

CHAMBER TO BOOST HOME PRODUCTS

Committee, with Power to Act, to Arrange for Local Campaign

SHORT CONCERT BY L. H. S. BAND

Action Taken to Create a Fund to Entertain Conventions—Visiting Minister Speaks.

By a vote of the membership, the chamber of commerce decided today to sponsor a home products campaign in La Grande with the details to be worked out by a committee. It is understood that this committee will be appointed in the near future.

The board of directors moved during the meeting that a campaign be inaugurated that would take about four or five weeks to be completed and, during discussion, S. L. Thompson declared that he did not believe this period of time sufficient to insure the campaign's success.

The plan in general is expected to include a period of time for preparation and then a shorter period during which will be held a joint demonstration of all products manufactured in this territory.

A feature of today's meeting was the playing of three numbers by the La Grande High school band, winner of third place in the state contest at Corvallis.

The Rev. W. E. Brinkman, Portland Lutheran pastor, talked briefly in the closing minutes of the hour, speaking very favorably of La Grande and the chamber of commerce.

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GIRLS WRITING ON ESSAYS IN CONTEST HERE

Miss Mabel E. Doty reports that a number of the local Camp Fire girls are already busy on the essay writing contest announced a few weeks ago and expresses the hope that within the next few days each group will have its representatives at work as this is one of the requirements of the contest.

It will be remembered that Harley Richardson recently offered a very beautiful picture to the children's room at the city library, as well as individual prizes to different winners, following the writing of essays on the subject of "My Favorite Picture." The first picture was to be given if a certain per cent of local girls entered the contest and the three individual pictures are to go to one in each of three groups participating.

Miss Doty who is especially interested in the contest is giving assistance to the girls in the way of securing biographical data, stories of the pictures etc., and will be glad to do all she can to aid all the girls, she states. She believes it to be a most worthy enterprise, not alone on account of the pictures to be presented but because of what each girl participating will gain from the contest. There are still some groups who must take up the work before the requirements named by Mr. Richardson are fully met.

Weather Today: 7:30 a. m.—41 above. Minimum: 28 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Weather Yesterday: Maximum 55, minimum 23 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Weather April 16, 1929: Maximum 60, minimum 25 above. Condition: partly cloudy, rain 1:30 to 1:45 in.

Feature Of Car Parade Attracts Much Attention

Dilapidated Wrecks in the Saturday Parade to Be Judged on Appearance, Not Age Alone.

For the purpose of finding, not the oldest car but the worst looking one that can travel under its own power in the automobile parade Saturday afternoon, three cash prizes are offered by The Observer. This contest feature of the parade is already attracting considerable attention and it is expected that numerous old wrecks will be in line.

Directors of the contest say that the winning "old wreck" may be only 10 or 15 years old but will have become sufficiently dilapidated through exposure, hard use, or mistreatment, to carry off first money. Old cars entered in (Continued on Page 5)

Presbytery In Spring Meeting In Local Church

The spring semi-annual meeting of the Grande Ronde presbytery began this morning at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian church with a communion service.

The Fellowship of the Lord's Supper, an address by the Rev. J. George Walz, moderator, occupied part of the morning session. Reports of committees were also heard.

A memorial address on John Bunyan was given at 1 o'clock by the Rev. J. B. Williams of the Elgin Presbyterian church.

The session will close with the meeting tonight in the church. In the presbytery 15 churches are represented with the pastor and a delegate from each church, the representatives who attend the meetings which are held two times a year.

Pondosa Woman Injured In Car Wreck At Union

Mrs. J. J. Jackson, of Pondosa, was injured in an automobile wreck the other side of Union yesterday and was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital where her condition today was reported to be good.

School Orators To Compete At Baker Tonight

High school orators of eight cities in Eastern Oregon are to compete tonight in the Baker High school auditorium for the honor of representing this section of the state in the Oregon finals of the national oratorical contest on "Constitution," sponsored by the Oregonian and the Oregon Bar association.

Speakers in the contest at Baker will be: Fred Egerton, Ewart, Vale; Agnes Davis, Burns; Wendell Walden, Prineville; Hagan A. Moore, Ontario; Willis Shuler, Enterprise; Mildred French, La Grande; Freda Bobs Hall, Lostine; and Elizabeth Wetherell, Baker.

