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MILK SURVEY FINISHED IN LA GRANDE

Milton M. Miller, Federal Inspector, Pleased With Progress Made.

FAVORS GRADING TO COMPLETE JOB

Standard Government Milk Ordinance Will Be Submitted to City Commissioners.

Completing a federal milk inspection of La Grande and vicinity late yesterday afternoon, Milton M. Miller, inspector of the United States public health service, found conditions here in good shape although with minor possibilities of improvement existing.

Mr. Miller has just completed a survey in Portland which resulted in the adoption of the standard milk ordinance sponsored by the government, which hinges around a system of milk grading. Salem and Medford have also adopted this model ordinance and several other Oregon cities are contemplating such a move.

The ordinance will be submitted to the La Grande city commission in the near future, and so far, local opinion has been very favorable to it.

Pleased With Local Spirit "I like the spirit I find here, evidenced both by the dairyman and Haskell Andrews, city inspector," Mr. Miller said before leaving for Baker. "The spirit is admirable. I find Mr. Andrews leading instead of driving the industry, and a 93 per cent response is often obtained by this method. The dairyman want to do things right and all they require is the right kind of leadership."

Speaking of the La Grande milk ordinance, which was adopted some time ago and which provides for a paid food inspector, Mr. Miller said that it is in harmony with the government ordinance, except that the latter includes grading.

CHILD CLINICS WILL BE HELD HERE MAY DAY

Plans are being made at present for the annual health clinics conducted in La Grande each spring under the auspices of the La Grande City Council of Parent-Teacher associations. This year the clinics will be held in the offices of doctors on May 1, with each association conducting its own clinic.

Previously the clinics were held on successive days in the schools but this often proved inconvenient for the physicians. Arrangements for the clinics, including transportation, are now being completed.

Denham Candidate To Succeed Himself

T. Denham, former Elgin attorney and appointed justice of peace by the late Gov. Patterson at the time of H. E. Dill's resignation, has filed his declaration of candidacy with the county clerk and will seek the republican nomination for the office at the May primaries. "If elected I will endeavor to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office," Judge Denham promises. No opposition on either ticket has appeared for the justice of peace position.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—44 above. Minimum: 25 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 61, minimum 25 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAR. 28, 1930 Maximum 62, minimum 42 above. Condition: cloudy.

Educators Will Gather Here In Spring Session

Superintendents and Principals of Eastern Oregon to be in La Grande on April 5.

The Eastern Oregon Superintendents' and Principals' association will hold its spring meeting in La Grande on Saturday, April 5 at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. Roy Conklin is president and E. E. Colburn, also of Union, is secretary.

Affairs pertaining to grade and high school work will be discussed at this meeting, which begins at 10:30 a. m. Some of the topics to be discussed are uniform grading system, increasing demand of fundamental processes in high schools, class size and efficiency and vocational guidance.

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Song Cycles To Be Presented By Baker Musicians

Two English song cycles will be presented here next Tuesday evening under the direction of Joseph A. Hoskins, of Baker, as the feature of the Neighborhood club's night program in the La Grande hotel ballroom. The evening of music will begin at 8:15 o'clock.

The song cycles, "Flora's Holiday" by Lane Wilson, and "The Mountebanks" by Easthope Martin, will be presented by Baker talent as follows: soprano, Mrs. Lealand Elmer; Mrs. Harold Taylor; contraltos, Mrs. Carl Walter, Mrs. Frances Oliver; tenors, Dr. Thos. Carlson, John Poff; bass, Tom Hunt and Richard Southwate Jr. Miss Aya Steiger will be accompanist and a solo dance will be given by Willa Bitz between the song cycles.

Mrs. H. N. Ashby is chairman of program music in the Neighborhood club.

All members, their families and friends of music are invited.

Large Audience Is Expected At Band Concert

Indications today were that the attendance at the municipal band concert to be given at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the La Grande High school auditorium would be larger than at any other concert during the last several months.

