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UNION SHEEP MEN TO SEEK CONVENTION

Association Will Attempt to Bring 1931 Meeting to La Grande.

BANQUET HELD AT UNION LAST NIGHT

Visitors 'Branded' and Then Allowed to 'Graze'—Two Counties Represented.

Sheep men of the Union County Wool Growers association and many of their friends, including bankers, cattle men and business men from La Grande, Baker and the surrounding country, banded together last night at the Union hotel for the annual meeting of the association. Approximately 100 were in attendance.

Among important actions was one sponsored by Irvin Hess, president of the Union commercial club, which was unanimously approved, to bring the 1931 convention of the Oregon Wool Growers association to La Grande.

With W. H. Vogel acting as flockmaster, the sheepmen and their guests were banded together in the unique and enjoyable meeting in "Tom Kerr's corral." As the different ones arrived, most of them were branded with a circle bar designating that they belonged to the band of S. E. Miller, although there was a sprinkling of other brands, stamping their owners as strays.

Several speakers. During the dinner flockmaster Vogel took charge and called upon the speakers of the evening. The regular program was interspersed by talks by several of the visitors and a dancing number by Louene Hutchinson of Union and a tap dance by Ernest Miller of Cove, with heating of castanets as an encore.

One skit that resulted in hilarious applause was "The Sheep-

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JURY LIST IS DRAWN UP FOR FEB. 3 COURT

The jury list for the February term of circuit court, which is scheduled to begin the first Monday of the month in the court room in La Grande, has been drawn up and consists of 21 names. The list follows: Marion Johnson, Inhaber; George J. McDonald, La Grande; G. P. Haller, Telocaset; Charles E. Moore, Elgin; G. W. Roberts, La Grande; George B. Richardson, La Grande; W. C. Hanson, La Grande; Jesse Rosenbaum, La Grande; E. H. McCashe, North Powder; E. P. Halling, Union; A. J. Martin, La Grande; E. C. Herzinger, La Grande; Duncan McDonald, Route No. 1, Charles McFall, Inhaber; Lewis L. Perry, Inhaber; James L. Kuhn, Albee; Robert L. Hardwick, Albee; Earl Park, Sumnerville; Ed Jasper, Island City; A. E. Lilley, La Grande; John C. Lewis, Sumnerville; John M. Gibbons, North Powder; Jacob Kohler, Union; Will Reynolds, Cove; James Mills, Cove; Charles Grady, Hot Lake; Chester Godsey, Union; Earl Hatfield, Union; J. E. Germain, La Grande; and Arthur Hancock, Cove.

Elgin Volley Ball Team is Victorious

Winning four games out of five, the Elgin volley ball team defeated La Grande last evening in the game at Elgin. The next game for the local team, is with Inhaber at Inhaber, Jan. 22.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m. -1 below zero. Minimum: three below zero. Conditions: partly cloudy. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 16, minimum 4 above. Condition: partly cloudy, precipitation .91 of inch. WEATHER JAN. 14, 1920 Maximum 34, minimum 16 above. Condition: clear.

Co-op Marketing Plan Explained By Mr. Kisgard

System Sponsored by U. S. Would Retain Farmer's Individualism, Add To His Profits.

A clear, concise and very interesting explanation of the present co-operative marketing plan which is being put into practice in the United States, sponsored by the federal government, was given to members of the chamber of commerce here by James Kisgard, of Emmett, Ida., during the forum luncheon at the La Grande hotel.

Mr. Kisgard, in summing up his explanation, declared that he is convinced that this plan of co-operative marketing, based on sound and proven business principles, will eventually stabilize prices and be a severe blow to speculators. In time, if this co-operative structure is built up to the desired point, it will mean contentment for the American farmer, he said.

This explanation was preceded by a short history of the co-operative movement, tracing its application with great success in Denmark, and touching upon an assumed co-operative plan that was first tried out with disastrous results—in America. In effect, he said that it is the inverse of the super-sales plan used by the big business corporations of the United States, which has resulted in splendid success.

How They Work

Local co-operatives would be formed, he said, to deal with each phase of agriculture, and those in turn would have their produce marketed collectively through a sales organization. The sales organization, affiliated with others, would form a structure that should be able to stabilize prices and finally place the farmer on a satisfied basis, whereas at present the farmer is not generally sharing in the national prosperity.

"This is a day of specialists,"

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Dixon Speaker At Knights Of Pythias Dinner

The annual turkey dinner of the Knights of Pythias was held at the Elgin hotel last evening at the K. P. hall.

H. E. Dixon, grand chancellor of Oregon, spoke about the contributions to the Pythian home and little over 62 per cent of the quota was raised last evening.

