votes Against Bill. Ten votes were cast against the

James W. Good

James W. Good, of Iowa, is to be secretary of the Hoover cabinet. His appointment was announced late yesterday.

MACHINE GUNNER HELD IN CHICAGO

Jack McGurn Identified As One of Men Who Killed Seven Gangsters

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP)—Two suspects, both of whom the police said had been identified as men who participated in the Moran gang slayings, were in custody today. Jack McGurn, member of Scarface Al Capone's gang, has been identified by witnesses, as having been at the scene, and Rocco Funnell, West Side gangster arrested today, has been identified from photographs as one of those who fled in a car after the slayings.

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Gallant Action Of Lone Eagle Thrills Nation

Superb Airmanship Saves Miss Morrow and Lindbergh from Serious Injury in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (AP)—Undaunted by yesterday's "mis-hap," Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Miss Anne Morrow today flew for more than 30 minutes over Valbuena field. The colonel used one hand in handling a commercial plane which he borrowed for the flight. They took off at 10:27 a. m., landed 10 minutes later and twice repeated that procedure.

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MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (AP)—The world that loves a lover was thrilled today by the superb airmanship and gallantry of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. He exhibited those traits in saving his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, and himself from serious injury, or worse, yesterday when their three-hour picnic air hunt ended in a crash.

Colonel Lindbergh today had the pain of a wrenched shoulder and a badly damaged airplane to remind him of the narrowness of their escape. Miss Morrow fared better. Bulking large against the memory of fright and mild shock was the knowledge of her fiancée's having thought and acted first for her in an emergency which threatened their lives.

Gallant Actions. The full measure of this gallantry and skill in the air was revealed only its closely guarded secrets of the excursion into the clouds became known.

After leaving Valbuena air field yesterday with a small bag packed with sandwiches, Colonel Lindbergh and Miss Morrow flew to a nearby spot for a picnic lunch. In the take-off for the return trip the airplane lost its right wheel—probably, it is now believed, because a mechanic greasing it had failed to refasten the cotter key which held it to the axle.

When he was flying back to Valbuena field Colonel Lindbergh's thoughts were on his predicament and how best to emerge from it. Finally he reached over to Miss Morrow, seated at his side, and

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He was arrested at the Hotel Stevens in suite three floors above that on which the state's attorney's investigators have headquarters. An attractive blonde who said she was Louise Wolfe and who McGurn said was his wife occupied the suite with him.

In a "show-up" at detective headquarters following the arrest McGurn was picked from a line of 20 by two witnesses and identified as one of the killers.

Officers Certain. David Stanbury, directing the slayer search for the state's attorney said: "The crime has now been solved. There is no question about it. The prisoner has been viewed by witnesses who declare positively that he is one of the killers. I also know the motive and have known it for two days."

"McGurn, of course, will fight. He will set up an alibi, using as his witness the young woman with whom he was arrested. But the alibi will not stand. All we want now is five more men. We shall have them soon."

Chains Alike. The prisoner did little talking, but he did deny having had any part in the crime. He said he could establish through the hotel tint on the day of the sevenfold murders he did not leave his room until after 1:30 p. m.—three hours after the crime had been committed.

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CHAPLIN, FILM STAR, PASSES BETTER NIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (AP)—Charles Chaplin, 31, of intestinal influenza, apparently passed a "comfortable" night, Dr. Cecil Reynolds, his physician and friend, stated at 7 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Reynolds, 40, at his own home, where he went before midnight last night, after spending a large part of yesterday with Chaplin, said "we would have called me if anything had gone wrong. Chaplin was comfortable when I left him last night, although his temperature was 101 1/2 at that time."

Dr. Reynolds did not indicate that he considered Chaplin in immediate danger, although he indicated that in his opinion the serious condition was such as to require close attention.

CABINET IS COMPLETED BY HOOVER

James J. Davis, Andrew W. Mellon Retained in Their Positions

TWO NAMES NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

Dr. Wilbur, of California, New Interior Secretary; Stimson, Adams, Brown, Selected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—President-elect Hoover has completed his cabinet with the retention of James J. Davis as secretary of labor and the selection for agriculture and commerce of two men who are described as surprise appointments.