A particularly interesting program has been prepared by Director Andrew Loney Jr., featuring several numbers that are always favorites of music lovers. In addition to the usual program, Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller, Mrs. Leal Russell, Kermit Ragsdale and Paul Knast, will appear during the concert.

Portland Limited Schedule Changed

New arrival and departure times of the Union Pacific's premier liner, the Portland Limited, at Oregon points caused by cutting the westbound Chicago-Portland run from 55 to 54 hours to 61 hours 45 minutes effective Sunday, March 29 have been announced in Portland by Assistant Traffic Manager A. B. Edmunds, according to advices received here.

The westbound Portland Limited, No. 17, will leave Huntington at 3:15 p. m. instead of 3:20 a. m. It will pull into La Grande at 12:20 a. m. instead of 12:25, departing at 12:35. Arrival at Portland will be the same as at present, 9:20 a. m., while the departure from Chicago will be at 9:45 p. m. instead of 8:20 p. m.

Dr. Phy Is Named On Boy Committee

Dr. W. T. Phy has been appointed as a member of the national committee of outstanding men in connection with the expansion program of the Boy Scouts of America. It was announced here today with the procedure he outlined today. Dr. Phy received a telegram from Walter W. Head, president of the Boy Scouts of America, announcing the appointment, and wired back his acceptance, stating that he was glad to represent the expansion program as he is very much interested in this work.

Trace Complaints Of Missing Papers

Receiving of some complaints that checkers are being stolen from tables since the inauguration of the Miss Majestic contest has resulted in plans for apprehension of the boys who are responsible. It was announced today. A few complaints of missing papers have been traced and in these cases, the paper was delivered but later taken, it was found.

PARALYSIS IS SAID CAUSED BY 'COCKTAIL'

Commissioner Doran Clears up Mystery About Recent Disease.

ILLNESS TRACED TO BOOTLEGGER

"Sheep Dip" Drink Responsible for Several Hundred Cases in South and Mid-west.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—Prohibition Commissioner Doran announced today that bootleggers who sold a concoction of creosote or creosol carbolic acid flavored with three or four drops of alcohol, the several hundred cases of paralysis in the south and southwest sections of the country.

The commissioner said the concoction which he termed "sheep dip" had been tested and found to be poisonous. Hundred of

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Country Is Too Developed For Pioneer Picture

BOISE, Ida., Mar. 28 (Special)—The Fox Film company cannot locate scenes for its new picture "The Old Oregon Trail" along the Snake river above Huntington because there are too many modern improvements which get into the films, Ben Wortzel, advance man for the company told the Boise Statesman yesterday. "We can't send the pioneers across raging river with apple orchards, telephone poles and a paved highway in the background," he declared. Otherwise the scenery and conditions were described as ideal. The company will consider other scenes above and below this area, as far up as Pocatello and as far down as Lewiston, it was said.

Wortzel said the company would spend \$11,000 a day while filming outdoor scenes. Work will get under way this summer. Eastern Oregon cities are expecting some of the pictures to be made along the Trail between the Oregon line and Portland.

H. M. DBOIS QUIT'S JOSEPH SCHOOL POST

JOSEPH, Ore., Mar. 28.—H. M. Dbois, superintendent of Joseph public schools for the last six weeks, has turned in his resignation to the board of education with the request that his name not be considered for reelection, according to the Joseph Herald.

Many expressions of regret at Mr. Dbois' decision have been heard from patrons and others interested in the welfare of the schools. "Mr. Dbois' place will be a hard one to fill," said Max Wilson, member of the board, "and so far the board has no one in mind who could take the position."

Mr. Dbois has been especially active in community affairs ever since he has been here. He was secretary of Joseph Commercial club for five years and is now secretary of Hurricane creek grange. He has taken a very active interest in sportsmen's affairs, organizing Joseph chapter of Isaac Walton league several years ago and at the present time being secretary and a member of the board of directors of the state organization. Mr. Dbois is also leader of Joseph boy scout patrol.

