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BEND MASON
ELECTED TO
HIGH OFFICEBecomes Grand Master of
Grand Council, R. and
S. M. for 1929CONFER DEGREE
AT NIGHT MEETKnights Templar Parade
Will Take Place at 1:30
Tomorrow; Ball and
Banquet in Evening

The Grand council, Royal and Select Masters of Oregon opened its state convention this morning with the convening of the grand council and the address of the most illustrious grand master, Edward B. Beatty, of Corvallis. Putting the work through in record time the council finished all business and committee reports, including election and installation of officers, by noon today. The afternoon has thus been left free for the individual whims of the delegates.

The officers elected are as follows: Rt. Ill. grand master, Clyde M. McKay, Bend; Rt. Ill. deputy grand master, H. Wayne Stanard, Brownsville; Rt. Ill. G. P. C. of work, Lloyd L. Scott, Portland; Rt. Ill. grand treasurer, James H. Richmond, Portland; Rt. Ill. grand recorder, Edmund P. Lewis, Marshfield; Ill. G. C. of guard, A. H. S. Haffenden, Portland; Ill. G. C. of council, John B. Easter, Portland; Ill. G. marshal, Frank J. Miller, Albany; Ill. G. Steward, M. Edwin Woodcock, Corvallis; Ill. G. sentinel, Ernest P. Banda, Oregon City; Ill. G. chaplain, George T. Cochran, La Grande.

Tonight the degree of super excellent master will be conferred by a selected team under the direction of Companion D. Bruce Stuart. The Baker Council, No. 16 will confer the degree of royal and select master.

Public Invited
The La Grande public is invited to attend the church service to be held at 11:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning when the Rev. Dr. James Fraser, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Baker, will deliver the sermon.

Music will be furnished by a vocal quartet and by Mrs. Harley Richardson at the pipe organ.

Parade Tomorrow
The Knights Templar parade will also be an event of tomorrow and will be the second of the public demonstrations of the conventions. It will take place at 1:30 o'clock.

The big social event of the conventions will be held Wednesday night when the commandery banquet and dance are given at the Sacajawea Inn.

LOST PLANE
MAY BE DOWN
NEAR COAST

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 9 (AP)—The airplane Southern Cross, missing for nearly ten days with Captain Charles Kingsford Smith and three companions on an attempted flight to England from Sydney, was reported by Drysdale Mission station in Western Australia today to have been found on the coast 20 miles southwest of the station.

A boat was standing by to take off the aviators, according to the mission report which was forwarded by way of Derby.

Caution in accepting this report, however, was urged by Captain Chater who has been prominent in the search for the missing Southern Cross. Captain Chater expressed some skepticism as to its authenticity.

Federals Capture
Chihuahua City

JUAREZ, CHIL., April 9 (AP)—Reports reaching Juarez through official rebel sources today said the government forces had obtained control of Chihuahua City, capital of the state of Chihuahua. Communication with the city was interrupted, apparently because telephone operators at Chihuahua City had left their posts. Wires were reported intact.

I'm Alone Captain
And Crew Dismissed

NEW ORLEANS, April 9 (AP)—Captain Thomas E. Randall and his crew of the Canadian schooner I'm Alone, which was sunk by coast guard craft as a run runner in the Gulf of Mexico, were dismissed today by the United States commissioner at the request of the district attorney.

In requesting the dismissal, District Attorney Edmund E. Talbot said he wished to have it understood that the dismissal did not "in any way prejudice the right of the coast guard to fire upon and sink run smugglers."

Regents Visit
Eastern Oregon
Normal SchoolHope to Dedicate Building
About the 10th of June;
Pleased With Progress
Being Made

The building committee of the Oregon board of normal school regents, consisting of Frank J. Miller, of Albany; George Hartman, of Pendleton, and Mr. Bryant, of Moro, visited La Grande yesterday and, in company with city officials, inspected the normal school building now under construction.

They were greatly pleased with the progress being made and stated that they hope to dedicate the building about the 10th of June, although this is still undecided. They expect the structure to be completed about that time, which is a week before the time set for the opening of the summer session, announced by President H. E. Inlow a short time ago.

Mr. Miller is attending the Masonic conventions now under way here and remained in La Grande, speaking at the chamber of commerce luncheon today at noon. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Bryant returned to their homes last night following their visit here.

Commissioners A. T. Hill, Charles Phayle and Victor Melville and City Manager W. C. Crews accompanied the regents on their inspection of the building.

