

CHERRY AND APPLE GAIN IS ADVISED

Experts Speak at Noon Meeting of Chamber of Commerce-Conference.

ANNUAL SESSIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY

Enthusiasm and General Interest is High in Union County's Seventh Economic Meet.

Stating that both sweet cherries and apples should be developed in Union county, Mr. Long, of Oregon State college, gave a message of much importance to local fruit-growers, business men and farmers at the combined meeting of the chamber of commerce and the economic conference today at noon in the La Grande hotel.

Mr. Long, the first speaker at the luncheon, pointed out that the late ripening of cherries here, thus giving them a "share" market, was an important factor in their favor. As for apples, the four varieties—Rome Beauties, Jonathans, Delicious and Winter Bahamas—are of as high a quality as any place in the northwest, and he believes that fruit men will be justified in increasing their orchards. Speaking of the local apple market, he said that usually markets in cities in apple belts are poor for the reason that the "customer-grower" dumps his produce onto the local market, and that the grower of markets his produce in greater markets. By customer-grower, he means the small farmer, the city dweller, etc., who has a few trees, this term not applying to the regular orchardist or the man who specializes in high grade commercial apples.

"Our possibility here is to concentrate on a few crops especially well suited to this locality," Mr. Long said, adding that the best methods of harvesting, grading, packing and marketing must be employed to reap the most benefit.

Following Mr. Long, A. W. Nelson, president of the chamber, introduced N. C. Jamieson, dairy specialist from O. S. C., who spoke briefly. He praised the cow testing work. In reference to the present dairy slump, he said that the dairymen are going to carry on and weather the storm by paying more attention to every phase of the business. The surplus is largely pathological in most respects, he said.

Mr. Lund, poultry specialist, also spoke briefly, stating that the production in the northwest, particularly Oregon, ranks high in the United States, and that poultrymen here should lower their costs by increasing production. In marketing, increasing the quality of the product, he urged. He also pointed out the benefits that would result from extension of financial help to the poultrymen, already a success with a medium sized flock, who wishes to enlarge his business but is unable to do so because of limited finances.

Miss Grace Johnson spoke briefly before the adjournment of the meeting, stating that she and Mrs. Vera H. Brandon were here in connection with home management and children in the home, which to her were two of the most important problems of the conference.

Closes Tomorrow With the 1529 Economic conference universally pronounced the most successful from several points of view, the closing sessions will be held tomorrow at the La Grande hotel where this, the seventh annual conference, has been held. For the men, the program will be very largely gathering up the loose ends, the hearing of committee reports, and the presentation and adoption or rejection of the recommendations of the different groups. These however, after the opening general session which is of considerable importance. The first feature will be a demonstration of sheep club work put on by Union county's two outstanding sheep club members, Bobby Huron and Clayton Fox, both of Hubler. Dr. Pyle follows with a glimpse of the work of the state board of health. The Hon. Roy Tibbitt, of Pendleton, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, will be the prominent speaker at the closing and his talk will center about the cooperative market.

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WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—21 above. Minimum 12 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 21, minimum 16 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER JAN. 28, 1929

Maximum 24, minimum 13 above. Condition: snow, four and one-half inches, moisture .27 of inch.

"Torchbearers" To Be Presented Here Next Week

Next Wednesday and Thursday Selected For Presentation of Play, it is Announced.

The student body play, "The Torchbearers," is to be presented in the La Grande high school auditorium next Wednesday and Thursday nights, Feb. 5 and 6, according to announcement today. Rehearsals have been under way for some time under the direction of Miss Sartain, but the dates for the play have just been decided on.

Tickets are to go on sale Thursday of this week, but reservations will not be made until next week. The student body play marks the starting of a new policy in the local school. Previously, only the junior and senior classes presented plays and the music department gave an operetta. Starting this year, however, the student body drama will be in addition to the others, allowing three plays and one operetta annually.

"The Torchbearers" is an exceptionally interesting play, one that is expected to prove very popular with the La Grande public.

La Grande High To Play Imbler Quintet Tonight

The La Grande high school basketball squad, consisting of both first and second teams, will play at Imbler this evening, in the first of a series of three interscholastic contests scheduled for this week. The second will take place here Friday night, with Pendleton as the opponent, and the third Saturday night, with Cove invading La Grande.

Coach Ira Woodie expects to employ about two full teams in the game at Imbler, although the valley town is reported to have a strong quintet this season, with several victories chalked up so far this season.

