

THIS VALLEY FIRST OASIS FOR PIONEERS

A. W. Nelson Speaks on
History of Old Oregon
Trail at Lions Luncheon

MADAME DORION'S SERVICES RECALLED

Speaker Tells of Part This
Section of Eastern Oregon
Had in Conquering
of Northwest.

THREE INTERESTING FOOTNOTES

In today's issue of The Observer, in connection with observance of the covered wagon centennial, there appear three very interesting stories, one by Dunham Wright, on page 2; one by Dr. Howard H. Briggs, on page 7; and the third by J. Nelson Barry, on page 8. Today is the 100th anniversary year of the starting of the first wagon train from St. Louis for Oregon, and observance starting today will be continued until Dec. 29 (Zara Meeker's birthday), by proclamation of President Herbert Hoover—Editor's note.

Explaining the part that the Grande Ronde valley played in reference to the great migration to the west, which started 100 years ago today, and stressing the fact that more prominence should be given Madame Dorion for her participation in the Oregon exploration, particularly in this locality, A. W. Nelson, secretary of the Old Oregon Trail association, delivered a very interesting address at today's luncheon of the Lions club.

The luncheon, held in the Saccawewa Inn, named after one of the outstanding Indian maidens whose history is linked with the pioneer conquests, was devoted to observing the centennial of the first westward trek of the covered wagon, an event history almost forgot to record.

Valley's Part Important
Mr. Nelson, admirably suited to speak on such a subject because of his intense interest in the remarkable history of Oregon and the Old Oregon trail and because of his association and study of the many phases of the early-day historical happenings in the Oregon country, revealed several important points relative to the crossing of Eastern Oregon by the covered wagon.

Every account ever written on either the early migrations or early explorations finds the Grande Ronde valley figuring conspicuously, largely because it was the first oasis the travelers came to after leaving the plains," Mr. Nelson said.

Touching upon the routes of the early explorers, Mr. Nelson said that it has been established beyond doubt that the Wilson Price Hunt party in 1812 did not cross the Blue mountains as commonly thought, but that the members of the expedition—led by Madame Dorion—went up the Grande Ronde river to Starkey, then to McKay creek and down McKay creek to the Umatilla river.

Hot Lake Discovered 1812
Mr. Stuart, who discovered Hot Lake in 1812, came back over the same route that Madame Dorion had used in steering the Hunt expedition, he said. Mr. Stuart was a runner from Astoria to St. Louis and, although passing through this valley a year later than the Hunt expedition, followed the edge of the valley through Hot Lake, while Mr. Hunt cut across the valley, missing the warm springs.

When Mr. Stuart followed the

ALLEN VISITS UNION COUNTY G. O. P. VOTERS

L. P. Allen, candidate for joint representative in the state legislature from Union and Wallawa counties, was in La Grande Wednesday while he was covering Union county as thoroughly as possible, calling on republican voters.

7:30 a. m.—41 above.
Minimum: 28 above.
Condition: clear.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 66, minimum 29 above.
Condition: clear.
WEATHER APR. 10, 1930
Maximum 49, minimum 29 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, traces of snow, moisture .91 of inch.

Improvement Of Concordale City Park Discussed

City Manager States That
First Thing Necessary
is Extending Water to
Park Property.

Discussion of the Concordale park property took up a considerable amount of time at last night's city commission meeting, with all members voicing the opinion that some work should be done this year toward the beautification of the plot.

Suggestions were made that trees be planted and that part of the park be needed, but City Manager W. C. Crews stated that the first thing that is necessary is the extending of water mains to the property. He said that it would take practically all of the money allowed for Concordale park in the budget to pay for this.

Settlement Is Made
Mr. Crews reported that a settlement had been made with Mrs. Jack Donovan, who suffered a broken arm last year. She was allowed \$175, which included the actual hospital and medical costs, plus \$75 for loss of time.

City Recorder J. E. Stearns stated that he had advertised for bids to be received Wednesday, April 10, for the auditing of the city books. The advertisements

Portland O.-W. Club Will Meet La Grande Here

The Portland O.-W. club will send a large number of contestants to La Grande on Sunday, May 18, for athletic competition. It was announced today by J. V. Rosenbaum, president of the local athletic club and in general charge of events.

Swimming, rifle shooting, trap-shooting, golf, track events, horse-shoes baseball and tennis are on the schedule with the La Grande country club and the La Grande tennis club to take charge of golf and tennis, as the O.-W. here has no contestants. Charles Reynolds will be chairman for the country club's part in the event and Park Taylor will be in charge of the tennis.

Other chairmen follow: swimming—Lillian Ransburg; rifle shooting—G. C. Hendry; trap, A. McAllister; track, C. E. Millberg; horse-shoes, C. W. Beck, and baseball, G. J. Robbin.

Portland will need four swimmers, five marksmen, five trapshooters, 20 golfers, 10 track men, two horse-shoe pitchers, 13 baseball players, and four tennis players. The number includes two mercantile clerks with the La Grande country club and two women tennis players.

