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WOMEN CLOSE CONFERENCE LATE FRIDAY

Presbyterians Elect Mrs. H. R. Hanna, La Grande, 1929 President

THREE COUNTIES SEND DELEGATES

Miss Mary Banks and Mrs. Charles Williams in Final Program of Two-day Session

Installation of presbytery officers yesterday afternoon, an address on "Orientals in the United States" by Miss Mary Banks and an address by Mrs. Charles Williams, of Portland, with music features and last rites, closed the annual meeting of the La Grande Presbytery held in La Grande Thursday and Friday at the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. H. R. Hanna was elected and installed as president, Mrs. William Miller as secretary and Mrs. George Baker, as treasurer, for the year. The Rev. J. George Waiz was installing officer. The next annual convention will be held in Baker at this time next year.

Make Appointments Soon. Appointment of other officers and of committees for the year will be completed soon by the newly elected president.

Thanking the officers for their hearty cooperation in the work of the last year, Mrs. A. T. Hill, retiring president, turned over the office to Mrs. Hanna who responded with a few words.

The work of the missionary schools in San Francisco and Oakland, Cal., in caring for and educating dependent American born Chinese children was graphically described by Miss Mary Banks, of San Francisco. She told of the work of changing "souls from the darkness of heathenism to the light of Christianity." The discussions are many but the results no matter how small they seem to be repay for all the difficulties, Miss Banks said. She told the story of a little Chinese girl who lived in Shanghai, the daughter of a coolie who wanted her daughter to become educated. She was admitted to an American mission school and receiving her education launched on a career of brilliant Christian service when she became fatally ill. Her last wish was that she be taken back to her humble home in a little village far from the comforts of the Christian hospital, so that she might tell her people of Jesus Christ so that she would not have "to go to Him empty handed."

Delegates to the convention were in attendance from Wallowa, Union and Baker county towns.

MANY ATTEND BENEFIT FOR NEW CHURCH

Many persons attended the musical and dramatic program held last night at the La Grande Christian church under the auspices of Division B of the Loyal Sisters Aid of the church.

Musical selections by individuals and groups and a playlet composed the evening's entertainment which was given by the aid to raise money for the building fund of the church. Thirty-five dollars was cleared for that purpose.

No Forum Luncheon On Next Tuesday

No chamber of commerce luncheon will be held Tuesday noon, according to Secretary Charles A. Malbouef. The next luncheon will be held a week from Tuesday, on Mar. 26, in the Sacajawea Inn.

PREDICT FAIR WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 16 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning March 17, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far Western States: The outlook is for generally fair weather over California and the southern parts of Oregon and Idaho and unsettled weather with occasional rains elsewhere.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—58 above. Minimum—51 above. Condition—Partly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 58, minimum 27 above. Condition—Mostly clear, rain .69 of inch.

Swimming Pool Construction Is Under Way Here

Modern Plunge, 55 by 110 Feet, to Be Built by Taal and Dahl on Second and X Streets

"Crystal Plunge," an outdoor swimming pool of white concrete finish like the Janzen pool in Portland and in dimensions 55 by 110 feet, is about to become a factor in La Grande's recreational opportunities. Construction of the pool was started yesterday by G. G. Taal and Gilbert M. Dahl, on the site of the old G. M. Taal residence on X avenue and Second street.

Completion of the pool will be effected by May 15, according to present plans. The water in the tank will be heated, chlorinated and filtered and will meet all the requirements of the state board of health, asserts Mr. Dahl.

Modern Pool. It will be of the latest type of construction with all modern conveniences. A small pool, with water not more than 14 inches deep for the tiny kiddies, is to be constructed near the main tank.

Equipment will include standard spring boards and a diving tower.

A bathroom with individual dressing rooms, showers and locker service will be located near the pool. Its dimensions are to be 30 by 50 feet. An unusual feature will be individual trays like compartments in a wardrobe trunk instead of locker service. It will have a full basement in which will be located a laundry and a chlorination and filtering plant. Swimming suits will be sterilized and laundered there.

Fresh water will be continually pumped into the pool from the city water supply. The temperature will be kept at 74 degrees, it is said.

The site of the pool is a 12-lot area which is to be beautified surrounding the pools. It will be converted into a park with trees, shrubbery and lawns. Along the railroad track a board fence is to be constructed to segregate the park from the danger of trains to children going there, the owners report.

