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EX-GOVERNOR
PIERCE STILL
ON THE FENCE

Hood River Man, George Wilbur, Is Seeking Democratic Nomination.

BUTLER, MCNARY
HALL FILE TODAY

Republican Candidate will be Speaker at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Here Tuesday.

HALL HERE TUESDAY

Senator George H. Hall, republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in the May primaries, will be in La Grande tomorrow and will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon at the La Grande hotel. In the absence of President George H. Curry, Walter M. Pierce, former governor and second vice president of the chamber, will preside.

Still undecided as to whether to enter the race for the democratic nomination for governor, Walter M. Pierce, former Oregon governor, was considering the matter this afternoon and expected to reach a decision before tonight.

Wrote to Eastern Oregon had been kept burning for the last three days by long distance calls and by telegrams to and about Mr. Pierce but he refused to issue a statement. Mr. Pierce occupied the limelight during the last week, with reports printed in the press that he would and that he would not be a candidate, but the final word is yet to be said.

With Mr. Pierce's status in the gubernatorial picture still uncertain, the number of democratic candidates has reached three. George H. Wilbur, of Hood River, has announced that he would make the race, his statement following a visit to Portland and a general survey of the political situation. He appeared impressed with his findings. Wilbur is 51 years of age and has served Hood River county in the state assembly and is a former state commander of the American Legion. He served in both the Spanish-American and World wars.

The other democratic candidates are Edward F. Bailey and A. C. Hough.

The formal declaration of United States Senator Charles L. McNary for the republican nomination to succeed himself was received in Salem today by E. M. Page, the senator's Oregon manager, and filed with the secretary of state.

Asked that the slogan, "protect United States senator; Oregon development; improved agriculture; law enforcement," be printed on the ballot following his name Senator McNary also filed the following statement of principles:

"Continue actively to support legislation having for its purpose permanent tax reduction; practical relief for agriculture and its allied industries; adequate protection of forest products against foreign competition and conservation of our forest resources consistent with their economic utilization; enforcement of prohibition and narcotic traffic laws; effective labor and child welfare relief; educational advancement; liberal pension legislation and generous care of veterans and their dependents; reasonable restriction of immigration; improvement of Oregon rivers and harbors; federal funds for development of feasible reclamation projects; development of Oregon's commercial and industrial resources; just wage for federal employees and adequate retirement legislation."

Hall and Butler File

Senator Hall, of Marshfield, who is in Pendleton today and will come to La Grande tomorrow, filed his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination for governor with the secretary of state today. Congressman R. B. Butler, of The Dalles, also filed his declaration to seek the nomination in the second Oregon district.

"Industrialize Oregon. A business man for governor" are the words that Hall has directed the secretary of state to place after his name on the ballot. After Butler's name will be the words "present incumbent; continuation of effective work for my district."

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School Band In
Concert Tuesday
At Theater Here

Short Program Planned—L. H. S. Organization to Enter Contest at Corvallis in April.

Final arrangements are being made today for the short concert to be given tomorrow night at the Arcade theater by the La Grande High school band, directed by W. W. Nussbaum. The band is planning to enter the state contest at Corvallis next month and proceeds of the concert will go into the organization's expense funds.

The band will play three or four numbers, all carefully selected and sure to please, between the first and second showing of "Ed's Good-bye," a University of Oregon movie.

The numbers selected for the concert follow:

1. March "Lombardo," by Farfalle.
2. Mazurka "La Czarine," by L. Ganne.
3. "First Heart Throbs," by Ellenberg.

The members of the band and the instruments they play are as follows:

Dolph Stegert, flute.
Russell Nelson, Billy Eakin, Grace Scully, Guy Andrew, Wilbur.

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Begin New Term
At East Normal;
New Instructor

Enrollment for the spring quarter at the Eastern Oregon Normal school was continuing today with eleven students who have finished the work at the school.