Portland plans to leave on train No. 6, arriving in La Grande at 7:25 a. m. and leaving on No. 5 at 5:20 p. m. Three Pullman cars will be chartered out of Portland. Other P. O. athletic clubs are also invited to participate.

O.-W. Maintenance Meeting Tomorrow

Meetings of maintenance of way foremen of the O.-W. second division will be held Friday and Saturday of this week at the O.-W. club house beginning at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Half the section and bridge foremen will be in attendance Friday and the other half the following day.

Stubborn Fire In Playle Co. Building

A stubborn fire in the attic of the such rack building at the Playle Oil company was finally extinguished by the fire department last night after using 75 gallons of chemicals and tearing down the floor in order to get at the base. The damage amounts to a fair-sized sum, it is said.

MR. COOLIDGE THROUGH WITH PUBLIC LIFE

Former President Has no
Intention of Seeking
Return to Office.

GIVES VIEWS IN MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Discusses Prohibition at
Some Length — "Not
Likely to Be Settled for
a Long Time."

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Former President Calvin Coolidge, in a copyrighted article in the May issue of Hearst's International and Cosmopolitan, writes that he has no intention of returning to public life.

The former president gives his views on prohibition, the tariff, playing the market, the suggestion that he run for senator, the talk of another term and "minding one's own business."

"When I left Washington I left public office," Mr. Coolidge says. "It is an incomprehensible relief and I have no intention of returning to it."

"If I were in the senate," he adds, "it would be agreeable to many of my colleagues, and with all my desire to be helpful it would probably oftentimes be an embarrassment to the administration. To have a former president in Washington exercising political power would result in all kinds of uncomfortable complications. Only the necessity of serving some national crisis, so great as to subordinate all other considerations, would warrant it."

WICKERSHAM IS SHARPLY SCORED

Chairman of Law Enforcement Commission
Discussed at Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—The connection of George W. Wickersham, chairman of the law enforcement commission, with international banking affairs while head of the federal council of churches was formed an "intendable position" today by Chairman Caraway of the senate lobby committee.

Wickersham came before the committee through testimony by Representative Thinkham, Republican, Massachusetts, in amplifying charges against the federal council of churches. After asserting that the council was attempting to substitute a theology for the present form of government, Thinkham added that Wickersham had until recently served as chairman of the council's foreign policy committee. He continued that the former attorney general had been active in international business.

New Lookout House Will Be Built On Summit of Mt. Harris, Near Here

Plans for the protection of the ten and one-half million acres of forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the state forester are well under way for the season of 1930, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Salem, Ore.

Following out a plan inaugurated several years ago, the state forester will place 10 law enforcement men in the field April 15. For the first month their duties will be primarily to look over slash areas that will have to be burned later, advise operators as to the provisions of the forest laws, and make as many inspections of operation as possible before the laws become effective May 15.

Following that date they will make further inspections of operations as often as possible to see that park fire prevention equipment is placed and to see that logging operations are carried on lawfully and cautiously. In times of extreme hazard they will cooperate with district wardens in directing the fire fighting forces. The 10 men will take up their work this summer and all have had several years experience.

Higher Senate Rates Win Out In Conference

Several Senate Increases
in Duties on Farm Products
Meet Approval of
Conferees.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—With only a few exceptions the congressional tariff bill conferees today agreed to the higher senate rates on farm products.

Reversing position on the controversial Cuban raw sugar and tobacco taxes, the senate and house groups adjusting the tariff differences completed action on about half of the agricultural schedule.

A compromise rate of \$2.50 a ton on sugar cane was agreed upon. The present rate of \$1 had been raised by the house to \$3 and by the senate to \$2.

The following senate increases in duties on farm products, compared with present duties, were approved: Cattle, weighing less than 700 pounds, 2 1/2 cents a pound, now 1 1/2; weighing over 700 pounds, 2 cents a pound, now 1; milk, 3 1/2 cents a gallon, now 2 1/2; cream, 5 1/2-10 cents a gallon, now 3 1/2.

Skimmed milk and buttermilk, 2 1/2-20 cents a gallon; now 1; unsweetened condensed milk 1 1/2-10 cents a pound, now 1; sweetened condensed milk 2 1/2 cents a pound, now 1 1/2; all other condensed milk 2 1/2-100 cents a pound, now 1 1/2.

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Tuesday evening the police here took him from No. 29 and jailed him, finding him apparently insane. Wednesday noon he was examined and committed to the asylum at Pendleton. It so happened that one of the employees of the asylum was here to take another person to the institution, and dropped in at the police station to make it a two-some yesterday afternoon.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 10 (AP)—Wheat, breaks and rallies followed each other rapidly in the wheat market today, bullish crop figures from Washington being displayed rapidly and weather influences.

The outcrop of the day's trading was virtually a drawn battle between bulls and bears. Late rallies were associated with Kansas reports of high winds, with some points saying dust was blowing so that it was scarcely possible to see a foot ahead.

Wheat closed irregular, 1/4c net lower to 3/8c advance compared with yesterday's finish.

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An airplane is to fly the Oregon Trail (in map) this year while the nation celebrates the trail's centennial. Front street, St. Louis is shown as it appeared when the first wagon train left it for the west, stopping at Wind River on July 16 after a 1,200 mile trip. The late Ezra Meeker (right), pioneer, founded the Oregon Trail Memorial association.