Flood lights will be installed at (Continued on Page 5)

Death of Major South And Wife Saddens Union

Word was received here this morning that Mrs. Major South, whose husband, a Civil war veteran and Union pioneer, died Thursday after a brief illness, passed away Friday morning, only a day after her husband. She had been ill for several years and was in a state of coma for a few days previous to her passing.

It is not known here whether she learned of her husband's death before she passed away.

The deaths of the two pioneer residents was a sad shock to their many friends, not only at Union, but over this section of the state.

Municipal Band Program Given For Tomorrow

The La Grande Municipal band will appear tomorrow afternoon at 8:15 o'clock at the Arcade theater in the third of a series of concerts given for the public under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., director.

The program, for which no charge is made, includes the following numbers: Overture—"Raymond," Amb. Thornton.

Clarinet solo—"Sonnambula Fantasia," theme and variations played by Roy Mattoon.

"March of the Toys," from "Babes in Toyland," Victor Herbert.

Saxophone quartet—"Liebestraum," Liszt, played by Messrs. Brovnton, Zundel, Gekeler and Counsel.

Intermission—Egyptian Serenade "Amina," Lincke.

Descriptive—"In the Clock Store," Orth.

Vocal—(a) "Songs My Mother Taught Me," Dvorak. (b) "The Bells of St. Marys," Adams, sung by Florence Lynch Miller, soprano.

"Procession of the Sardar," from "Caucasian Sketches," Ippolitow-Iwanow.

Clerks to Meet Monday Evening

The Union County Development League, through the manager, S. L. Thompson, announces that there will be a meeting especially for the clerks next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Sacajawea Inn. Clerks from home-owned institutions all over the county are invited to attend.

BANKERS OF COUNTY NAME 1929 LEADER

Fred Fox, of Union, Elected President at Meeting Held Last Night

H. H. WEATHERSPOON ADDRESSES GROUP

County Agent Speaks—Plans Are Discussed for State Convention to Be Held Here

At the annual banquet meeting of the Union County Bankers' association last night at the Union hotel at Union, election of officers for the year was held. Fred Fox, of Union, of the First National bank, was elected president to succeed the retiring president, L. H. Bramwell, of the United States National bank of La Grande.

Harry Zurbich, of the La Grande National bank, was elected vice president and H. L. Shoemaker, of Elgin, of the First National bank, was named secretary-treasurer.

30 in Attendance. Thirty were in attendance at the meeting. H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, addressed the men on "New Legislation Affecting Banks" and County Agent Wray Lawrence talked on the raising of livestock and diseases of livestock.

Plans were discussed for the Oregon state bankers' convention to be held in La Grande June 17 and 18 when delegates from all parts of the state will be entertained in this city.

INSTITUTE HERE TO OPEN MAR. 21

Several Phases of Merchandising to Be Discussed By Professors

A merchant is invariably interested in the question of how he can sell goods and how he may reasonably increase his sales, for he knows that if he does not sell his stock, he will not stay long in business, it is said. And it is for this reason that the discussion of this phase of merchandising by Prof. H. T. Vance has proven of more interest at the business institutes held by the extension service of the Oregon State college than any of the other subjects on the program.

At the coming Union county institute to be held in La Grande on Thursday and Friday, Mar. 21 and 22, Prof. Vance, who is a recognized authority on this subject, will present conclusions and findings which are expected to prove of great importance to all merchants and sales people, it is pointed out by the Union county chamber of commerce and Wray Lawrence, county agent, who are jointly cooperating in sponsoring the institute.

Prof. E. E. Roworth, of Oregon State college, who is a (Continued on Page 5)

BEAUTY AND BRAINS

Beauty and brains combine in Ruth Niven, of Memphis, a high honor student of the University of Arkansas. Miss Niven is attending the university on a \$200 scholarship won in Memphis last year for the highest scholastic record. And now comes word that she is again a high honor student of her class. And she doesn't bob her hair, either!



NEA Memphis Bureau

Wallowa Quint Sure Of Third Or Fourth Rank

Wins Way to Consolation Finals by Trimming Mac-Hi; Sarrett on All-Star Team

WALLOWA SURE OF THIRD OR FOURTH RATING

The Wallowa High school Cougars assured themselves of third or fourth rating among the 16 championship teams entered in the state basketball tournament at Salem this week by defeating Milton-Freewater 21 to 17 late yesterday. Incidentally, Wallowa can claim the undisputed Eastern Oregon championship as a result of beating the champions of the northern section. Wallowa will play the winner of this morning's consolation game at 7:30 o'clock tonight. At 8:30 o'clock Astoria and Medford will play for the state championship.

