

CHURCH MEN CONVENE IN CITY TODAY

Presbyterians Holding All-Day Session in Sacajawea Inn.

LUNCHEON, DINNER ON THE PROGRAM

Men's Relations to Churches Discussed by Speakers—National Officers Attend.

An unusual event for a city the size of La Grande is the convention of Presbyterian men that is being held in La Grande today in the Sacajawea Inn with several prominent church men attending.

The Rev. William Chalmers Govey, D. D., D. D. of Philadelphia, Pa., who is general secretary of the board of Christian education, and a member of the general council, the Rev. William P. Weir, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., general director of the department of Men's work and field promotion; the Rev. Murdoch McLeod, D. D., from San Francisco, Cal., Pacific coast director of men's work, and district secretary of the board of Christian education, will be the principal speakers present.

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E. O. N. GAME WITH BAKER IS NOT LIKELY

The possibility of a game between Baker High school's eleven and the Eastern Oregon Normal school, which has been discussed off and on for the last two weeks, came up at a meeting with League delegates and Baker people last night in Baker and it was also unofficially considered here this morning.

Although such a game would have to be arranged between the school officials involved, it is considered unlikely that the contest can be scheduled at this time. Baker promoters have sought the game for Armistice day but due to the fact that the Normal school has its most important game scheduled with Monmouth for the following Friday, and one that will decide the normal school championship of the state, it is not considered likely that the coach would endanger the chances of his team for the Monmouth game with another contest four days before.

Rabbit Show Will Be Held Tomorrow

The Superior Rabbit association of La Grande is to stage its first annual rabbit exhibition here tomorrow in the Curry store room on Adams avenue, the show to be held all day and during the evening. Varieties to be shown by the 29 members of the association include Chinillas, Silver Martens, New Zealand Whites, New Zealand Reds, White Anzofs, Checkered Giants, and perhaps others.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m. - 27 above. Minimum: 26 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 25, minimum 23 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER NOV. 8, 1929 Maximum 49, minimum 27 above. Condition: rain .65 of inch.

Three Football Games In Week On Local Field

Tigers Play Pendleton and Mac-Hi While E. O. N. Clashes with Monmouth Eleven.

A week full of football games for La Grande, with three games to be played, all having bearing on championships.

On Monday, the La Grande High school Tigers, undefeated this season, will face a strong Pendleton High school eleven, anxious to take the wind out of the locals' sails. Dope indicates that La Grande will have a marginal job on its hands in attempting to tame Fritz Kramer's Buckaroos, and a close, thrilling game is anticipated.

Friday afternoon the Eastern Oregon Normal school will entertain the Monmouth Normal eleven in a game that may decide the state normal school championship for this season. Monmouth and Ashland played a scoreless tie last Saturday, and a victory for the La Grande school would give Bob Quinn's team the championship.

The high school and E. O. N. squads have been scrimmaging together this week in preparation for the crucial contests, and both teams are rounding into the best of condition. Another scrimmage was held at the high school field last night.

County Budget Meeting Opens In Court House

With the county court November session completed yesterday, Judge U. G. Couch and Commissioners M. R. Ledbetter and W. W. Stevens, with a committee appointed recently, started the task of drawing up a county budget today.

Early this afternoon indications were that the budget would not be completed before early evening. Delegates visiting the budget hearing today included representatives from the Waverley baby home, seeking an appropriation; a delegation that asked for spray apparatus for obnoxious weeds, and the chamber of commerce delegation asking for a \$1,000 advertising appropriation and also additional funds for the Ladd Canyon road for next year.

Drug Stores Will Close Hour Earlier

La Grande drug stores, beginning on November 18, will close an hour earlier in the evening, it was announced today. At present the stores close at 10 every night except Saturday, when the closing hour is 11. The new schedule will see the drug stores closing at 9 p. m. during the week and at 10 on Saturdays.

On Sundays the drug stores will close from 12 to 5 p. m. instead of from 1 to 5 as at present.

Elks Planning For December Initiation

Members of the Elks' lodge were present in large attendance last evening at their regular session, which was featured with a special number. It is planned that these features will be given at each lodge meeting.

It was announced that the next dance will be held November 26. Arrangements were discussed for a hayride to be initiated some time about December 12.

