

REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE ON APRIL 15

Less Qualified in This County Than Voted During 1928 Elections.

MAY REGISTER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Politics Quiet With Exception of Campaigns Conducted by Gubernatorial Candidates.

MAY REGISTER AT NIGHT—County Clerk C. K. McCormick will have his registration books at the police station tomorrow night, opening them at 7 o'clock, for the benefit of citizens who are unable to register during the day-time.

Politics, very active just before the final day for candidates to file, have resumed a quieter position over the state, although candidates, particularly those who seek nomination for governor, have been conducting their campaigns.

L. P. "Bill" Allen, of Walla Walla, opposing Representative T. G. Johnson of Walla Walla, for the republican nomination for the state legislature, has been conducting his campaign.

George Wilbur, seeking the democratic nomination for governor, was in La Grande Wednesday at the conclusion of an Eastern Oregon trip. He spent the day visiting members of his party and was also guest at an informal luncheon at the hotel.

On Tuesday, Harry Corbett, republican candidate for governor, will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon, which will be held at 12 o'clock, according to George H. Conney, president.

Mr. Corbett was in Eastern Oregon since the 15th of March, and is expected to be in La Grande at that time. Gov. A. W. Norblad and State Senator Charles Hall, also in the gubernatorial race, have already delivered talks before civic clubs here.

On Tuesday, April 22, J. E. Bennett will be at the chamber of commerce meeting, and George W. Joseph is scheduled to be here on Monday, April 28. Both are seeking the republican nomination for governor.

Registration Closes Apr. 15—Most of the local interest at present centers around the registration. The registration books are to close at the end of April 15, and registration throughout the city are urging all who did not vote at the last general election or who are not registered, to qualify themselves for the May 16th primaries.

A total of 7,735 persons were registered for the 1928 general election and of that number 5,477 voted, according to County Clerk McCormick. The heavy percentage was due to the interest shown in the presidential race and other contests.

Over 5500 Registered—Registration figures for the (Continued on Page Two)

UNIONS FORM LEAGUE HERE LAST EVENING

The organization of the La Grande chapter of Oregon Labor's political league was completed here last night with election of officers and adoption of a constitution, declaration of purposes and by-laws.

O. B. Macken was elected chairman, Otto Pieper, vice chairman and Louis Evans, secretary.

It was decided to have each local organization designate its member for service on the executive committee. Each local may have three members in the league. The secretary was asked to communicate with the county clerk about bringing registration books downtown Saturday and Monday nights, and was also authorized to send one of the league's clerks on which legislation favored by labor appears, to each candidate for office.

About 30 were in attendance at the meeting last night.

WEATHER TODAY
5:20 a. m.—46 above.
Minimum: 37 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 70, minimum 38 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER APR. 11, 1929
Maximum 42, minimum 32 above.
Condition: traces of snow, moisture .98 of inch.

Normal School To Play Indians Here Tomorrow

La Grande Fans to see First Baseball Game of Season at High School Field at 2:30.

La Grande people who like to hear the crack of wood against horseshoe will have a chance to see their first baseball game this year tomorrow afternoon at the high school athletic field when the Normal school nine will play a practice game with the Mission Indians, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

The Normal school defeated Whitman, member of the Northwest conference, Monday afternoon at Walla Walla 6 to 4, and although the Indians are classed as a strong team, have a good chance to emerge victorious.

The Mission were members of the Blue Mountain league a few years ago, and have played against the La Grande Pirates here on several occasions. The Indians play a strong type of ball and Coach Bob Quinn is expected to give his nine a valuable workout.

McCully to Pitch—McCully, who struck out nine men at Walla Walla, will occupy the mound for the Mountaineers. Little Joe Beutels is still with the Mission and he will start the game, with the collegians facing a pitcher who knows his stuff.

Charley Hoskins will be the Mission receiver. He is the regular Pendleton Burkaroo catcher. Hopkins will do the receiving and the infield lineup will probably be Sullivan, first; Posey, second; Devaney, short and Price, third. Idealism, who plays in the field and who snared four putouts against Whitman, has been ill but is expected to be in shape by tomorrow. Rea and Paisley will hold down the other spots in the outer garden.

Paisley is also a pitcher, but injured his finger a few days ago and will be unable to take his turn until he heals.

Schedule Two With Coyotes—Coach Quinn also announced today that two games had been scheduled with the Coyotes. The first, and attempts are being made to secure games with Nyssa and Ontario to be played when the

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Formal Opening Of New Business Place Saturday

The Peter Pan, a confectionery and luncheon parlor will have its formal opening tomorrow in the former location of Sanford's Candy Kitchen on Adams. Evelyn Westwood, who has run a general merchandise store in Indier for the past ten years, is the proprietor.