This morning's consolation game ended: The dallas 17, Washington high of Portland, 26. Loser eliminated.

SALEM, Ore., March 16 (AP)—Personnel of first and second all-state basketball teams were named here early this afternoon. The two teams follow:

First team: Larson, Astoria, and Melvin, Medford, forwards; Lewis, Washington, center; Morgan and Sarrett, Wallowa, guards.

Second team: Gibson, The Dalles, and Inman, Washington, forwards; Thompson, center; Olinger, Meloughlin and Ward, The Dalles, guards.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 16 (AP)—Picking up the dope bucket and sending it hurrying through the iron hoop, the Astoria basketball team scuttled the hopes of the Washington high basketball artists 25-24, Friday night when they beat the Portlanders out of a chance to go into the finals against Medford. The Fishermen will play the Bear-pickers for the state interscholastic title at 8:30 Saturday evening. The contest will be broadcast over station KOAC.

Setting a terrific pace from the start, the Astoria boys held the lead throughout the 32 minutes of play with the exception of a short period after the second quarter started, when Lewis put the Col-

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Union Co. Has 40 Students In The University

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Mar. 16 (Special)—All 40 La Grande and Union county students attending the University of Oregon plan to be back for the spring term, a survey taken this week reveals.

Clark Price, La Grande, will return to continue his fourth year in zoology, and William Crowe will enroll from La Grande as a freshman, increasing the representation two. Mr. Crowe has been on the county doing special work the last half of this term. He was recently pledged to Phi Gamma Delta, national men's social fraternity.

Spring term will find many Union county students taking prominent part in campus activities.

Chief among them will be Sidney Dolbin, junior in economics, who as chairman of junior weekend, will have the most important chairmanship the campus offers during spring quarter. He is also assistant business manager of the Oregonian which will be published during the coming term.

La Grande will be represented (Continued on Page 5)

Ontario Calf Is Born Without Tail

ONTARIO, Ore., Mar. 16—If Ontario only had a man who could perpetuate new types in animals like Luther Burbank did in plants, there might be relief in sight for the patient and nerve-worn cow milkers who submit constantly to bossy's idle switching of her tail around his features.

A calf with "no more tail than a jack rabbit," is something of a curiosity, but Earl Weaver has such a freak at his ranch, near here. Born on Jan. 23, this male calf is just as big and healthy as any other calf in the lot, despite his bobbed appearance.

But Ontario hasn't an animal wizard and all the heifers born here, this year have tails!

Knowles Denies Retrial Motions

Motions for retrials were denied in the cases of the state vs. Harry Newberg and of Brown vs. Southern yesterday afternoon by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Newberg was convicted some time ago of a manslaughter charge in circuit court in Enterprise and sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary.

HOOVER ASKS ADVICE FROM ALL EXPERTS

President Is Not Playing Lone Hand in Steering the Ship of State

PLACES FAITH IN CABINET MEMBERS

Has Engineer's Desire for All the Facts of a Situation Before Making Any Decision

By James L. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—President Hoover neither is playing a lone hand in the conduct of the affairs of the national government nor is he relying largely upon the counsel of a single adviser as have some of the chief executives of the past.

With the engineer's insatiable desire for all the facts of a situation, he is consulting with those who can supply them and whose opinion and advice can be of material assistance to him in solving the manifold problems with which a president constantly is faced.

Has Faith in Cabinet. Mr. Hoover has placed in his cabinet men upon whose judgment he relies, especially in the carrying out of administration policies in the conduct of their own departments, and he is frequently consulting with a number of them outside of the regular cabinet session hours.

It was to avail himself more readily of the fund of experience and knowledge in legislative and governmental affairs possessed by Vice President Curtis that he invited Curtis to sit in on cabinet meetings where major policies of administration are discussed and frequently worked out.

Asks All Experts. But the president is not limiting his circle of advisers to those within the public service. There are many men on the outside to whom he has turned or is apt to turn as "voting problems" arise. Some of these might be termed the "older statesmen" of the country as well as of his own party while others are his personal friends with whom he was associated in the many endeavors which helped to form the whole picture of his colorful career before he attained to the presidency.