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NATION RECALLS COVERED WAGON

Commemorates Hardy
Pioneers Who Trekged
Over Wind-Swept Plains

By the Associated Press
Oregon and the nation thumbed back the pages of history today in commemoration of those hardy pioneers who trekked across the wind-swept plains into the unknown west to brave untold hardships and to combat with redskins and aborigines to win an empire for civilization and the Pacific states of the American union.

The nationwide "Covered Wagon" centennial, initiated today by authority of congressional resolution and presidential proclamation, was inspired by the Oregon Trail Memorial association and will continue until December 29, during which time the nation, and Oregon most of all, will remember the deeds performed by pioneers to transform a wilderness into a thriving commonwealth.

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Eastern Oregon Sheepmen Fight Marketing Plan

THE DALLES, Ore., Apr. 10 (AP)—A continuation of the policy of the National Wool Marketing corporation to limit affiliation of Pacific northwest local units of growers to the Pacific Woolgrowers association, may prevent an organization of Eastern Oregon growers, who represent a clip of 1,000,000 pounds.

The group, including some of the most influential sheep men of the Eastern Oregon section have effected a cooperative organization and have elected officers. Consummation of the cooperative was stimulated by the program as outlined by the national wool sales organization, but the growers who have formed the local group, known as the Eastern Oregon Woolgrowers association, unanimously expressed resentment at being forced to market their clip through the Pacific.

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Woman Shoots Man Then Kills Herself

SALINAS, Cal., Apr. 10 (AP)—Killed by the same gun, the bodies of Mrs. Marie Hernandez, rooming house keeper, and Felipe Nunez were found in the woman's apartment here today. Police said circumstances indicated Mrs. Hernandez shot Nunez and then killed herself after a quarrel.

EUREKA, Cal., Apr. 10 (AP)—The body of Goddess Harper, 39, Eureka high school graduate and daughter of Harvey M. Harper, well-known local automobile man, was found with a rifle bullet in the heart. Authorities expressed the belief the youth committed suicide.

With \$607 of the state's 7117 precincts reported, Mrs. McCormick's vote was 647,992 and Deane's 455,415. Newton Jenkins trailed with 125,109.

Two Tots Rescued By Older Sister

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Apr. 10 (AP)—Two small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Tumberg, Evelyn, 4, and Betty Jean, 2, owe their lives to their sister, Dorothy, 7, who rescued them from their burning home last night.

PHILMONT, N. Y. (AP)—Happy place is this village. There are no taxes this year. There's enough cash on hand to pay expenses.

Wife Good as Bond

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When he was arrested yesterday for speeding and didn't have \$50 for cash bond, he prevailed upon the police to hold Mrs. Cohen in his stead while he went forth to round up the bond money. In two hours he was back with the cash.

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Teachers in Second Day

SPOKANE, Wash., Apr. 10 (AP)—Teachers of the northwest entered the second day of the annual convention of the Inland Empire Education association today with addresses from two national authorities in store for them and a score of sectional meetings where local problems were to be dissected.

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FIVE-POWER NAVAL PACT IS ASSURED

Italy and France Agree to
Sign With Controversial
Matters Omitted.

INTERVENTION BY U. S. CLEARS PATH

United States, Great Britain
and Japan Reach
Complete Agreement
This Morning.

LONDON, Apr. 10 (AP)—Naval conference experts were understood to have been put to work this afternoon drafting a five-power agreement which both Foreign Ministers Bland of France and Grandi of Italy have tentatively agreed to sign as an outgrowth of American intervention this morning.

This treaty, it was said, will in effect be a comprehensive three-power pact between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, but will include numerous points on which all the five powers are agreed and which France and Italy can sign.

Decision Reached Today

The decision to adopt this procedure was reached this morning after Secretary Stimson had visited Foreign Minister Bland and Hugh S. Gibson had conferred with Foreign Minister Grandi.

Bland is said to be enthusiastic over this solution and Grandi has also indicated tentative willingness to sign. The Italians have rather been left out of negotiations recently and Grandi is not so conversant with the trend of affairs as are the other delegations chiefs. Therefore, he naturally wishes to know more about what he is expected to sign before he definitely agrees to put his name to it.

Complete Agreement

Complete agreement was reached between the United States, Great Britain and Japan at the naval conference today.

Prime Minister MacDonald, Secretary Stimson and Reijiro Wakatsuki met this morning and cleared the decks by settling the still outstanding but minor point concerning a definition for use in connection with training ships.

CHILD, THREE, IS CHAMPION ROCK THROWER

CHICAGO, April 10 (AP)—Joe Birmingham is the champion three-year-old rock thrower of Chicago and points west.

Joe threw a rock through a window of Mrs. Louise Bolak's house, Mrs. Bolak didn't know little Joe did it. She thought it was big Joe, the father, and she had him arrested. When he old Judge John Lape that his little three-year-old had done the throwing, Mrs. Bolak said the baby couldn't even lift the stone, let alone heave it.

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