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MEDICAL MEN OPEN OREGON MEET MAY 16

Programs Completed for
55th Annual Session
of State Society

DR. W. J. MAYO TO ATTEND SESSION

One of Greatest Conven-
tions in Society's History
Expected—Antici-
pate Large Attendance

With Dr. William J. Mayo, of Rochester, Minnesota and Dr. J. H. Pells, professor of obstetrics at the University of Illinois, to be guest speakers, preparations are being completed here this month for the 55th annual session of the Oregon State Medical society here May 16, 17 and 18.

Programs have been arranged for the convention and were placed in the mails yesterday with more being sent out today, according to Dr. Lee B. Bouvy, of La Grande, who is president of the society.

Present indications point to one of the greatest conventions of the society's history, with Dr. Mayo's visit expected to attract many out-of-state physicians and surgeons as well as a record attendance of Oregon medical men. Dr. Mayo will speak at 2 p. m. on Friday, May 17, his subject to be "The Cancer Problem." Previous to this, Dr. Mayo will be called on at a chamber of commerce dinner to be held Friday during the noon hour.

Opens Thursday
The convention will open Thursday with a meeting of the House of Delegates at the banquet room of the Sacajawea Inn at 9 o'clock in the morning, with President Bouvy in charge. A second meeting of the House of Delegates will be held Friday morning, at 7:30 a. m., at breakfast.

A feature of the convention, of particular interest to the layman, will be a public educational meeting to be held at the Atrium theater at 8 p. m. on Thursday, May 16. The purpose of the meeting will be to show the great progress which has been made by medical science and to urge people to take advantage of the facilities now available for prolonging life and averting sickness. Two motion pictures will be shown, including the "Life of Pasteur." An address will be another event of the meeting.

Annual Banquet Friday
The annual banquet of the society will be held at 7 p. m. on Friday, May 17, in the Sacajawea banquet room. Dr. Mayo will be the honor guest. Music and brief addresses are also on the banquet program.

The third annual medical golf tournament will be held at the La Grande country club on Saturday, beginning at 8 a. m., and the Oregon Medical golf trophy, a handsome silver cup, will again be open to competition. Arrangements for the tournament are in the hands of Dr. W. P. McAdory.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the annual association of the University of Oregon medical schools will be held at a luncheon in the banquet room of the Sacajawea at 1 p. m. on Thursday, May 16.

Auxiliary to Meet
The Woman's auxiliary to the state medical society will meet during the afternoon.

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INSTALLING 12 INCH PIPE ON DEPOT STREET

City crews are engaged this week in laying a 12-inch storm sewer on Depot street, hooking up inlets on Depot and Adams with the storm sewer in the alley between Adams and Jefferson. The 12-inch pipe is replacing the 8-inch pipe, which was inadequate. The work will probably be finished by Wednesday, City Manager W. C. Crews reports.

Mr. Crews also said today that the laying of a six-inch cast-iron water main on K avenue from Fourth to halfway through the Eastern Oregon Normal school grounds, has been completed, only the backfilling remaining to be done. This completes the water connections for the new school.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—41 above.
Minimum: 35 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 60, minimum 40 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain 19 of inch.

WEATHER MAY 3, 1929
Maximum 64, minimum 28 above.
Condition: clear.

Tigers, Bucks To Fight For First In East Oregon

30th Annual Track and
Field Meet Will Be Held
in La Grande Tomorrow,
Beginning at 10

The crowning event of the spring in high school athletics is scheduled to begin in La Grande tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when preliminaries for the Eastern Oregon track and field meet will start at the high school field. One hundred and eleven athletes from eight schools yesterday had signified their intentions of participating and before the meet opens tomorrow, more may come in.

Preliminaries will be held in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, the high and low hurdles, high and broad jump, the pole vault, the discus, the javelin and the shotput. In the field events any final made during the morning will stand unless it is beaten in the afternoon finals.