Comedy Will Be
Presented Here
Tomorrow Night

The three-act comedy drama, "Welcome to the Old Home Town," which was presented to a full house, at the L. D. S. Second Ward chapel on Mar. 25, was such a decided success that the cast has decided to present it again, this time on Wednesday, April 10, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the L. D. S. Recreational hall on Fourth street.

According to reports from those who have seen the play, it is the best balanced presentation that has been shown here in some time. Although it takes two and a half hours to present, members of the cast have no dull moments at any time. Since the first production, members of the cast have been rehearsing regularly, and expect to make an even better presentation than on the initial staging.

Nearly An Inch
Of Snow Falls;
Mercury at 27

Approximately an inch of snow fell in La Grande during the night, most of it melting within a short time, especially when the sun broke through the clouds for brief periods this morning. The minimum temperature here was 27 above last night but the weather was warmer early this morning, a marked change coming about midnight.

Reports received here late yesterday stated that three inches of snow fell in Klamath Falls Monday.

The forecast for tonight and tomorrow is for freezing temperatures with rain or snow in the interior.

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP)—While the Atlantic seaboard has been having a hot wave there has been a blizzard in Nevada and California fruit growers have surveyed orchards blighted by killing frost.

Dairy Association
In Annual Meeting

The La Grande Dairy association held its first annual meeting yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the city hall. The association was organized just one year ago.

Election of officers was the main business of the meeting. All former officers were re-elected. They included H. H. Anderson, president; L. W. Drummond, vice president, and N. H. Nielsen, secretary-treasurer.

A discussion was also taken up concerning a laboratory in La Grande which would help the dairymen to produce better and cleaner milk.

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DR. W. J. MAYO
WILL ATTEND
CONVENTIONWorld Famous Rochester
Physician and Surgeon
Coming to La GrandeWILL SPEAK ON
CANCER PROBLEMMeeting Here May 16, 17
and 18 Expected to Attract
Medical Men from
All Over Northwest

An announcement of great importance to the medical men in the Pacific Northwest was made today by Dr. Lee R. Bouvy, president of the Oregon State Medical society, who stated that Dr. William J. Mayo, world famous Rochester, Minn., physician and surgeon, will be in La Grande for the 50th annual session of the society on May 16, 17 and 18.

Dr. Mayo will deliver an address to the convention on "The Cancer Problem" and will be guest of honor at the annual banquet.

Dr. Mayo and his brother Charles established the Mayo Brothers institution at Rochester in about 1892 in a very humble beginning, following their father's country practice but they formed their first clinic in St. Mary's hospital and soon began to employ other medical men until now they have more than 200, including specialists in all lines, maintain research laboratories and do far more surgical work than is done by any other institution of its kind in the world.

La Grande Honored
"It is indeed an honor to be favored by the presence of Dr. William J. Mayo," Dr. Bouvy said. "He will speak here on 'The Cancer Problem' and physicians from all over the Northwest have signified their intention to be present." Dr. Mayo's decision to come to La Grande for the convention is the outcome of an expression following an invitation given him by Dr.

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GIB STOKKE TO
MANAGE PIRATESGenial First Sacker Making
Plans for 1929 Baseball Season

Gib Stokke, smiling first baseman with the La Grande Pirates of 1928—champions of the Blue Mountain league—and again in the fields of the local club, has been appointed manager of the 1929 team. It is announced by Secretary Giermo.

Stokke has been in baseball many years and the role of manager isn't new to him. Up in the Thurber league, a few years ago, he piloted the Hoquiam club and he was one of the most successful managers of the year. Incidentally, he keeps his team on the run all the time, and none of the fellows have a chance to become careless.

A Heavy Sticker
Besides having the ability to manage, Stokke is a first class ball player himself. Facing such pitchers as Lefty Erickson, of Baker, later to be signed by the Pittsburgh National league team; Jake Meyers and others, he eluded a .322 in the Blue Mountain league last season.

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Brigade Cup Presented to Local
National Guard Unit By Col. Rilea

Colonel Thomas J. Rilea, assisted by Captain G. L. Dutton, both of the 186th Infantry with headquarters in Portland, last night awarded the Brigade cup to Company E, La Grande, for winning the Second Battalion rifle competition three years in succession. It is only necessary to win two out of three times to win the cup but La Grande clinched the honors by taking first in the competitions in 1926, 1927 and 1928 and plans are under way to make an effort to win again this summer. Other teams that compete in the annual rifle contest are Union, Baker and Pendleton.

The cup was presented to Capt. W. A. Bean, commanding the La Grande company, after the company had passed in review before Col. Rilea and Capt. Dutton. In a short talk, Col. Rilea praised the local unit for its success, stating that it had proved, by its record, to be the best rifle company in Eastern Oregon.

