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BAKER CLUB GIVES SONG CYCLE HERE

First of Feature Programs of Week Given at La Grande Hotel

SEVERAL HUNDRED ENJOY EVENING

Singers Present "In a Persian Garden"—La Grande Band Concert To Be Tonight.

Once more is a La Grande audience indebted to musicians from our neighboring city, Baker, for a musical evening, and this time for one of most thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated events given in this city in a long time. Last evening a double quartet, members of the MacDowell club of Baker, directed by Miss Jessie A. Hoskins, voice teacher of both Baker and La Grande came to La Grande to open the program for "National Music Week" by giving the song cycle "In a Persian Garden." At the hall room of the La Grande hotel they were greeted by an audience of several hundred La Grande people, who had come with a great anticipation, and who later went away after having been uplifted and inspired by the beautiful production, itself, and by the skillful manner in which it was interpreted by the singers, as individuals and as a group. The La Grande people played their part in the delightful concert program by giving an applause, generous, sincere and warm.

Exceptional Program
The production given last evening is one of exceptional beauty. The words, taken from the Rubaiyat, Fitzgerald's translation are set to the music of Liza Lehmann. The singers were Mrs. Leland S. Finch and Mrs. David I. Stoddard, soprano; Mrs. C. T. Goodwin and Mrs. Frances Oliver, contraltos; Earl Denham and Dr. Theo. Carlson, tenors and Marcus Swan and Richard Smurthwaite, basses. Adequate comment on each of the soloists seems impossible as well as unnecessary, each was an artist and carried his or her part, made his or her interpretation, in a very pleasing way. If any parts were to be singled out, it would be the work of Mrs. David Stoddard because her many friends and former neighbors in La Grande were delighted in hearing her sweet, lyric soprano again, the work of Earl Denham, who is not a stranger here and who is always warmly received, and the duet of Mr. Denham and Mrs. Leland S. Finch, whose voices blended so perfectly in the rendition of "A book of verses underneath a bough." This last number pleased so well that one singing was not sufficient, and the audience would not be satisfied until they had returned and given it a second time.

Doubtless the work of the group of singers was eminently successful as it was—to a very large degree because of the careful training and the skillful direction of Miss Hoskins. And recognition of

MOTHERS WILL BE GUESTS AT TWO COLLEGES

Mothers of University of Oregon and Oregon State college will be honored during the coming week-end at both the Oregon and Corvallis institutions, and several from La Grande are making arrangements to attend.

Mother's day will be observed appropriately at both colleges and other events have also been scheduled. At O. S. C. mothers of men students as well as those of the co-eds have been invited.

Mrs. E. W. Ely will drive her car to Eugene, starting from here Thursday and accompanied by Mrs. A. W. Nelson and Mrs. Sherwood Williams and Mrs. Colon B. Eberhard may make the trip. Mrs. F. S. Robinson and others are also expected to drive down to Eugene.

Helen Williams, daughter of Mrs. Sherwood Williams, will appear in a piano recital on Monday and the women will stay over this event.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—46 above.
Minimum: 28 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 55, minimum 27 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .09 of inch.

WEATHER MAY 7, 1929
Maximum 52, minimum 29 above.
Condition: clear.

COACH L. H. S. IN 1929-30



Ira Woodie, diminutive Oregon quarterback, will be missing from the ranks when spring practice is called within a fortnight at Eugene. Ira has completed his three years of football but has one more year left as catcher on the baseball team. Mr. Woodie recently accepted an appointment to coach athletics in La Grande High school the next school year. Besides competing in two sports, he is an excellent student and is 100 per cent self supporting.

CHURCH MEN IN MEETING MONDAY

Presbyterians Discuss Program—Board of Deacons Elect Officers.

Monday evening at the Presbyterian church a joint meeting of the elders, trustees and deacons was held when relating to an advanced program of activities were discussed and carefully considered. The session appointed H. R. Haney to serve as clerk, which office he has filled many years. The following committees were also appointed: church service and music, R. S. Eakin, C. M. Humphreys and E. E. Hurley; Lord's supper, Dr. E. P. Mossman, W. B. Pickens and J. K. Wright; Sunday school, W. B. Pickens, E. E. Hurley and Gustav Wisler; men's work, C. M. Humphreys, R. S. Eakin and J. P. Heasty; records, H. E. Hanna; publicity, H. K. Hanna, E. P. Mossman, young people, E. E. Hurley and Gustav Wisler.