Considerable remodeling has been done and the interior is in a color arrangement of green and orange. The walls are stippled in shades of these colors and the panels of these colors and the counter and cupboards are all painted bright green with orange trim. A coffee urn and a large cupboard have been installed. The remodeling included the show window with French windows in the background.

An invitation to inspect the new kitchen is extended to the public. At Sanford will make the candies of which there are about forty varieties. Fountain syrups and ice cream will also be made at the shop. Music is furnished by an automatic phonograph.

Miss Marion Storzach and Leona Waldruff have been employed as fountain girls.

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Nominate Ralph Huron For Third Term This City

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—President Hoover today nominated Ralph H. Huron as postmaster at La Grande, Ore.

Postmaster Huron, nominated today for a third term by President Hoover, went into office during the Harding administration and since then has served the duties of office very ably. During Mr. Huron's postmastership the office has grown considerably and service has been extended to office not covered before he took office. Mr. Huron is also major of the Second Battalion of the 18th Infantry.

Mahatma Gandhi Says Health O. K.

JALALPUR, Bombay, India, Apr. 11 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, who yesterday had to curb his sailing because of high blood pressure, asserted today that his health was excellent. "Except that I have received a warning from kindly nature that I must hasten slowly if I don't wish to court a breakdown," he said.

Accompanied by Miss Maniben Patel, daughter of Vallabhbhai Patel, who was speaker of the legislative assembly, Gandhi today proceeded to Karadmatwad, where he announced a conference of women would be held at Dandi Sunday.

ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK IS FOR REPEAL

Votes 80 to 62 to Ask Congress to Call Constitutional Convention.

REPUBLICAN WET BLOC INCREASED

No Debate on Final Passage—House Dry Leader Says Bill "Not Only Futile but Foolish."

ALBANY, N. Y., Apr. 11 (AP)—It is a vote of 80 to 62 the state assembly today passed the Cuyler bill to memorialize congress to call a constitutional convention to repeal the eighteenth amendment.

The republican wet bloc, which yesterday voted with the democrats to get the bill out of committee to the floor of the house, was increased today from 20 to 21 members.

There was no debate on the final passage of the measure. Half a dozen members spoke briefly on the bill, which is known as the "Prohibition" bill. It was introduced by Rep. W. D. Dickey, Buffalo republican, and said that Mr. Cuyler was doing a "great favor" to the sensible republicans in giving them an opportunity to express their views on this question.

Edmund S. Jenks of Broome, the house dry leader, declared that the bill was "not only futile but foolish." He explained that under Article Five of the federal constitution, a national constitutional convention may be called only for the purpose of proposing amendments to the constitution, whereas this measure would

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L. H. S. BAND ON WAY TO CONTEST

Will Compete Tomorrow in State Band Tournament at Corvallis.

Members of the La Grande High school band were looking here today for Corvallis, where they will participate in the nationally sponsored state band tournament tomorrow afternoon.

A few members of the band left yesterday but the majority are on their way today.

The band, which placed third last year and fifth the year before, is directed by W. W. Nussbaum, music supervisor of the high school and the E. O. N.

OFFICIALLY REGISTERED—OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Apr. 11—The La Grande high school band, directed by W. W. Nussbaum, has been officially registered in the Oregon state high school band contest to be held in Corvallis, April 12, under the auspices of Kappa Kappa Psi, national band honorary fraternity at Oregon State college. The band is composed of 27 members, two of whom are girls.

The band will be entered in Class A, which includes bands that have not more than 29 members from schools that have enrollments of 600 or more students. It has had three years of experience as an organization and has entered the contest two consecutive years, 1928 and 1929. It will be entertained Saturday noon at a luncheon given by the Oregon State college.

The program will consist of novel musical numbers and speeches by prominent speakers with music as the dominant topic.

The La Grande high school band will play three numbers. First, it will play an opening march on which to warm up, but which will not be judged. Then it will play the assigned contest number, which will be judged. The last number will be chosen by the leader from a selective list of six pieces.

Officers Seeking Man Wanted At Joseph And In The State of Iowa

Officers in cities and towns along the Old Oregon Trail highway are on the lookout for Charles Bell, alias Kathryn Sporn, who is wanted in Iowa on a charge of car theft and who is wanted at Joseph, Ore., to answer charges of kidnapping a check given him by Walt Boner, from \$6.50 to \$15.00.