Those who will receive their diplomas in the spring but have completed their courses: Kathryn Boyer, Billie Buntin, Helen Colton, Alice Endrup, Josephine Hall, Helen Jensen, Mayme Johnson, Emma Karstens, Evelyn Kralman, Hilda Morrison and Ellen Payne.

A new instructor, Edward Daniel, who has been a graduate assistant in social science at the University of Oregon, is the new school teacher.

He will take the place of Miss Gertrude Walters, who has not sufficiently recovered from injuries received in an automobile accident last fall, to return to her work.

Wilbur Not In Favor Of Park In Wallowa Co.

According to an Oregonian News bureau dispatch from Washington published in yesterday's issue of the Portland paper, Secretary of Interior Wilbur does not favor the proposed Wallowa national park. Wilbur would include the Wallowa mountain section in northeastern Oregon, he advised Senator McNary. The new park has been advocated by the Wallowa National Park association at La Grande.

Store Visited By Robber Last Night

The La Grande Book and Stationery store on Adams avenue was broken into last night but an early check by the manager resulted in the finding of nothing missing, according to police records. Entrance was through the rear door and as soon as this was discovered, the manager was called. Both tills had been opened but no money had been left in them.

Union County Boys Will Attend Camp

Eight Union county young men 17 years of age or older will be among the hundreds of students of Oregon and Southwestern Washington who will gather at Vancouver barracks on June 26 to begin their month of training at government expense in the Citizens Military Training camp. Just one half of the total quota authorized has already been filled by applications received direct from prospective students, according to Brigadier General Paul A. Wolf, U. S. A., camp commander. With only 90 days left before the opening of camp, those who desire to attend should apply at once, he advises.

POWDER AND
GAS BLAST
INJURES MAN

William Zander Terribly Burned in Accident This Morning.

ACCIDENT MAY BE
FATAL TO FARMER

William Zander about 25 years of age, was badly hurt about 9:30 o'clock this morning in an explosion on the farm home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zander. The injured man was rushed to the Grande Ronde hospital and physicians this morning were doubtful if he would live.

Assistance of officers was required to take him into the hospital as he was difficult to handle, because of pain and what was believed concussion of the brain. He was partly unconscious and delirious at that time.

According to reports, Mr. Zander was working in the farm blacksmith shop when it is believed a spark ignited some gasoline, which in turn ignited a drum of powder, which exploded with terrific force. The flames seared Mr. Zander about the head, arms and upper part of his body, and he apparently breathed some of

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EASTERN OREGON
TEAMS RANK HIGH

Pendleton Finishes in Fourth Place at State Basketball Tournament

Eastern Oregon basketball teams, entered in the state tournament at Salem last week, with 10 other championship squads from Central and Western Oregon, made a better showing than for several years, indicating to many that the quality of high school athletics east of the Cascades is on the increase.

Pendleton's showing was particularly impressive, with the team reaching the semi-finals in the championship flight before being defeated 29 to 17 by last year's runner-up, Astoria. The Buckaroos' triumphed Dallas and won a hard-fought game from the strong Eugene quintet to reach the semi-finals. In the consolation game Saturday morning, Pendleton again defeated Dallas and thereby established itself as one of the four strongest teams out of the 12 in the tournament.

Bucks Finish Fourth

Saturday night, Pendleton was nosed out by Commerce High 25 to 21 and wound its tournament play official ranking as fourth best team in the state for 1930.

One Pendleton man, Temple, guard, was selected as all-state second team guard.

Baker Wins Twelfth

Baker, although 17 to 25 to 19 by Salem in the first game, won its second contest in the consolation round handily from Ashland, with a score of 39 to 26. Then, in the third contest, it handed the strong Eugene five a defeat, 33 to 25, decisively demonstrating that both Eastern Oregon entrants were superior to the Lane county champion. Baker was eliminated from further play Saturday morning by Commerce, 35 to 16, but wound up with two wins and two losses, for a percentage of .500, placing the Bulldogs about mid-way in the ranking of the 12 teams.