Ground Broken For New Roesch 7-Story Building

A crew of workmen started removing dirt from the lot at the corner of Washington and Fir yesterday, in preparation for the erection of the seven-story building recently announced by Julius Roesch, the structure to connect with the Saejawaja Inn both by bridging and alley.

The excavation work was contracted by Tom Standley at a cost, according to \$2,375.00 last week. Mr. Standley being among about half a dozen men who entered bids for this phase of the work.

Observer Boys, With Some Ill, Face Difficulties

Due to the fact that seven or eight of the regular Observer newspaper boys are ill at present, it will be necessary to employ some extra boys to take their place.

County Ministers In Joint Session

The La Grande Ministerial association met at the Island City Community church yesterday in a joint session with the Union County association, with a large representation of ministers in attendance. The Rev. J. George Walz gave an interesting paper on "The Church and Industrial Reconstruction," it is reported. This paper was to have been given at a recent meeting of the local association, but was postponed until the joint session.

THREE BELOW HERE; MINUS 18, MEACHAM

Eastern Oregon in Firm Grip of Sub-Zero Temperatures Early Today

PENDLETON NINE, BAKER 11 BELOW

Umatilla River Partly Frozen Over—Weather Man Predicts "Continued Cold."

OREGON WEATHER Below Zero Temperatures La Grande 3 below Enterprise 6 below Pleasant Valley 14 below Telocaset 2 below Meacham 18 below Baker 11 below Pendleton 9 below Above Zero Temperatures Echo 3 above Grants Pass 12 above Salem 19 above Roseburg 21 above

Eastern Oregon, from this side of Echo to points south and east, was firmly in the grip of sub-zero temperatures this morning, ranging upwards from 18 below at Meacham and 14 below at Pleasant Valley.

In La Grande, with the mercury doing a nosedive to three below zero, local citizens, in the absence of a chilling wind, thought it was warmer until they looked at their thermometers.

Despite the chill, the weather was not disagreeable and it was easy to keep homes warm with a reasonable amount of fire.

Forecast "Continued Cold"

Official temperatures for the early morning, as reported to the railroad company, included 10 below at Enterprise, two below at Telocaset and three above at Echo.

Baker reported 11 below today.

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NATIONAL BANKS HOLD MEETINGS

All Officials Re-Elected—Oscar Warnock Successor to Mr. Noyes.

National banks met in their annual sessions early, two such meetings being held in La Grande.

At the stockholders meeting this morning the following persons were re-elected as directors of the La Grande National bank: A. T. Hill, F. L. Meyers, H. E. Cooldge, W. E. Sawyer, John MacPherson, J. P. Conley, J. G. Zundgrass, Robert S. Eakin, and E. Spalding.

O. W. Warnock was added to the list of directors of the United States National bank at its meeting this morning, when A. L. Richardson, J. J. Foley, E. G. Couch, A. J. Stange, George T. Cochran, A. J. Van Valkenburg, T. J. Scroggin, and G. A. Bigman, were re-elected as directors.

Cheney Normal Comes Here Thursday With Imposing Record

Scoring 132 points to opponents 68, Cheney Normal school, which is to play the Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball quintet here Thursday night at 8 o'clock, comes to La Grande with an imposing record. Victories were scored over both Whitman college and the Spokane Athletic club, the latter reported to have a very strong team this year.

The Cheney team defeated the Spokane quintet 29 to 20 in the first meeting, then going on a scoring spree against Whitworth college to win 72 to 20. The last pre-college season game was a return contest with Spokane, the Cheney five scoring on the clubbers 25 to 29 in a thrilling battle.

Members of Squad The Cheney squad consists of Holloway, Heck, Barfield and Berg, forwards; Hoffman and Gila, centers; and Womach and Hoban, guards. They are expected to arrive here Thursday morning. To offset the record of the victors, the E. O. N. team has also won its three pre-college schedule

TWO MILLION STARVE OVER SHENSI AREA

Tales of Horror, Suffering And Death Recited by Missionary.

TOTAL EXPECTED TO JUMP 100 PCT.

Almost Unbelievable Stories of Starvation and Plague in China are Confirmed.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14 (AP)—Tales of horror, suffering and death were told here today in substantiation of the China famine relief statement from Peiping that 2,000,000 persons had died of famine in Shensi province within eight months and that another 2,000,000 would die of starvation and exposure in the next few months.

George Andrews, a missionary, just returned from months of work in Kansu province, said that the ravages of famine and disease in Shensi, Shensi and Kansu provinces were among the most intense ever witnessed in China.

Andrews, addressing British and American missionaries, gave a recital of human sufferings and afflictions engulfing the populace of Kansu province that seldom has been heard in China, where stories of suffering and death are commonplace and human life is the cheapest of all commodities.