According to the Joseph Herald, Bell arrived at Joseph a week ago driving a new sedan, bearing an Iowa license, gave his name as Sporn and a few days after his arrival secured work at the Boner farm.

Bell is alleged to have given a check to Al Dinsley on the Joseph State bank for the sum of \$15, and it was later learned that the man had no account with the Joseph bank. Mr. Dinsley sent for City Marshal Robert Reams who found Bell and brought the matter to his attention. Bell said that he would make the check right, and produced a check for \$15.00 signed by Mr. Boner to cover the \$15 he

Baking Breezes Sweep Over The Mid-West States

Iowa Temperature Climbs to 94 Above, Swimmer Drowns—East Oregon Pleasantly Warm.

CHICAGO, Apr. 11 (AP)—Baking breezes, based in Kansas, blew like a furnace upon the middle west yesterday and today.

People who wear flannel underwear were caught entirely unprepared. Earlier this week the temperatures had been around freezing, and as recently as 16 days ago Chicago had one of its worst snowstorms.

Readings in the nineties were numerous. Cedar Rapids, Ia., had a 94; St. Louis, Mo., a 93 and Peoria, Ill., a 92—all record temperatures for April 11. Chicago officially was two-tenths of a degree better than 90 degrees late yesterday afternoon, and was headed back that way early today.

Prospects of showers and clouds, however, a good moderate temperature for the day, here and throughout the middle west.

Swimmer drowns—Simultaneous with the heat wave occurred the first drowning of the season in the Chicago territory. Bruno Gizon, swimming in Lake Calumet, went down from the shock of the cold water and cramps.

The Chicago beaches, especially the lake shore, south of Lake Michigan, along the Gold Coast, had its quota of people in bathing suits, but nothing nearer bathing than a few timid touches of tender toes to icy water was attempted.

Kansas City, Omaha, Little Rock and Des Moines were among cities having temperatures of 90 degrees or higher.

EAST OREGON WARM

While the middlewestern states are sweltering in baking breezes, Eastern Oregon is pleasantly warm, with the skies clear and the atmosphere ranging around 70 above during the daytime.

Yesterday's maximum here was

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Elgin Sawmill To Begin Work On 15th of May

ELGIN, Ore., Apr. 11—Elgin's newest and perhaps largest single unit of local industry, the Hanford Reed sawmill, will begin operations on or about the 15th of May, according to the latest announcement by Mr. Reed, the Elgin Reeder sawmill was completed last fall, a short run was not considered feasible on account of the expense of getting first steam into the pipes and other preliminary details.

There are now 100 men in the mill and on the edge of the pond sufficient for three weeks. Approximately 50 men will be employed in the mill and in the woods, all local people with the exception of three or four. The monthly payroll, it is estimated, will amount to \$12,000.

The machinery for the mill was purchased from the L. B. Menefee Lumber company and was taken from a plant located in Ladd Canyon southeast of La Grande. W. Vedder, experienced millwright and contractor of La Grande, supervised the construction.

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 11 (AP)—Prospects of cooler showery conditions in drought district, cooled wheat sales down today in the late dealing here, although general rain was not expected. Persistent selling out of May wheat holdings was also a bearish influence, together with weakness of export demand today for wheat from North America. Comprehensive reports received indicated that conditions of hot dry winds and water would bring material increase of complaints of crop damage.

Wheat closed nervous 5 1/2 c a bushel lower than yesterday's finish.

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SENATE PUTS O.K. TODAY ON OWYHEE BILL

Passes Department of Interior Measure Appropriating \$2,000,000.

WORK TO CONTINUE IN EASTERN OREGON

Congressional Delegations From Northwest States Urged to Support Columbia Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 11 (AP)—The senate today passed the department of interior bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for continuation of construction of the Owyhee reclamation project in Eastern Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 11 (AP)—Dr. Clark Black, president of the Columbia Valley association, said today that congressional delegations from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are receiving telegrams from constituents in about 40 communities on the Columbia and tributaries asking that they back the amendment introduced by Senators McNary and Steiwer to extend government boat and barge operations to the Columbia.

The proposed amendment would permit the inland waterways corporation to extend its activities to the Columbia river. It was introduced following the visit of Major T. Q. Ashburn, executive chairman of the inland waterways corporation to Portland.

He declared that he saw nothing to prevent such extension if the legal channel was provided. Immediately the Columbia valley association which is striving to restore navigation on the river asked the Oregon senators to introduce the measure so providing.

The association is continuing its drive for inlanders.

