

CONFERENCE LEADERS TO COME EARLY

State Legion and Auxiliary Officials to Attend Sessions Tonight.

MILTON-FREEWATER MEET POSTPONED

District Conference to be Held Here Tomorrow With Banquet, Mass Meeting at Night.

Because a meeting scheduled for Milton-Freewater has been postponed, state officers of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will not only be here tomorrow for the district conference, but will also be in La Grande late today and will attend the monthly meetings of the two organizations in the Sarajawen Inn this evening.

This announcement, coupled with general interest in the Thursday conference, leads officers to anticipate a particularly large attendance. State Commander Sid M. George, of Eugene, and State Adjutant Carl Moser, of Portland, are the legion officials to attend, and those representing the auxiliary are Mrs. Mary Cheney, state president, and LaDonna Cobb, district conferees.

The program for the conference tomorrow opens with a luncheon at the La Grande hotel for all legionnaires and auxiliary members that care to attend, with the state officers to be the guests of honor.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the district conference will begin at the city hall. All ex-service men as well as the public are invited to attend. The conference for the auxiliary will be held in the Sarajawen.

6:30 O'clock Banquet. In the evening at 6:30 o'clock a dinner for all ex-service men and women will be given at the Sarajawen, with the state executives again the guests of honor. A large crowd, from all parts of Oregon, Walla Walla and Baker counties, is expected.

TRAIN ROBBER WAS 'BUFFALO' VERNON HERE

Tom Vernon, confessed train robber and who is now held under arrest in Pawnee, Okla., with both Wyoming and California waging a battle for him, is none other than "Buffalo" Vernon, who is well known to people of Eastern Oregon. "Buffalo" Vernon was one of the star performers at the Union street show and the Pendleton Round-Up more than a decade ago, and for several years thrilled crowds at both events with his bulldozing and rough-riding feats. In those days, as early as 1919 and for some time afterwards, "Buffalo" was a big shot at Pendleton. He was a clever performer and a favorite with the crowds. However, he has not taken part in the wild west events at either show for several years, and news of his arrest on charges of robbing trains in the two states was the first received of him in this locality for a long period of time.

Royal Arch Masons Elect Milo Smith

Milo Smith was elected excited high priest at the meeting of the Royal Arch Masons last night in the Masonic hall. Others chosen as officers for the coming year were: Alfred J. Cook, King; Joel Richardson, scribe; C. M. Humphreys, treasurer; L. H. Russell, secretary. Mr. Smith was installed last evening.

Shop and Mail Early, P. O. Urges

"Do your Christmas shopping early!" Already that has appeared many times in La Grande this season, but a new angle was given the warning today, with the appearance of "Shop early, Mail early." At the post office, it was announced this there will be no delivery on the Sunday before Christmas and also no delivery on Wednesday, Christmas day, and patrons are urged to mail early enough to insure delivery on or about Saturday, Dec. 21. This applies both to cards and parcels. Packages should be wrapped carefully, addressed plainly and mailed early, local postal authorities say.

M. E. Choir Will Give Cantata at Church Sunday

Gaul's Famous "Holy City" Will be Presented Here, Directed by W. W. Nusbaum.

Next Sunday evening, at the hour of the regular evening service, members of the choir of the First Methodist church, directed by W. W. Nusbaum, will sing Gaul's famous sacred cantata, "The Holy City." This is one of the special musical programs which this musical organization plans to give during the winter season, and the public is invited to attend and hear the production.

The cantata is one of ten cantatas by Alfred Robert Gaul, eight of which were sacred and two secular. Mr. Gaul was an Englishman, born in 1827, and an organist and composer. The first part, "Contemplation," was suggested by the passages of Scripture "Here we have no continuing city." "The Kingdom come" and sets forth the desire for a higher life, as expressed in the words, "My soul is athirst for God," which desire is followed by other passages expressive of the perfection of the higher life, such as "Eye hath not seen."

The second part of the cantata, "Adoration," was suggested by the words "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away."

School Budget Hearing Held; Election Next

The 1930 school budget for district No. 1, which includes La Grande, which provides for \$144,496.75 to be raised by district tax, was up for hearing yesterday afternoon and no objections were received.

Because the budget runs over the six per cent limitation, an election will be necessary, which the board of education has announced will be held Dec. 27 in central and Greenwood schools from 2 to 7 o'clock.