Officials Meet
A meeting of officials was held in the high school last night and rules discussed. This is expected to prevent any disagreement on interpretation of rules according to agreements last night.

The depositors will figure that Pendleton and La Grande will fight it out for first place and they also point out that the two teams should take a total of nine firsts, with possibilities of more. All this figuring, however, disregards the three Grant county teams for the simple reason that their ability is unknown. Any one of the events may be taken by one of the Grant county athletes and for that reason, doping of the meet is far from uncertain.

Keffer Strong in 3 Events
Past records this spring indicate that Keffer, of La Grande, and Johnson, of Pendleton, will fight it out for first in the 100-yard dash.

Last week Keffer turned in a time of 19 3/4 but the previous week Johnson won from La Grande at 10 4/5. In the 220-yard dash Markham, of MacLean, defeated Keffer early in the season at 25 4/5.

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Eagles Select 1929 Officials; Install In June

Officers were elected last night at both the meeting of the Fraternal order of Eagles and the Eagles auxiliary. The Eagles' officers are: Ray Patton, worthy president; E. C. Busch, worthy vice president; Harold Cochran, chaplain; C. E. Happersett, secretary; J. J. McClain, treasurer; William March, inside guard; Oscar Holson, outside guard; trustee, three-year term, Frank Patt; trustee, two-year term, L. C. Hawes; aeris physician, Dr. W. P. McAdory; delegates to the Oregon State Aeris to be held in Klamath Falls, June 12, 13 and 14, G. E. Doan, E. C. Busch, Frank Patt, Walter Cochran and Ray Williams; alternate delegates, Ray Patton, Frank Seward, R. F. R. Anderson, L. E. Evans and B. W. Bailey.

A report was made on the progress of plans for the 27th annual May all to be held Wednesday May 8. The ticket sale is progressing satisfactorily and a renewed effort will be made by all committees. It was stated, Members who have received their tickets by mail were urged to remit promptly to avoid last minute confusion and to allow the committee more time to push their outside sales.

The officers of the auxiliary are: president, Mrs. Edith Doan, re-elected; vice president, Mable Thompson, re-elected; chaplain, Stella Kurzi; secretary, Iva Shultz; treasurer, Mrs. Hawes; inside guard, Mable Walker; outside guard, Eunice Busch; trustee, three years, Mrs. McClain; trustee, two years, Mrs. Phillips.

Twin Babies, Boy And Girl, Born

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Chromoske are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl weighing eight and five and one-half pounds respectively, born to them at their home at 1392 M avenue yesterday afternoon. The little girl has been named Edith Margaret and the boy Everett Anthony. Both mother and babies are reported to be doing nicely.

Northwest Realty Officials Coming

At the regular Friday luncheon of the La Grande Realty board, held today at noon at the Sacajawea Inn, it was announced that President Spencer, of Seattle, and Secretary T. W. Zimmerman, of Portland, of the Pacific Northwest Real Estate association, would pay La Grande an official visit on May 3.

With this in mind, the realtors decided to hold their weekly luncheon on Thursday next week instead of Friday with Mr. Spencer and Mr. Zimmerman as guests.

M'NARY MEN CLAIM LEAD, FARM RELIEF

Oregon Senator Believes
Majority Is Opposed to
Debtenture Plan

TWO MORE VOTES CLAIMED BY PROS

Copeland, of New York,
to Vote for Plan and
Nye, of North Dakota,
Is Wavering.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Believing the decision on the export debtenture plan will be so close that a single vote may mean success or failure, friends of that proposal obtained senate consent today to permit Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, who is ill, to take the oath of office in bed so that he could be recorded.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Senate advocates of the export debtenture plan today claimed two more votes from the ranks of those they had previously put down as certain to cast their ballot against the proposal.