Dixon Is Speaker At Club Meeting

An interesting talk on "Fraternism in the Present Day" was given by H. E. Dixon last night at the meeting of the Presbyterian Men's club at the home of George Hill at 506 N. avenue. Mr. Dixon spoke of the past history of fraternalism, the work with respect to the benefits they render and their relation to the churches.

Following this Mr. Dixon and the members engaged in a round table discussion after which Mrs. Hill served refreshments to the 16 who were present.

Club Women Work to Perpetuate Scenery Along Old Oregon Trail

Working on a campaign to preserve the natural beauty of the Old Oregon Trail highway, particularly that part between La Grande and the top of Cabbage hill, which is densely wooded along many sections and which ranks high among the strips of beautiful highway in the west, the Oregon Trail beautiful committee of the Neighborhood club of La Grande has an active program under way. Much of the committee's work is with civic organizations, etc., interested in the preservation of the scenic values, and other is directed at property owners along the trail. This latter usually takes the form of attempts to preserve the large trees, good commercial ones, of great value from a scenic standpoint.

The work of the committee is in harmony with the "Save the Scenery of Oregon League," a new statewide organization, which is active at present largely in the state highway in this section. It is also in harmony with the efforts of the state highway commission and officials, who are seeking more and more land along highways and designating it as state parks thus resulting in perpetuation of the beauties now existing. Less than half of the territory along the Oregon Trail between La Grande and the top of Cabbage hill has been acquired, however, and in the meantime trees on land not in state parks are removed with destruction.

At present the committee, which is headed by Mrs. H. G. Smith, is concentrating to some degree on the preservation of the trees along the trail. When this is completed, many believe, there will be time enough for a campaign of planting, etc., to increase the present scenic values. Unless immediate action is taken, much of the timber along the highways will be cut down, members of the committee said today. At present the state park at the Glover overlook is the nearest to La Grande on the state highway in this section. In the near future the matter will be presented to some of the civic organizations.

Eagle Officials Visit Aeries Of Eastern Oregon

Oregon President and Leader of Seattle Lodge Both Speak at Session Last Night.

Dr. J. E. Scofield of Eugene, president of the Oregon State Aerie of Eagles lodges, and Eddie Sheehan, president of Seattle Aerie No. 1 made an official visit to the local organization last night, both addressing a crowd of 150 which filled the lodge hall.

Initiatory ceremony took place with Oscar Ayers, Elmer Moon and E. F. Heusser becoming members. Progress of the plans of the annual May ball was in evidence by the reports. Letters were received from Senator Charles Hall, candidate for governor, and L. P. Allen, of Wallowa, candidate for representative, expressing themselves in favor of the "Eagles' Model Old-Age Pension Bill." A letter was also received from Governor A. W. Norblad, who stated that he did not approve of the poor farms and many of the methods of operation, and favored some system that would replace them.

Plan New By-Laws New by-laws which would establish this aerie on a more self-supporting basis were discussed. A membership drive to close May 8 was begun to end May 8 when

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COVE WILL VOTE ON GYMNASIUM

Election Will Be Held in School District on Friday, April 18.

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—A number of the voters of the district have petitioned the district school board of school district No. 15 requesting them to submit to the voters of the district the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$3000 for the purpose of building and equipping a gymnasium and recreation hall for the school district, and also requesting them to call an election for that purpose. At a meeting of the school board Wednesday evening this petition was presented and by an unanimous vote was granted and the bond election was called. This election will be held April 18.

Receipt of the above news item in La Grande today recalls the excitement of the convention.

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W. Pound Is Facing Charge of Larceny

Complaint against Walter Pound was filed in the justice of peace court this morning by District Attorney Carl Helm, charging Pound with grand larceny. The prisoner was arrested yesterday by police officers and is alleged to have confessed to entering Skaggs store. Officers state that he refunded \$107.29. The store reported that \$125 had been stolen by someone during the time that the clerks were home for supper.