Award 5 Service Medals.
Preliminary to the presentation of the large silver loving cup, Col. Rilea pinned service medals on Capt. Bean, Lieutenant Jesse V.

Oregon People
Pay More Taxes
Than Last YearTotal of \$50,794,633.14 to
Be Raised Over State;
Union County Total Is
\$918,113.58.

SALEM, Ore., April 9 (AP)—A summary of taxes levied in Oregon for 1929 on the basis of the 1928 tax rolls, prepared today by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, shows that the people of the state will this year pay in taxes a total of \$50,794,633.14, or \$651,065.08 more than last year when the total was \$49,943,568.06.

The various items of taxation going into the total are:
State taxes, \$7,833,235.92; county, \$3,759,630.28; county school and school library, \$3,204,246.21; high school tuition, \$1,041,092.31; special school, \$12,669,906.64; general roads, \$3,569,972.21; special roads, \$1,176,089.56; market roads (county levy), \$1,249,284.74; bond interest and redemption, \$2,244,193.87; special cities and towns, \$16,283,133.31; irrigation and drainage, \$1,865,409.96; ports, \$1,742,668.96; fire patrol, \$151,181.74; miscellaneous, \$3,041.40.

Only the items of general roads, special roads, irrigation and drainage and miscellaneous show decreases as compared with last year.

Union Total \$918,113.58.
Some of the county totals in the list are: Baker, \$894,753.90; Douglas, \$1,114,289.93; Jackson, \$1,759,048.48; Josephine, \$540,735.95; Klamath, \$1,744,101.91; Lane, \$2,308,289.87; Marion, \$2,126,649.46; Multnomah, \$18,289,952.19; Umatilla, \$1,601,614.21; Union, \$918,113.58; Clackamas, \$2,098,162.52; Clatsop, \$2,120,000.91.

After Multnomah, Lane county is highest in the list and Marion next.

CITY TAXES LOWER HERE
Union county tax statements were placed in the mails several days ago and the first half will be

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Butler Is Guest
Here on His Way
To Washington

With farm relief the most talked subject in congress, Robert H. Butler, United States representative from this district, said last night that the house of representatives was looking to Hoover for leadership in solving the problem. Judge Butler came to La Grande from Pendleton and was the honor guest at a small dinner at the Sacajawea Inn. He went to Ontario from here and will start back east to Washington tomorrow morning.

Questions of the federal census and of the leasing of the emergency landing field from the government were discussed informally with Judge Butler during the dinner. He said that the farm relief legislation will take, Mr. Butler said that the house committee seemed to be rallying around the old McNary-Haugen idea and fighting with the equalization fee principle. He feels that some type of farm legislation will be enacted and will be given a trial at the special session.

Judge Butler is very enthusiastic about the start of the Hoover administration and says that the only danger is that the American people will expect too much and may be disappointed because he isn't able to accomplish the impossible. The congressman is concluding a brief visit in Oregon following his first session at Washington. He expressed himself as well pleased with his new work but was not very complimentary of the District of Columbia climate in the winter time.

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COUNTY WILL
JOIN WALLOWA
IN CAMPAIGNChamber of Commerce
Votes to Take Part in
Development PlanACTION TAKEN AT
LUNCHEON TODAYProblems of Settlement
Movement Discussed—
Several Districts in Valley
Represented

The Union county chamber of commerce, following a considerable period of discussion, voted unanimously today at noon at the forum luncheon at the Sacajawea Inn to go ahead with the joint movement with Wallowa county to develop and settle in the two districts with special emphasis on the dairy industry.

Immediately following the luncheon a La Grande committee met with representatives from Union, Alcee, Cove and other parts of the county to discuss the matter further and to consider ways and means to secure a fund of money to finance the development plan.

Many Brief Talks
Numerous brief talks were made during the luncheon hour by interested business men, farmers and real estate men. R. F. Tyler, owner of the Blue Mountain creamery, stated that dairy products have doubled in value since the war—practically the only farm product which has increased in price—and that both the consumption and the country's population are steadily increasing. Mr. Tyler pointed out a significant fact in that the population is increasing more rapidly than the consumption of dairy products, indicating that there will be a constant market. He also said that butterfat production costs in this district are very favorable.

C. L. Cadwell, of Union, pointed out that he knew of only two farms in that part of the county which were for sale, and stated that in his opinion great good would result from educating the man already on the land. He said that in and around Union dairy men are milking 10 times as many cows now as a few years ago. He stated that Union, however, is behind any plan that the chamber of commerce here endeavors to carry out. He also stated that much good had been accomplished in dairying by the economic conference, sponsored by the chamber here.