The two claimed are Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, and Nye, republican, North Dakota. Senator Copeland declared on the floor that he intended "to hold his nose and vote for the debtenture plan" as altered by the North amendment which is designed to reduce rates when overproduction is forecast. Questioned about the report that he would vote for the debtenture plan, Senator Nye said, "I hope to have my mind made up soon."

Anti-Claim Majority
Administration senators still claim a majority against the plan although they admit the vote will be close. Senator McNary, of Oregon, who has the farm bill in senate, has been hoping to have the senate vote on the debtenture section late today, but these expectations have been diminished by reports.

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CHURCHES WILL FEATURE MUSIC

Plans Continue for La
Grande Program—Part
of National Observance

Music week plans continue. Sunday the churches of this city will inaugurate the national music celebration by special music features during services. This morning Mrs. H. A. Zurblick, of La Grande Neighborhood club which is sponsoring the week here, spoke at the La Grande High school telling of the origin and history of music week.

Monday night at 8:15 o'clock the MacDowell club of Baker will present the song cycle, "In a Persian Garden" which will feature some of the best musical talent of the neighboring city.

"As a group these singers were exceptionally well-balanced for even the stronger voices did not overshadow those of less strength and all were in perfect unison," was a criticism of a recent performance.

"Dr. Theo Carlson, tenor, has a smooth voice of admirable quality and sang 'Aho! That Spring Shout Vanish with the Rose,' excellently."

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Disarmament Conference Moves Into More Troubled Waters In Geneva

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 3 (AP)—The disarmament conference today moved into even more troubled waters than yesterday but seemed headed toward adoption of the American suggestion of publicity for war material.

Confronted by clear rejection of the limitation of land armaments by the budgetary system, Chairman Pollitts of Greece, proposed a compromise resolution that the commission adopt a scheme of publicity for maximum expenditures.

Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian representative immediately opposed this, saying that publicity already was provided for and that he thought it would be more frank toward the public to admit openly that an agreement on the point had not been reached.

Pollitts spiritedly repudiated a remark by Count Von Bernstorff, German delegate, that the discussion had proved a majority were against any reduction of war material. The chairman insisted that the country was true and that he

Lions Club Is Organized Here; Elect Officers

Jack B. Ferris Is President;
Field Director
from Chicago Attends
Meeting.

A charter membership of 20 La Grande men started the Lions club which was organized in La Grande at a meeting last night at the La Grande hotel with C. P. Manion, field director of the Lions International service club here from Chicago.

The Lions club is a service club which is international in scope and is the second largest in the United States. It is the leading club of its kind in Oregon," said Jack B. Ferris who was last night elected president.

The corps of officers who will assist Mr. Ferris in the new work are: first vice president, Harry O. Wilcox; secretary-treasurer, Jesse Rosenbaum; lion tamer, Dr. Webster K. Ross; hat twister, Dr. A. M. Moore. The board of directors includes the officers with W. D. Harpold, J. P. Stalcup, M. L. Nelson and E. D. Towler. The committee chairman so far appointed are Dr. Ross, charter night; Dr. A. M. Moore, membership; Charles Ramm, finance. Other committees will be appointed later by Mr. Ferris.

To Meet Each Monday
It was decided that meetings be held each Monday at 12:10 o'clock at luncheon for the first half of the year at the La Grande hotel and for the second half at the Sacajawea Inn. One member will be appointed each week to prepare a program for the following meeting. Jesse Rosenbaum has been appointed to take charge of the program for next Monday.

"The purposes of the Lions club are to stimulate good fellowship, to promote civic betterment and to develop community pride. The plan of the local organization here is to work in harmony with the other service clubs and the chamber of commerce in civic development and not as a competitive organization," Mr. Ferris stated.