Woodie Builds Up Strong Five

In La Grande, in spite of numerous handicaps, Ira Woodie brought a near championship team

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Several Favorite Numbers To Be
Played by La Grande Band Friday

The numbers to be played by the municipal band at the concert to be given Friday evening at the high school auditorium have been chosen with care and will include the descriptive piece "In a Clock Store," according to Andrew Lamy, director. This number was played here several years ago and proved an instantaneous "hit." Much time has been spent by the band in perfecting a very difficult selection from the suite "Curtis of Granada" by the Spanish composer Chapi. The instrumental arrangement of this number is particularly strong for concert band. The overture to the opera "William Tell" will complete what is expected to be a concert of exceptional interest to all who enjoy good music. Novelties and special arrangements of popular music will be used for encores and lighter numbers on the program.

Grange Meeting
Held Saturday
At Rock Wall

Attendance at Sessions Large—Several Interesting Talks—30 Candidates Given Degree.

By Mrs. Lynn Hill (Observer Correspondent)
LAGIN, Mar. 24 (Special)—The Union County Pomona grange met Saturday at the new Rock Wall grange hall with Rock Wall grange acting as host and assisted by Cricket Flat subordinate. The attendance was unusually large with more than 100 grangers present and representing every grange organization in the county.

The morning session was the closed business session with a brief program of informal talks and the appointment of committees by the Pomona master, J. A. Nice, of Wolf Creek. The committee on application for the fifth degree consisted of Eldon Rush, Rock Wall, Mrs. R. E. Comstock, Mt. Etna and D. C. Moore, Rockwall; resolutions, W. R. Gekeler, Blue Mountain and C. B. Moore, Rock Wall; assessment and taxation, W. R. Gekeler, J. D. Woodell, Pleasant Grove and R. W. Severs, Mt. Etna.

Comments Chamber

A letter was read commending the Union county chamber of commerce for its cooperation. Grover Johnson, state representative from Wallawa county, made a talk touching on a number of matters of interest to the general public and particularly the farming people.

An elaborate banquet was served at noon with chicken, baked

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Christians Plan
Revival Series
Starting Apr. 23

Sunday morning the Central Church of Christ launched an intensive program of preparation for the revival meeting beginning April 23 under the leadership of Paul Long Packard, noted evangelist of Wichita, Falls, Texas. L. S. Weeks is chairman of the executive committee in charge of general arrangements for the campaign. Other committee chairmen are as follows: Finance, O. C. Pleshman; advertising, Leslie White; devotionals, Mrs. R. L. Putnam; entertainment, Mrs. Harry Sandus; transportation, J. R. Rhodes; ushers, Leslie White.

The Rev. L. S. Putnam, pastor, presented a forceful sermon to the congregation presenting reasons why every member should enlist heartily in this preparation for the coming campaign. "The greatest business in the world is saving souls for Jesus Christ," declared the pastor. "This is the supreme business of the church. And there is only one way that this chief objective will be accomplished, and that is by going at it and continuing the task with one accord and with one heart."

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NAVAL MEN
STILL HOPE
FOR SUCCESS

Stimson and MacDonald Confer on the Franco-Italian Problem.

OUTLOOK NOT SO
BRIGHT, HOWEVER

Andre Tardieu to Return to London if "Something Worthwhile" is Developed.

LONDON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Secretary Stimson and Prime Minister MacDonald got together at 10 Downing street with the idea of trying to work out some Franco-Italian compromise which will be sufficiently interesting to Andre Tardieu to draw the French premier back to London.

The American and British delegation chiefs were taking Mr. Tardieu at his word that he would return to the conference when there was something worth while for him to consider. Colonel Stimson was accompanied by Ambassador Morrow and Senator Robinson.

Hope Not Abandoned

An American spokesman told the Associated Press that hope had not been abandoned for a five-power agreement. He said that as long as the five nations represented at the conference were still there, there was still hope.

For this reason the Americans were favorably impressed by Dino Grandi's statement last week that he would remain in London a week after everybody else had departed. Coupled with this is the statement of M. Briand, French foreign minister, that he is coming back here and never intended to quit the conference when he left last week for Paris.

