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LOCAL WOMAN NAMED; P.T. CUP AWARDED

La Grande Council Is Presented Gabriel Membership Trophy.

MRS. MCPHERSON VICE PRESIDENT

Annual Congress Convention in Grants Pass to Close This Afternoon With Caves Visit.

Mrs. C. F. McPherson, of La Grande, was elected fifth vice president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers in its annual convention held in Grants Pass last night.

The placing of a member of the local organization high among the state officials and the winning of the coveted membership trophy are the most important trophies which have been won by the most active in the state in recent years.

In the Gabriel membership contest, Ashland was second and Portland was third.

New Officers Honored The new officers of the congress were honor guests at the annual banquet in Grants Pass last evening, at which time the presentation of the membership trophies was made to Mrs. E. L. Tashler, who is president of the city council.

Other La Grande delegates are: Madeline Fred Gehring, William Collinswood, of Riveria; David Wiley, William Berry and Claude Puckett, Greenwood; and Mrs. McPherson.

This state officers elected included another Eastern Oregon woman, Mrs. Annand Perkins, of Home, who is first vice president. The new officers also include Mrs. William T. Rice, of Portland, president; Mrs. C. W. Stanley, of Klamath Falls, second vice president; Mrs. Richard Williams, Roseburg, third vice president; Mrs. William Kletzer, Portland, fourth vice president; A. Walker, of Grants Pass, sixth vice president; Mrs. C. V. Jonsson, of Corvallis, seventh vice president; Miss Jessie McGreggor, recording secretary; Mrs. H. M. Shaw, Portland; treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, Portland, historian.

Chief of District The Parent-Teacher congress of Oregon is divided into seven districts and each vice president is actually president of her district. It is said, thus Mrs. McPherson's election carries particular significance.

This afternoon the convention was to close with a sight-seeing trip for delegates which will include the famous Oregon caves.

Children's Story Hour Is Saturday

Those children who wish to find out what happened to the three bears after Goldilocks ran away may attend the first children's story hour of the year in the boys' and girls' room in the La Grande public library tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

GEORGE DUNN VISITS LOCAL K. T. ORDER

George W. Dunn, grand commander of the Knights Templar of the state of Oregon, from Ashland, made his official visit to Eastern Oregon, Commander No. 6 last night accompanied by D. R. Cheney, of Portland, the grand recorder; Wilson E. Brock, of Pendleton, deputy grand commander; and Bruce Stuart, of Coquille, inspector general.

Sophomores Win From Frosh, 13-12

The sophomores were victorious in their game with the freshmen late yesterday with a score of 13 to 12. The juniors are ahead in the class games, with no losses and the sophomores are second.

Suspect Is Held For Portland Men

D. B. Wallingford, riding a motorcycle which police officers say was embargoed from Portland, was placed under arrest here yesterday. Portland officers were notified of the arrest.

CIRCLE OVER TACOMA

The "Land of the Soviets" was first sighted over Tacoma at 9:51 a.m. in a wide circle, taking in a large share of the city, and then headed south, passing out of sight at 9:55.

Rooks, Normal Elevens Battle This Afternoon

Field in Excellent Condition for Grid Contest—Enterprise Plays La Grande Tomorrow.

Almost ideal weather and a hard, dry field greeted the Oregon State Rooks and the Eastern Oregon Normal school team this afternoon at 2:30 at the high school gridiron, when the two elevens met in the second game of the season for the title.

Coach Bob Quinn started the same lineup he announced yesterday. Houtchens, Irwin, Posey, Rarger, Young, Wakeham and Garden in the line and Rust, McCully, Beard and Sullivan in the backfield.

Previous to the game, Coach Dick Newman of the Orange yearling announced the following as a tentative lineup: Moechin and McDonald, ends; Horn and Miller, tackles; Tuttle and Daly, guards; Le Pez, center; Davis, quarterback; Rampton and Moe, halfbacks, and Little, fullback.

The field was placed in the best of condition this morning and around 2 o'clock the crowd began to arrive, with indications at that time that the battle would attract a larger number of fans than has witnessed a game here this season.

Officials at today's game are: Charles Reynolds, referee; Jimmy Rosenbaum, umpire, and George Scott, Baker High school coach, head linesman.

Tomorrow the strong Enterprise High school eleven will clash with the Tigers of La Grande on the local field, the game to begin at 2 o'clock.