At the meeting last night 153 Shea, of Portland, member of the Lions club there, was a guest. The charter members in La Grande are: C. L. Thompson, Charles A. Ramm, Dr. C. W. Erwin, C. P. Manion, Dr. Towler, M. G. Nelson, Harry O. Wilcox, Roy Lynch, W. M. Wilson, H. G. Hettick, G. P. Stalcup, W. D. Harpold, Dr. A. M. Moore, Dr. Webster K. Ross, C. L. Kendall, L. D. McCoy, Marcus L. Roesch, Jesse Rosenbaum, Jack B. Ferris and Harry E. Williams.

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Organizer To Be Here This Month

"Dad" Young, international organizer, will be in La Grande in two weeks to visit the Central labor council here, it was announced last night at the regular meeting of the council.

At the meeting a committee of ten men was appointed to further the cause of urging patenting union men.

May Curtail Work On Vale Project

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Dr. Elwood B. Mead, reclamation commissioner, fears that diminished revenues may curtail the construction program of the Vale project in Eastern Oregon next year. He expressed this fear to Senator Steiwer and Representative Butler of Oregon yesterday, when he spoke of diminished funds of the reclamation appropriations.

Mead found that it will cost approximately \$5,000,000 to carry on the ten-year construction program of the reclamation service during the fiscal year of 1930. Revenues in sight for this work will, however, amount to no more than \$7,000,000.

Emperor Hirohito Honors King's Son

TOKYO, May 3 (AP)—Prince Henry, of England, better known as the Duke of Gloucester, third son of King George, knelt at the feet of Emperor Hirohito of Japan today and clasped to his left leg a royal purple sash, insignia of England's highest order of knighthood.

Then Emperor Hirohito journeyed across the city to Kasumigaseki palace, the prince's temporary home, to bestow personally upon him the grand order of the Chrysanthemum, Japan's highest decoration.

The ceremonial of the garter bestowal took place in the throne room of the imperial palace.

Rescue 400 From
Japanese Steamer

TOKYO, May 3 (AP)—A thrilling tale of rescue of more than 400 persons from the storm lashed Japanese steamer Goyo Maru was told in brief radio messages from the steamer Hachiro Maru today.

HE DRAWS "OUT OUR WAY"



J. R. Williams' famous characters, which appear in "The Observer" under the heading "Out Our Way," have probably caused more laughs during the time they have been printed than any other comic in the country. Mr. Williams, who is pictured above, has just signed a new long-term contract with NEA Service, Inc., which furnished The Observer with "Out Our Way." Incidentally, "Jim" has worked as a fireman on a railroad, as a cowboy in the west—punching cattle in New Mexico, was an enlisted man in the U. S. Cavalry, also worked as a machinist and is married and has two youngsters, Bob and Helen, who give him some of his best "old hunches." He lives near Cleveland, Ohio.

County Court Allows \$500 To Aid Settlement

The Union county court appropriated the sum of \$500 to be given to the Union county chamber of commerce for advertising in the land settlement program this year. The authorization was made yesterday afternoon at the closing session of the May term of county court.

A road viewers' board was appointed to view a road. In a petition by James Darr and others it is asked that it be opened. The board will report at the next meeting of the court in June.

The claim of S. B. Harrison, of La Grande, for damages for his horse which he alleged was killed on a county road was denied.

Accuse Constable Of Offering Wine

DALLAS, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Robert E. Howe, constable and member of a dance orchestra, is under \$1999 bonds following his indictment by the grand jury for giving wine to Ada Adams, month Normal school student, and failure to report a liquor law violation to the district attorney. The investigation followed a report on the condition of the girl who was taken to St. Paul after the drinking that she was placed under the care of two doctors and a nurse. The incident is said to have occurred April 25 after a dance at Pedee.

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The ship itself, the radio message said, apparently was a total loss. It had a register of 2,345 tons. Of the fishermen 212 were Japanese. The others were Chinese, Russians and Russians, including 27 Russian women.

FIRE LOSS \$51,000

EUGENE, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Fire destroyed the Domestic laundry here last night with a loss to plant and building estimated at \$51,000. The plant was owned by Newton Anderson and the building by Miss Bessie Day. Anderson estimated his loss at \$45,000. He carried \$30,000 insurance. Miss Day said her loss would be \$6,999, totally insured.