The board of deacons elected Mrs. T. A. McKinstry, president; Dr. Margaret Ingle, vice president; and Miss Grace Snook, secretary-treasurer.

Close Fire Season To Begin On May 15

The closed fire season will begin in Oregon forests on May 15 and will continue until Oct. 1, according to announcement today by L. C. Morehead, district warden. During that period, any person desiring to do burning in or near forest or brushland will be required to secure a permit from the state fire warden. At the request of the warden the warden will inspect the area to be burned and then issue a permit, if such burning can be done without endangering adjoining property.

Eagles To Give 27th Annual Ball

Final arrangements are being made today by the La Grande Eagles for their annual May ball, which will be held Wednesday, May 8. Committees have been busy and the ballroom is being attractively decorated. Ticket sales have been encouraging.

APPROVE NOMINATION

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The senate banking committee today approved the nomination of Horace Paul Bestor, of St. Louis, to be a member of the federal farm loan board.

RUTH CULLEN WINNER WITH MEAT STORY

Article by La Grande Girl is Best in 12 Western States.

\$150 SCHOLARSHIP AND CASH PRIZE

First Place in National Contest Regarded as High Honor—Miss Cullen is Freshman.

A La Grande girl, a freshman in high school, will receive \$50 cash and a \$150 university scholarship as a result of her winning first place in a meat story contest conducted in 12 western states, it was learned today.

The following Associated Press dispatch brought news of the achievement to La Grande, as follows:

"Chicago, May 7 (AP)—Miss Ruth Cullen, of La Grande, Ore., will receive \$50 cash and a \$150 university scholarship from the National Livestock and Meat board, having been adjudged winner of the annual meat story contest conducted by the board."

Miss Cullen also received the following telegram from Chicago, "You were awarded first district prize. Please send photograph at once."

14 Years of Age
Miss Cullen, who is the daughter of Mrs. Oma Lapham, is 16 years of age and in her first year in high school.

When asked by an Observer reporter this morning whether she had decided which school of higher education she will attend when she completes her high school work, she said that she had not decided. The scholarship, however, will apply to any normal school or university or college she desires to enter.

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Intruders Get \$14 From Grande Ronde Meat Co.

Some time during last night, robbers entered the Grande Ronde Meat company on Adams avenue and took approximately \$14 from tills and made their escape. Entrance was through a rear window located near the roof, which was broken by the intruders. They also escaped through the window.

John R. Cox Dies In Perry, Oregon

John R. Cox, aged 68 years eight months and 29 days, died at his home at Perry yesterday following a short illness. Death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage. He leaves his wife, Mary E. Cox, who is teaching school at Perry, where they made their home for the last 10 months. Funeral services will be held at Perry. The body is at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary.

Work of Chambers of Commerce Is Outlined At Meeting Held In Baker

BAKER, Ore., May 7 (Special)—The big problem of the chambers of commerce of Oregon and Idaho is to advertise the entire northwest, according to sentiment expressed at a meeting of secretaries and executives of chambers of commerce from cities along the Old Oregon Trail yesterday. The meeting was called by William E. North, secretary-manager of the local chamber.

A resolution pledging the moral and financial support of the representatives present to the state organizations was adopted. A resolution calling for the moving of a caravan from Portland to diversion points on the Old Oregon Trail was introduced, but was rejected because of lack of finances and because of its doubtful effectiveness. Speakers stressed the need of chambers getting in touch with tourists at their starting point, as they cannot be diverted after starting their journeys. Delegates also emphasized the need of bringing tourists through Oregon and Idaho, but not over any certain road. It was agreed that the community wished to spend money for advertising without due regard for the John Day highway in Oregon and the north and south highway in Idaho. It was pointed out that chambers are interested primarily

Three Reports Are Presented At Club Forum

Chamber of Commerce Enjoys Musical Program—Normal School Dedication Discussed.

Reports by the better business bureau, the normal school committee and Dr. Lee B. Bouvy concerning the coming convention here of the Oregon State Medical society and observance of Music week were features of today's luncheon of the chamber of commerce at the Sacajawea Inn.

