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WEDDINGS ON DECLINE IN THIS COUNTY

Government Records Show Decrease of About 13 Per Cent in 1928.

DIVORCES DROP SEVEN PER CENT

Figures not in Keeping With State Records, Showing Increase in Marriages 3.6 Per Cent.

Less marriages and less divorces in Union county was the record that was made here in 1928, but the divorce decrease was less than the marriage decrease.

The decrease in marriages was about 13 per cent while the decrease in divorces was only 7 per cent.

In other words the net increase in married couples in 1928 was 114 and in 1927 only 95.

Up in Wallawa county, the situation was somewhat reversed, with more marriages in 1928 than in 1927 and with 13 less divorces. The figures follow: Marriages (1928), 63, (1927) 59; divorces (1928) 26, (1927) 35.

Wallowa county a net gain of 43 married couples in 1928 compared with only 29 in 1927.

Umatilla county compared to Union county in marriages, with 150 in 1928 compared with 187 in 1927. Sixty-four divorces were granted in 1928 compared with 65 in 1927.

The figures follow: Marriages (1928) 377, (1927) 364; divorces (1928) 65, (1927) 66, adjustments 1.

18 Counties Show Increase These figures were taken from department of commerce reports, released for publication this afternoon. In checking over the various counties of the state, one finds that only 18 counties reported increases in marriages and 17 reported decreases.

Union county's decrease in marriages was not in keeping with the state record, which showed an increase of 2.6 per cent compared with a decrease here of about 13 per cent.

The estimated population of Oregon on July 1, 1928, was 892,000, and on July 1, 1927, was 826,000. On the basis of these estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 8.45 in 1928 as against 8.27 in 1927; and the number of divorces per 1,000 population was 3.88 in 1928, as against 3.59 in 1927.

DIPLOMAS TO BE RECEIVED BY 132 TONIGHT

Commencement exercises to be held tonight in the L. D. S. tabernacle for the 132 graduates of La Grande high school, will begin at 8 o'clock. It is announced, the doors will be open at 7:30 and all downstairs seats will be reserved for members of the graduates' families, the faculty members, etc. The balcony will be open to the general public.

Burt Brown Barker, vice president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address, after which diplomas will be presented to the graduates.

WEATHER TODAY

7:50 a. m.—50 above. Minimum: 40 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 69, minimum 45 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAY 29, 1929

Maximum 62, minimum 42 above. Condition: clear.

Eight Students From La Grande Earn Diplomas

Six Boys and Two Girls From This Territory Among Oregon State College Graduates.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 29 (Special)—La Grande and nearby communities are represented by eight of the 534 graduates of the class of 1929 completing work for degrees at the sixtieth annual commencement June 3.

Men outnumber women in the graduating class 332 to 198, though the latter are scattered among seven of the ten degree-granting schools of the college. To get the bachelor of science degree, five students must not only complete four years of studies but must maintain an average grade of 80 or above.

The school of commerce, in which Floyd Smith and Leon Berry have taken their work, is the largest in the college in point of numbers and is represented by 120 in the graduating class this year. Of these 82 are men and 38 are women. Smith and Berry have had work in business administration, economics and sociology and political science, with opportunity to major in these or in secretarial training, commercial education or advertising and selling.

Both Smith and Berry have been active in campus affairs. Smith is president of Sigma Nu, national social fraternity, and a member of the Interfraternity council. Berry is publicity manager of the Rosewood association, a member of the Orion club, local social group, and is on the staff of the Barometer school paper, the Beaver, annual publication and the Oregon State Independent, and a member of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional honorary fraternity for men in journalism.

The school of vocational education, in which Marjorie Kirby, Frieda Klopfenstein, Ben Harris and 66 others are receiving degrees

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Oregon Pioneer Is Laid To Rest At Gresham, Ore.

W. T. Hartley, Oregon pioneer and former resident of the Grande Ronde valley, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stella Stockdale, at Walla Walla, Wash. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1837 and at the time of his death was 97 years, eight months and 12 days of age.

Mr. Hartley moved to Illinois as a young man and was married to Jane B. Alford. Soon afterwards they moved to Kansas in 1866, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1880. He settled on a farm about 10 miles east of where Elgin now stands, then known as Flat Trap ridge, where he lived for several years. Then he moved to Hubler, finally moving to Gresham, Ore., where funeral services were held today at 11 a. m.

He leaves the following children: Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. Ella Thompson, of Walla Walla; Mrs. Belle Pileher, of Pendleton; Wash. C. B. Hartley, of Elgin, Ore.; A. F. Hartley, of Cove, and Roy Hartley, of Joseph, Ore. He also leaves 21 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hartley, of Cove, left last night for Gresham and attended his father's funeral today.

Elks Preparing Flag Day Service

The committee of the Elks lodge in charge of the flag day observance is busy at present making plans for the occasion. The observance is an annual event in the lodge and a particularly good program, and perhaps an out-of-town speaker, is in sight.