SUSPECT TAKEN NEAR HERMISTON

Recapture California Man
Who Escaped from Negro,
Injuring Porter

PENDLETON, Ore., May 3 (AP)—George M. Brown, wanted in San Francisco on a charge of grand theft, was captured near Hermiston today.

He escaped yesterday from the train on which he was being taken to California, after throwing a potter from the moving car.

James H. Gresham, the officer from Hermiston, escaped, Grant Kelly, of Hermiston, who was surrounded him and took him without a struggle. He was immediately taken to Pendleton in the custody of county officers.

Three shots were fired at Brown last night when he was seen near Hermiston, but he was unharmed. While officers were searching in the outskirts of Hermiston last night, Brown slipped into the city and robbed a hardware store.

When Brown escaped after knocking Isaac Sims, a porter, from the train, he was wearing only his shoes and underclothing. It was learned today, however, that he had taken his overalls and a jumper from a gravel pit near Umatilla.

TAD DORGAN PASSES AWAY DURING NIGHT

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—Private funeral services for Thomas Aloysius (Tad) Dorgan, noted newspaper cartoonist, will be held next Monday.

"Tad" died in his sleep at his home in Great Neck, Long Island, yesterday from a heart ailment that kept him confined to his home for the past seven years.

Although one of the most capable of sport artists, especially on boxing, "Tad" clientele was by no means restricted to followers of the sports pages. As a writer of slang, he had few, if any, equals. Through his daily cartoons he originated scores of new expressions which quickly caught the popular fancy.

Out of his fertile brain came "Twenty three, skidoo," "Yes, we have no bananas," "hard-boiled egg," "apple sauce," "snake enter," "the cat's meow," "nickel stater," "nobody home," "The first hundred years are the hardest," "for crying out loud," "you tell 'em" and literally scores of other slang expressions that have crept into everyday use. He it was who first termed an overate a "benny," and called feet "dops."

Wear Nothing But Morals Are Strict

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—The women wear nothing but even a necklace, but as to morals—they have more and stricter ones than the mid-Victorian ladies who were pinched plus and then some clothing. This was the picture of certain savage Indian tribes of the Amazon basin presented to the Executive club today by Dr. William Montgomery McGovern, of Northwestern university.

Death Of "Peter Stratford" Ends Long Masquerade

Deresly Morton, New Zealand Woman, Whispers
Secret When Doctors
Tell Her Fate.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 3 (AP)—From a packet of letters, a marriage certificate and other papers found in "his" Niles' hotel room today was pieced together the strange story of the misshapen life of "Peter Stratford," whose death at a hospital here yesterday revealed "him" to be a woman.

The correspondence revealed the determination of a woman, possessed apparently of all the mental attributes of the opposite sex, to become a man. Out of that determination, investigators said, was born "Peter Stratford," a man with a gift for literary criticism and a follower of the cult of Sufi, an offshoot of an ancient Oriental religion.

So Deresly Morton "Died"
With the birth of Peter Stratford, the letters showed, died Deresly Morton, a British subject, who came to America from New Zealand 20 years ago.

A student of Sufism, a cult headed by High Priestess Murschid, now said to be in Portland, Ore., Peter Stratford married Elizabeth Roland, in Kansas City, Mo., in 1912. The "wife" in Hollywood. The ceremony was performed according to the ritual of the cult and the couple came west when the "husband's" health failed.

Assisted Authors
In Hollywood, the letters told, Peter Stratford assisted nationally known playwrights and authors in their work. Among these, it was indicated in one of the letters, was Austin Strong of San Francisco, whose "Three Wise Fools" and "Seventh Heaven" lifted him to eminence in the literary world. The letter in which Stratford told "work with Strong was addressed to Alma Thompson, 1647 North McCadden Place, Hollywood.