Charles Evans Hughes, former secretary of state and internationally known jurist, is one of those upon whose counsel the president is believed to rely. They were associated together in both the Harding and Coolidge cabinets, are close friends, and beyond that each has the projective type of mind which studies the major problems of the time.

Not An Adviser. Another former secretary of state with whom Mr. Hoover has consulted often is Elihu Root, who now is overseas in an effort to work out a basis from which may be realized an ardent desire of the chief executive—adherence of the United States to the world court.

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Tells Of His First Job

Henry L. Hess, attorney of this city, had always wanted to be a lawyer—as far back as he can remember. As soon as he finished high school he started studying Blackstone's Commentaries.

But his first job was a far call from the call of the bar. "I was eight years old when I got my first job and I didn't get any pay for it," Mr. Hess recounts. "The job was keeping the saw dust cleared away from a circular saw in my father's saw mill in Fremont county, Ida. I used to growl at my dad to let me ride the carriage like my older brother did." When he was 15 years old Mr. Hess was a sawyer at the Union Pine Lumber company which was the first lumber company of any size at Union, Oregon.

47 OPERATIONS



Ralph Snodgrass, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is only 18 years of age but he has had 47 operations and has been under anesthetics more than 30 times. In spite of all this, he wants to be a doctor!

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ROAD BUDGET IS APPROVED AT OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 16 (A. P.)—After working for 2 1/2 hours past its legal death, with the faces of the clock covered, the Washington state legislature adjourned at 9:30 o'clock last night. Its last act before adjournment was to pass the \$23,734,445 road budget—the cause of most of the overtime—which was in the hands of the governor today.

As finally approved, the bill appropriated \$200,000 less than the senate originally wished to provide and \$1,275,000 more than the house, which drafted the bill, had written.

The house, however, won its way on appropriation for the purchase of the Pasco-Kennewick toll bridge which was the greatest stumbling block in the troublesome measure.

Another measure that kept the conferees busy was a constitutional amendment for classification of property for taxation. It holds that the legislature would make taxes uniform on all classes of property. The legislature could impose a different tax on personal property and still another on intangible personal property.

Honor St. Patrick Day Ahead of Time

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—Thousands in New York today paid tribute to St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, a day ahead of time.

Federal Troops Nearing Torreon; Expect Victory

Although Reports Conflict, Mexico City Believe Rebels Will Retreat Before Loyals

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 16 (AP)—2 P. M.—Presidential headquarters this afternoon issued a communique stating that federal aviation service had reported that Gen. Escobar, commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces in Central Mexico, had begun to evacuate the rebel stronghold Torreon.

By the Associated Press. The long impending battle of Torreon grew close today as strong federal armies crept in steadily upon the rebels in an ever tightening circle.

Strong federal columns were reported within 20 miles of the insurgent stronghold this morning, while General Calles himself was General Calles himself was having taken it after a bloodless entry.

The rebels who had held Durango were reported as fleeing northward along a spur line leading to Tepic. This would leave them facing a long overland trek on foot and horseback to reach the next railroad point.

The federal army closing on Torreon is estimated as high as 25,000 while General Escobar, the rebel chief, is stated to have only 5,000 men.

The only line of retreat apparently left him is northward to Chihuahua.

While rebel quarters state definitely that Escobar will hold Torreon and even has been advancing to meet the federal, General Calles informed the government that air scouts had noted apparent preparations for a retreat.

The insurgents claimed that the railroad junction of Canitas was occupied by revolutionists, yesterday. However, an Associated Press staff correspondent with the federal army filed a dispatch from the place, giving no indication that the rebels were anywhere near it.

Reports from the west coast conflict sharply. The insurgents reported that Maxilian was virtually surrounded. The government, on the other hand, stated that the rebels have retreated as far north as San Blas, a railroad junction in Northern Sinaloa. Culiacan, occupied by the rebels for almost a week was again claimed in the federal ranks.

A train bombing took place at the small town of Obregon in Guahajato, but no damage was caused. Among those on the train was Arthur Schoenfeld, former consul of the American embassy in Mexico City who is now enroute to Bulgaria to take up the post of American minister there.