Gaily Elected By D. O. K. Lodge

Don L. Gaily was elected royal viceroy of the D. O. K. at the meeting last night, following the session of the K. P. lodge. Wesley McDonald was selected as grand chief, C. L. Berry, mahad; Ray Hueb, chief; R. E. Byers, secretary; Walter Jones, treasurer; Dr. H. W. Hilly, satrap; and J. H. Keeney, sabb. Plans were made for numerous trips to Pendleton, Baker, and into Wallawa county for this year, when Doble ceremonies would be held.

Bad Check Man Is Held at The Dalles

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 28 (Special)—James York, 23, alleged to have left bad checks in virtually every city between here and Pocatello, Idaho, was in jail here today, pending arrival of officers from Idaho. York was arrested here after he had passed one check on a local restaurant. In his pockets were found numerous other checks made out on a local bank and signed with various names.

FATHER KEENAN APPOINTED

SALJEM, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—The Rev. Thomas V. Keenan, pastor of St. Vincent & Paul Catholic church by Saljem, was yesterday appointed by Governor Norblad as a member of the state parole board. He succeeds the Rev. Norman K. Tully, who has just resigned the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church here to accept a pastorate at Atholpa, California.

KIDNAPING STORY FALSE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—Seven of the men charged with kidnaping yesterday by the employer, William Shindler, Brooklyn manufacturer, today were found merely to have left to join the dress workers union. They returned to work today.

RADIO APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—The federal radio commission today named Duke M. Patrick, Indianapolis, and Ben F. Fisher, former district attorney of Marshallfield, Ore., as assistants to Thad H. Brown, general counsel for the commission.

STAGE DEPOT BEING BUILT IN LA GRANDE

Union Pacific Spending \$2,500, According to H. R. Leigh, Manager.

R. J. PEARL WILL BE MANAGER HERE

To Combine Store With Depot in Currey Building on Adams Avenue—Opening Feb. 15.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—H. R. Leigh, general manager of Union Pacific Stages, Inc., announced today that construction of a Union Pacific depot in La Grande had been started yesterday. A building is being erected, Leigh said, at a cost of \$2,500, awarded a concession in the depot and will act as agent for the Union Pacific stages there.

WORK IS UNDER WAY

Work on the new Union Pacific stage depot in the George H. Currey building started yesterday and present plans call for the opening of the place on Feb. 15, it is understood. Ernest Heasler, contractor, in charge of the remodeling work, with plans providing for a thoroughly modern depot, combined with Mr. Pearl's store. Mr. Pearl will have the front portion on Adams avenue in which will be located the ticket office, his main sign and lunch counters, his fountain and roof beer stand. The space in the rear of the building will be a waiting room, with modern rest rooms and conveniences for travelers. The open space between the building and the alley will be improved, with a 40-

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BOY SCOUTS TO HAVE BIG WEEK

Twentieth Anniversary of Scouting Will be Celebrated in La Grande.

Nine hundred thousand scouts over the nation will take the scout oath again on Saturday night, Feb. 8, when the twentieth anniversary of scouting will be celebrated. Twenty years ago the Boy Scout organization was recognized by the United States congress and since then has been a vital and important interest to the youth of the world. The second week in February, 7-13, will be devoted to the observance of this anniversary. In the form of various troop activities, and a large court of honor, to which the public is invited. It will take place Monday, Feb. 10 at the La Grande high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. Awards of badges will be made and a scouting program will be presented.

Feed L. Meyers, court of honor chairman, will preside at the court of honor, with the assistance of other scouting men.

Charles Ringler, chairman of the board of review, will hold a review for those who are working for merit badges, at the chamber of commerce Wednesday night, Feb. 5, at 7:30 o'clock. Troop No. 3, led by R. V. Copey will have a window display of scouting equipment, supplies and projects. All of the La Grande troops plan to present a scouting program before their sponsoring institution, which include churches and schools.

During anniversary week, it is customary that all scouts wear their uniforms.

There will be a court of honor in the Enterprise district when

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Winter Takes Another Slap At West Oregon—Rabbits Invade Bend

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Winter peered around the eastern corner of the Cascades and took another slap at Portland and Northwestern Oregon today. The high desert habitat of the jack rabbits is covered with two feet of snow and they are making broads on Deschutes county haystacks.