Forty-Nine Show Passes Halfway Mark Last Night

With a second night attendance of 299, bringing the total for the first two nights to 1,059, the Elks Days of '29 show passed the halfway mark last night in the Seaside Inn ballroom. The crowd, although not as large as on the second night last year, spent an enjoyable evening with a series of attacks on the candy tank, the bingo game and the card and dice games, using "homes" for bullets.

Dancing started shortly after the parade from the Elks hall to the scene of the show, and continued until midnight.

During the evening little Miss Imogene Wain assisted in the distribution of prizes. Mrs. Gassett received an electric cooker and Mr. Nelson was given a persimmon.

The show will continue tonight and tomorrow night. Proceeds are used for the Christmas tree for the kiddies and to provide for baskets of provisions for the needy during the Yuletide season.

Eagles Working For Old Age Pension

Plans for campaign work to be done in Oregon for an old age pension, with Everett Walker in charge of the campaign for this division of Oregon in the Eagles lodge, were made last evening at the meeting of the P. O. K.

Joseph Miller was initiated into the organization last night. They also decided to continue their dances October 26, with a new orchestra. A social for the Eagles and their families, to which Baker lodge is invited has been arranged for October 24.

Motion Picture People On Trial Soon On Income Tax Fraud Case

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 (AP)—Money spent for liquor, even though it be used for "entertainment, publicity and advertising, is not deductible from the income tax returns of film stars, according to a federal bill of particulars filed in the United States district court in the case of J. Marjorie Berger, Hollywood beauty, tax collector, charged with making fraudulent income tax reports for several Hollywood film players.

Miss Berger is again to come to trial. The bill of particulars was requested by her counsel.

Red La Touche and Mitchell Lewis, featured screen players, are named in the bill as among the Hollywood celebrities whose tax schedules contained items unlawfully deducted. La Touche, the government's bill stipulated, expended \$14,448.86, or a portion thereof, for liquor, and stated the sum in his income tax as "entertainment." Lewis listed \$178,726 as "publicity and advertising," which the bill asserted was expended for contraband.

Actors and actresses are listed in the bill as having deducted some \$100,000 in connection with a series of alleged fraudulent screen picture returns, and in the case of Tom Mix, cowboy star, the actor was named as a conspirator. Miss Berger is at liberty under \$150,000 bond pending trial.

GENERAL MITCHELL DIES BOSTON, Ala., Oct. 18 (AP)—Brigadier-General C. W. Mitchell of Birmingham, Confederate veteran, is dead, having succumbed to a heart attack while doing the funeral of the last days, at a restaurant. He was 82 years old.

SIGNATURE IS TORN OFF OF FALL'S NOTE

Mrs. Carrie Estelle Doheny Springs Surprise in Court Today.

DENIES \$100,000 SUM WAS BRIBE

Husband of Witness Declares that the Money Was "Loan to an old Friend in Need."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Edward L. Doheny, oil magnate, went on the witness stand today during the trial of his old friend Albert B. Fall, who is accused of giving a bribe of \$100,000.

The oil man who knew Fall in the west when both were young, showed signs of emotion as he said emphatically that the \$100,000 he gave to Fall was simply a loan, and he was in tears as his voice shook as he told of conversations with Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson, who represented the navy during the oil leases.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Carrie Estelle Doheny, wife of Edward L. Doheny, whom the government charged bribed Albert B. Fall with \$100,000 to obtain the Elk Hills, Cal., naval oil lease, testified today Fall's signature had been torn from a note for that amount so the former interior secretary would not be embarrassed if anything happened while she and her husband were en route home.

Wearing a black dress, trimmed in white, she said her husband (Continued on Page 4)

PAUL C. BROWN EVENING GUEST

Christian Endeavor Societies Entertain Pacific Coast Secretary.

About 25 members of the local Christian Endeavor societies were present last evening at a pot-luck supper in the basement of the Presbyterian church in honor of Paul C. Brown, of Los Angeles, Pacific coast secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor who spent the day here on his way through from Seattle and Portland, en route to Utah.

After the supper, which was served at four tables, beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, the Rev. Mr. Brown was introduced by Miss Hulda Anderson. Mr. Brown led a number of songs with his mandolin accompaniment and then spoke quite informally to the young people present, about the larger vision of the Christian Endeavor movement, expressing a hope that those present would feel the bigness of the organization with which they were connected, and the ideals and standards for which it stood, first telling of the work of the state union, then the International society and then telling something of the world scope of the Christian Endeavor movement.