Eagles Initiate Six Into Lodge

Six men were initiated into the Eagles lodge last evening when they met in regular session. J. B. Allen, M. G. Murray, William Bennett, J. E. Jennings, Leo Sills and James Sills are those initiated.

Tuesday evening about 15 members of the local organization attended a joint meeting at Baker.

VERDICT REDUCED NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (AP)—The \$75,000 verdict awarded by a jury to Maria Estardis, night club mistress, in her \$100,000 suit for mistreatment of a minor, Harry K. Thaw, was reduced today to \$25,000 by Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy.

PIONEER OF 1862 IS DEAD AT HOT LAKE

Otho Eckersley, 90, Succumbs to Pneumonia—Funeral Tomorrow.

CAME TO COUNTY IN SPRING OF '63

Was Miner in Baker For a Year Previous to That—Survived by Widow, Three Daughters.

Otho Eckersley, 90 years of age and one of the early pioneers of Oregon, passed away at Hot Lake yesterday after a short illness. Funeral services are to be held tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Methodist church at Cove. Cock Brothers of Union, have charge of the services.

Mr. Eckersley was born in Lancashire county, England, Sept. 23, 1839, his father coming to the United States in 1848. Five years later the family crossed the Atlantic, living in Pittsburg, Ill. 1862 Mr. Eckersley came west to Baker where he spent a year working in the mines, coming to Cove in the spring of 1863. He was married to Mary Owens on July 14, 1870 at her home near Corvallis, the two returning to Cove after their marriage, coming by boat as far as The Dalles, and the rest of the way by wagon.

The Eckersleys made their home in Union county after that time with the exception of two years in Walla Walla and the last two years in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Eckersley have been in Hot Lake for the past few weeks, going there for his health. Last week he contracted a cold that developed into pneumonia and after a few days of suffering he passed away.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eckersley, two of whom died in infancy. A son, Frank, was a World War veteran, both he and his brother, Edwin, have passed away. Edwin living a few months longer than Frank.

Besides his wife, Mr. Eckersley is survived by three daughters, Estella Conklin, of Ontario; and Miss Harriet and Miss Nell Eckersley, of Portland.

MAKE SURVEY OF MT. EMILY ROAD

Foresters in Preliminary Work Today—County Court to Assist.

Supervisor Irwin of the Umatilla forest reserve was in La Grande yesterday and met with the road-highway committee of the Union county chamber of commerce, taking up the question of a proposed scenic highway from La Grande to the top of Mt. Emily.

About three miles of this road is in the forest reserve and the forest officials are making a preliminary survey today, it is announced.

The chamber of commerce committee and Mr. Irwin met with the county court, now in session, the committee requesting that the court make a preliminary survey from the terminus at present in Owsley canyon to the top of the point, or to the connecting point with the forest road. The county court expressed a willingness to do this and has set Tuesday, November 12, to make the survey, and William Hesse was chosen vice president. They were also installed last night. The meeting was well attended. The council will meet again in two weeks.

Blazes Under Control In Oakland; The Dalles Suffers \$30,000 Loss

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 8 (AP)—Two fierce blazes which had carried their fiery menace to the outskirts of Berkeley and Oakland, where an army of 3,000 firemen and volunteers battled to stem their advance last night, were definitely under control today. Danger of a sliding wind kept 200 men on the lines, however, and hundreds more were on call should an emergency arise.

One of the fires, starting yesterday afternoon near San Pablo dam, transformed Wildcat canyon into a roaring inferno which reached the exclusive residential district of North Hill in Berkeley before it was checked.

Tentative Plan To Standardize Taxes Presented

Charles V. Galloway Outlines State Idea at Convention of County Assessors.

SALISBURY, Ore., Nov. 8 (AP)—A tentative plan of the state tax commission for standardizing taxation in Oregon and reaching a uniform system of taxation for all counties was presented to the convention of assessors here today by Charles V. Galloway, commission member who has been assigned to local tax questions.

"The convention this year is significant for the reason that it is the first under the administration of the new full-time state tax commission provided by the 1929 legislature.

"The program for improvement of assessment and taxation methods in Oregon," Galloway said, "is not one of theories looking to some form of taxation other than we now have, but it is one that recognizes facts as they are—that real property and other tangible properties will continue to bear a heavy tax load until such time as evaluation may bring other forms of taxation. We don't know when that will be.

