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DRINKING BY
STUDENTS IS
AT MINIMUMAbout One out of 25 May
be Classed as Will-
ing to Use Liquor.SURVEY REVEALS
LOW PERCENTAGE
Peak Attained Several
Years Ago With Use of
Intoxicants Decreasing
Steadily.

With the prohibition question stirring the nation to a greater depth than usual at present, due to the house judiciary committee's hearings in Washington, a national prohibition poll, and more organized effort shown by opponents of the 18th amendment, considerable talk-much of it idle—is being heard here and there about high school students and the younger generation and their attitude toward drinking.

A survey made by The Observer, gained through careful observation and actual association with members of the student body, plus inquiries from the chief of police, reveals that only a very small percentage of high school students may be classed as drinkers—about four or five out of each 100, and most of them the older students.

No "Drunkards"

Definite figures are difficult to determine, but most of the students state in casual conversation that this estimate will hold true. The drinkers are not by any means of the drunkard type, rather they are some people who will drink to much when the opportunity offers and at other times will let it alone, either for financial reasons or because of some other condition.

The percentage of students who drink consists mostly of boys, and this is said to be due to the fact that the opportunity for strong drink is presented to them often and that liquor is more accessible to boys than to girls.

Of those students who may take a very occasional drink and then only with their intimate friends, not much is known. Students, however, indicate that in this sort of case, the liquor is often found in the home.

Before prohibition minors were not allowed in saloons and in most cases this ruling was strictly observed, although the younger people had practically no difficulty in securing liquor when it was desired. Some declare that students imbibe more than they did 20 years ago, especially among the girls, but how much and whether this is actually the case is difficult to determine.

Drinking Is Decreasing

One thing is sure in La Grande, and that is that the peak of student drinking was attained several years ago, and that there is less and less drinking among boys and girls of high school age in proportion to their numbers, than there was a few years after the war.

Police Chief Clint Haynes, who is in position to observe not only through his official duties, but because of previous investigations conducted in schools here, says that there is much less drinking this year among high school students than several years ago. He estimates that only 25 per cent as many drink now in comparison with 1925, and also estimates that of the 675 students in La Grande

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QUARTETS TO
SING DURING
CONCERT HERE

Much of the fun promised in the Whitman all-college glee club to show here March 31 will be furnished by the men's and women's quartets. These quartets have a number of humorous specialties in their repertoires in addition to several songs of high musical calibre. College pep and good, wholesome humor will mark the offerings of the quartets.

Glen Whitney, Walla Walla; Glenn Cross, Spokane; Leslie Armstrong, Mt. Vernon, and Edward Ruby, Walla Walla, form the men's quartet. On the women's quartet are Sally Somerville, Lewiston; Ruth Haskins, Grandview; Alice Cheney, Enterprise; and Martha Schaefer, Odessa.

Helen Gray, Willamette, comedienne, will be seen in a ninth-provoking skit, "Here Comes the Groom."

WEATHER TODAY
7:20 a. m.—42 above.
Minimum: 26 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 56, minimum 29 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain 40 of inch.

WEATHER MAR. 22, 1930
Maximum 42, minimum 29 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, traces of snow, moisture .02 of inch.

General Bonds
Taken Care Of
In Good ShapeSome Municipalities Facing
Difficulties But La
Grande is not Among
This Group.

Announcement late yesterday by State Treasurer Kay in Salem that some municipalities were facing difficulties in meeting payments on bond issues, brought attention again to the strong financial situation existing in the city of La Grande in reference to its general bonds. The city is having practically no difficulty in its collections from taxpayers and subsequent payments to bondholders.

In fact, in the last year, two old issues have been paid up in full—the old refund water bonds, both dated in 1910—and a third will be cleared up shortly, the last of the original block of sewer bonds, also issued in 1910. According to the city treasurer, Mrs. Emma Fowler, La Grande's general bonded indebtedness is steadily decreasing and has been since 1924, a year following the voting of a large bond issue for the sewerage disposal plant. Improvements of the city water system, etc.

The La Grande city commission, possibly facing a future situation such as Kay declares exists in some cities, began retrenching some time ago, with the result that not only has the general bonded indebtedness been decreased, but the city tax rate also has been reduced.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—A reduction which, for some years, State Treasurer T. B. Kay has predicted would follow the prosperity that has caused municipalities to vote heavy bond issues has now set in, Mr. Kay declared in a statement here.