Other letters sent to a woman in Los Angeles, addressed only as "Alma," revealed Peter's love for her as based on the tenets of the Sufi cult.

The manager of the hotel at Niles said Stratford and "Mrs. Stratford" came there in 1926. They never quarreled, he said, but three months ago Stratford's "wife" left suddenly for Hollywood.

Reveals "His" Secret
Then yesterday Stratford, suffering from tuberculosis, was hurried to a hospital here.

When doctors told him "he" was dying, Stratford whispered his secret and the woman who "died" to give Stratford being years ago lived again only to go to a more lasting death a few minutes later.

Pendleton And Baker Will Be Census Centers

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3 (AP)—Division of Oregon into six census districts has been approved definitely by the census bureau.

Divisions are:
Salem headquarters: Counties of Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas, Polk and Marion.

Eugene headquarters: Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson. Bend headquarters: Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Klamath and Lake.

Pendleton headquarters: Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa.

Baker headquarters: Grant, Baker, Harney and Malheur. Multnomah county will comprise one district.

Hermiston Power Company Is Sold

SPOKANE, Wash., May 3 (AP)—Nicholas C. Old, president of the Hermiston Light and Power company, of Hermiston, Ore., announced last night the sale of the Hermiston plant to the American Engineering and Management corporation, of New York, for a cash consideration of \$120,000. Cold lives in Spokane.

The Hermiston company operates 25 miles of transmission lines, supplying power to Hermiston, Boko, Stanfield and Umatilla.

President Signs Fruit Fly Bill

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The \$4,250,000 bill for the eradication of the Mediterranean fly in Florida was signed today by President Hoover.

SUSPECT MURDER

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—The death of Vernon T. Peters, 31, apparently a suicide Wednesday, was under investigation today with the added knowledge that two women had entrusted \$12,500 savings to him for investment and that certain papers and letters in his apartment were torn and destroyed, apparently after his death.

44 KILLED IN STORMS OVER WEST, SOUTH

Most of Deaths in Virginia
and Other South-
eastern States

SCHOOL CHILDREN VICTIMS OF WIND

Grief-Stricken Parents
Searching Debris at Rye
Cove with 14 Known
Dead.

RICHMOND, Va., May 3 (AP)—Three additional deaths as a result of the tornado which lashed Virginia last night were reported to the Associated Press today by J. H. Abramson, Methodist clergyman at Flint Hill, Va.

By the Associated Press
Fifty-four lives were lost yesterday and Wednesday in the storms that struck, in varying form, in seven Southern states and sections of the Midwest.

Virginia's death list of 23 was the largest. A teacher and 13 children were killed in a school building collapse in that state. Other Southern states suffering loss of life from the storms were Arkansas, Tennessee, Maryland, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky. At least 100 persons were injured, many seriously, throughout the south.

Mid-West Storms

Storms were of less violence in the midwest. Two deaths occurred in Michigan, one in Illinois and two in Ohio. The latter deaths were in Columbus, two prisoners being killed in the collapse of a portion of the jail in a wind storm. In the Southern Michigan fruit belt, now celebrating blossom time, soggy snow covered trees, vines and landscape to a depth of four inches. The unseasonable snow is believed to have protected most of the fruit from frost damage.

Lake Michigan went on another rampage, pounding the Chicago shoreline, and attacking the foundations of many buildings close to the shore line.

The weight of the snow damaged fruit trees in Southern Illinois and Missouri, and cold weather was a threat to the strawberry crop in the Ozarks.

PARENTS SEARCHING RUINS

RYE COVE, Va., May 3 (AP)—Grief-stricken parents searched the debris of the Rye Cove consolidated school today, fearful of finding additional victims of the tornado that yesterday claimed the lives of 13 children and one teacher in the greatest disaster ever known to this Western Virginia mountain village.

Several children were reported missing early today, and because of the wide area from