12 ABOVE HERE

The weather dropped four degrees in La Grande last night to reach a minimum of 12 above, compared with 16 above the night before. Some sections of the city were whipped by a wind that augmented the cold. This morning at 7:30 o'clock the mercury was up to 21 above and the sky partly cloudy, allowing the sun to peep through part of the time.

RABBITS INVADE CITIES

BEND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Long eared jack rabbits invaded

Fear Hundreds May Be Dead In Flooded Area

Circling Planes Report No Signs of Life—No Smoke Rising From Chimneys of Homes.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 28 (AP)—Uncertainty as to the fate of hundreds of Posey county residents isolated by Southwestern Indiana flood waters held the attention of relief workers today. National guard aviators, flying low over many houses, found no evidence of life, when just a day or two before they had been greeted by hand waving. They expressed belief that recession of the swollen streams may reveal dead bodies in the homes. Chimneys from where smoke had been seen rising, were reported not operating.

Other persons, however, were more optimistic. They believed that the circling planes offered no more thrill to the unfortunate as they did not bother to rush outside and greet them. The aviators flew over the territory between Evansville and Vincennes and Evansville and Shawneetown, Ill.

Investigation Of Prohibition Bureau Looms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Senate investigation of the prohibition enforcement service was in prospect today as a result of the sharp denunciation between Assistant Secretary Lowman, of the treasury and Senators Borah, of Idaho, and Wheeler, of Montana, over the qualifications of John F. C. Herbert as administrator for Montana and Idaho. Senator Borah indicated today he would ask the senate judiciary committee to go into the enforcement problem as soon as the committee takes up the pending dry bills, as a result of Lowman's denunciation of Herbert.

"We ought to have the facts," he said. "We have been told by an investigator of the department of justice about the record of Herbert as prohibition administrator for Maryland. We may have been misinformed but we will have to find out."

It also became known today that Senator Borah has been told that the department of justice is watching his office. Rumors here this morning that C. E. Kingsley, known here as Pete Kingsley, who escaped from McNeil Island prison, had been caught in Portland today were unconfirmed, and police believed that it was merely street talk, without any actual foundation.

BRIEF SUPPORT PETITION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Support of the proposed new line of the Great Northern and the Western Pacific railroads, which would form a 200 mile connection between Klamath Falls, Ore., and Keddie, Calif., was given in seven briefs filed today with the interstate commerce commission from various western points.

ADJOURNMENT ORDERED

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—A two weeks' adjournment in the consummation of the voting trust agreement between the Fox Film corporation and its voting trustees, class B, stockholders and William Fox, to permit the bankers time to complete their refinancing plan was ordered today by Federal Judge Frank J. Coleman. The action stays all applications for receivership.

BLIND CHILDREN SKATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—Blind children are being taught to roller skate. On a roof rink with high walls they are urged to strike out boldly regardless of bumps, they are expected to acquire confidence in taking care of themselves as well as physical benefits.

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FIVE KILLED WHEN PLANE DIVES, BURNS

Kansas City Airport Scene of Tragic Accident Monday Evening

WOMAN IS AMONG CRASH VICTIMS

Photographers Threatened But Pictures of Wreck are Obtained—Inquest Scheduled.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Jan. 28 (AP)—Burned and mutilated bodies of four men and one woman lay today in Kansas City morgues, victims of the crash of a Central Airlines plane which dived and exploded into a mass of seething flames last night within a mile of its destination, Fairfax airport. The dead are Dyke Landeman, Kansas City, Kas., pilot; C. R. McKinnon, Chicago business man; James B. Egert, Chicago, music publisher; Miss Margaret Dice, St. Joseph, Mo., and William Plyn, Kansas City, former city alderman and theater owner.

Killed by Impact

All are believed to have been killed by impact of the plane, the second section of the regular Central Airlines afternoon flight from Wichita when it sidestepped and dived from an altitude of about 500 feet.

The plane appeared over the airport almost 30 minutes late. Airport attendants said it circled the field with motor apparently running normally. Then, south of the airport, already fastening for the landing, it faltered, dipped and plunged into a corn field. An explosion marked the moment of impact and flames reared into the air.

Employees of a nearby factory and airport attendants rushed to the wreck with fire extinguishers but were unable even to approach the plane because of the blistering heat of gasoline flames.