The state treasurer's remarks applied mainly to Oregon, though he said the condition is general throughout the country. He said he did not want to be known as a pessimist, but declared the state must now reap the result of overdoing bonds that have been issued for street paving, sewers, water systems and various public improvements.

No Names Mentioned

Kay refused to mention any municipalities by name. He said, however, that one has recently declared bankruptcy.

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Operetta Cast
Preparing For
April Showing

"Pickles," the high school operetta to be presented on April 3 and 4 will be a colorful and delightfully entertaining performance. Miss Catherine Sartain is directing the dramatics and dancing, while W. W. Nussbaum is directing the choruses and musical singing. Splendid progress has been made in designing the costumes, which activity is being supervised by Miss Arnold, teacher of domestic art.

The characters of the cast have been well chosen and they are well adapted to their roles. It is said. Some of the characters have appeared in plays given previously this year and judging from the successes scored in past performances, the musical comedy will be bigger and better than ever.

Members of the cast are as follows: Hans, an innkeeper—Puckey MacFarland; Creighton, an artist—Robert Stoddard; Jonas Pennington, American pickle manufacturer—Donald Pearce; June, Pennington's daughter—Mildred Cadet; Jennison Jones, advertising expert—Wayne Nussbaum; Hana, Gypsy girl—Nora Siller; Lady Vivian Devereux, wealthy widow—Cleda Hargrove; Jico, gypsy child—Vivian Conley; Kimmy, chief of police—Guy Andrew; Bumsie and Bumsie, detectives—Nick Hughes and Cecil Black; Louisa, a Swedish girl—Jacqueline O'Brien; Waiters—Wayne Foster and Donald Culp; Specialities—Sally Seagrist, a Gypsy dancer; Peggy Bohnenkamp and Gladys Roberts, dancers.

The operetta will be presented in the auditorium. Reserved seat tickets may be secured on April 2 at Glass Drugs.

Recover Stolen
Car Near Baker

Warren K. Gilbert's large sedan, which was stolen Thursday night, was recovered yesterday near Baker, according to a telephone conversation with the police yesterday. The car was found just outside of Baker on the road toward Huntington. No reports of any damage to the car were received.

The car was abandoned, Baker officials said, because of a flat tire.

192 Bottles Soft
Drinks Are Stolen

Sixteen dozen bottles of near beer, ginger ale and soda water were stolen from the Roesch Bottling works sometime Thursday night, it was reported to the police yesterday. The robbers gained entrance to the building by breaking the glass in the rear door. Police are investigating.

PASTOR FROM
JEROME, IDA.
CALLED HEREThe Rev. O. L. Kendall
Will Take Pulpit in
First M. E. ChurchMESSAGE COMES
FROM THE BISHOPNew Minister, Who Succeeds
the Late Rev. V. E. Hall, Will Take
Pastorate in April.

The Rev. O. L. Kendall, of Jerome, Idaho, has been appointed as pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, to succeed the late Rev. Vernon E. Hall, whose sudden death occurred March 3. The message of the appointment was received last evening from Bishop Wallace E. Brown, by the chairman of the pulpit supply committee of the local church.

Kendall, who will begin his pastorate here shortly after the first of the month, comes with a splendid pastoral record, having done some outstanding work in former charges. It was possible to secure him for La Grande in the middle of a conference year only because one church had withdrawn from a two-point arrangement and left M. Kendall with no large task as his superintending officers felt he was capable of serving.

The family of the new Methodist minister, who is right now residing to be in his prime, consists of his wife, one daughter, who is a graduate of a Methodist college in California and is now taking nurse training in a Methodist hospital in Omaha, and a younger son and daughter at home.

Non-Decision
DEBATE IS HELD

Linfield College and Normal
School Teams Meet
at E. O. N. Auditorium

The second debate at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, this season was held last evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium, between the varsity team from Linfield college and the affirmative team of the Normal school. The question for debate was, "Resolved: That the nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament excepting for such forces as are needed for police purposes."

Attorney George Cochran presided at the debate, which was of the non-decision kind.

The affirmative presented many logical arguments in favor of disarmament. First the argument that national arms are an unnecessary economic burden was well supported by statistics, and that they increase the upkeep of a nation. Second, arms tend to increase warlike feelings, either limited or unlimited, and among the nations, thus increasing the probability of war.