JAPAN TO DECIDE SOON

TOKYO, Mar. 24 (AP)—Japan's decision whether to accept or reject the tentative agreement of the Japanese and American delegates in the London naval conference is fully expected to be made next Thursday. An extraordinary

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GUNNERS TURN
IN SCORE OF
71 YESTERDAY

La Grande gunners, shooting in unsettled weather yesterday at Lone Tree, turned in a score of 71 out of 75 in the Oregonian telegraphic shoot, resulting in three losses and one win and putting the local team in the second division over the state with 6 won and 10 lost for a percentage of .375.

The high scores entered in the Oregonian shoot were as follows: John Garly 24, Chase Bohlenkamp 24 and Aug. J. Stange 23.

La Grande was shooting against the following teams which scored: Portland 73, McMinnville 70, Toledo 72, Eugene 75.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

PORTLAND, Mar. 24 (AP)—Mark Porter, 24, was in a hospital here today with a fractured skull the victim of a hit-and-run driver. Late last night he was found unconscious at the curb of an east-side street.

Pup Saves Child
By Bringing Help

JACKSON, Mich., Mar. 24 (AP)—"Just a pup," but with a human life saving credited to it, is hailed as a hero at Vandercook Lake near here today.

Maxie Lettow, four years old, and his pup were playing on the banks of a small creek Sunday afternoon. Maxie fell into the creek. The dog ran to the Lettow home and barked and whined until the child's father followed it to the creek where he found his child under water and unconscious.

The Jackson fire department was called and the boy resuscitated.

Oust Negro From
Party Primaries

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 24 (AP)—Rules of the democratic party in Arkansas, denying negroes the right to participate in party primaries, were upheld by the state supreme court today.

Hefflin Criticizes
Members of Jury

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—The acquittal of Edward L. Doheny, millionaire oil operator on a charge of bribery last Saturday was denounced in the senate today by Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, as a "rank travesty on justice."

As soon as the senate convened, the Alabama senator stated that a list of jurors who rendered the verdict should be kept and they should "never be permitted to sit in a jury again."

Hefflin added there ought to be "one standard of justice for the rich and poor alike" and that "there should be no distinction."

QUEEN



Hermosa Broadbent, of Ogden, was chosen queen of hearts of the Utah club. She is a high school student. (Photo by Associated Press.)

CHICAGO POLICE
QUESTION TEXAS

Night Club Hostess in Station Following Shooting at Her Club.

CHICAGO, Mar. 24 (AP)—Texas Guinan has made her last appearance at her Chicago night club and her first at the Chicago police station.

The Green Mill, north side cabaret which has heard the cry "Hello wacker!" since last December, was closed by police order after Miss Guinan and others had been questioned for several hours concerning the shooting early yesterday of Leon Switzer, owner of the club.

Harry O. Voller, business manager for the internationally known night club hostess, was arrested in connection with the shooting, along with his reputed bodyguard, Arthur D. Reed. Police said both of them are ex-convicts. Police did not detain Miss Guinan who came to the station and volunteered the information that she was on the dance floor helping entertain the guests when the shooting occurred in the cabaret's office.

Bid Her Farewell

Many of Chicago's celebrities were on hand to bid farewell to Texas, who was leaving this week to take "her girls" to Europe. Their interest absorbed by the glare of the orchestra and the clatter of dancers, silverware and glasses, the patrons did not notice Switzer running down the stairs into the lobby, bleeding from three wounds.

Switzer, who owns the little club, a Gold Coast rendezvous where a bomb was found recently before it exploded, had come to "see Voller about the rent," he told police.

Identifies Voller

Awaiting Switzer outside where his bodyguard, "Solly" Marks, and Lorraine Hayes, New York show girl who until recently was one of "Guinan's girls."

From his hospital cot, Switzer identified Voller and his bodyguard as "two of the three who shot me. The other one I could not remember."