Dr. R. A. Smith, mayor of Brewton, said over long distance telephone that Murder and Burnt creeks would be within their banks by noon today. Brewton's business district was under 10 feet of water at the crest. Dr. Smith estimated damage to Brewton and low sections surrounding it at \$1,950,000.

Olvany Resigns Leadership Of Tammany Hall

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—George W. Olvany, leader of Tammany Hall since the death of Charles F. Murphy five years ago, has resigned. While ill health was given as the reason there was much speculation today about the matter.

The resignation was submitted yesterday by letter at a meeting of the executive committee of the New York county democratic committee, or Tammany Hall, as more generally known. The member of the committee designated leader of Tammany Hall. Neither the letter nor any direct explanation by Olvany was given out. The Times said the letter read substantially as follows: "Because of ill health and on the advice of my physician I resign as leader of Tammany Hall." The committee deferred action on the resignation till next Friday. Olvany was at the meeting. He urged increased membership in a speech before his letter was read.

New York newspapers had various theories to offer. Some said that in some quarters the resignation was regarded as a gesture intended to inspire a vote of confidence on the part of the executive committee. Some suggested it was the outcome of dissatisfaction on the part of democratic leaders with the poor showing made by Alfred E. Smith in the presidential election in the Tammany districts.

Constance Again Reported Engaged

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 16 (AP)—Friends of Constance Talmadge, one of the most reported engaged movie actresses in Hollywood, today had set May 8 as the date of her marriage to Townsend Netcher, young Chicago merchant. The wedding it was said will be held 53 days hence in the Beverly Hills home of Buster Keaton, film actor, and his wife, Natalie Talmadge Keaton, film actress, sister of Constance.

LINDY IN NEW MEXICO

CLAVIS, N. M., Mar. 16 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh made a 30-minute stop here today to inspect the Clavis airport and took off at 1:45 p. m., headed west, apparently for Albuquerque.

FLOOD TAKES MANY LIVES IN ALABAMA

Thirteen Known Deaths Reported; Other Reports Are Not Verified

WATERS RECEDING IN SOME POINTS

Approximately 20,000 Are Forced to Leave Homes, at Least Temporarily, Check Reveals

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 14 (AP)—Thirteen persons were known to be dead today from the torrents of water that have overflowed villages and lowlands in the south, although the various relief agencies thought many others had lost their lives.

Approximately 20,000 had been forced to leave their homes temporarily, with the gravest situation in Southeastern Alabama, where the town of Elba was inundated and high waters were pouring into Geneva, some miles further south, to a depth of several feet.

Twelve of the dead were in Alabama, where the Pea and Choctawhatchee rivers and their numerous tributaries were sent out of their banks on one of the worst floods in years by unceasing rains of the last week.

Five are known to have lost their lives at Elba, two at Flomaton, three at Geneva and two at Andalusia. There are numerous unverified reports of other deaths.

Many Elba Rescued. Half the population of Elba had been brought out this morning, while those remaining are not considered in immediate danger but in need of food and supplies. National guardsmen at a rescue base south of Troy said the waters at Elba were receding rapidly and that they hoped to reach there by noon with trucks.

Refugees arriving in Montgomery from Elba last night told of a night and day of horror spent in attics and upon house tops, away from the swirling water in the streets, while they waited for rescue.

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Conditions Improving

Telephone linemen who reached Flomaton early today said conditions there were improving with the Escambia river falling rapidly. Water was expected to be out of the streets by noon. Yesterday several hundred people marooned in their homes were rescued by boats sent from Pensacola. Food supplies were dropped from airplanes sent from the Pensacola naval base.

Several hundred people were rescued from the Pensacola creek, normally little more than a low deep, swept through Garland to a depth of 24 feet in the main street. Castleberry, a place of 500 population, experienced a similar deluge from Murder creek.

Andalusia and large sections of Covington county was in the grip of the worst flood of years. Throughout the county people are reported marooned on housetops and in trees awaiting rescue.

No Damage Estimated. Several hundred people were rescued from repair of main artery highways and (Continued on Page 5)

DAWN TO DUSK FLIGHT UNDER WAY TO CANAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—The war department announced that Captain Ira Eaker, attempting a dawn-to-dusk flight from Brownsville, Tex., to the Canal zone, left Guatemala City, Guatemala at 2:17 p. m. central standard time, two hours behind schedule. Dawn was expressed he would end his flight before 5 p. m.