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CORBETT IS
SPEAKER AT
FORUM LUNCH

Republican Candidate for
Governor Attends Cham-
ber Meeting Today.

ANNUAL DINNER
AT ISLAND CITY

Speaker Outlines his View
of Duties of Chief Exe-
cutive of State in Ad-
dress.

Harry Corbett, republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in the May primaries, was the guest speaker at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon today at noon, held at Island City with the members enjoying an excellent dinner served by the Island City women.

The meeting today was the annual spring visit to Island City and with Mr. Corbett scheduled to speak, resulted in a large attendance.

Mr. Corbett explained his ideas of the duties of governor, pointing out the many responsibilities that attach themselves to the chief executive. As for primaries, Mr. Corbett refused to make any with the exception that he promises to do his best if elected to insure citizens sound results from each tax dollar.

The speaker pointed out the important appointments which the governor has to make, and asserted that the game and fish commission and the state highway commission should both be kept from politics.

Touching upon the public service commission, he said that it is his opinion that the commission should be retained. In opposing its abolition, he said that if such a thing occurred, the state would go back into chaos and political corruption.

Mr. Corbett spoke strongly for education, declaring that the normal schools of the state represent the foundation of the educational system and that they must be liberally supported. "I voted for the appropriation for the Eastern Oregon Normal school," he said, "referring to the time it was before the state legislature of which he was a member."

In reference to state develop-

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G. T. COCHRAN
IS INSTALLED
HIGH PRIEST

CHICAGO, Apr. 15 (AP)—With 12, Wayne Standard of Brownsville elected to become most illustrious grand master, the annual assembly of the grand council of royal and select masters got under way here today.

Routine business took up most of the morning sessions with elections and installation of officers and the conferring of royal and select master degrees on eight candidates scheduled for afternoon.

George T. Cochran of La Grande was installed Monday as grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons which concluded its seventh annual convocation Monday night.

PLANS MADE
FOR EASTER,
GOOD FRIDAY

Plans for Good Friday and for Easter Sunday were discussed at yesterday's meeting of the La Grande Ministerial association, held in the Presbyterian study.

It was decided that there would be no union sunrise service for Easter this year.

The ministers completed arrangements for a union service to be held at the Presbyterian church on Good Friday from 12 noon to 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. Godwin, of the Baptist church, reporting for the Good Friday services committee. A committee on arrangements, consisting of the Rev. J. George Walk, the Rev. L. H. Ames and the Rev. N. G. Tennyson, was appointed.

The ministers also decided that they would sponsor a dramatic program to be given Monday, May 12 by the Wright California players. The program will be entitled "The Feast of Belshazzar."

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 to 10—42 above.
Minimum: 40 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 52, minimum 42 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain 12 of inch.

WEATHER APR. 15, 1929
Maximum 55, minimum 33 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Census Nearly
Completed For
La Grande Area

Those Not Yet Counted
Are Urged to Communi-
cate With Enumerators
or The Observer.

Are you counted?
That is the question among people in the La Grande area today and anyone who is not, is urged to get in touch with an enumerator immediately, or if one cannot reach the enumerator, call The Observer.
The La Grande census, which was started on the second day of April, is practically completed, according to an announcement made yesterday by Raymond G. Williams, in a telephone conversation from Pendleton. Mr. Williams is assistant supervisor with headquarters at the Umatilla county seat during the period required to complete the census.

Hope for 100 Per Cent
Mr. Williams is particularly anxious that no one be overlooked in the district, and in connection with this he urged that all La Grande people who have not yet been counted, call their enumerators so that their names may be included in the 1930 census.

For the convenience of anyone who has been inadvertently overlooked or who was out of town when the census taker called, the enumerators, their telephone numbers and the district they work in are given below:

Mrs. Jay Millering, telephone 419-J, enumerating in election precincts No. 2, 7 and 9.

Mrs. Frank Millering, telephone 307-I, enumerating in election precincts No. 12 and 13.

Edith Baldwin, telephone 412-A, enumerating in election precincts No. 2 and 1.

Mrs. Raymond O. Williams, telephone 310-W, enumerating in election precincts No. 10 and 11.

Mrs. Hilda Van Bibber, no telephone listed, enumerating in election precincts No. 1 and 8.

Civic organizations throughout La Grande are helping Mr. Williams and the enumerators in the campaign to make the census complete.