Marriages Here Still Gaining On Divorce Decrees

The "parson" is still called upon more often than the judge when matrimonial affairs are concerned. Three and one half times as many couples received marriage licenses this year over a period of nine months, as received divorce decrees.

The county clerk's office issued 119 marriage licenses in the nine months and during that same time only 24 divorces were granted. Total for the 12 months of last year were 152 for marriages, and 58 for divorces, and unless the average per month for this year (considerably there will be a decrease in the divorce total. This may show an unusually low year, or that happier homes are becoming more numerous, or that people are waiting until next year to get their divorces.

The first nine months average over 12 marriages per month and if this average is true for the last three months, there will be 158 marriages or more this year. Of course the months of June and September, reputed to be the popular months, are passed, and that may affect the total.

Drunken Driver Is Jailed, Fined

O. T. Kenyon, driving a Packard, was found guilty in city court on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and was fined \$150 and sentenced to ten days in jail.

Appoint Assistant Manager at Hotel

Carl W. Hoyt, formerly of the Hotel Greeters of America and the first of commercial travelers' associations, has taken the position of assistant manager of the La Grande hotel. It was announced late yesterday by W. C. Beckwith, proprietor, and will share the responsibilities of operating the hotel with H. Devisio during Mr. Beckwith's absence. Mr. Hoyt has had 15 years experience in hotel work, most of the time in California, but in more recent years with the Heathman hotel in Portland, Oregon. He has been with Hoover and Neary, an active part in civic organizations, a member in the office in which he formerly made his home.

VALE, OWYHEE PROJECT TO GET MILLIONS

Largest Single Item in Hoover's Budget is \$2,000,000 for Owyhee.

VALE TOTAL IS PUT AT \$545,000

Klamath Project is Allotted \$269,000—Senate Resumes Arguments in Vane Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—President Hoover asked congress for appropriations totaling \$5,346,000 to carry on the reclamation work of the department of the interior in his first budget submitted today to congress. Of this total \$2,000,000 would be used in developing the Owyhee project in Oregon, by far the largest single item on the budget.

The amount was \$268,000 more than appropriated for the current (1930) fiscal year.

The Klamath project in Idaho was second in the Owyhee project in point of appropriations, and will receive \$1,128,000. The Vale project in Oregon would get \$15,000 for operation and maintenance and \$230,000 for continuation of construction, while the Klamath project in Oregon and California was allotted \$289,000.

Late in the day Sen. Reed sought a recess until tomorrow. Senator Norris pleaded for an immediate vote, but Reed asked that the senate wait until the report is received from the elections committee which decided late today against William H. Wilson in his contest with Vane.

MRS. SLACK DIES AT SUMMERVILLE

Was First Woman to Ride Into Grande Ronde Valley in Stage Coach.

Charles Lucinda Slack, who is said to have had the distinction of being the first woman to ride into the Grande Ronde valley on a stage coach, passed away at her home near Summerville last night after a lingering illness. She was a pioneer of this valley, coming across the plains to Oregon from Iowa in 1870 by train and by stage coach. Mrs. Slack was born Jan. 29, 1845 in Ohio and at the age of six, she moved to Iowa where she grew to womanhood. She was married to E. Slack in 1870, the year they came west.

Mrs. Slack is survived by three sons, Burr, Dennis and George, of Summerville; three daughters, Alice Slack, Mrs. Della Walker and Mrs. Lillian Minton.

Entertainment At Christian Church Friday

An entertainment, featuring "The Summerville Singing Bee" and a parcel sale, is to be given at the Christian church Friday evening, the program to start at 7:29 o'clock. The first event takes the form of a church in the early 50s, with Frank Sillan, general Summerville postmaster, conducting his choir office in one corner of the living room in his home. Aunt Lexie, his wife, is the hub that keeps the linehart wheel rolling and Becky Jane is the spoiled daughter. Then the singers of the community meet, at the linehart home for a final dress rehearsal for a concert to be given the next evening, and the program is given as follows: "Single Bells" by the church members; Arabella Shaffer, Rebecca McGilchrist, Samantha Smith, Tabitha Woodell, Matilda Dusenberry, Caroline Holdfast, Clotilda Sawyer, Hank Ford, Josiah Beach, Jeremiah Judson, Obadiah Coniock, Silas Hinehart, Becky Jane Hinehart, Mirandy Green in concert; duet by Arabella and Hank; solo by Samantha; recitation by Aunt Lexie; "Masses in the Cold, Cold Ground" by chorus; solo by Tabitha; joss harp duet by Homer and Neut Woodell; recitation by Caroline; and "Sweet Old Sweet Song" by chorus. After the rehearsal is over Uncle Silas will open the postoffice and the audience may purchase packages, containing handwork and other articles.