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Educators Elect Officers Today

SPOKANE, Wash., Apr. 11 (AP)—Spokane educators attending the Inland Empire Education association convention entered the final sessions today with the election of officers and reports of resolutions committees the chief business on the program.

Informal agreement upon Dr. Frederick J. Kelly, president of the University of Idaho, to be president of the association was reported by the nominations committee, but the result of formal action was not announced yesterday.

Dr. Kelly would succeed A. C. Hampton, superintendent of Astoria, Ore., schools in the presidency.

Hoover Praises Delegation's Work

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—President Hoover said today he had communicated to the American naval delegation at London his approval of the results achieved there.

The president said he commended the delegation members for their courageous actions.

The most constructive accomplishment, the president said, is the abolition of competition in construction of naval arms.

Seattle Bandit Robs Bank Today

SEATTLE, Apr. 11 (AP)—Braying noon day crowds, a lone robber held up the Metropolitan National bank here today and escaped with loot estimated at between \$1000 and \$2000.

BARBER FOUND GUILTY

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Apr. 11 (AP)—John Phil Barber, Adair county, Wash., barber, was found guilty of second degree murder here today was the result of the killing February 2 of Miss Dorothy McMurtrie, Bellingham, during an argument over a dog.

FLOODS NEAR WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Apr. 11 (AP)—Nearly 7,000 acres of farm land in the Red St. Paul district was flooded today when a wave of ice and water—released by the smashing of a 12-mile long ice jam on the Assiniboine river—swept over the banks. The district is about 20 miles west of Winnipeg.

SLAYER EXECUTED

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Apr. 11 (AP)—Jack Jarvis, confessed slayer of a Citronville, Ala., bank president who frustrated his plans for a robbery, was electrocuted at Kilby prison today.

DIES FROM INJURIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 11 (AP)—H. G. Gausson, district manager of a brewing company, died today from injuries received late last night when the automobile he was driving crashed broadside into a standing street car.

FANNIE SUES



Fannie Brice, actress, seeks \$125,000 in a suit filed in New York for the Cinema corporation's alleged failure to produce a talking picture in which she was to star.

FIVE REDS ARE HELD AS GUILTY

Communists Arrested in New York Mar. 6 to be Sentenced Next Week.

NEW YORK, Apr. 11 (AP)—Five communists arrested in the "Red Thursday" riots in Union square March 6 were found guilty today of a charge of unlawful assembly. They were remanded for one week for sentence.

The five men, three of them leaders of the communist party, are William Z. Foster, national leader; Robert Minor, editor, Israel Amter, district organizer, and Joseph Lester and Harry Raymond.

The trial opened this morning with the state calling only six witnesses and consuming one hour and thirty-seven minutes in presenting its case.

All five defendants testified in their own defense, much of the testimony only corroborating that of state witnesses, which was that Police Commissioner Grover A. Whalen had refused a delegation permission to form a parade and march in the city hall.

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BANK ROBBERS KILL ONE, HURT TWO IN PIQUA

PIQUA, O., Apr. 11 (AP)—Seven bank robbers armed with machine guns and repeating rifles killed one man and wounded two others in a running gun battle through city streets today after they had robbed the Citizens National bank and trust company of approximately \$16,000.

Henry Matthews, 49, proprietor of a delicatessen, was wounded fatally and Ray Alexander, manager of a loan company was shot through a hip and wounded seriously. An unidentified man was shot through the leg when the bandits turned into the Dixie highway.

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MINISTERS ON BOOKS AGAINST POLL, CIGARET

JOSEPH, Ore., Apr. 11—Walla Walla County Ministerial association went on record as favoring an anti-cigarette law in Oregon at a meeting held in the Walla Walla Methodist church. The Rev. Arthur A. Hamilton, of Walla Walla, was instructed to write for information regarding a petition now being circulated to place such a proposition on the ballot.

The ministers also decided that they would not register their vote in the Literary Digest poll on prohibition, according to the Joseph Herald. According to the Rev. S. E. Smutz, secretary of the association, various prohibition periodicals have advised their readers against voting in order that the vote may be pulled into inactivity by their large showing.

STAR SEEKS DIVORCE

NEW YORK, Apr. 11 (AP)—Frances Starr, noted emotional actress, is in Reno, Nev., arranging to obtain a divorce from Haskell Coffin, portrait painter and magazine illustrator.

Naval Delegates To Hold Plenary Session Monday

Will Receive Completed Work of "Big-Five" Conference—May Sign Treaty Thursday.

LONDON, April 11 (AP)—The "Big Five" delegates to the naval conference today decided to hold a plenary session on Monday for the purpose of receiving the completed work of the conference.