Scared Frantically The passengers, blackened and seared almost beyond recognition, were scurried forward in a grim huddle against the motor, jammed through the splintered cabin.

Aviators said they believed the most plausible explanation of the tragedy was failure of controls. Landeman had been flying seven years and was known as a cautious pilot.

L. S. Fisher, deputy coroner, said an inquest would be held today. The deputy coroner said he gave orders that the debris was to be left untouched. However, workmen for the Universal Aviation corporation, directed by E. L.

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We Don't Believe He Liked His Iron Steed!

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—John Lemer kindled a bonfire under his automobile of ancient vintage, to warm it up when it refused to start.

The whole car warmed up, then burned up. Lemer stood and watched it, but when the fire department arrived he insisted he had not sent for it.

Deputy Sheriff Is Killed In Holdup

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 28 (AP)—A deputy sheriff was killed today during a holdup of the Broadway and Twentieth branch bank here of the American Trust company. The two bandits then backed to the street where they escaped in an automobile.

Crowd Is Thrilled By Modern Jonah

DENVER, Jan. 28 (AP)—Raymond Crawford, 16, is a Jonah. Yes, sir; he came out of a whale O. K., except that he was sent to the homeow. He had an idea that he could get a free trip back to his home in Los Angeles by hiding in an automobile, less than which has been exhibited here. He went to sleep in the whale in a railroad car. When he woke up and entered much to astonishment of spectators he found the car had been moved merely to another part of Denver.

Ex-Banker Facing 20 Years in Prison

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 28 (AP)—John S. DeCamp, former senior vice president and director of the Union Industrial bank, was sentenced to from 10 to 20 years imprisonment upon conviction today of embezzlement, abstraction and willful misappropriation of \$90,055 of the bank's funds. Nine others who had pleaded guilty to similar charges in the \$2,558,000 dealcations from the bank, also were sentenced.

PILOT FRUSTRATED

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 28 (AP)—Mexico City police claimed today to have frustrated a plot to assassinate President Emilio Portes Gil, and the president-elect, Pascual Ortiz Rubio, blow up several public buildings, and seize administration of the government.

Census Enumerator Will Ask You 24 Questions, But Pity the Poor Farmer Who Must Answer 232!

By Rodney Dutcher (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—One hundred thousand census enumerators are about to swarm over the land, ringing doorbells and asking questions, and doubtless millions of housewives are wondering how to act when the census man calls.

Here's how: Tell him everything he asks. If he seems to be putting questions that are not any of Uncle Sam's business you can make him show you the specific question on the official list, but the chances are that he won't go off that list. Federal law provides that anyone who refuses to answer correctly, the questions the government wants answered or answer them to the best of his knowledge, shall be subject to a maximum penalty of \$100 fine and 60 days of imprisonment. No one has ever been penalized under this statute, but census takers have often used the law as a threat when answers were refused.

The rest of your conduct, when the census enumerator calls, is optional. You can keep him standing in the doorway or you can invite him into the parlor and serve ice cream and cake.

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FRENCH PLAN TO RECEIVE HEARING

Global Tonnage Proposals Put at Head of Naval Conference Agenda.

By Byron Price (Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Under the leadership of the American delegation, plans were made late today to let the whole world listen in through the press at all future plenary meetings of the naval conference.

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—French global tonnage proposals were put at the head of the naval conference agenda today, but Italian counter-proposals also will be given their day in court at the next open session of the full conference called for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Again invoking the alphabet, the "Big Five" at a meeting in St. James' palace today decided to call the roll of nations at Thursday's session, thus giving France the right of way over her Italian neighbors. France will present her proposal to limit fleets as a whole and not in separate categories. Great Britain will reiterate briefly her preference for category regulation and Italy will then make her plea that the actual relative of fleets should be decided before all else.

Nothing to Propose The United States and Japan have nothing to propose in this general phase of the discussions. A committee of two from each delegation will be appointed when the three addresses are finished Thursday to study the situation, but it is fully expected the arrangement made by the "Big Five" will be approved eventually.

The decision for an open session on Thursday was reached on a motion introduced by Henry L. Stimson, the American secretary of state. Some opposition had been expressed, but Secretary Stimson insisted that as many newspapers as possible be admitted.

General Satisfaction All the delegations expressed satisfaction after the "Big Five" had adjourned. Dino Grandi, Italian foreign minister who has been urging Italian parity with France, said he felt Italy had received recognition even if her claim was in secondary place on the agenda.