"Our task now is equalization—"

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NORRIS HURT WHEN STRUCK BY MACHINE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Senator Norris of Nebraska, today said he was "only stiff and sore" as the result of being struck by an automobile last evening near the capitol.

Prior to the convening of the senate, the Nebraskan appeared in a Washington police court and testified at the trial of Milton Wood, 31, the automobile driver, who was charged with reckless driving.

He added he did not know what had happened until he was lying on the street. He crossed the street following a direction by a policeman for traffic to stop, he testified.

Disposition of Wood's case was postponed until November 12. The \$300 bond of the driver was continued.

Mrs. Perkins Wins Turkey Tournery

Mrs. W. C. Perkins won the women's golf tournament held at the La Grande Country club course yesterday, receiving a turkey as a prize. Mrs. A. W. Nelson was second and received a golf ball. Mrs. Tom Fanner and Mrs. John Theissen tied for third and each received a box of tea.

Robert Smith New Council President

Robert Smith was elected president of the Central Labor council last night when the regular meeting was held in the city hall. Lonnie Evans was re-elected to the post of secretary, and William Hesse was chosen vice president. They were also installed last night. The council will meet again in two weeks.

NEBRASKA'S CHAMP MILKER



She's Nebraska's healthiest farm girl—and also the champion girl milker of the state. Above is Helen Clark, who won both honors at the recent state fair held near Omaha, demonstrating her skill at milking her favorite boss.

Says Premature Story of Vice Hampers Police

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8 (AP)—Police charged today that premature publicity given the sensational story of vice related by an experienced 12-year-old Corvallis, Ore. girl, had hampered city and federal authorities from rounding up 50 alleged members of a reputed underworld ring.

With the first word of arrest of Jerry McGuire, 29, and Nick Diets, 22, police declared 50 other men and women wanted in connection with the revelations of Bonnie Fisher, Corvallis girl, had fled to other Pacific coast cities, specifically Seattle and San Francisco.

Miss Fisher told authorities she had been held captive in an obscure rooming house for three days before the custody had seized her clothing and gave her in exchange a single crimson colored garment.

E. C. Bonham, federal investigator, said today his men had been working on the alleged vice ring and that Diets would be held for immigration authorities as well as a city charge.

Police declared the vice ring was headed by a group of the foreign element of the city which maintained various rooming houses for the sole benefit of the nationality.

Horses Stolen In Baker County

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 8 (AP)—The first wholesale horse stealing in Baker county in several years was reported today by Sheriff Henry McKinney, who said that 75 or 100 horses were rounded up off the range in Iya Valley this week and driven into Union county.

Where the rustlers entered an en masse approach of officers and escaped toward La Grande. Several men are believed to be involved in the theft of the animals. Warrants were issued for Clifford Stephenson and Ollie Jones, charged with larceny of horses.

Traces Found of Man 1,250,000 Years Ago

NEW YORK (AP)—Traces of prehistoric man in England believed to date back 1,250,000 years are described by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, director of the American Museum of Natural History.

They are found in Ited Crux beds of East Anglia near Foxhall, a town near Norwich. They are stone implements, roughly shaped, including pieces of flint fashioned apparently for scraping.

DYNAMITE BLAST FATAL TO FIVE

Workmen Blown to Pieces When 80 Pounds of Explosive Ignites.

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 8 (AP)—Five workmen were blown to pieces in a premature explosion of 80 pounds of dynamite in a shaft of the metropolitan water development at Colburn early today.

The cause of the explosion could not be immediately determined. Fellow workmen told investigators that a dynamite explosion had been set off further in the tunnel at an early hour and that the five men were on their way toward the entrance carrying 80 pounds of dynamite, one of the small cans used for that purpose. In some manner the dynamite was exploded.

The men were blown to pieces and several hours later the parts of the bodies had not been recovered. The victims were: Joseph Edgemoor, 35; J. Piotti, 40; P. Dondell, 41; Joseph Lukes, 38; Joseph Lorenzo, 38. All were living on the construction property.

Victims of Gas And Lava Found Near El Palmar

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Nov. 8 (AP)—Overwhelmed by molten lava or suffocated by asphyxiating gases, scores of the 300 or more victims of Monday's eruption of Santa Maria volcano have been found in their homes or along the roads near El Palmar where they perished.