W. K. Gilbert spoke for the better business bureau, urging cooperation from members in stopping unnecessary solicitations in the business section, and in curbing unwise buying of stocks and bonds sold by out-of-town concerns. He urged that members ask to see the chamber of commerce endorsement card before they do business with solicitors or salesmen. Supplementing his remarks, H. E. Coollidge, George Huntington Curry and S. L. Thompson spoke briefly. Mr. Coollidge pointed out a service that the banks gladly render, stating that they are in a position that they can give advice on investments and often are able to prevent purchasers from buying unwisely and steering their money into safer investments.

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Dress Rehearsal For Junior Play Held Last Night

The final dress rehearsal was held at the La Grande High school last night for the junior play, "Applesauce," a three-act comedy. The play will be presented at the high school auditorium on the 25th and 26th of this week, and from advance notices, will be one of the most entertaining presented in high school circles here over a considerable period of time.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock, a special matinee was given for the pupils of Central and Willow school and tomorrow, May 8, at 5 p. m., a similar performance will be given for the Riveria and Greenwood pupils. A small admission price is charged for these matinees.

Tickets for the Thursday and Friday night presentations of "Applesauce" may be exchanged for reserved seat tickets at Glass Drugs on Wednesday, May 8, beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning.

K. P. Bible Will Be In La Grande On 12th Of June

Discussion of plans for the district meeting to be held here on June 12 took up considerable time at the K. P. lodge session held last evening. On that date Knights from the territory between Heppner and Vale—embracing Umatilla, Wallawa, Baker counties and other territory—will gather here for a meeting with Harry M. Love, supreme keeper of records and seals, from Minneapolis.

A large class of candidates is to be initiated and a feature of the initiation will be the use of the Bible used when the lodge was instituted in Washington in 1864. This will be the first time this Bible has ever been in La Grande. A Bathbone Bible class will also be held.

Local lodge officials expect about 400 out-of-town visitors here on June 12 for the meeting.

RATE CUT ON FLOUR, WHEAT ANNOUNCED

Western Trunk Line Railroads Agree on Freight Reduction.

DUE TO REQUEST BY THE PRESIDENT

Will be Issued with Understanding That They Shall Expire on Sept. 30, 1929.

CHICAGO, May (AP)—A freight rate cut of 6 1/2 cents to 1 1/4 cents per 100 pounds on wheat and wheat flour for export was announced today by Western Trunk line railroads.

The reductions were made, it was explained, at the solicitation of the president of the United States and subject to the approval of the Interstate commerce commission. They will be issued with the understanding that they shall expire on September 30, 1929, and that they shall not be considered a precedent nor as an admission by the carriers that the rates today in effect are not reasonably low under existing laws.

A statement issued by E. H. Boyce, chairman of the Western Trunk lines committee, said the reductions should only be considered "as indicative of the attitude of the carriers to assist the president of the U. S. in his program for relieving an emergency to the extent that these abnormal reductions in rates may help the situation."

The rates from the Missouri river to Chicago and from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Chicago, represent a reduction of six cents per 100 pounds; from the Missouri river to the gulf, it is a reduction of 1 1/4 cents per 100 pounds, and from St. Louis to New Orleans a reduction of 6 1/2 cents.

Nelson, Birnie Speak At Lions Club Luncheon

The first regular luncheon meeting of the newly organized Lions club was held at the La Grande hotel yesterday. A. W. Nelson, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, and George S. Birnie, president of the La Grande Rotary club, made welcoming speeches.

It was announced that the membership of the organization has increased from 29 to 31.

Harry Wilcox will have charge of the entertainment next Monday and Chet Thompson was appointed to prepare the entertainment for the following Monday.

Baby Mills Laid To Rest Monday

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mills passed away Sunday afternoon at the age of four days. The child was buried in the babies section of the Masonic cemetery yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge. The baby was the first to be laid to rest in the babies section, which consists of one block.

Issue Challenge For Horseshoe Tilt

The city officials and employees decided at a meeting held in the city hall last night, to issue a challenge to the O.-W. engineers and firmness to a horseshoe match to be played Sunday morning, May 19, at 9 a. m., each side to enter a six-man team.

Attempt To Kill Waldemar Fails

KOVNO, Lithuania, May 7 (AP)—One person was dead and two seriously wounded today as a consequence of an assassination attempt last night against Premier Augustinas Waldemaras. Neither the premier nor his wife was injured. The assailant escaped in the confusion.

The attack was made as the party entered the garden of a theatre where they were to attend a concert.