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Democrats Hold
Jefferson Dinner
At Union Hotel

With a large number of members of the democratic party in attendance, a Jefferson banquet was held at the Union hotel at Union last night.

Dr. W. T. Phib, of Hol Lake, was toastmaster and called upon several non-productive in the party for talks during the evening.

B. P. Wilson, of Union, spoke on "Oregon's Debt to Jefferson." John S. Hodgins, of La Grande, spoke on "Jefferson the Statesman." John W. Bennett on "Jefferson the Scholar." Walter M. Pierce, former governor, on "Jefferson the Diplomat" and Victor E. Kelly, candidate for the nomination for representative from Union county, on "Jefferson's Biography."

Quite a number of La Grande men went to Union last night to attend the banquet meeting.

Name Nominating
Committee Today

A nominating committee of five was appointed at a student body assembly held this morning at the high school, presided over by President Robert Stoddard. According to the constitution, the committee must be appointed this Tuesday, and will make its report a week later.

The members of the committee are Lee Johnson, Wayne Nussbaum, Mary Lou Piper, Arlo Noyes and Ruth Gebel.

Yamhill Girl Is
Victim of Wreck

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—Maybell Taylor, 12, one of the five Yamhill school students who were injured in an automobile accident near Yamhill last night, died in a hospital here today. The four others, two youths and two girls, were reported recovering.

They are: Harry Adcock, the driver of the automobile, his sister, Marjorie, Elsie Pointer and Glen Mallory.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 15 (AP)—Late word of renewed rains in the southwest, especially in Oklahoma, brought about a sudden setback of wheat values today toward the last. The general run of crop reports today from the southwest implied that wheat would show improvement in the sections where rains have been received. Export demand for wheat from North America continued rather meager, and total purchases today for Europe were estimated at not to exceed 500,000 bushels.

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

WALLOWA CO.
CASE RULED
ON IN SALEM

State Supreme Court
Grants Peremptory Writ
in Opinion Today.

GEORGE JOSEPH
CASE IS ARGUED

Disbarment Trial Con-
ducted Upon Wrong
Theory, According to
Contention of Haney.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—The state supreme court, in a per curiam opinion handed down here today, granted a peremptory writ in an original mandamus proceeding against George Joseph, ex rel. Louis Seidman and others, to compel Charles A. McClain and other directors and officials of the Wallowa valley improvement district No. 1, to levy a tax covering redemption of bonds and interest aggregating \$25,140 due May 1 of this year.

"The only reasons presented by defendants to authorize this court to deny the writ were inconsequential," read the supreme court opinion. "The bonds were purchased in good faith and constitute an absolute obligation. They are negotiable and are now in the hands of innocent purchasers. It would be extremely arbitrary on the part of the court to deny the writ."

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YOUNG CLERK IN
FIRST WITH FISH

Harold Hoyt Returns to
La Grande by 7 O'clock
With Two Trout.

Although the rainy and cloudy weather kept a number of anglers away from the streams, a few in this territory this morning, the opening day of the fishing season in Oregon, a few of the hardier souls held themselves to the banks early today.

Harold Hoyt, young clerk in the piecey Wiley store, brought the first fish into La Grande as near as is known, returning from an early morning trip to Five Points with two nice trout. He was back home in time to report for the opening of the store at 7 o'clock.

Rufus and Nate Zweifel noted for their yearly habit of getting the limit of fish the first day of the season, returned at 10:30 this morning with thirty Eastern Brook and Rainbow trout apiece. They were caught on the Wallowa river, and will be on display at Gilbert's hardware.

A big catch in salmon was an eight-pound and one-ounce steelhead caught by Frank Flannery. Two large steelhead, one about 10 and the other four pounds, were caught by V. B. Dolgari.

OREGON GOES A-FISHIN'

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—Disciples of one Hank Wallon, whose name crops up now and then in connection with the Magna Charta of Fishmen, followed the precepts of the ancient nimrod today and opened Oregon's fishing season with an exodus to nearby and distant streams with well-oiled reels and varnished poles.

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Boy Passes Away
Monday Evening

Milfred Raymond Davis, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Davis, passed away yesterday evening after a long illness. He leaves four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 2 o'clock Wednesday, with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

Playing The Yo-Yo Is Newest
Fad Throughout U. S.

The educated Filipino top, that climbs up and down its own string, has just put in its appearance in La Grande and as a result, Yo-Yo, a sport originating with the Philippines and which has taken many portions of the United States by storm, is being introduced in La Grande.