Since last March Andrews had been in Kansu carrying on relief work, and he said that the Chinese International Famine committee with funds from various sources supplied by British, Americans and Chinese.

While the statement from Peiping indicated the acuteness of famine in Shensi province, Andrews said there were still worse conditions in Kansu province.

"Eighty-five per cent of Kansu province is afflicted with famine," he said. "The crops of last year were extremely poor, and nothing has been planted for this year."

"Prospects for the coming year are that northwest China will experience a plague of diseases and famine that will be the worst within human memory."

Recruits Undertakings Recounting relief undertakings in 1923, Andrews said: "Our meager resources allowed us to have only a few from the

Murder Suspect Is Held in Baker

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—A man who authorities said confessed that he is Thomas Thornton, wanted in Seattle on a charge of murdering a shoemaker by the name of Selma, was held in jail here today after his arrest yesterday on a charge of stealing an overcoat.

Thornton, when arrested, gave his name as William O'Neil. Baker authorities said they recognized him as Thornton from pictures published in a police magazine. Police said he served a year in the Washington reformatory under the name of Bob Boyd.

PASCO FIRE LOSS \$30,000

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 14 (AP)—A fire of undetermined origin early today was under control after it destroyed four buildings in Pasco's principal business district, according to reports. Loss was estimated in excess of \$30,000.

The combined fire departments of Kennewick and Pasco combated the blaze for more than two hours.

64 Cadets, Including Negro, Discharged

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 14 (AP)—Sixty-four cadets, including Alonzo Parham, negro, of Chicago, were honorably discharged from the United States military academy today because of failure to pass major-term academic examinations. Major General William R. Smith, superintendent, announced.

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DENVER SHOW DRAWS QUALITY



Livestock shows endure the year round, and the Denver exhibition of the National Western Stock and Horse Show on Jan. 14-25 is attracting quality stuff. Miss Catherine McCarthy is shown holding Actor Domingo of the Red-Carell ranch at Littleton, Colo., one of the "blueblood" entries.

Council Favors Alteration Of League Covenant

GENEVA, Jan. 14 (AP)—A report recommending a committee to draft changes in the covenant of the league of nations to bring it into harmony with the Kellogg pact outlawing war was adopted by the council of the league today.

In carrying out the previous directions of the league assembly with regard to closing any gaps in the league's covenant whereby war may be admitted as a possibility, the British, French, German and Italian representatives on the council announced their undoubted confidence in the league and said that the proposal to amend the covenant indicated no loss of faith in it.

Arthur Henderson, British foreign secretary, said: "We want to make these changes which are necessary to take out of the covenant the right of war."

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Application Filed To Organize Bank

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Application has been filed with A. A. Schuman, state superintendent of banks, for authority to organize a bank at Astoria to be known as the Bank of Astoria. The amount of proposed capital is \$100,000, with a surplus of \$15,000 and undivided profits of \$17,500.

1930 Round-Up To Be Held in August

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—The board of directors of the Pendleton Round-Up today fixed dates for the event as August 28, 29 and 30. Weather conditions (tourists and students were factors in changing the dates from September to August.

CORSET REBELLION GRIPS FLORIDA GALS

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—This season will be remembered by Palm Beach as the year of the great corset war—the conflict of the stage

Parrot Disease Causes Second Death In Ohio

Three New Suspected Cases Reported—Arizona and Missouri Face Meningitis Attacks.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 14 (AP)—Miss Catherine Tierney, 67, housekeeper at the Good Shepherd church pastoral residence, who died in a hospital here yesterday, is believed to be Toledo's second victim of psittacosis, the parrot disease.

Miss Tierney is believed to have contracted the disease from a parrot which the Rev. George A. Branigan, pastor of the church, brought back with him from South America in December.

The parrot died about 12 days ago and shortly after Miss Tierney complained of pain. The pain was followed by the general symptoms of pneumonia and on Jan. 9 she was taken to a hospital.

Dr. H. G. Pamment, acting city health commissioner, is investigating three new suspected cases reported to him yesterday.

A man and two girls, he said, employees of a store where parrots were sold before Christmas, are seriously ill in their homes. Their physicians told Dr. Pamment their symptoms resembled those of psittacosis.

Another man, also employed in the store, returned to work after being ill with a disease which physicians said might have been psittacosis.

SCHOOLS, THEATERS CLOSED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 14 (AP)—Schools and theaters in Safford and olomolvilla, in southeastern Arizona, voluntarily are closed today following a report by the state board of health that ten new cases of spinal meningitis have developed in that section. The report indicated that twenty-five cases of the disease had developed in the state during the week ending January 11.

The death yesterday in Safford of Dudley Williams, 18, stepson of William Kelly, editor of the Graham County Guardian, brought to five the total fatalities in that community within the past three weeks.