Boy Scout Patrol Leaders To Meet

Twenty-five La Grande boy scout patrol leaders are planning to attend the patrol leaders' conference to be held in Pendleton Apr. 19, 20 and 21. Edwin Kirby is in charge of the La Grande delegation and will talk at the conference on "Under What Conditions Should Patrols go on a Hike Without Adults?"

Men's Club Will Meet on Thursday

The annual banquet of the Presbyterian Men's club is scheduled for Thursday night in the social room of the Presbyterian church for 8:30 o'clock.

The principal feature of the evening's program will be an address by the former governor of Oregon, Walter Pierce. The members of the club and their wives will be present for the occasion. Covers will be laid for about 75 at the banquet table.

REPARATIONS FIGURES ARE TURNED DOWN

Dr. Schacht Declares Plan as Being Beyond Germany's Ability to Pay

WILL PRESENT A COUNTER PROPOSAL

German Scheme, with Complete Schedule of Annuities, to Be Submitted on Wednesday.

PARIS, April 16 (AP)—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, chief of the German reparations delegation today definitely rejected the recent Allied reparations figures as being beyond Germany's capacity to pay.

It was announced that he will appear before a plenary session tomorrow afternoon to submit German counter proposals with a complete schedule of annuities.

Today's session opened with the distribution of a table of figures showing how the creditor nations had arrived at the proposed annuities. This table had been requested yesterday by Dr. Schacht who, without discussing the total, asked for more light on the individual items.

General Discussion: After the tables were distributed there arose a general discussion in which Dr. Schacht took the lead as to the ability of Germany to meet the proposed payments.

Thus began the period of real bargaining which will probably result in more or less whittling down of the proposed annuities. As the discussion went on, the atmosphere around the tables of the Hotel George V was more optimistic.

METHODISTS TO CONVENE HERE

Conference to Begin at Local Church with Sermon on April 18

The Portland district conference, western section, will meet at the Methodist Church, South in La Grande on April 19, 20 and 21. It was announced today by the local pastor, the Rev. William S. Burry.

Bishop Sam R. Hay, D. D. will be in charge and Dr. H. S. Shingle will be the presiding elder. Dr. W. H. Nelson, D. D., of San Francisco, editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, will preach during the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning.

The opening sermon will be delivered by the conference evangelist, the Rev. I. N. Hughes, of Portland, at 7:30 p. m. on Apr. 18.

The remainder of the program follows: April 19 Devotional at 8:30 a. m. Organization, reports from pastor, 9 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. by the Rev. A. J. Starmer.

April 20 Devotional at 8:30 a. m. Mission at 9 a. m. Devotional at 1:30 p. m. Election of delegates at 2 p. m. Epworth League at 3 p. m. Sunday schools at 3:30 p. m.

Soviet Official Renews His Appeal For World-Wide Partial Disarmament

GENEVA, Apr. 16 (AP)—Maxim Litvinoff, soviet vice commissar for foreign affairs, renewed his appeal for extensive world-wide partial disarmament in a dramatic speech before the preparatory commission on disarmament of the league of nations today.

The Russian spoke in English and held everyone's rapt attention as he argued that rejection of the soviet scheme meant a dashing of peoples' hopes for reduction of armament burdens.

He expressed his disapproval of "repeated attempts for certain statesmen to minimize the importance of the Kellogg pact renouncing war," and said he even feared that the attempts to minimize the pact were made with a view to creating extenuating circumstances for possible infringements or to weaken its importance as a starting point for a demand for disarmament.

Baseball Games In East Washed Out By Downpour

Western Half of Major League Program Escapes—Cubs Playing Pirates in Chicago.

By the Associated Press: The entire opening day program of major league baseball in the east was washed out today by a driving rainstorm, backed by a cold northeast gale that dissipated all enthusiasm for inaugural ceremonies and base hits.

The bad weather break, one of the worst any opening day in recent years has suffered, deferred the Washington-Athletics game at the national capital where President Hoover was to throw out the first ball; the Yankees-Red Sox affair at the Yankee stadium, with Commissioner Landis on hand; the getaway performance of the Giants and Phillies at Philadelphia and the Braves-Dodgers inaugural at Boston.