To Push New Golf Ball Next Season

CHICAGO, May 7 (AP)—The United States Golf association will attempt to compel use of the new golf ball, a lighter but larger pellet, in 1929. Herbert H. Ramsay, vice president of the organization, has announced.

LOWDEN BACK IN AMERICA

Former Governor of Illinois Frank O. Lowden, and recent candidate for the republican presidential nomination, is shown as he arrived in New York the other day after four months in Europe. Lowden's family also made the trip.



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WEALTHY OIL MAN IN PRISON TODAY

Harry Sinclair Assigned to Drug Room of Washington Jail.

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Starting his first day as a prisoner, Harry F. Sinclair, wealthy oil operator, early this morning was assigned to the drug room of the Washington asylum and jail to act as dispensing pharmacist and assistant to the jail physician during his three months sojourn behind the bars.

Sinclair, who last night began the sentence imposed upon him for his refusal to answer questions asked by a senate committee during its investigation of the teapot dome oil lease, was one of the first of the prisoners to arise this morning from the none too comfortable iron cots in the jail.

Guards at the jail said he also was one of the first to arrive in the dormitory section. They declared the rich oil man was up "about five" looking over his new surroundings. His breakfast this morning consisted of cereal, ham and eggs and corn muffins, of which Sinclair ate sparingly, and coffee.

After breakfast, Major William L. Peak, warden of the jail, asked the oil man what profession he was fitted for and Sinclair replied that he was a registered druggist and took a two year pharmacy course at the University of Kansas.

"We have never had a pharmacist in here before," Peak said, "and the doctor always has compounded his own prescriptions."

As part of his duties Sinclair will be required to assist in the bandaging of cuts and in the care of other minor injuries.

As jail pharmacist, Major Peak said, Sinclair might be required to keep part of the time on a first adjoining the drug room in cases where certain prisoners may be ill as to require a constant attendant there. Otherwise his sleeping quarters will be in the dormitory which he will share with the sixty out of the jail's 500 prisoners detailed to "white collar" jobs.

I. C. C. GRAIN RATES REPORT IS PROTESTED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Charges that the report on the Columbia Basin differential on grain rates, submitted recently by Examiners Mackley and Hall of the Interstate commerce commission, entirely overlooked the primary object of the investigation as set forth in Washington, Oregon and Idaho are centered in a letter sent farm organization leaders by Arthur M. Geary, Portland, attorney for farmers in the three states.

The report recommended the elimination of the differential on freight rates on grain between Portland and Puget Sound ports. Geary based his charges on the supposition that the time has come for forced reduction of wheat acreage in the Pacific Northwest to a basis that will no more than supply the domestic requirements.

Judge Duby Hurt In Auto Accident

ARLINGTON, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Judge William Duby, former chairman of the state highway commission, was recovering today from injuries he suffered last Sunday in an automobile accident near here. A severe cut on his head and an injury to an arm complicated the major injuries. His automobile was wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 (AP)—Curtis D. Wilbur, former secretary of the navy, was sworn into office as a United States circuit court judge.

Proposed Grain Rate Reduction Shocks Market

Wheat Quotations Drop to New Lows in Winnipeg—Chicago Price Down Three Cents.

WINNIPEG, May 7 (AP)—Proposed grain rate reductions by United States railway lines threw the wheat market here today in a turmoil. May wheat dropped 5 1/2 to \$1.14, July fell back 5 1/2 to \$1.15 and October 7 1/2 to \$1.13 1/2. These figures are all new lows for the season. Stumps at Chicago and Liverpool were also recorded and the Winnipeg market quickly fell in line with drastic declines.

At 10 o'clock wheat was being dumped into the market on a large scale and turmoil reigned. At that time May had dropped 8 1/2 to \$1.14 1/2, July 1 1/2 to \$1.15 1/2; October 5 1/2 to \$1.12.

CHICAGO PRICES DOWN
CHICAGO, May 7 (AP)—The grain market, clogged with an old crop surplus and wanting the incentive to check its downhill career, slipped to a new low level today on the current movement.

Without a buying power willing to apply the brakes, wheat and rye struck record depths and all deliveries of corn except the current month followed suit. Wheat was down but 1/4 to 1/2 cents from yesterday's weak close, but today's opening had reached a point four cents below its level a week ago and only the moderate pressure of short covering appeared to check it.