The negative presented many logical arguments in favor of maintaining armaments. First the argument that national arms are an unnecessary economic burden was well supported by statistics, and that they increase the upkeep of a nation. Second, arms tend to increase warlike feelings, either limited or unlimited, and among the nations, thus increasing the probability of war.

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Rainfall Over State Is Hailed As
One of Those "Million Dollar" Kind

Spring's debut into Oregon this year met with a warm welcome throughout the state. For the season of growth came accompanied by Jupiter Pluvius, who deposited nine-tenths of an inch of rain in La Grande, and who gave Portland and practically all of the western slope of the Cascade mountains what was described as one of those "million dollar" rains. Orchardists, farmers and forestry officials were all elated at the rainfall.

Although only .06 of an inch fell at The Dalles, it was declared by wheat ranchers as being worth thousands of dollars. Orchardists in The Dalles and Hood River sections asserted the rain was needed

Week Is Active
One Politically
Over The StateDemocratic Developments
Chief Items, with Pierce,
West and Wilbur in the
Limelight.

By the Associated Press

Politically, Oregon hummed along during the week with the acceleration of a high powered piece of machinery but not quite so smoothly, because the first rift between republicans and democrats, and within the democratic party, itself, tossed a piece of political metal into the swift moving gears.

The first sign of disruption within the democratic party came with the announcement by Oswald West, former Oregon governor, that if Walter M. Pierce, also a former governor and supposed to have been a staunch fellow-democrat with West, and George W. Joseph, Portland attorney, were nominated for governor in the primaries, he (West) would run for governor on an independent.

West finds "plot"

West, democratic national committeeman, said he would resign this position, which rumors indicated Pierce might seek. West's announcement followed what he claimed was a discovery of a "plot" to draft Pierce for the democratic nomination as governor.

While these two democratic leaders held what has become an almost annual just, George E. Wilbur, of Hood River, and Edward E. Bailey, Eugene, the latter an avowed candidate for the nomination as governor, continued to survey the field and attempted to line up the democratic voters in the state to prevent a solid front at the primaries.

Although the Pierce-for-Governor boom started at a meeting of 13 democrats in a hotel room here, D. A. Dalzell said he doubted the wisdom of starting the boom behind closed doors. In Salem, where home city is La Grande, told the Capital-Journal that he was giving "very serious consideration" to running for governor. He said he would discuss the situation with Mrs. Pierce before deciding.

Wilbur Active

During the first part of the week, Oregon democrats flocked to Portland and met in private conference in an attempt to solve the problem of how a democratic would be elected governor. West and Pierce were presumed to be friendly at this meeting and it was then that Pierce announced himself as a candidate for West's committee job, for no material reason. Wilbur appeared at the meeting on a scouting trip, flanked with leaders from the upper

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Senator Hall To
Speak Tuesday

Senator Charles Hall, of Coos and Curry counties, republican candidate for governor, who is on tour of Eastern Oregon will be in La Grande Tuesday. He is accompanied by his son, Keith, senator at the University of Oregon. Keith Hall was chairman of the homecoming festivities at the university last fall.

Senator Hall has adopted the slogan, "Industrialize Oregon."

His platform includes a definite program of industrialization and development, with tax relief for manufacturing and commerce, and a plan for new citizens to the state. His program, according to supporters, fits in with the state-wide effort being put forth by the chambers of commerce. Senator Hall was the first president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce and has taken an active part in civic affairs of the state for the past 25 years.

He will speak at the Tuesday noon forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

Club Faces Fourth
Week of Shooting

The La Grande Gun club enters its fourth Sunday in two weeks of target shooting, with the Sunday shoot to begin during the morning at the Lone Tree traps.

The schedule for tomorrow follows:

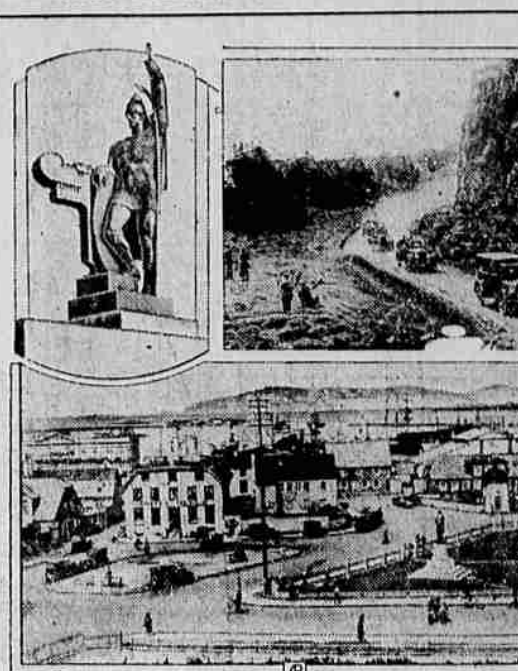
In Oregonian shoot: La Grande vs. Portland, McMinnville, Toledo and Eugene.