In the closing words, the speaker made a very direct plea for a larger emphasis on personal evangelism, stressing the fact that Christ had promised to make "fishers of men" of those who would follow Him. The meeting closed with a few more songs and a number of the group accompanied Mr. Brown to the train.

WON'T LET BANKER CHANGE HIS PLEA

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (AP)—A motion picture banker, who pleaded guilty to charges of mail fraud, but changed to not guilty was denied in federal court today.

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PENNSYLVANIA, Oct. 18 (AP)—C. P. Abernethy, said to be a crack marksman on the Idaho rifle team, was found guilty of forgery here today. He is alleged to have forged the name of John Adams to a check cashed in Pendleton. He will be sentenced Saturday.

Mrs. Ruckman Called Beyond At Imbler Home

Pioneer of 1871 Passes Away After a Week's Illness—Funeral Services Not Arranged.

Death early this morning erased another name off the list of living Eastern Oregon pioneers, when Lucretia Cassanna Ruckman, widow of George W. Ruckman, passed on at her home at Imbler. She had been ill for about a week. Funeral services have not been arranged for but when held, will be at the Summerville chapel and cemetery. The body is at the Soodras and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mrs. Ruckman was 83 years three months and 18 days of age and was a pioneer of 1871. She was very well known over the county and her death was sorrowful news to her many friends. Lucretia Cassanna Neville was born in Iowa on June 20, 1846 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Margarette J. (McGillie) Neville, and on April 15, 1866 was married to Mr. Ruckman. They became the parents of six children, four of whom are living: William E. Ruckman and Sam G. Ruckman, of the Grande Ronde valley, and Robert J. Ruckman and Mrs. Dancy Pearl of Wallawa county. The other two children, John H. and Hattie Opal, preceded their mother in death.

Cross Plains in 1871 In 1871 the Ruckmans crossed the plains to Oregon, using ox and mule teams for the journey from Ogden, Utah to the Grande Ronde valley. They went on to Walla Walla for the harvest and then returned to this valley, where they spent the remainder of their days. Shortly before Mr. Ruckman's death in January 1915, they purchased a home at Imbler. When they first came to the valley, Mr. Ruckman took up a half section of school land near the Methodist Church South, and remained there for a year, looking up the soil and doing general farming. He then sold out and moved to a place two miles east of Albel.

Mrs. Ruckman's parents were early emigrants to California and in 1871 they came to Union county and opened up the first farm on the Sand Ridge.

Besides her children Mrs. Ruckman leaves several grand children and great-grandchildren.

TROOPS MUTING IN WUHU, CHINESE CITY

SHANGHAI, Oct. 18 (AP)—Advices from the city of Wuhu, in the province of Anhwei, today indicated that some national government troops had mutinied there this morning but were driven from the city.

Later reports said that Wuhu was quiet and that all the foreigners there were safe.

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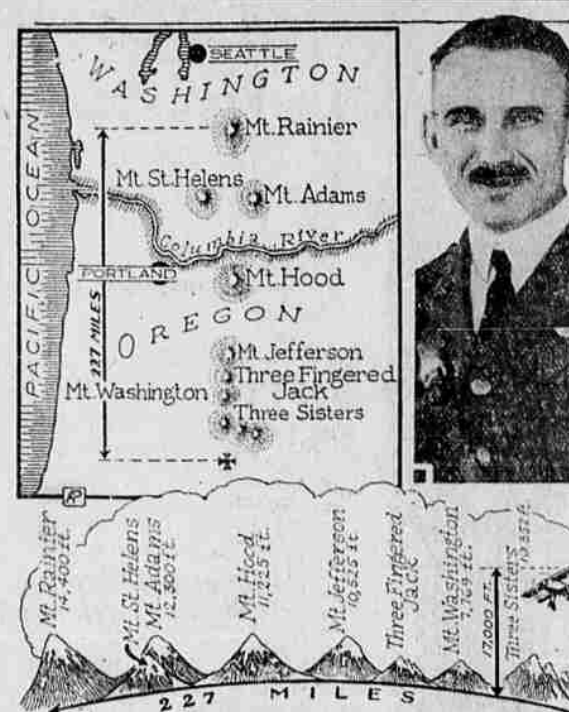
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CAMERA "SEES" 227 MILES



The man is Capt. A. W. Stevens, who took a record-breaking 227-mile photograph. In the upper map, the cross marks his plane's position 17,000 feet above Oregon's middle section. The map below illustrates his "shot" in cross section. This breaks by 50 miles the previous record for distance pictures.