Secretary Mellon Presents Tax Reduction Plan to Both Houses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Secretary Mellon placed a tax reduction plan formally before congress today along with a statement that business was good in 1929 and promised to be good in 1930. "There is a surplus of treasury receipts over expenditures of \$184,000,000 for the fiscal year ended last June 30, and estimating \$225,000,000 would be available for the twelve months ending next June 30 and \$122,000,000 for 1931 he suggested the following rate changes: A reduction on normal incomes and corporation income of 1 per cent, making the top on individual incomes 14 per cent and the top on corporate income 20 per cent on the next \$4,000 and 4 per cent on all above that figure, with a drop from 12 to 11 per cent on corporations. Mr. Mellon said the lowering of the tax on corporations would benefit the largest number of persons. These business organizations, he said, were overtaxed in comparison with individuals. The secretary emphasized his report, containing his recommendations, dealt with conditions which governed before the recent stock market plunge, but it contained no note of pessimism for the future. As to last year he said: "The secretary emphasized his report, containing his recommendations. These included one which he had previously made in

SOVIET NOTE SAYS U. S. ACT 'UNFRIENDLY'

Reminder of Kellogg Peace Pact Results in Harsh, Accusing Reply

CAPITAL AMAZED AT RUSSIAN VIEW

Unconcealed Astonishment and Vigorous Denial in Washington Greet Sharp Charges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Unconcealed astonishment and vigorous, if unofficial, denial greeted the charge of soviet Russia that unfriendly motives lay behind American efforts to prevent warfare between the soviet union and China.

Availing receipt of the Russian memorandum, forwarded through French diplomatic channels, government officials studied the text of the communication as transmitted by press correspondents and informally expressed complete surprise and amazement at the severity of its tone and the harshness with which it criticized the action of the United States in calling attention to commitments under the Kellogg treaty for the renunciation of war.

MOSCOW, Dec. 4 (AP)—The soviet government notified the United States today it could not consider the American note reminding the Russian and Chinese governments of their Kellogg pact obligations as "a friendly act."

In a memorandum handed the French ambassador, Maurice Herbet, by Maxim Litvinoff, acting commissar for foreign affairs, the soviet government expressed:

Honan Funeral To Be On Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Honan, pioneer who died yesterday afternoon, will be held at the Episcopal church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery beside the body of her husband, Dr. Honan, a Snodgrass, and Zimmerman are in charge.

Skit Is Given At Normal Assembly

An entertainment skit, songs by the club and some clever dancing, formed an assembly this morning for the students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The dance of the wooden soldier was presented by Miss Irma Beck, Elizabeth Hesse gave a gypsy dance, and the two girls also gave an attractive Dutch dance together. A skit under the direction of Miss Lena Foley was presented with Marjorie Kelly, Irma Kennedy, Ruth Smalley and Jesse Whillock participating.

Officers Elected By Organization

Officers for next year were elected last night of the B. A. H. E. in the Sarajawen Inn with about 50 persons present. During the meeting, E. E. Clark was elected conductor; E. A. Hordman, engineer; H. E. Byers, secretary; treasurer, E. Larkin Guy; Spencer and Joe Diehl, other officers are appointive. Following the business session, dancing was enjoyed to music played by Lindsey's orchestra.

THE BOY WHO BIT THE DOG



It's an old journalistic rule that "for a dog to bite a man is not news, but for a man to bite a dog is news," and so Kansas City newspapers had a printable item the other day when Donald Kopp, 4 years old, bit his dog so severely on the back that the dog had to be treated at a hospital for animals. Donald told his parents it was in retaliation for the pup biting him while at play in the kitchen. That Donald and his pet are fast friends again, this picture having been taken after they became reconciled.

Camp Kearney Is Recommended As Dirigible Base

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Secretary Adams today recommended Camp Kearney, California, as the West Coast naval dirigible base in a communication to congress.

Admiral in his report said that either Sunaville, Cal., or Camp Kearney, which is near San Diego, would, in his opinion, be satisfactory for the base.