Many Farms Available
George H. Curry, realtor, and Sherwood Williams, both stated that numerous farms could be made available for new settlers. Frank McKennon, of Alcee, said that it might be difficult to get cows, as those free from tuberculosis and contagious abortion demand a high price. He also said that dairymen are in need of cheaper hay. Tom Johnson, of the Cove district, said that he believes there is room in the county for more dairy farms and cows and that the land settlement plan is essential. P. B. Appleby pointed out that one purpose of the program as taken up by the chamber of commerce directors, is to stimulate the interest of the man now in dairying, in addition to bringing new dairy men into the county. By attracting buyers more farms will be available for them, he said. He said that

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"WET" BILL PROGRESSES
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 9 (AP)—The Weber-O'Grady bill for the repeal of the state prohibition act recently introduced in the lower house of the general assembly today was passed to the third reading by a vote of 76 to 61, after a referendum clause had been added.

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CENTER OF
DISPUTEAimee Will Aid
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Here's the most recent photo of Mrs. Edward Gann, about whom rages a social controversy in Washington. She is the sister of Vice President Charles Curtis, who formally protested against her classification at official functions below the wives of foreign ambassadors and ministers.

**REQUEST RULING
IN "SOCIAL WAR"**
Diplomatic Corps Ask
Secretary Stimson for a
Definite Decision

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—Prospects of an early settlement of the capital's social upheaval over the rank of Mrs. Edward Gann, sister and official hostess of Vice President Charles Curtis, as a guest at official functions, were seen today in the decision of the diplomatic corps to ask Secretary Stimson for a definite ruling.

The diplomats discussed the intricate problems for two hours last night at a meeting called by Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, as dean of the corps. They agreed that, in view of the protest by Vice President Curtis against the ruling issued by former Secretary Kellogg placing Mrs. Gann's social rank below that of the wives of cabinet members and senators—Sir Esme should take up the matter with the new secretary.

Definite Ruling Desirable
Because of the large number of social functions planned before the vacation season begins, it was thought that a definite ruling was more desirable than efforts to avoid embarrassment by arranging guest lists so that they would not include both diplomats and the vice president. Such a course, it was felt, might have little or no effect except to add one more complication to the already extremely complex problem of social rank in Washington, especially in view of the claims of the chief justice and speaker of the house of representatives to social rank equal to that of diplomats.

The diplomats have made it clear that they are not questioning the vice president's social status. They feel bound to follow rulings of the state department in such matters, and, as representatives of foreign nations, are not in a position to relinquish voluntarily their own rank in the scale of social precedence, so they are anxious to have the question of Mrs. Gann's status definitely settled.

Curtis Silent
Vice President Curtis, meanwhile, is maintaining silence, so far as public statements are concerned, but is understood to have assured the diplomats that it was not his wish to cause them any embarrassment by his protest against the Kellogg ruling. His friends are convinced, however, that unless the ruling is reversed or some satisfactory understanding reached, he intends to refuse all social engagements which would bring the Kellogg ruling into force.

Possibility that the question will reach the floor of the senate is held out by the announcement of Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, that unless Secretary Stimson acts on Mr. Curtis' protest this week, he will introduce a resolution looking to congressional action to assure Mrs. Gann social rank equal to that of the vice president.

"I am not going to have this issue bandied about by a bunch of diplomats chattering like so many blackbirds," he said. "It is an American to chuck the hostess of the vice president down at one corner behind some foreign diplomats and not have her share equally with the vice president the recognition given him."

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Aimee Will Aid
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SEATTLE, April 9 (AP)—Reversing the usual course of procedure in heart balm actions, the Rev. H. H. Clark, middle-aged Seattle minister, entered suit here late yesterday against Mrs. Minnie E. Kennedy, mother of Aimee Semple McPherson of Los Angeles tabernacle, asking damages of \$50,000 for alleged breach of promise to wed.

In the lengthy complaint filed by Mr. Clark he declares that Mrs. Kennedy secured his reluctant promise to marry her after an intimate courtship, conducted by her, and that she had promised in the event of their marriage to finance a tabernacle for him in Seattle and also to provide a gospel ship for missionary work in Alaska and along the Pacific coast. Her failure to do so, he said, had left him "heartbroken, humiliated, disturbed in peace of mind," and had prevented him from carrying on his religious and lecture work.