Pantages Will Give Testimony After Weekend

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 (AP)—That Alexander Pantages, wealthy theater man, will not be called to testify in his own defense in his statutory charge brought by Justice Pringle, ended last night, before the regular weekend holiday adjournment, was made virtually certain today by announcement of defense counsel that several other witnesses will take up the time allotted in court. It was indicated that the showman will be called early next week.

Mrs. Bessie Biffle, wife of Garland Biffle, who was indicted for perjury as the result of his recent testimony in the assault trial, created a sensation in court at the close of her testimony yesterday when she broke down and implored court officials not to take her "to jail."

"They arrested my husband; are they going to arrest me?" she pleaded. "I don't want to go to jail."

Bitter Cross Examination Mrs. Biffle, who corroborated her previous testimony, was subjected to a bitter cross examination and prosecution attorney obtained several admissions of inconsistencies in her story. District Attorney Buron Pitts said that no action would be taken against her at present, but indicated that her case might be placed before the grand jury.

But Mrs. Biffle, 22, guilty of the murder of Mrs. Edith Fairchild, 78-year-old inmate of an old ladies' home, whom Mrs. Burgess and her husband, Eugene, had admitted beating to death with a lead pipe, "because she was a witch and had killed a hundred people just by wishing them dead."

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LENS BREAKS OLD DISTANCE RECORD

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 18 (AP)—Flying 17,000 feet above the middle of Oregon, Capt. A. W. Stevens of the army air corps recently pointed a special camera toward the state of Washington. The result was a picture taken at a range of 227 miles, the furthest a lens has ever "seen."

Captain Stevens could not see Washington. haze and forest fire smoke hid even its mountain peaks. But he "shot" as a big grin is aimed by calculation, for a point where he thought Mt. Rainier, in Washington's mid-section, reared at 14,960 foot high. That was his target.

The photograph made, he flew to Eugene, Ore., and headed back, landed and developed the plates.

The picture revealed a line of mountains which had been invisible to his eyes. At their far end, on the horizon, was Rainier itself—a dim, small, sitting low behind the shoulder of the earth's curvature.

The low appearance is ascribed to the great curvature in the 227 miles, which, as a new record, breaks by 50 miles Stevens' own previous long distance picture.

This photograph shows, in the near foreground, a scene of the type made familiar by aerial photography: great wooded expanses of the Cascade mountains, peaks streaked with snow, lakes and other topographical features all distinct.

Beyond this foreground, 50 miles and upward to the northward, begins a widening, fan-shaped panorama of mountain peaks. It resembles a small gray model made by a child's fingers.

Up to 100 miles and more this model shows many sharp details of contour, hump, peaks and fissure-like ridges. Beyond that distance the outstanding mountains are visible principally through their bulk, with occasional traces of vast shadows on their slopes.

Far-away Rainier seems to float on a medium which is probably the haze of intervening valleys and atmosphere. Its shape is triangular, its mass an even gray. Its up-thrust impression, but so low does it all that the closer positions of some intervening mountains show only in their sharper lights and shadows.

Stevens took pictures successfully also from 214 miles. One of the views at that distance shows Rainier even more shadowy than the longer shot—simply a gray triangle, detached from earth. The flier believes he can take pictures still farther with the present camera.

Discuss Plan To Increase Guard

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 (AP)—Discussion of the proposed plan to increase the present national guard force from 177,000 to 210,000 men, was the most important problem which faced the second session of the convention of the National Guard association of the United States today.

The meeting of the organization was underway yesterday with 200 delegates representing guard units from every state in the nation.

John D. Hill to Work SHANGHAI, Oct. 18 (AP)—John D. Hill, 3rd will lose no time getting down to business after his present tour is completed. "I told father," he said, "that I was due in New York Sunday, December 1. To be ready to begin work Dec. 2."

British Courts Rule On Status Of Woman Today

LONDON, Oct. 18 (AP)—A woman is a person, the privy council decided today, reversing a decision of the Canadian supreme court that a woman is not a person and therefore is not qualified to sit in the Canadian senate.