Rev. Perkins Will Speak Here Sunday

The Rev. Judson T. Perkins, eight years district superintendent of the jungle station work in India, being more particularly in charge of the English-Hindustani district for the stock of Episcopalian church, will speak at the First Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock, announcing the pastor, the Rev. J. George Walk.

Mr. Perkins is a brother of W. C. Perkins of the Perkins Motor company of our city. Mr. Perkins spent about 18 years in the missionary work of his church in India, at Hyderabad, Deccan, the third largest city of India, and at Secunderabad. He is now on his second furlough, and will speak about his work among the Moslems.

Rollers Placed Under Depot Today

After spending more than a week raising the old depot from the ground, preparatory to moving, rollers were placed under the building today and a track is laid to and past the foot of the viaduct. The depot will still be lengthwise along the track, being moved about a hundred feet northwest. Business will be conducted in the old structure until the new building is completed. It is expected that the moving will be completed tomorrow.

Elks Take In 12 Members at Meet

Twelve candidates were initiated into membership at the Elks meeting last night with about 150 in attendance, the last meeting of the present officers under C. L. Berry an exalted ruler, before installation of a new regime next Thursday. A Dutch lunch was enjoyed later in the evening.

During the past year over a hundred men have joined the order. The series of dances was resumed and two smokers held which have proved popular with the Elks. On the whole it has been a successful year from the views of both the officers and the members.

COMMISSION PREPARED TO MATCH FUNDS

State Highway Board may Issue Bonds Amounting to \$1,500,000.

NO NEW PROJECTS IN NEAR FUTURE

Money Will Be Required to Match Expected Increase in Federal Aid, Forest Sum.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28 (AP)—The state highway commission announced today that bonds in the amount of \$1,500,000 will be issued when and if the proposed increase in federal aid and forest money is appropriated by congress. This sum will be required to match the increased funds expected.

Commissioners said, however, that no new projects are contemplated as the money has already been allocated on a tentative program agreed on by the state commission, representatives of the federal bureau of public roads and the forest service.

A survey conducted by the commission during the past month indicated that there remains but 23 miles of the Oregon coast highway which has not been graded. There is 53 miles to be surfaced. Cost of the remaining portion of this highway is \$2,217,000 and the sum does not include major bridges which are yet to be constructed.

For April letting the Berry Creek-Sutton Lake section of 3.7 miles was included.

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WAR VETERANS CHANGE TIME OF MEETINGS

The meeting night of the James E. Page camp No. 14, and the Women's auxiliary, was changed from Wednesday to the fourth Saturday of each month at the regular session this week in the K. P. hall.

The camp is inviting Malabon camp 25, 5 of Pendleton and Frederick Kustan camp No. 21 of Baker and Department Commander Clark to the April meeting for an Eastern Oregon "get-together."

The camp has decided to make a determined drive for the 1931 state convention, although both Medford and Salem will also be asking for the convention.

The committee on the second annual dance to be held Apr. 16 at Zeller hall made a report. Tickets were issued to the members with instructions that there was to be no canvassing. The proceeds of this dance are to be used to obtain and entertain the state encampment here in 1931.

DE VALERA EYES THE PRESIDENCY

One-Time Leader of Irish Republic Willing to Answer Any Call.

By Cecil Douglas (Associated Press Staff Writer) (CHICAGO, Mar. 28 (AP)—Eamon de Valera, one-time president of the Irish republic, today said he would answer a call to the presidency of the Irish free state if the call were announced here.

The leader of the fiana fall (republican party) principal opposition to the Cosgrave free state party whose government, headed by William T. Cosgrave, has resigned, was here for an address, keeping a weather eye meanwhile on events in his homeland. He said he would cut short his American trip and return to Ireland if necessary. De Valera had planned to continue his tour until Easter.