"In accordance with your instructions," Secretary Adams said, "I recommend the Camp Kearney base because it is probably somewhat better strategically and because it will allow a closer contact and better cooperation with the fleet."

In the report it was estimated that the cost to the government for the Sunaville base would be \$652,000 while the estimated cost of the Camp Kearney base would be \$291,165.

District Rotary Governor Is Guest

The La Grande Rotary club, instead of its usual Wednesday meeting, will meet this evening at 6:30 o'clock at a dinner in the La Grande hotel with the district governor, Dr. A. T. R. Conningham, of Spokane, as the honor guest. Attendance of every member of the club is hoped for, as this will be in the form of a regular meeting of the club, but held at night instead of at noon.

Accuses Mannix of Writing Bad Checks

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4 (AP)—Alleging that Thomas Mannix, whose disbursement he demands, has at various times issued checks totaling more than \$280, on which collection was impossible because of lack of funds in Mannix's bank account, George Joseph, Portland attorney, today filed an amended complaint in his action against Mannix.

Joseph charges that Mannix issued five checks of \$10 each to the Bank and Groceries & Delicatessen, Inc., and that this firm, when it would not cash them at the bank, assigned them to E. C. Lynch for collection. Lynch brought suit to collect, and the case is pending, says the amended complaint.

Garment Workers Strike Authorized

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4 (AP)—Strike of approximately 45,000 members of the International Ladies Garment Workers union in New York city was authorized by unanimous vote of the delegates of the union in convention here today.

VARE DEBATE CONTINUES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Resounding arguments in support of his resolution to have William S. Vare of Pennsylvania, from a senate seat, Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, asserted in the senate today that an "honest election" in the city of Philadelphia is unknown within the memory of any man.

Norris said the "Vare machine" in Philadelphia levied assessments against the salaries of city employees for political purposes and asserted he had information showing "how it is done."

Healthiest Boy And Girl Named At 4-H Congress

Florence Smock, of Florida, and Harold Deatline, of Indiana, Win High Honors.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4 (AP)—The healthiest girl in the United States, as reckoned by the Four-H club congress, is 17 years old, weighs 125 pounds, stands 5 feet 4 1/2 inches in her medium heel shoes, lives in Eustis, Lake county, Florida—and her name is Florence Smock.

Harold Deatline, 18, of Morgan county, Ind., is the healthiest boy, the congress decided last night. Both Miss Smock and Deatline were chosen from a group of 28 state champions.

Deatline is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, has broad shoulders and is "muscular" because of "plenty of good, hard work" on his father's farm. Sunshine and Oranges. Miss Smock thought that perhaps she was healthy because of "Florida sunshine—and oranges," but with the sunshine and oranges went regular hours, ten hours sleep, and plenty of exercise.

The "healthiest girl" swims, dances and occasionally "has dates," she said, but nine o'clock is bedtime every night, just as 7 a. m. is "getting up time." Florence uses no rouge nor lipstick but has rosy cheeks. She wants to be a physical education teacher. She is a senior life saver in the Red Cross and has been in the Four-H club work two and one-half years, specializing in home improvement, nutrition and health.

Doesn't Smoke. The boy champion has been out of high school a year and isn't sure about college. He doesn't smoke nor does he care for dancing or "kidding about." For recreation he goes hunting and fishing sometimes, but for exercise he works on his father's farm near Martinsville, Ind.

Harold wants to be a successful farmer. He has a flock of 200 chickens and has raised pigs and calves and corn. He doesn't profess to know the way to health, but he gets eight hours sleep every night and likes green vegetables and meat with his meals.

Five others won blue ribbons for health. They were Ferdinand Bastian, Illinois representative; Roy H. Hadley, Iowa; Herbert C. Tuttle, Kansas; Mary Virginia McNeal, Mississippi, and James Orr, West Virginia.

Husband Shoots Mother-in-law, Wife and Self

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 4 (AP)—Theodore Holmes, 39, Devil, Ore., was dead; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Minton, 49, was probably wounded fatally and his wife, 23, was recovering slowly from a wound in her right arm today after Holmes is said to have become enraged during a series of family quarrels and shot the two women and himself last night.

Attorney for a reconciliation with his wife, climaxed his pleading with the shooting. Charles A. Minton, 43, father-in-law, narrowly escaped when Holmes is said to have fired two shots in his direction.