In Idaho-Oregon shoot: La Grande vs. Twin Falls, Wilder and Boise No. 1.

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1000 YEARS OF PARLIAMENT



Reykjavik, capital of Iceland, expects to see its harbor full of ocean liners this summer when it celebrates 1,000 years of parliamentary government. Near the city is Thingville, where the first parliaments used to meet. The statue is of Ingolf Arnarson, founder of Reykjavik.

Educators From
Other Nations
On Summer List

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Mar. 22 (Special)—With leading educators from foreign countries, as well as a competent staff of outstanding professors and teachers drawn from colleges and universities in all parts of the United States, the University of Oregon summer session at Portland and Eugene will have an international as well as national interest this year. It is declared by Alfred Powers, director of summer school, who has just announced the facilities and studies to be offered. The sessions will open June 23 and end August 1.

Many inquiries have been received from teachers in Salem and other interested in the sessions. This summer the campus will include not only Eugene and Portland, but Alaska and Hawaii, as well, for cruises to both of these places, with regular course offered, will be conducted by the university. Students who are expected here from all parts of the country may take advantage of the educational opportunities offered during the regular sessions, in post sessions in Eugene, or on either of the "floating schools," and already inquiries indicate a record attendance.

The international phase of the sessions will be contributed by G. W. Bailey, headmaster of the Hilt Secondary school, Liverpool, England and by Moses Sanz, assistant secretary of education of the Republic of Mexico. Both are outstanding authorities on education in their respective countries, and valuable data from systems in vogue in their areas are expected to be incorporated in their courses.

Innovations in education and continuation of work of unique character already under way in

Capone Expects To
Leave For Florida

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—"Scarface" Al Capone today had the choice of leaving Chicago or being arrested every time a policeman sees him.

His cell at detective headquarters yesterday resulted in nothing but advice from Deputy Police Commissioner John Stege, that "Chicago wouldn't be a safe place for you, Al."

As to his future plans, Capone said that after "winding up my business" in Chicago, he would leave for Miami where he owns a home.

Sneak Thief Gets
Two \$1,000 Bills

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—A thief who sneaked into the residence of Thomas Hawkins, Portland contractor, while Hawkins was in a garage in the rear of his home, stole two \$1,000 bills from a pocket of Hawkins' coat which had been laid over the back of a chair last night.

Hawkins told authorities he had sold a piece of property and intended to deposit the money in a bank today.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

RAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning March 23, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather and mild temperatures in California and Nevada; fair weather in Washington, Oregon and Idaho at the beginning of the week but with occasional rains in the latter part of the week with temperatures near normal.

EXPECT SENATE
TO O. K. PARKERSouthern Democrats Favor
His Appointment in
Spite of Different Party

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—The nomination of Judge John J. Parker, of North Carolina, as an associate justice of the supreme court is expected to be approved by the senate with a minimum of opposition.

This view was expressed in many quarters today after study of the



John J. Parker

situation which found few signs of dissatisfaction and several potent factors to support the prediction.

Chief among the latter was the favorable attitude of the southern democrats. Parker is a republican, but the democrats from his section have a high regard for his qualifications and are pleased that the south has thus been recognized.

In addition, the republican regulars are expected to support the president's selection.

Thus, it was pointed out, whatever opposition might develop is expected to be confined to the independent republicans from the west and it is by no means certain that objection will come from that quarter.

The independents are reserving judgment. Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Senator Norris, of Nebraska, the leader of the group are awaiting more complete information as to Parker's qualifications.

From what they know of him at present, they said, they are inclined to favor his configuration.

However, observers here, are mindful that the bitter fight over

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WALLOWA CO.
CASE BEFORE
OREGON COURT

SALEM, Ore., March 22 (AP)—The first skirmish in the supreme court in a suit by bondholders committee of Wallowa valley improvement district No. 1 against the directors of the district took place today.