It seemed probable, however, that the western half of the program would escape the wrath of the elements, including the all-star National league event at Chicago, featuring the Cubs and Pirates. It was clear but cool there.

Cincinnati Weather Clear: Clear weather also was reported at Cincinnati for the Cardinals and Reds and at St. Louis for the White Sox and Browns. It was cloudy, however, at Cleveland for the game between Detroit and the Indians.

Elaborate opening ceremonies, planned especially for the Eastern American league games at Washington and New York, will take place tomorrow, if there is any improvement in the weather, but conditions anywhere near favorable are not expected before Thursday.

Scores in today's major league games include the following: National League: St. Louis..... R. H. E. 5 5 0 Cincinnati..... 2 5 0 Batteries: Alexander and Jonnard; Lucas and Suke.

The final score of the Cleveland-Detroit game in the American league was 5 to 4 in favor of Cleveland.

Wayne Nusbaum Candidate For U. S. Music Camp

Wayne Nusbaum, student at La Grande High school, has been chosen one of the candidates to attend the national summer camp to be held in June in Michigan.

The honor came as the result of the splendid showing made by the five La Grande High school students who played in the orchestra at the Inland Empire Educational association meeting held in Spokane last week. Glenn Woods, of Los Angeles, was the director of the orchestra. Roy Freebier, of the University of Montana, was chairman of the committee making the nominations.

Twelve of the players in the orchestra were chosen as candidates for the summer camp. In all, four will be finally chosen to represent the northwest. Each of the four chosen will receive a \$150.00 scholarship. Instruction in music is given at the camp and the musical play is an orchestra.

The orchestra at Spokane composed of 225 students was wonderfully "suced" says W. W. Nusbaum, supervisor of music in La Grande.

The La Grande High school orchestra is about to start work again in preparation for participation on the commencement program of the senior class.

Baker Man Rescued From Powder River

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—William Arthur, who fell into the Powder river yesterday morning when stricken by a heart attack, was rescued today by a party of men who were on the river.

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CHINESE WAR TAKES LIFE OF AMERICAN

One Dead and Another Wounded and U. S. Gunboat Raked by Guns

BRITISH VESSEL ALSO ATTACKED

Herbert K. Smith, Seventh Day Adventist of Indiana, Victim of South Kweichow Brigands.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (AP)—One American was dead, an American gunboat bore the scars of machine gun fire, and another American made his way to Shanghai with a bullet hole in his hand today as Chinese internal strife flared without respect for foreign life or flags.

Related telegrams identified an American missionary previously reported dead in southern Kweichow as Herbert K. Smith, Seventh Day Adventist of Zionville, Ind. Consular authorities lacked details of his death but believed he was killed by brigands.

Raked with Machine Guns: The gunboat Oahu was raked with machine gun fire above Ichang, Hupoh, as it proceeded up the Yangtze river. No one was injured and the identity of those firing at it could not be determined.

A young American named Marshall, working his way around the world, who was wounded yesterday in the hand when Chinese fired on the British gunboat Tern near the same place, was en route to Shanghai, said to have had enough of interior China.

SOME DETAILS MISSING: SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (AP)—American consular and missionary authorities today were piecing out the story of the last days of Herbert K. Smith, Seventh Day Adventist of Zionville, Ind., killed by Chinese in southwest Kweichow.

A telegram dated Kweichow, Wweichow, by way of Hankow and dated Apr. 15, arrived here last night, verifying the previous reports of the missionary's death. It was signed by the American Seventh Day Adventist representative of Kweichow, and said: "Just received wire from Hwang-siaosop, South then killed."

Walking Evangelist: M. C. Warren, of Chico, Cal., a Seventh Day Adventist representative who recently was South at Kweichow, said Smith, who was just 26 years old, had started a three week walking evangelist tour of southwest Kweichow province. Hwang-siaosop was eight days walking from Kweichow, with other modes of travel impossible.

Warren said bandits had overrun the province and he believed Smith had met his death at their hands. Smith's wife and child had been left at Kweichow and were believed to be safe there.

Dispatches from Shanghai yesterday said American consular authorities there had been apprised of the missionary's death and were investigating. No details were to be had.

Knights Arrange For Three Events

A number of important events are scheduled for the Knights of Pythias lodge in La Grande. Plans were made for them last night at the regular meeting of the lodge.