The lord chancellor of Great Britain, Lord Sankey, delivered the judgment, taking the material course of reading it in full before the court.

The judgment was of exceptional interest not only for the constitutional point involved but because it also raised the question of the general status of women.

Ninth Fire Victim Dies In Seattle

SEATTLE, Oct. 18 (AP)—The death of John Miller, 53, call worker today brought the death toll of the Portland hotel fire here yesterday to nine. Miller was severely burned.

Officials were engaged today in an intensive search for the pyromaniac whom they deemed was responsible for the fire. The hotel, located on lower First avenue, was patronized by laborers. Fire Marshal Robert L. Eaton pronounced the blaze the work of a fire bug who has been operating in the district for several months.

Portland Driver Held For Killing

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—A charge of manslaughter was filed against U. G. Newgard, Portland, today in connection with the death of Mrs. Vera Prantz, 47, Portland, Oct. 11, 1929. Mrs. Prantz was struck by an automobile driven by Newgard.

Soviet Fliers Leave Seattle On Trip South

Next Stop of Russian Aviators in Oakland—Expect to Make 700 Miles in Nine Hours.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 18 (AP)—The "Land of the Soviets," Russian around-the-world plane, landed on Pearson field here at 12:25 p. m. today. The pilot of the plane turned his ship around after leaving Portland southbound on the Seattle-Oakland leg of the world tour.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18 (AP)—The Russian aviators took off from Sand Point naval air base at 9:25 a. m. Pacific time, here today on the Seattle-Oakland leg of their world tour.

The fliers expected to make the flight of approximately 700 miles in eight or nine hours. They had intended to take off yesterday morning but were forced to postpone the flight until today when broken control cables, discovered at the last moment, were repaired.

The huge monoplane, "Land of the Soviets" rose gracefully into the air after a perfect take-off, circled over the city which had entertained the four fliers since their arrival from Waterfall, Alaska, last Sunday evening and then sped southward.

The fliers were to circle low over the cities of Tacoma, Wash., and Portland and Medford, Ore., in acknowledgment of pressing invitations extended by those municipalities for the foreign air men to pay them an official visit.

PLANE OVER PORTLAND PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—The Russian around-the-world plane, "The Land of the Soviets," circled over Portland at 11:43 a. m. today on its way from Seattle to Oakland.

The weather was drizzly here and there was a high fog. Fliers arriving from the south said the weather was "very thick" south of Portland to Northern California.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, after reading the notation asked the witness, Charles C. Eyanson, who the "representative" was.

"I presume myself," he replied. Bingham has testified Eyanson was "loaned" to him by the association to assist him at the time the tariff measure was before the senate finance committee and that this possibly had been a mistake.

An intention to return all money received from the government was given today by Eyanson before the committee as the reason for not notifying his employer, the Connecticut Manufacturers association, that he had been put on the government's pay roll by Senator Bingham, to assist the senator in tariff matters.

Didn't "Intend to Keep Pay." Eyanson, one of the witnesses at yesterday's stormy session when Bingham said his employment might have been a mistake, insisted today under questioning by Chairman Caraway that "I did not intend to keep the government pay."

"Were some of your ideas reflected in the tariff bill?" asked Senator Caraway.

"Perhaps. But all I did was to save Senator Bingham the trouble of collecting information. I hope it was of help," said Eyanson. Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, asked for copies of correspondence exchanged between himself and officers of the association during his work in Washington for Bingham.

"There are a more personal nature than I realized," Eyanson said as he turned over the correspondence.

A letter from E. Kent Hubbard, president, to Eyanson, dated July 12, was read by Senator Walsh.

"You have done a great deal more than we bargained for in the beginning," Walsh read asking: "To what does Mr. Hubbard refer?"

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TRIBESMEN AND FRENCH CLASH; 50 ARE SLAIN

ORAN, Algeria, Oct. 18 (AP)—Moorish tribesmen have made another raid on French troops on the south slopes of the Atlas mountains, cutting up a column of the French Foreign Legion, fifty Legionnaires and native soldiers were killed and 21 wounded. The tribesmen left many dead on the field.

Another column of the Foreign Legion came up in time to beat off the Moors who had descended from the Tafelitt region of Morocco on the southern slopes of the Atlas range. This is one of the most active disident areas.