The full story of the disaster has begun reaching Guatemala City through relief workers who had brought aid to the thousands of persons in the affected region. In all, eight coffee plantations were destroyed and most of their inhabitants killed.

The bodies found in ruined homes and along the roads gave mute evidence of the horror that had overtaken the population. Some of the dead had been caught in the fields by the mblen stream of lava, while others had been asphyxiated in their barricaded homes.

One of the most tragic sights was a grove of trees where fleeing inhabitants had sought refuge, some of them climbing into the highest, only to suffocate and burn.

Relief funds are being collected through the Red Cross and aid is being sent as quickly as possible to the stricken people. Numerous messages of sympathy have been received by the government.

Slaver Is Given The Death Penalty

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8 (AP)—Clay Thompson today was assessed the death penalty for the second time by a jury here for the slaying of Loran Stokoe near the tatters of old home at Leray, Texas, in September, 1928.

Thompson was accused of slaying Leon and Lucine Stokoe, oil field workers, in September of 1928. The state contends he was 18 years old at the time, while defense witnesses declared he was 17. A companion of Thompson said he killed the brothers "just to see them kick."

WORLD AT FINGERPOINTS IN KDKA RECEIVERS

PITTSBURGH, (AP)—The radio distance fan would get a real "kick" out of an evening spent at the dial of three special short wave receivers at KDKA.

Wheeler Fires Verbal Volley, Aimed at Moses

Term "Son of Wild Jackasses," in reference to Independent Group, is Resented.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—he term "son of wild jackasses," a remark attributed to Senator Moses, Republican, Pennsylvania, in referring to the Republican Independent group of senators, was assailed in the senate today by Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, who said constituents of the group would resent such statements and would take note of them in the next election.

Moses was quoted as having made the remark at a dinner for New Englanders here last night.

Continuing, Wheeler said Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, had described the Western group as "worse than Communists."

"These statements," said the Montanan, addressing himself to the Republican Independents, "not only reflect upon you but they reflect upon your fathers and your mothers."

He cautioned the Western group to remember these statements when they go out to campaign for the Republican party in the next elections.

Senator Brookhart, a Republican Independent of Iowa, narrator of the story of the 1928 "Wall Street boose party" in Washington, said it was apparent that the Republican regulars did not need "boose" at these dinners to rise to the highest pinnacle of eloquence.

Referring to Moses, Wheeler with a smile said, "There is no telling what he would have said if the dinner had not been dry."

Senator Hoffman, Democrat, Alabama, observed that perhaps the remarks of the New Hampshire senator were inspired by the Biblical idea that "the ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib."

Wheeler suggested an interpretation by the president officer, Senator Moses was presiding. He asked with a smile if Wheeler were propounding a parliamentary question. Answering his own question, Moses said:

"If the senator from Montana will find a more appropriate appellation for this gyrating group the senator from New Hampshire will be glad to have it."

Xmas Seal Sale Chairmen Will Meet Saturday

The Neighborhood club's tuberculosis Christmas seal committee has departed from its old custom in selling the Christmas seals, and will use a different method this year, it was announced today. With the national health association and Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, the executive secretary, heartily approving the plan, the committee is carrying out a plan of campaigning by letter.

This mail sale has been tried in most of the Oregon counties with gratifying results. It is said, no new Union county expects to make this its most successful year through use of the new plan.

Mrs. Ray F. Murphy, the Union county chairman for this year, has called together her chairmen from over the county for a meeting Saturday afternoon in the Christmas seal sale office on the second floor of the post office building. These chairmen will receive the material to take back to their various communities. They are: Mrs. Charles Graham, La Grande; Mrs. W. T. Phy, Ho, Lake; Mrs. George Hoffman, Union; Mrs. Helene Lincoln, Cove; Mrs. H. H. Parker, North Powder; Mrs. Everett Wallinger, Alice; Mrs. Charles Weaver, Imbler; Mrs. Teresa B. Leslie, Summerville; Mrs. Vada Thornburg, Starkey; Mrs. Joe Weimer, Hilgard; Mrs. Cleve Noland, Mt. Emily camp; Mrs. Martha Tamara, Kamela; Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Telocuet; Mrs. T. M. Raymond, Pandom; Mrs. H. W. Rebell, Stoddard Co., Pandom; Mrs. Fred Kiddle, Island City; Mrs. L. Dunham and Mrs. R. L. Shoemaker, Elgin.