According to Switzer, the argument in Voller's office was over the lease the famous hostess held on the Green Mill, which ran until May first. One of the bullets struck Switzer in the left chest.

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BANKS MERGE
ASSETS; OPEN
DOORS TODAY

PORTLAND, Mar. 24 (AP)—The United States national bank and the West Coast national bank, with combined assets of \$80,000,000, opened their doors today as a merged institution. Announcement of acquisition of West Coast by the United States national was made last Saturday by presidents of the bank. Cash, securities and records of the West Coast national have been transferred to the vaults of the U. S. bank.

At the same time, the United States national corporation acquired the West Coast bank corporation which controlled eight other banks within a 55-mile radius. These banks have been added to those controlled by the U. S. national group. The banks affected will be known as the United States national group. They are:

United States National, Central national, Citizens national, Peninsula national, Union State bank, all of Portland; United States national of Salem; Bank of Mount Angel; First National, St. Helena; United States national, McMinnville, and First national, Camas, Wash.

Walter Eckersall
Dead In Chicago

CHICAGO, Mar. 24 (AP)—Walter H. Eckersall, one time famous football star and football expert for the Chicago Tribune, died today in his rooms at a downtown club after a heart attack.

Enforcement Is
Possible, Chief
Wickersham Says

Head of Hoover Commission Admits, However, That "Human Appetite Is Widespread."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Chairman Wickersham of the Hoover law enforcement commission believes the prohibition law "can be measurably enforced, although human appetite is widespread."

This prediction by Wickersham was given the senate judiciary committee when he appeared before them in executive session.

Testimony of that hearing was made public only today. Wickersham said a "fair test would have to await an opportunity for enforcement under the justice department as proposed in legislation before congress."

"Until that is done," he asserted, "no one can say absolutely whether the law can be or cannot be enforced."

"I think it can be measurably enforced, although human appetite is widespread. We all know that history of efforts to enforce regulation of the use of liquor which resulted finally in prohibition. It is a long and somewhat disheartening history."

Mitchell to Testify

The judiciary committee, which is considering a resolution by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, for a senate investigation of prohibition enforcement, today called Attorney General Mitchell to appear before it next week.

The Wickersham testimony disclosed that the commission chairman believes there has been a "steady improvement" in dry enforcement, particularly during the last year.

It also disclosed he is advocating a modification of the Jones act, passed a year ago, which increased the penalties for liquor law violations.

Wickersham said the Jones act "gives the offense indiscriminately and the classification of felonies with the exception of possession and maintaining a nuisance."

"That is contrary to what I think is sound legislative policy," he continued. "I do not think you ever can enforce laws more effectively by putting extreme penalties on minor violations of the law."

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, inquired into the administration of this law, and Wickersham testified the judges and prosecutors officers had used "discretion."

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Bull Elephant
Charges Prince
But Is Killed

RHINO CAMP, Uganda, British East Africa, Mar. 24 (AP)—Crash! lumbering with giant stride toward the Prince of Wales, a great bull elephant was killed by hunters a few days ago when it charged the British heir. The pachyderm stumbled and fell, never to rise again, within 20 yards of his royal highness.

The prince, oblivious to his danger, throughout the charge continued operation of a small motion picture camera he had with him and secured an excellent film, which included the fall of the elephant.

The hunters accompanying him shouted warnings as the elephant, angered at invasion of his retreat, lifted his trunk and trumpeting, started directly for the party. No shot was fired until it was seen the prince was so intent on his picture he did not realize his danger.

The prince broke camp here Saturday and started on his safari into the Belgian Congo. He appears the picture of health, and is browned and sunburned by his tropical experiences.

He has taken a great number of excellent films, which beside the elephant pictures, include shots of a black rhinoceros. He has not yet, however, taken a white rhino, a photograph he wants for his collection.

Eight Killed At
Grade Crossing

AUBURN, N. Y., Mar. 24 (AP)—The bodies of eight victims of a grade crossing crash, four girls and four youths, were in mortuaries here today, while authorities strove to fix the identities of the young women.