New cases reported from other Arizona communities include four in Phoenix, four in Mesa, two in Morenci and one each in Bisbee, Jewell, Inspiration, Tolleson and Tucson.

Physicians said they believe the epidemic will be under control within a few days.

TWO DEATHS REPORTED

BUTLER, Mo., Jan. 14 (AP)—Because of two deaths from spinal meningitis, public schools have been closed for one week and all public meetings forbidden. Churches were closed Sunday and motion picture theaters are included in the ban on meetings.

The deaths were those of Richard McNay, 11, son of C. H. McNay, postmaster and editor of the Republican Press, and Charles Simpson, 12, son of C. A. Simpson, farmer.

Longer Street Dresses Taboo, Paris Declares

By Diana Merwin Fashion Editor (Associated Press Feature Service) PARIS, Jan. 14 (AP)—Certain powerful dressmakers have a little pact of Paris of their own. It aims, among other things, to arbitrate international misunderstandings like the proper length of skirts.

Long skirts have gone far enough, in the opinion of most of the important dressmakers.

Evening dresses are down to the toes or actually touch the floor. But in the matter of how long skirts for street and sport wear should be, Paris maintains it has been misunderstood.

Most of the style makers protest against lengthening of street skirts. They want to see them left as they are right now. They agree that the average woman's daytime clothes must be practical as well as beautiful to succeed.

Thus street costumes and sport clothes will remain at their present level in next spring's collections, now in preparation for exhibitions.

HOOVER IS ABSOLVED IN LOBBY QUIZ

Senate Investigation Committee Issues Report Scoring Lakin.

\$400,000 EXPENDED IN "TARIFF WORK"

Regards Attempt to Stir up Trouble With Southern Republics as Representative.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Activities of Washington lobbyists were described in the senate today as "repulsive" effort had been made to stir up Latin American antagonism against the United States by those opposing an increased tariff on sugar.

It listed the total expenditures of those for and against such an increase at more than \$400,000, with \$175,000, to \$200,000 spent by the former and \$200,000 to \$225,000 disbursed by the latter.

It also reported that President Hoover had sought to bring about an agreement among the sugar interests on a sliding scale of sugar duties for incorporation in the pending tariff bill, and in that connection informed them that he would have inquired into the practicality of the idea by experts of the department.

Referring to the employment of Edwin P. Shattuck, New York attorney, by H. C. Lakin, president of the Cuba company, to advocate a low sugar duty the report said: "It is undeniable that those securing his services labored under the belief that he was an intimate friend of the president of the United States, with whom he came into contact while serving with the sugar commission."

At Lakin, in a voluminous correspondence, again and again asserted that he, Shattuck, sustained the closest relations to the president, had access to him at all times and was in frequent consultation with him on the sugar tariff.

"Shattuck denied that he had ever talked with the president about the tariff or that he ever told anyone he did," the report continued. "Anyways, that consideration led Lakin to advise his principals that Shattuck should be paid at least \$75,000, though he modestly stated that, though nothing had been paid him, he expected something more than \$25,000."

"Shattuck insisted throughout

PRINCE PLAYS BARBER PART; GETS DUCKING

S. R. KENILWORTH CASTLE, Jan. 13 (Delayed)—(AP)—The Prince of Wales acted as court barber this afternoon at a traditional nautical ceremony of "crossing the line" when the ship bearing him to South Africa for a hunting trip crossed the equator off the coast of Africa.

The prince himself was initiated long ago and was therefore officially exempt from the duckings, scrubbing and shavings, not to mention paddings, which even heirs to thrones undergo on this occasion. But he got a ducking in the end.

Dressed in white clothes borrowed from the chef, the prince wielded an enormous wooden razor that was daubed with red paint to represent the blood of the shark.

An barber, he finally seized his assistant and shaved him and ducked him, but was immediately dragged into the water himself. He emerged dripping and smiling in time to see King Neptune, in the person of Admiral Elision of the British navy, and his queen, a lady passenger, receive similar immersion.

Says Story About Fred Burke Hoax

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Ora Love, self styled chauffeur for Fred R. Burke, notorious Chicago gangster, was held in jail at Centralia, Wash., on an open charge following his alleged confession last night that his story of driving Burke to the Pacific Northwest was a hoax he repeated for sympathy.

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Flames Catch On Nightgown; Boy Dies

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Funeral services for Robert Weber, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Eugene, who died last night from burns suffered the same day when his nightgown caught fire, were being planned today.

The youth's gown caught fire while he was standing in front of the fireplace in the family home.

Introduce Bill To Repeal Dry Laws

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A bill "to reduce crime and general discontent and resentment on the part of law abiding American people against intolerable conditions" by repealing the national prohibition act, was introduced today by Representative Sabath, democrat, Illinois.