Next Saturday the district convention will be held at Wallowa. Those from La Grande who will take part in the competitive work are Don Gally, Fred Albertson and Della Green.

The Rathbone Bible class is scheduled for June 12 when Knights from Eugene to Pendleton, about 200 in all, will be in La Grande for the work in giving the rank of page.

Next Monday night a banquet is to be held in La Grande by the lodge when the esquire rank will be given. The committee chairman is Fred Milnor.

All those who plan to go to Wallowa Saturday and wish transportation provided are asked to get in touch with Harley Stenking at the Green market.

QUEENLY



They've met quite a problem at Temple College in Utah. In a contest for queen of a campus activity, Frances Nehr (above) and Mary Curtis were tied for first honors. So now there's a question for someone to decide—and it will be no easy matter, either.

BELIEVE SLAYER ALSO KIDNAPER

Henry C. Campbell Linked with Disappearance of New Jersey Girl

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—Henry Collin Campbell, confessed torch slayer of Mrs. Mildred Murray, his bigamist wife, at Cranford, N. J., was tentatively identified from photographs at New York police headquarters today by Mrs. Della Budd as the "Frank Howard" who kidnaped her teenage-old daughter Grace on June 3, 1928.

After Mrs. Budd had studied photographs of Campbell and said she was positive he was the man who took her little girl, two detectives left with her for Elizabeth N. J., where Campbell is in jail. Mrs. Budd said that relatives who had seen photographs of Campbell and who had seen "Howard" agreed that they are the same man.

"Howard" appeared at the Budd home last year, saying that he was a Farmingdale, Long Island, farmer and arranged to employ Grace Budd's 18-year-old brother. After making acquaintance of the family in this manner he said that he was going to a birthday party at the uptown home of his sister and offered to take Grace Budd with him.

He was permitted to do so and from that moment the Budds saw no more of their daughter.

Police yesterday announced that Campbell's fingerprints tallied with those of Harry C. Close, who was sentenced to seven years in New York for embezzlement in 1925, and also served a term in a San Francisco jail in 1928. Records showed, police said, that Close had three wives at one time while living in New York.

LEVIATHAN TO BE WET SHIP COMING WEST

CHERBOURG, France, Apr. 16 (AP)—The giant liner Leviathan reached Cherbourg this morning and was met by Miss Elizabeth Glass, athletic instructor. The girls are the first to receive the green and white letters as standard state awards. They are: Charlene Fann, and Guida Aubry, seniors; Naomi Tidwell, junior; Margaret Niles, Evelyn Perry and Jacqueline O'Brien, sophomores. Others will receive letters later this spring.

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WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Railroad round trip passenger fare levels, as now scheduled by transcontinental carriers, were held reasonable today by the interstate commerce commission in dismissing without action a complaint on the subject made by the San Diego, Cal., chamber of commerce.

Senate Confirms Nominations Of Dawes And Dixon

Three Score Others Referred to Committees—Sessions of Both Houses Today Are Brief.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Chairman McNary said after a meeting of the senate agriculture committee today he had gained the impression that a majority of the membership was in favor of the export debenture plan as part of the new farm relief bill.

The house agriculture committee stamped an official today its action of last Sunday by formally approving the new farm bill by a vote of 2 to 1. The measure will be formally reported to the house tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Within a few minutes after President Hoover today forwarded the nomination of Charles C. Gates Dawes, former vice-president, to be ambassador to England, the senate confirmed it without a roll call.

The senate accorded Mr. Dawes the honor of considering his nomination without the usual procedure of referring it to committee.

Immediate approval also was given the nomination of Joseph Dixon, former senator from Montana, who has been selected by President Hoover as the assistant secretary of the interior.

Many Other Nominations: The three score other nominations by Mr. Hoover, including mostly postmasterships, were referred to committees in accordance with the regular practice.

These were the first nominations, with the exception of those for cabinet posts, to be sent to the senate of the new president for its approval. Included among others were a number of government officials who previously had been given recess appointments.

Patrick J. Hurley, of Oklahoma, assistant secretary of war; Ernest Lee Jahncke, of Louisiana, and Davis S. Ingalls, of Ohio, assistant secretaries of the navy; Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, first assistant secretary of the interior; Major General Charles McK. Saltzman, U. S. A., retired, of Iowa, member of the federal radio commission; Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of navy aeronautics; Pay Director Joseph J. Cheatham, paymaster general of the navy with the rank of rear admiral.