A meeting of the committee was held last evening, and it was agreed to urge all patriotic organizations to attend the observance, which is to be held about June 14.

Inlow Speaks At Rotary Luncheon

H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, was the main speaker at the Rotary club luncheon today, giving his first talk since he has become a member of the organization.

Vernon Batley gave his autobiography and Kermit Bagin presented two articles and vocal selections, which were vigorously applauded.

Rotarians were in attendance from San Jose, Cal.; Portland, Ore.; Hoquiam, Wash.; and Boise, Ida.

B. B. BARKER



Burt Brown Barker, vice president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address tonight when the 132 members of the senior class of La Grande high school receive their diplomas in the L. D. S. tabernacle exercises, which commence at 8 o'clock. Mr. Barker gave an address last night when the Baker seniors graduated.

PARADE DETAILS ARE ANNOUNCED

Cemetery Services, Dinner to Complete Memorial Day Observance.

Memorial observances in La Grande tomorrow will begin with a patriotic parade at 10 o'clock in the morning. Details of the line of march, etc., were disclosed today. Following the parade, which will end at the cemetery, G. A. R. services will be held and the American Legion will hold a luncheon. The concluding event will be a dinner at the K. of B. hall, to begin at noon, for all veterans of all wars and the national guardsmen. The dinner will be served by the W. K. C. assisted by the Legion auxiliary.

Jesse V. Andrews will be marshal of the parade, which will form on Washington in front of the Elks temple. It will be headed by the colors and the La Grande municipal band.

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Pirates To Play Exhibition Game In Baker May 30

The La Grande Pirates, second in the Blue Mountain league this year, will play an exhibition game at Baker tomorrow—Memorial day. It was announced here today by Joe Keeney, president of the local club. The team will journey to the Copper City tomorrow morning, reaching there in time for a brisk workout before the game, which is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Although La Grande and Baker have a postponed league game to play off, tomorrow's contest will be an exhibition clash, and the outcome will have no bearing on the league race.

Baker has been strengthened considerably of late, holding Pendleton to a 2 to 2 score last Sunday in what was classed as one of the best games played this year.

Woman Makes New Altitude Record

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 29 (AP)—The women's altitude record today was claimed by Miss Marvel Crosson, San Diego, California, flier, following her flight yesterday in which she took a Ryan monoplane 24,000 feet above the city of Los Angeles.

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CENSUS BILL IS APPROVED BY SENATORS

Measure, However, Must Be Acted Upon by the Lower House.

REAPPOINTMENT IS PROVIDED FOR

President to Make Recommendations After Each Census as to Number of Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—The senate today passed the bill to provide for the taking of the 1929 census and each succeeding decennial census and for a reapportionment of the house of representatives based upon those tabulations.

The measure still must be acted upon by the house.

The bill would direct the president to submit to congress after each census has been taken, computations showing the number of house members each state would be entitled to.

In the event congress failed within three months to enact a reapportionment bill, the apportionment submitted by the president on the basis of census bureau recommendations, would become effective.

The president's figures would be set aside, however, at any time congress acted for itself.

The vote was 57 to 26.

HAWLEY PLAN APPROVED

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—The Hawley resolution to postpone payment by France of its \$400,000,000 war supplies debt from August 1 to May 1, 1930, in the event France should ratify the Mellon-Berenson debt agreement, was approved today by the house ways and means committee.

This legislation is sought by the administration as a plan for funding the war supplied obligation in the debt agreement covering the

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Presbyterians Close Assembly In St. Paul Today

Parting Word Urges Churches to Take Up Their Work With Renewed Vigor.

ST. PAUL, May 29 (AP)—Churches should take up their work with renewed vigor with opportunity for usefulness in this age greater than ever, was the parting word given more than 2,000 delegates and visitors at the 141st general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America dissolved today.

From Dr. Cleland R. McAfee, of Chicago, its moderator, and other leaders in the body, came injunctions to the churchmen to make 1929 in particular a year of special significance in honor of the 190th anniversary of the Pentecost.

Four Important Steps Cited today as the most important results of the six-day assembly were:

Settlement of the controversy surrounding Princeton Theological seminary by creation of a single board of management replacing dual control of boards of directors and trustees.

Decision to submit to the 214 presbyteries of the church proposals for giving women parity with men in church government including ordination as ministers and elders and licensing as lay evangelists.

Approval of a program of action aimed at bringing about organic union of the church with other Presbyterian and reformed churches, including the Methodist church, the Protestant Episcopal church, the Dutch Reformed church and South Presbyterian church.

Creation of a national loyalty commission to encourage law observance within the membership of the church and to lend encouragement to President Hoover and other officials in enforcing laws.

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H. S. Cummings To Defend Champion

STANFORD, Conn., May 29 (AP)—Tomer S. Cummings, former chairman of the democratic national committee, announced today that he had been engaged to appear in superior court at Bridgeport on behalf of James J. (Gene) Tunney, retired heavyweight champion, in the \$500,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty of New York.