PARIS LATEST STORY IS "THE X-RAY'LL GET YOU"

PARIS (AP)—Paris is filled with X-ray goggles these days. They are pictured as silver, invisible rays of death, filtering through apartment walls into homes all over the city. The basis in fact for the rumors is the practice of French professional men of having their laboratories and offices in their homes.

So the extent to which it may be possible for X-rays to penetrate the homes of neighbors has aroused the imaginations of laymen. Extremist demands that physicians search their offices in protective lead.

RAIL CHIEF TO TESTIFY BEFORE JURY

Edward E. Loomis to Tell What He Knows About Fahy "Booze Party."

WILL APPEAR AT CAPITAL MONDAY

Frank S. Hight, Manager of Willard Hotel, Also Requested to Appear at Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—A railroad president's account of the new famous Fahy dinner for members of the senate at which Senator Smith W. Brookhart says liquor was served is to be laid on Monday before a grand jury investigating prohibition conditions in the national capital.

Edward E. Loomis of the Lehigh Valley railroad, who, Brookhart says, sat next to him and took a drink, has informed United States Attorney Leo O. Rover that he will appear in answer to an informal invitation which the prosecuting officer had extended to him.

Brookhart himself suggested that Loomis be called on the invitation followed, with indications that should it be ignored, his presence would be made mandatory. Such a course was pursued in Brookhart's case, and when the senator paid no attention a subpoena was issued for his appearance before the grand jury.

In describing the dinner to the senate, Brookhart said that it was given in December, 1928, by Walter J. Fahy, a New York broker, in honor of members of the senate elected the month before. Silver hip flasks were provided for the guests, he declared, each filled with whiskey.

From one of these, the senator continued, he saw Loomis pour some "alcoholic stuff" into a glass and drink it. Brookhart said he was seated between Loomis and O. H. Kahn.

His speech was delivered on Tuesday and on the following day he appeared before the grand jury and presumably made the same charges. He also suggested that Kahn be summoned, but as yet no action in that direction has been announced.

HIGHT IS CALLED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Frank S. Hight, manager of the Willard hotel, where the dinner referred to by Senator Brookhart as the "Wall Street boose party" took place in December, 1928, has been requested by District Attorney Rover to appear Monday before the grand jury.

Rover said he had requested Hight to bring with him all records relating to the dinner about which Senator Brookhart, who attended testified before the grand jury this week.

Hight is the second person connected with the dinner, given by Walter Fahy, New York broker for new members of the senate, who has been requested to testify before the grand jury. Edward E. Loomis, president of the Lehigh Valley railroad, was asked by Rover to appear Monday and has accepted the invitation.

Senator Brookhart said on the floor of the senate that he saw Loomis pour some "alcoholic stuff" from a flask and drink it.

Otto Kahn, New York financier, was also present at the dinner but Hovey has not indicated that he would be asked to testify.

FOUR STATES COVERED WITH SNOW BLANKET

DENVER, Nov. 8 (AP)—Snow which yesterday laid a white blanket over five western states, ranging from three inches to two feet in depth, had stopped falling over most of the territory this morning. The weather bureau forecast rising temperatures and clear skies.

King Winter apparently established his headquarters near the Kansas-Colorado line and wreaked havoc with the activities of beet sugar growers, while bringing a previous gift of needed moisture to the winter wheat region.

All of Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana were mantled with the white covering. Temperatures were below normal.

Nationalist Army Defeats Rebels

SHANGHAI, Nov. 8 (AP)—The Kiumin News Agency, organ of the Nationalist government, tonight stated that Nationalist forces had scored a sweeping victory against the rebelling Kuomintang army, along the entire battle front in Honan province, paralyzing the Kinshai railway and also along the Lunghai railway.

FILE BANKRUPTCY PETITION An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been lodged against Joseph Hodgson, of La Grande, by the H. & E. Electric company, A. T. Hill, Delta Green, Adams Lumber company, and Vernon Jennings, all of La Grande. Claims listed total \$241.50 and no assets.