Corvallis officials said there were three children in the Holmes family, Marjorie, 6; Vivian, 5, and Patricia, 2. There were also five grandchildren of Mrs. Minton that were being cared for under the Holmes roof, ranging in ages from 2 to 10 years.

County authorities said no inquest would be conducted. Mrs. Holmes and her mother are in a Corvallis hospital where physicians said Mrs. Minton probably would die.

Burns Fatal To Labor Executive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—James T. Noonan, vice president of the American Federation of Labor and president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, died here today from burns received in an early morning fire in his apartment.

Firemen, who broke into Mr. Noonan's apartment after an alarm had been turned in by a neighbor, found the labor official lying on the floor beside a burning couch. He was believed to have gone to sleep with his cigarette.

Aircraft Carrier To Help Seattle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Assurances were given by Secretary Adams today that the naval aircraft carrier Lexington would be permitted to furnish electric power to Tacoma and Seattle, were appointed by Governor Hart Washington, if an administrator is to allocate the supply from the ship's generators.

LOG KILLS HIM. OAKLAND, Ore., Dec. 4 (AP)—When a 10-foot log struck him after he had been thrown from a partly loaded logging truck, Judson Jackson, 25, employe of the Huff Logging company, near here, was killed yesterday.

1930 BUDGET IS PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

Hoover Requests \$3,880,445,231 for Governmental Use Next Year.

REPEAT TAX CUT RECOMMENDATION

Chief Executive Draws Bright Picture of State of Nation's Finances in Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—The administrator's \$160,000,000 income tax reduction plan was approved today by the house ways and means committee and will be brought before the house for action Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—President Hoover today laid before congress the maze of figures on which he based his recommendation for tax reduction, a request for \$3,880,445,231 for government use next year and a bright picture of the state of the nation's finances.

Drawing a lesson from the lowering of taxes in the past, the president said that there was no doubt that increased revenues had already followed and that the stimulus given to business was purely responsible for these upward jumps in receipts.

In his first budget message he estimated the treasury's outlay for the twelve months beginning next July at \$4,103,938,700 and figured there would be a \$122,000,000 surplus at the end of that period.

The difference between appropriations asked and expenditures forecast was explained as being due to the fact that the president had not included any amount for the revolving fund of the federal loan board because it had not yet determined how much would be necessary. In the estimate of outgo, however, the amount was placed at \$200,000,000. A further difference of \$72,000,000 was due to a carryover of appropriations from the present year which will be available next year. As submitted, the request was for \$146,896,000 less than for this year.

Tax Cut Suggestion. The tax reduction suggestion followed the previously announced program of the administration which desires a decrease of from 12 to 11 per cent. In corporate income levels and reductions of one per cent on normal individual incomes, making those rates range from 1/2 per cent to 4 per cent.

In addition to the appropriations asked, \$760,470,577 will be needed for the postoffice department but, inasmuch as this government activity pays the larger amount of its cost out of its own revenues, the treasury will be concerned only with the deficit.

The president called for increased sums for a number of government efforts and organizations, including the army, the navy, rivers and harbors, flood control, Indian care, and forest protection. Congress was informed that the treasury would expend \$39,500,000 in the present year in carrying out the huge government building program and that it planned to allot additional \$20,000,000 for next year. In addition he will submit later a request for \$5,000,000 more for this purpose.

Navy Needs More Money. A total of \$380,392,526 was asked for the navy, which is 16,399,000 more than last year.

Attention on battleships, safety and salvage operations for submarines, increased navy pay, improvements to air stations, ammunition storage facilities, aviation, the construction of the two new dirigibles and other items were listed as contributing to the increase. As to the cruiser construction program, the president said:

"For the 15 cruisers and 1 aircraft carrier authorized by the act of February 13, 1925, provision is made to carry forward work on two cruisers already laid down for 1929 and the aircraft carrier to be laid down late in the fiscal year 1930, and for the remaining 19 cruisers to be commenced late in the fiscal year."

The war department's total estimate was \$466,626,232, including the funds needed for the Panama canal. This is \$3,173,000 more than was requested last year. Provision was made for carrying out the five-year building program of both the army and the navy aviation branches, the army being allotted \$26,766,525 for this purpose and the navy \$22,230,000. No estimate was submitted for Boulder dam construction, the details not having been ready in time for inclusion.

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