Denies Charges
Mrs. Kennedy indignantly denied the charge made by Clark in Portland last night and declared the suit was a "case of billing the hand that feeds it." Although reluctant to comment on the case, her remarks were terse and vitriolic. Reference to "black mailing" and "hypocrisy" cropped into her reference to action to be taken.

Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist, sprang to the defense of her mother when informed of the suit in Sacramento. She declared that the reported charges against her mother were "too absurd to even consider," and said she would do anything she could to help her mother. "If it is true the reported charges have been filed,"

"Under Assumed Name"
Mr. Clark said in his complaint that he first met Mrs. Kennedy in Seattle Dec. 14, 1928, and that the defendant had made herself out to him as Mary E. Clark. He said he did not become aware of her true name until later, when he saw her picture in a newspaper, on February 3. He said she abandoned him thereafter and that he did not see her again until February 18, when she informed him of her true name and said she would not marry him.

In outlining the purported romance, Clark said that after their first meeting, Mrs. Kennedy telephoned to him a great many times.

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Congregation In
Synagogue Held
Up And Robbed

CHICAGO, April 9 (AP)—Five snarling, cursing thieves, masked and armed, held up 80 members of the First Rumanian Synagogue congregation last night, taking \$75,000 in money and jewels. It was the first instance in Chicago police records of a holdup inside a place of worship.

One woman fainted. After the robbers had gone, Rabbi Goldstein offered a prayer of thanks that no lives had been taken.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 9 (A. P.)—Two bandits tried to hold up a Hollywood boulevard motion picture theater last night during the rush hour at the beginning of the second show. One of the men was shot and died in the getaway car.

An hour later police received a tip from residents in Newtown street, rushed to the address and surrounded a garage. There they found J. J. Davis, the former policeman and his dead companion. Davis attempted to shield the identity of the dead man, but finally gave his name as John Gazlek, 22.

Protests Flood
Of U. S. Magazines

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 9 (AP)—Statements that the economic life of Canada is being affected and the moral balance of young Canadians is being upset by a flood of United States magazines featuring immorality, violence, sensationalism and crime have been made at the fourth triennial conference of the National Council of Education.

S. E. Lang said that while many journals and magazines printed in the United States were achieving great good, others were not.

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NAME DAWES
AMBASSADOR
TO ENGLANDWhite House Is Silent But
It Is Learned Proposal
Has Been MadeEXPECT BRITISH
TO GIVE APPROVALWashington Learns That
Sub-committee Has Virtually
Completed the
House Farm Aid Bill

By JAMES L. WEST
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—Although the White House is silent, it was learned today that the name of Charles Gates Dawes, former vice president, has been proposed to the British government as ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Formal announcement of the appointment awaits word from London that Mr. Dawes is acceptable as the successor to Ambassador H. H. Houghton, who is to leave London for the United States on April 27. There is little doubt here that General Dawes, one of the most picturesque characters in America, and widely known throughout Europe, by reason of both his war and reparations work, will be acceptable to the British government. General Dawes now is in Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—The house farm relief bill has been virtually completed by the subcommittee appointed for the task, and except for a few details is ready for submission to the agriculture committee, which is to present the proposal to the house at the opening of the special session next Monday.

The measure will not be printed, however, until after these matters are straightened out in informal conferences with various farm leaders and government officials.

The bill, as previously indicated by the committee, has been made to follow the general republican party platform recommendation for establishment of a federal farm board to dispense a large revolving fund in loans to cooperative and stabilization corporations.

In a telegram to Frank R. Simpson, Florida, Ill. fruit grower, Representative Williams, Republican, Illinois, a member of the drafting subcommittee, said today that the measure would not force farmers assistance upon any commodity group which did not desire and specifically request aid.

"No commodity group will have the power to interfere in any way or give assistance when it is not requested," said Mr. Williams, "but the bill will be general in its terms and the machinery set up and the assistance offered will only apply to those commodity groups desiring it and asking for it on their own motion."

Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee will call his full committee membership together tomorrow to begin drafting the bill on that side of the capitol.

LINDBERGH IS
EN ROUTE TO
HOME COUNTRY

MEXICO CITY, April 9 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh took off from the Valbuena flying field for the United States by way of Brownsville at 12:20 p. m. (1:20 p. m. Eastern Standard time) after a week's visit with his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow.

Colonel Lindbergh is returning to the United States to pay his tribute to Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, whose body will arrive at New York Saturday from France.

Woman Acquitted
Of Manslaughter

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 9 (AP)—Miss Bertha Lips, former head of New Mexico girls' welfare home was acquitted by a jury here last night of manslaughter charges growing out of the death of Helen Haskew, an 18-year-old inmate of the home following an infection of twilight sleep.

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