"If I am selected by the fall, which chooses president and council, to succeed Cosgrave," De Valera said, "I would form a fiana fall government. It is a situation offering many possibilities and an interesting historical event."

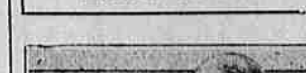
"It marks the resignation of the party that has for long been working under the treaty," (He referred to the treaty with the United Kingdom under which the Irish Free state was set up.) Our party has been endeavoring for some time to obtain a majority in the fall to carry out its declared policies."

These fiana fall policies, the republican leader outlined as: Irish unity and independence; rebuilding Irish industry so that Irish needs may be supplied, so far as possible, by Irish labor; ending unemployment and its consequences, emigration; restoration of the Irish language as the spoken tongue of the land, and generally fostering the culture which has distinguished Ireland among the nations.

The fiana fall was organized by De Valera and his associates in 1926 and has been the second party numerically ever since, polling the second highest preference vote in the general elections of 1927. Mr. De Valera has been its active leader, holding the allegiance of 57 members of the fall against the free state party's 61.

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LAST OF 90



Mrs. Lee Donner, 89, of Jamestown, Cal., is believed to be the only living member who was with the ill-fated Donner party when 90 of 90 persons perished on the shores of the lake during the winter of 1846.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—After a meeting of five minutes, the senate recessed today until Tuesday when it will begin consideration of Muscat Shoals legislation.

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SENATE REMAINS IDLE; HOUSE HAS TARIFF MEASURE

Congressional Leaders Fail to Reach Agreement at Meeting Today—Another Scheduled.

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IDENTIFICATION OF YOUNG WOMAN NOT COMPLETED

EUREKA, Cal., Mar. 28 (AP)—Authorities today awaited the arrival of Ora M. Preston, of Redding, who will view the body of the young woman found slain last Monday in the redwoods, 60 miles north of here, in an attempt to identify it as that of his wife, Marie Glatys Preston, missing since February 5.

Frank Jesse and Homer Naves, brothers of Mrs. Preston, said the body bore a "strong resemblance" to their sister. They made this statement after visiting the morgue a second time last night. Earlier they had been unable to agree, but the presence on the left foot of the slain woman of webbed feet caused them to change their belief. Mrs. Preston, mother of three small children, had two toes grown together on her left foot.

Frank Paulsen, the missing woman's stepfather, disagreed with the brothers. He said the dead woman's features did not resemble those of his stepdaughter, but Coroner Oscar Swanson pointed out exposure to the elements might have caused a change. Sheriff John W. Hanner, however, was still checking the source of a letter written by Gertrude Lawrence at a San Francisco hotel, which said:

"A red-haired girl has been murdered at Scotia. (A town 30 miles south of Eureka). A man named Danny did it. Look for him."

The hotel reported a woman by that name had lived there, registering from Vancouver, B. C., but had checked out three days ago.

CO-EDS VOTE FOR SMOKING ROOMS

EVANSTON, Ill., Mar. 28 (AP)—Out of the 333 ballots returned in a poll conducted by the student newspaper at Northwestern university, 282 co-eds voted in favor of installing smoking rooms in dormitories and sorority houses and 51 against, the paper announced today.

FATHER HELD ON CHARGE OF SHOOTING BOY

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28 (AP)—E. K. McKeehan, 45, who shot and wounded Arthur J. Denham, 20, admiral of McKeehan's 17-year-old daughter, Pauline, was arrested yesterday and released to stay on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was released on his own recognizance pending the outcome of the bullet wound which sent young Denham to a hospital wounded, physicians say, seriously.

E. L. Benham, father of the wounded youth, signed the complaint against McKeehan at the pressure of the district attorney. Both Benham and his son expressed a willingness to prosecute the father, but Benham was persuaded by a family attorney in the elder McKeehan objected to Benham's attentions to his daughter.

Yesterday, however, when the elder Benham was notified that his son had been shot, he is reported to have told McKeehan: "I can't do anything with my son, shoot him if you want to."