An original proceeding in mandamus was instituted in the supreme court by Louis Sehnem, of Portland, and others representing the bondholders against Charles A. McClain and other directors seeking to compel the directors to increase the levy on property owners in the district to pay general expenses of the district for 1929.

Upon the defendants answering the petitioners demanded to the answer. The argument today was on the demurrer, the main issues in the case not being covered by the argument.

Pendleton Has
Chance To End
In Third PlaceWin From Dallas This
Morning Puts Bucks in
Consolation Finals—
Salem, Astoria Meet.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—For the first time in the history of Oregon interscholastic basketball tournaments, Salem and Astoria will fight it out in the final battle when these two outfits take the floor at Willamette university tonight. The players of these two institutions have frequently met in the course of events in other tournaments, but never before have they succeeded in reaching the final game in the state series.

As a result of this morning's games, Pendleton high and Commerce high of Portland were acquitted today on a charge of bribing a former cabinet officer.

Both Doheny and Mrs. Doheny's friends crowded about them. One of Doheny's associates exclaimed "we told you your day was coming and this is it." Mrs. Doheny answered "I knew it would when we came to court."

Mrs. Hogan, who sat beside Mrs. Doheny throughout the trial, also burst into tears as the verdict was announced.

Receives Kisses

As a line formed and filed by Doheny several women kissed him on the cheeks.

Mrs. Doheny, holding her arms about him, also kissed the man now free of alleged participation in the Harding administration oil scandals.

Hogan, who also had been surrounded by friends, finally pushed his way through the crowd, slapping Doheny on the shoulder and saying "Well, we won it." Doheny with tears told in his eyes, grasped his hand and shook it. They chatted for several minutes before leaving the courtroom to pose for photographs.

Mark Thompson, who with Hogan, defended Fall, said that the verdict was "a clean vindication" of the former interior secretary.

"The judge charged the jury that the whole point," Thompson said, "was whether Doheny bribed Fall. The jury's verdict was a clear vindication of both of them."

The government prosecutors, Owen J. Roberts, and Allee Pomeroy, left the court room without making any statement.

World of the verdict spread quickly to the senate where the investigations leading to the trial of Doheny, Albert Fall and Harry F. Sinclair were started.

Norris Comments

"It is another evidence," commented Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, "that under our system you can not convict \$100,000,000 of a felony."

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, who prosecuted the senate investigation into the leasing of the naval oil reserves by Fall to Doheny and Sinclair, declined to comment.

It was the opinion of senate lawyers that the acquittal of Doheny would not affect the conviction of Albert B. Fall of bribery by the California oil man. It was their belief that Fall's trial and conviction of bribery by Doheny stands separately.

Fall was sentenced to one year in jail and to a fine of \$100,000. He has appealed.

Justice William Hitz charged the jury that it was possible for Albert B. Fall, already convicted of receiving a bribe from Edward L. Doheny to have been found guilty and for Doheny to be not guilty.

Doheny was charged with giving Albert Fall, President Harding's secretary of the interior, a bribe of \$100,000 for the lease to a Do-

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YOUNG COUPLE
KILLED WHEN
CARS COLLIDE

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Schweigler hunted "treasure" last night and found death.

The Schweiglers were married last June; they had their little house and were leaders in their small social circle. And happiest of all social events were the "treasure hunts" of the Christian Endeavor society of the church they attended.

Last night with seven cars full of others, the Schweiglers joined another hunt; they had found the first set of directions; and as the most route lay past their home, Mrs. Schweigler ran in to see if the car was safe.

A few blocks away, another car ploughed into theirs at an intersection; the Schweiglers, thrown to the street and killed.

The treasure—a box of candy, in a gilt covered chest—was only a few blocks away.

Moonshiners Are
Killing Many Deer

BEND, Ore., March 22 (AP)—Art Tuck, district game warden, said today that moonshiners are killing more deer in Central Oregon than are cougars.

Moonshiners are not only killing many deer, Tuck said, but are wasting venison. He said during the past several weeks a vast amount of deer meat was found in the hills.

Sextuplets Born;
All Are Healthy

BELEM, Brazil, Mar. 22 (AP)—Adolescents received by yesterday said that Senora Hansen of the town of Pariparis had given birth to six children, all boys. All were reported healthy.