Immediately after the "Big Five" adjourned, individual conferences were resumed. Prime Minister MacDonald, calling at the American headquarters and Irish S. Gibson, American delegate, having lunched with Foreign Minister Grandi.

STIMSON SPEAKS ON RADIO NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—No problems have arisen as yet at the five-power naval conference in London which in any way threatened the ultimate success of the parity. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson told an American radio audience today.

The head of the American delegation to the parity, speaking over the nation-wide chain of the National Broadcasting company, from London, said that only evidences of good-will had been shown by the delegates of the five great naval powers attending the conference—Great Britain, United States, Japan, France, Italy.

SLAYER SENTENCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Walter C. Voges, 28, longshoreman, who slew his 21 year old bride of six weeks with a razor November 24, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary today after he pleaded guilty received Sunday at the opening of the winter dirt track racing season at Belvidere Park.

Miami Race Driver Dies Of Injuries

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 28 (AP)—Lucian (Jack) Jackson, 24, Miami race driver, died early today in a hospital here of injuries received Sunday at the opening of the winter dirt track racing season at Belvidere Park.

General Gordon, 97, Dies In Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Trinidad General Davis Stuart Gordon, retired, the oldest officer of the United States army, died at his home here today, at the age of 97.

Dictatorship of Spain is in Balance

Premier Primo de Rivera Conferring With High Army Officers.

Revolutionary Move Possible

Student Disturbances Occur—Resignation of Dictator Takes Place Today.

MADRID, Jan. 28 (AP Press-time Flash)—Premier Primo de Rivera, Spanish dictator since 1923, and his cabinet resigned tonight.

MADRID, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Spanish government, through the office of the censor, late today denied reports published abroad that Premier Primo de Rivera had resigned, stating that the reports were without foundation.

MADRID, Jan. 28 (AP)—Premier Primo de Rivera today continued conferring with high army officers regarding their attitude on continuation or resignation of the present Spanish dictatorship.

Unofficial indications of the reaction of prominent military officers thus far seem favorable for the continuance of Primo as head of the government.

Student disturbances, apparently not of a serious nature, broke out at Barcelona and the universities in Madrid and most of Spain have remained closed as a result of government orders or the action of local authorities because of the students strike of the past few days.

Forced by Premier

So far the public has been informed the issue continues uncertain as to the king, the premier and army and navy leaders consider the problem forced by the premier himself as to whether he shall remain dictator.

General Sanjurjo, director of the guardia civil, General Barrera, general of Barcelona, who arrived at Madrid this morning, and General Ardanaz, minister of the army, were among the army leaders closeted with Primo at today's conference.

Rumors constantly circulated that the government had resigned, that the king and premier had disagreed, that the king had decided Primo must stay, that the generals had agreed that Primo must go, that the generals had agreed that Primo must stay and a host of similar rumors. None of them could be verified.

RUMORS OF REVOLUTION

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 28 (AP)—Dispatches to La Nación from St. Jean de Luz, France, state that Ramon Franco, noted Spanish flier, arrived at Cadiz, Spain, today by plane carrying instructions for starting a revolutionary movement against the Spanish dictatorship.

The directorial board of the "Casa Del Pueblo" or House of the people, in Madrid, has decided to support the movement, the dispatch asserts, adding that the movement has ramifications in the south and north where troops are quartered.

Thus far no movement had broken out.

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SEEK BODIES OF AVIATORS IN FAR NORTH

NOME, Alaska, Jan. 28 (AP)—This town was expecting a flash today from across Siberian wastes of the success or failure of the search started two days ago for the bodies of Carl Ben Eielson, famous arctic aviator and his mechanic, Earl Borland, near where their wrecked plane was found Saturday buried in hard packed snow and ice.

Pilots Pat Reid and Ed Young hopped off from Teller on a 400-mile flight to the sparsely inhabited steppes near the Arctic ocean where the badly wrecked plane, in which Eielson and Borland disappeared on Nov. 9.

Whether the wreck by planes flying from North Cape, 40 miles west, had opened graves which blizzards or mops than two months ago are believed to have formed over the bodies of Eielson and Borland, may not be learned until Reid and Young return to Alaska or fly on to North Cape.

Word may come, however, from Pilot Joe Crosson, who was planning to return to the scene of the digging yesterday from North Cape.



The housewife probably will be called on in most cases to answer the census questions.