Winnipeg was off six cents at the start, but this compared with Saturday's close, for yesterday was a holiday at the Canadian market. Traders were disappointed that the boon of lower grain rates failed to bolster the market. Bears, however, asserted freight reduction had come too late to be of service in attracting the crop to market.

The heavy carry-over of the 1928 crop and excellent prospects in the Argentina were regarded as the weakening factors.

Plan To Rebuild Episcopal Hall At Cove, Oregon

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore., May 7 (Special)—The Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, visited Cove Saturday. The object of his visit was to make arrangements for the rebuilding of French hall, on the Assumption grounds, that was destroyed by fire Apr. 14. After consulting a carpenter, the contract was let to J. E. Randall, work to begin immediately, as it is desired that the hall be finished before time for the opening of the Episcopal summer school in June.

The building will be 18 by 55 feet, will contain a stage, and there will also be dormitories built in. It will be a little lower than the former structure, also slightly smaller as the old hall was 20 by 60 feet in dimensions. It will be erected on the old site, as the fire place is still standing and can be utilized in the new building.

Development In Talkies Permits Use Of Colors

By Howard W. Blankens (Associated Press Science Editor), NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—A new development in the "talkies," whereby a producer may "turn on the moonlight" for love scenes, or use all the tints from blue to red to run the gamut of emotions, was announced before the Society of Motion Picture Engineers here today.

The invention features the "color-ors" which were lost to some motion pictures when the "sound track" was introduced along the edge of the photographic film. This does not mean pictures in natural colors, but shading the whole scene to any desired tone, it not only restores the color which was lost, but, according to Geary, based his charges on the supposition that the time has come for forced reduction of wheat acreage in the Pacific Northwest to a basis that will no more than supply the domestic requirements.

Two Burned Today In Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, Ont., May 7 (AP)—Two members of a local theatrical stock company, Miss Margaret Bird, 35, and Forest Cummings, 52, were burned to death in an apartment on Jarvis street early today.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Forest Cummings, 52, actor and theatrical director who was burned to death in an apartment house fire in Toronto, Ont., today, formed the first Henry Duffey stock company in Portland.

PRESENT NEW TARIFF BILL TO CONGRESS

Material Increase in The Rate of Sugar Is One Provision.

OTHER REVISIONS ARE RECOMMENDED

Measure, Drawn up Entirely by Republicans, Goes to Committee For Formal Approval.

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—A material increase in the rate on sugar and a stepping up of the duties on a number of major agricultural products was proposed today in the new republican tariff revision bill introduced in the house by Chairman Hawley of its ways and means committee.

The changes recommended in the measure, which now must go back to the committee for formal approval, were decided upon by republicans without the assistance of democrats.

The bill recommends an increase in the world rate on raw sugar from 2.40 cents per pound to three cents a pound and a stepping up of the rate on raw Cuban sugar from 1.70 cents a pound to 2.20 cents a pound. On refined world sugar the duty would be raised from 2.20 cents per pound to 2.50 cents and on refined Cuban sugar from 1.81 per pound to 2.30 cents a pound.

The measure would place no duty upon sugar imports from the Philippine Islands although a move was made in committee to limit the free importation to 500,000 tons.

First Bill Since 1922
The bill is the first tariff measure since the Fordney-McCumber act was passed in 1922.

Under the new bill a three cents per hundred increase would be provided on raw wool while the duty on beef imports would be practically doubled.

An increase from 15 to 25 cents per bushel was recommended on corn imports, but no provision was made for a change in rates on wheat, flour, lye and oats.

An import of three instead of two dollars a head would be provided for sheep, goats and lambs. The rate on fresh lamba would be seven cents a pound instead of three. The rate on hogs would be increased as would the duty on fresh pork.

Recommend No Change
No change was recommended in rates on tobacco, sugar beets or other beets, and pig iron, while long staple cotton would be left on the free list.

The bill recommends increased duties on cotton yarn; cotton sewing thread and handwork cottons; cotton cloth, and in practically all of the higher grade cottons, were asked.

Cedar lumber was given a 25 per cent ad valorem duty along with shingles. The rate on plywood would be increased from 33-1-2 to 40 per cent, that on bent wood furniture from 33-1-2 to 40 per cent. And the existing duty of 25 and 45 per cent upon baskets stained, dyed

TODAY'S BASEBALL

Table listing baseball games and scores for National League and American League.