Other nominations included: John M. Morin, of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the U. S. employee compensation commission.

Hoover Democrat Named: Oscar B. Colquhoun, former governor of Texas, and a Hoover democrat, was nominated by Hoover to be a member of the railroad board of mediation, succeeding Pat Neff, also a former governor of Texas, whose term has expired.

Charles J. Rhoads, wealthy Philadelphia banker, was nominated as commissioner of Indian affairs.

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Student Body Nominations Are Announced Today

Student body officers for the next school year were nominated and athletic letters were awarded to six girls at the meeting of the associated students of La Grande High school this morning.

Election of officers will be held next Tuesday at the school. Choice of presidents lies between Robert Stoddard, Stanley Zundel and Clair Perkins. Vice president nominations went to Harold Hoyt, Virgil Conley and Edwin Briggs. Those nominated for secretary-treasurer were Margaret Conliffe, Margaret Anthony and Jane Ravenscroft. For yell leader Russell Nelson, Frank Anderson and Ella Watkins were nominated.

Nominations were made by a committee including Cleland Wallinger, Ruth Smalley, Lee Johnson, Jacqueline O'Brien and Nick Hughes. At the meeting this morning Maurie Baker, student body president, presided.

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PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS FARM BOARD

Outlines His Views in Unusually Brief Message to Congress

FAVORS LIMITED TARIFF REVISION

1930 Census, National Origins Clause in Immigration Act and Reapportionment Mentioned.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—President Hoover, in a message of unusual brevity and directness, recommended to congress today the creation of a federal farm board with authority and resources to remedy recurring causes of depression in the agricultural industry and a limited revision of the tariff with a reorganization of the tariff commission.

In addition he proposed in this, his first state paper, the completion of legislation initiated at the last session for the suspension of the national origins clause of the immigration act; the taking of the 1930 census and the reapportionment of congressional representation.

Suggests No Amounts: While proposing broad powers for the federal farm board, the chief executive suggested no amount for the revolving fund to be furnished by the treasury and proposed safeguards for the instrumentalities and activities to be created under the farm relief act.

"There should be no fee or tax imposed upon the farmer," he declared, adding that government funds should be furnished only by application of the farmer owned and controlled agencies and then only when other services of credit and facilities are not available at reasonable rates.

In the matter of revision of tariff rates Mr. Hoover declared the test in the mind was whether there had been a substantial abatement of activity in an industry during the past few years and a consequent decrease of employment due to insurmountable competition in the products of that industry.

No Discrimination: The president emphasized that no discrimination against any foreign industry was involved in equalizing the difference in costs of production at home and abroad and told congress that in determining changes in the tariff account must be taken of the broad interests of the country as a whole, adding that such interests include American trade relations with other countries.

In proposing a reorganization of the tariff commission, Mr. Hoover said it should be placed upon a basis of higher salaries. "In order that we may at all times command men of the broadest attainments," he stated, "the tariff commission should be placed upon a basis of higher salaries."

"A Special Mandate": Declaring the government had "a special mandate from the recent election not only to develop our waterways and revise the agricultural tariff, but also to extend systematic relief in other directions," the chief executive said that "multiplicity of causes of agricultural depression could only be met by the creation of a great instrumentality clothed with sufficient authority."

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LIQUOR RAID FATAL TO TWO IN MICHIGAN

MONROE, Mich., Apr. 16 (AP)—A deputy sheriff and an alleged blind pig operator died here last night as the result of a liquor raid Saturday. The dead are Edward Kinsey, 31, deputy sheriff, and Walter Hoffman, 33.

Kinsey, with Vernon Wright, another deputy, Saturday night went to a shack in which reports were that Hoffman was selling liquor. Hoffman met them at the door and began firing. The deputies said the officers struggled with him and clubbed him into submission after Kinsey was shot through the breast and Wright received a flesh wound in the left arm.

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE GAMES TODAY: At Portland: Batteries: Mission-Pillette and Baldwin; Portland-Knight and Rego. At Los Angeles: Innings: Sacramento.....0; Los Angeles.....0.

Batteries: Bryan and Koehler; Miller and Warren.