LA GRANDE STUDENTS GRADUATE



The above pictures Oregon State college students, from La Grande and nearby communities, who will complete their school work on June 3, when they and 328 other seniors will receive diplomas. They are, from left to right: top, Benjamin Durland, Edsall Klopfenstein, Marjorie Kirby and Ben Harris; bottom row, Harold Schneider, F. H. Smith, Leon Berry and Theodore Heidebreich.

PLANES FAIL IN TAKE-OFF TRIAL

Green Flash and Yellow Bird Postpone Attempts To Cross Atlantic.

OLD ORCHARD, Maine, May 29 (AP)—Trans-Atlantic flights of the monoplane Green Flash and Yellow Bird were definitely postponed for today after take-off attempts ended in near disaster.

After receiving weather advice, which indicated continued fair weather for tomorrow, the fliers decided to abandon a second attempt today. Pilot Roger Q. Williams of the Green Flash said an early start tomorrow would permit a full day of daylight.

A friendly airplane race across the Atlantic was begun on this sandy beach today, but it ended, at least for the moment, and possibly for the day, almost before it got started.

Prohibition Act In Wisconsin Is Voided By Bill

MADISON, Wis., May 29 (AP)—Governor Kahler today signed the bill repealing the state's prohibition enforcement act.

The governor, by signing the bill, obeyed the mandate of the people who in an election this spring voted by a majority of nearly 150,000 for repeal. The bill was passed by the assembly a month ago and two weeks ago by the senate. Attempts to block passage failed in both houses.

Governor Kahler's signature of the bill leaves the entire enforcement of dry laws in Wisconsin to federal agents.

YOUNG NEGRO LYNCHED NEAR A LAMO, TENN.

ALAMO, Tenn., May 29 (AP)—A mob of about 100 men early today entered the Coeckett county jail here, removed Joe Boxley, 19-year-old negro accused of attacking the wife of a justice of the peace, and hanged him on a tree four miles from town.

The negro was taken from the jail about 4 o'clock this morning and his body was found shortly afterwards. On the tree with the body was a card on which was written "Let this... hang here until 4 p. m. Thursday."

25 Killed In Fires In Tometaka Region

TOKYO, May 29 (AP)—At least 25 persons have been killed and scores injured in forest fires in the Tometaka region to the west of Odumari in Southern Saghalien.

Estuori, a village containing 700 houses, was wiped out yesterday and eighteen bodies thus far have been recovered. In another village there were seven dead and it was feared that other localities suffered likewise.

The fires were still burning today and communications were interrupted.

Crosses Atlantic In 18-Foot Sloop

MIAMI, Fla., May 29 (AP)—Paul Muller, Berlin sailor, rested here today after his valiant one-man conquest of the Atlantic. He put in at this port yesterday after his ten months' battle with wind and waves. He left Hamburg, Germany, last July.

Arriving in his 18 foot sloop several days late from Havana, Muller said the last lap of his perilous voyage was one of the hardest. He fought desperately with an angry sea for seven days.

SENATE FARM RELIEF PLAN NEAR DEATH

Conferees About Ready to Yield on Export Debiture Amendment.

HOUSE STAND ON BILL IS ADAMANT

Senators, Rather Than Jeopardize Entire Measure, Will Give in to Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Senate conferees are understood to be ready to yield on the export debenture amendment to the farm relief bill after agreements have been reached on other controverted sections of the farm measure.

The house managers persistently have refused to consider the debenture plan and the conference has been in a deadlock for some days as a result.

Feeling that they probably will be unable to retain this in the bill the senate managers are ready to yield rather than jeopardize the whole bill.

Senator Borah of Idaho, one of the chief opponents of the debenture plan, said today if the senate managers did recede the senate would have something to say on the subject after the conference report had been made to the senate.

Should the debenture fall as a part of the farm measure, efforts will be made in the senate to attach it to the tariff bill.

OPPOSED TO NUMBER REDUCE

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Determined opposition to the proposed summer recess of the session of congress was expressed to President Hoover today by Senator Jones of Washington, the assistant republican leader.

The Washington senator declared that the session was called to consider farm relief and the tariff and that the people expected action upon both.

A movement is in progress at Capitol Hill for a recess as soon as the farm bill has been disposed of, with the tariff to be considered upon resumption of sessions in September.

Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, who called on Mr. Hoover, also was particularly emphatic in his opposition to a recess before congress had finished the farm relief task.

"The tariff bill which has passed the house is not a farm relief tariff bill," he said. "So far as the farmer is concerned, it is a sham. What we ought to do is to pass a tariff bill relative to duties upon farm products alone. If it becomes necessary hereafter in the next year or two to have a general revision, that is another question. But this tariff revision should relate alone to farm duties."

"I see no way to avoid staying here and finishing the work to which we have assigned ourselves."

TODAY'S BASEBALL

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