Another plenary session will be held Thursday for signing, if it is possible to prepare the prospective treaty by that time. Should it be impossible to get the treaty ready by Thursday the signing probably will be deferred until after Easter. In any event it is hoped that the basis of all the delegations will be in London for the signing whenever it occurs.

The treaty will take the form of a three-part five power agreement in which the backbone will be a complete agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan on the limitation and reduction of all categories of sea armament and a supplemental agreement including France and Italy concerning matters upon which all the powers are in accord.

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Gotham Heiress Marries British Paper Merchant

LONDON, Apr. 11 (AP)—Happy as the bride of a 21-year-old British heiress, Vivienne Huntington, 27-year-old New York heiress will leave tomorrow with her husband, Alfred Cecil Durban, on the liner Montrose for Toronto, where they hope to make their home.

Mrs. Durban is the daughter of the late Charles Pratt Huntington, architect of New York, and a cousin of Archer Milton Huntington, New York author. The groom, until his marriage March 13, earned his living selling newspapers outside Folkestone station. His father drives a butcher's cart.

Their marriage and engagement were kept secret and revealed only by their arrangement to sail for the Dominion. The civil ceremony took place at Folkestone registry office. There was no religious ceremony.

The registry office ceremony was witnessed by only three persons, a fellow newsworthy of the groom, a railroad porter and the registrar.

Archer Milton Huntington, New York author, cousin of Vivienne Huntington, was one of the richest men in the United States, his fortune being based on an inheritance of \$20,000,000 from his mother, the widow of Collis P. Huntington (California railroad builder).

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Butler Is Named On Rail Committee

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Appointment of a committee to request the interstate commerce commission to defer action on the proposed merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, was agreed upon today at a meeting of representatives of six northwestern states.

The committee included Representatives Burnham, North Dakota; Clague, Minnesota; Williamson, South Dakota; Leavitt, Montana; French, Idaho; Summers, Washington and Butler, Oregon. All are republicans.

Recalls Memory Of Pioneer Woman

PENDLETON, April 11 (AP)—A concrete bench in Pioneer park will recall to memory Mrs. Anna M. Raley, widely known pioneer woman of this area and called "The Mother of Pendleton." The bench, purchased by the Pioneer club of Pendleton, has been secured and will be placed at a site in the park yet to be selected.

TRAIN RAMS AUTO STAGE; 19 ARE DEAD

Tragic Accident Occurs Today at Isleta, N. M., Near Albuquerque.

ENGINEER UNABLE TO AVOID WRECK

Bus Demolished and Wreckage Burns—Many of Bodies of Dead Mutilated.

ISLETA, N. M., Apr. 11 (AP)—Nineteen passengers of an east bound Pickwick Greyhound bus were killed and eight were taken to hospitals at Albuquerque, seriously injured, today when the bus was struck by a west bound Santa Fe fast mail train near Isleta.

The speeding train sidwiped the bus, causing its gasoline tank to explode and burning much of the wreckage to bits. Bodies were hurled from 50 to 200 feet along either side of the grade crossing and the right of way. Parts of the bus were carried along for a half mile, the engine traveling at such a speed that it was not brought to a stop for a mile and one half.

Part of Train Derailed—Part of the train was derailed but none of its crew or passengers was injured. F. D. Williams, driver of the bus, which is owned by the Pickwick Greyhound company of Kansas City, was among those killed.

George Irwin, the conductor, said the exact time of the accident was 9:27 a. m. All the bodies were burned or mangled. The clothes were burned off many of the bodies.

The first body identified was that of a Mrs. Huff, of Oklahoma City who was a passenger, with her eight-year-old son "Konnie". The boy was injured.

No Passenger List—The offices of the Pickwick company at Albuquerque said they had no passenger list and that the bus driver did not have a list.

Attempts to identify the bodies at the morgue from letters and other effects will be difficult because of the condition.

The scene of the accident is on a paved road to Isleta, an Indian pueblo, and the crossing is open to view on both sides in a level territory.

The crossing is only a half mile from the Indian pueblo, and Indians and passing tourists were the first to arrive at the scene. The Indians could do little to care for the injured and ambulances arrived too late to attempt to remove any of the bodies. The train crew and passengers did what they could until the ambulances arrived.

Failed to Stop Bus—The injured were taken to Albuquerque hospitals for treatment. Conrad Hubert, 28, a Los Angeles chauffeur, suffering from head, neck, scalp and body bruises, said that the driver of the Pickwick bus did not stop when he reached the railroad crossing.