It is said by those close to the president-elect that the names of the remaining two men have not even been mentioned in any of the widespread speculation about the cabinet which has been going the rounds ever since election day. It was added that they were outstanding citizens.

Cabinet Certainties. The other men regarded by Mr. Hoover's friends as cabinet certainties are Henry L. Stimson of New York, to be secretary of state; Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania, secretary of the treasury; James W. Good of Iowa, secretary of war; William D. Mitchell of Minnesota, attorney general; Walter F. Brown of Ohio, postmaster general; Charles Francis Adams of Massachusetts, secretary of the navy, and Dr. Roy L. Wilbur of California, secretary of the interior.

With his cabinet worries on his mind, Mr. Hoover gave additional attention to other appointments. William J. Donovan, assistant to the attorney general, having refused the post of assistant general of the Philippines, Mr. Hoover has to find a man for that place.

Eugene A. Gilmore, vice governor, who has been acting since the departure from Manila of Henry L. Stimson, has been highly recommended for the office. Mr. Hoover also has been urged to appoint Brigadier General Frank R. McCoy, who headed the American mission to Nicaragua, but it is understood that he is disinclined to name a military man.

Several Callers. Callers at the Hoover home today included Sam H. Thompson of Illinois, president, and Chester Gray, Washington legislative representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation; F. Trubee Davis, assistant secretary of commerce for aviation.

The secretary of agriculture and Mrs. Jardine were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover.

MARSHAL FOCH BELIEVES HE WILL RECOVER

PARIS, Feb. 28 (AP)—While Marshal Foch is well prepared for death he still believes he will recover from his present devastating illness, friends say.

These friends have an intense admiration for the fortitude with which the aged warrior has borne the suffering of his infirmity, the patience with which he has submitted to treatment, and withal the keenness of his intellect.

But they do not share the marshal's hope. Every day now finds his strength reduced still more and makes more apparent that in view of his 78 years it is remarkable that he has resisted so long.

His life, one of his friends said in a flame still burning steadily but at the mercy of the least puff of wind. "To shield it from such a puff is the constant endeavor of the marshal's medical attendant and his family."

Indian Problem Near Solution Over The West

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Favorable consideration of the bill to create an Indian employment service as a step toward assimilation of the Red Man in the industrial life of the nation was recommended today by Secretary West.

The rapid development of the west, the secretary said, in a communication to the chairman of the senate and house Indian affairs committees, has created a demand for the services of the Indian which presents a favorable opportunity for employment.

"The situation today is favorable to make immediate progress toward a solution of the problem by establishing the Indian as a wage earner, gaining a competence for himself," he added. "When an Indian reaches this stage he need no longer be a ward of the government. He and his children take their places as normal members of the body politic. So far as he is concerned the Indian problem has been solved."

Secretary West said it was his belief that "the decades of supervision which the government has exercised over the Indians has developed them to the point where they are prepared for a steadily increasing participation in the industrial life of the nation."

Another Death In Meningitis Group

REATTLE, Feb. 28 (AP)—With the death today of Y. Sasaki, 24-year-old Japanese, a second fatality among the eleven meningitis victims who have been isolated at the city hospital since their arrival here Monday on the President Lincoln from the orient was recorded.

Sasaki's body was taken to the county morgue.

Two more orientals were stricken today, one with meningitis and another with pneumonia.

Boy, 13, Suicide, Officers Assert

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 28 (AP)—Thomas Sand, 13, was found dead in his room last night with a bullet wound in his temple. An aunt and uncle with whom he lived said the boy's death was a case of suicide, probably because of a quarrel with a girl schoolmate.

FILIBUSTER IN SENATE ENDS AT 2:40 A. M.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Administration leaders broke the filibuster in the senate at 2:40 a. m. today and the senate adjourned a few minutes later after being in session for more than 14 continuous hours.

Adjournment was taken only after the senate, for the first time this session, had been forced to direct its sergeant-at-arms to arrest absentee members to obtain a quorum so business might proceed. The long session resulted from a filibuster by Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, against an item in the second deficiency supply bill to provide \$150,000 for a survey of the proposed Nicaragua canal.