Young Benham was shot by McKeehan after the youth is alleged to have knocked Mrs. McKeehan down and then drawn a revolver. McKeehan rushed into his home, recovered his weapon and shot the youth through the cheek, according to the police version.

DEATH ACCIDENTAL EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—The county coroner and sheriff today investigated the shooting to death of Ray Syphers, 30, Lake Creek valley rancher, who was shot and killed, apparently by his own rifle, in a field near his home yesterday.

The death is believed to have been accidental. Syphers is survived by his widow and four children.

U. S. AVOIDS ENTANGLING AGREEMENTS

American Delegates in London Eliminate One Type of Treaty.

CONSULTATIVE PACT IS OPPOSED

Ranking Democrat in Senate Attacks Proposal—Hopes Hoover will Take Same Stand.

By C. P. Williamson (Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, March 28 (AP)—The American delegates have definitely eliminated a type of treaty such as the four-power Pacific pact of 1921 as a basis for a consultative agreement to be framed at the London conference.

It was learned on the highest authority in the American delegation today that the Americans are convinced commitments under article two of the Pacific treaty, if applied in Europe, would cause the United States to participate in discussions over virtually every controversy in Europe whether the United States was interested in them or not.

Article two of the 1921 treaty, to which the Americans would object, is a consultative pact applied to Europe. It provides that if the contracting parties rights are threatened by any other power those powers signing the treaty shall consult in order to arrive at an understanding.

Too Entangling for U. S. It is emphasized by the same authority, that the Americans have interests in the Pacific which justified the signature of such a treaty. However, it is considered that such would be too entangling for a pact in which the United States would participate as far as Europe is concerned.

Thus far there has been an approach to the United States regarding a consultative agreement and there will be no move on the part of the American delegation until two things are completed which would be considered to justify the American discussion with the other delegations of a consultative pact, with a view of devising such an agreement.

Two Steps Necessary These two steps, which must be completed, are (1) satisfaction of France's demand for security and (2) by virtue of this satisfaction a reduction by France in her tonnage figures to such a point as to make a five power naval agreement possible.

On the other side it is known that the Americans have not made any suggestion to any other power either regarding a consultative pact or even informally for solution of the security problem.

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COOLIDGE'S BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Mar. 28 (AP)—The Hampshire County Trust company closed its doors this morning with a shortage of approximately \$235,000. Blame for the loss was placed directly upon Harold H. Newcomb, former manager of the savings department, by Arthur Guy, state bank examiner in charge. A statement by Ralph Hemingway, president, said savings depositors would suffer no loss.

Newcomb, banker by day and leader of a popular jazz orchestra by night, was arrested on March 17, charged with the specific theft of \$16,000 on which charge he was held in default of \$30,000 bail when arraigned in district court.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge have accounts in the trust company.

ADVANCES NEW TREATMENT OF THYROID GLAND

CHICAGO, Mar. 28 (AP)—Treatment of diseases of the thyroid gland without surgery was presented as a possibility today before the physiology section of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

Dr. Milton O. Lee of Harvard university reported that a harmonic or chemical extract obtained from the hypothysis, one of the endocrine glands at the base of the brain, had the effect of lowering the combustion rate of tissues in animals after injected under the skin.

The harmonics of the thyroid gland, it was explained, increased oxidation and produced, frequently, serious disorders. It was suggested by Dr. Lee that if the hormone obtained by him could decrease the rate of oxidation in such cases surgery might be eliminated.

An experiment planned to show that thyroid failure was impossible with a normal heart unless an injury destroyed the organ was described by H. Robert W. Sidle of the University of Missouri.

OLD "TWO TOES" IS CONDEMNED TO ZOO

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 28 (AP)—Old "Two Toes," king of the timber wolves, must spend the remainder of his life behind bars at the Memphis zoo as penalty for the ruthless crimes he committed when he led his pack through the forests of Arkansas.

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