Yo-Yo becomes the newest fad and shows crossword puzzles, contract bridge and others into the shade—at least temporarily.

An interesting little news item from the News-Searchlight of Bremerton states that in that city receptacles have been provided in the school room in which Yo-Yo tops must be deposited by the youngsters as they enter classes.

Tinkham Voices
Charges Aimed
At Dry League

Massachusetts Congress-
man Indicts Organiza-
tion Under Corrupt
Practices Act.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—A charge that the anti-saloon league has repeatedly violated the federal corrupt practices act was made today before the senate lobby committee by Representative Tinkham, republican, Massachusetts.

Saying the league had collected and expended \$67,545,313 from 1885 to 1929 inclusive, Tinkham testified that only "nominal" returns had been made to the clerk of the house of representatives of the sums used for "political" purposes.

Tinkham, a wet, demanded that the committee obtain the names of at least the larger contributors. He said these had never been made public.

Cannon Willing to Appear
He also requested the committee to summon Bishop James Cannon J. C. of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and the books and papers of the Southern Methodist board of temperance and social service, of which Cannon is chairman.

Cannon has informed the committee he would be glad to appear and furnish any information desired.

Tinkham already has requested that the committee investigate the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church and the federal council of churches.

The witness presented a table intended to show the money collected and expended by the National Anti-Saloon league and 37 state leagues from 1920 to 1929 inclusive.

Total receipts were given as \$12,116,453 and expenditures as \$12,066,313. The estimated figure for 1929 disbursements was \$2,000,000.

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L. A. WRIGHT
REMAINS HEAD
OF COMMISSION

L. A. Wright, of Union, temporary chairman of the game commission of Oregon, will remain in his status for the time being, it was decided when members of the commission met in Portland yesterday afternoon. Reports from the Rose City are to the effect that members are still doubtful as to whom they should appoint.

Unless the Multnomah, Clatsop and Astoria clubs can furnish definite proof of its assertions that Harold H. Clifford, state game warden, and Edward H. Clarke, assistant game warden, are unfit to fill their present positions, the commission will ignore any rumors of unfounded statements from that organization, it was decided yesterday.

Four Will Face
U. S. Grand Jury

Raising \$7,000 worth of property bonds, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hyder were released on bail yesterday after a hearing before United States Commissioner C. M. Humphreys in the afternoon. They are charged with larceny of a car.

The bonds of the men were \$2,500 and the bonds for the women \$1,000. They have been bound over to await the action of the federal grand jury.

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Colleen Moore
Files For Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 15 (AP)—Colleen Moore, film favorite, and her producer-husband, John McCormack, have reached the parting of the ways.

The off-camera rift in their domestic life yesterday was reflected by the filing of a divorce action by Miss Moore, in which she asked for a divorce on the basis of her complaint. First definite news of the separation came recently when the screen star announced her decision to seek a divorce.

Corbett To Speak
At Eagles Hall

Harry Corbett, candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination in the May primaries, will give an address at 8 o'clock tonight at Eagles hall. It was announced today by an officer of the Central Labor council. All union men and the public in general is invited to attend.

PLAN LONG TRIP IN SMALL BOAT



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morrison, of New York, plan a 6,400-mile trip from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon in a 16-foot outboard motorboat. The trip will include several long jumps requiring day and night sailing and a trip through the Panama canal.

U. P. Railroad
To Fight Cross
State Ruling

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—Arthur C. Spencer, attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, announced today that the railroad would file a suit in federal court before July 1 asking that the interstate commerce commission ruling ordering the company to construct a cross state line in Oregon, be annulled.

Spencer set at rest rumors indicating that the railroad meant to ignore the commission's order and pay a fine of \$100 daily until such a line is constructed.

The railroad would extend from Crane to Crescent Lake, Ore., Spencer said the company has until July 1 to file the suit.

Calcutta Riots
Follow Arrest
Of City's Mayor

CALCUTTA, Bengal, India, Apr. 15 (AP)—Nineteen persons were injured seriously in heavy fighting between nationalists and police which developed around burning train cars in the Howrahpoor Sikh quarter today. A mob, demonstrating against arrest and imprisonment of Mayor J. M. Sen Gupta yesterday, stoned a fire brigade which was attempting to subdue the flames.

Six European officers were among the injured, and one man named Durant was one of the 19 sent to hospital. A European woman cycling in the district was forced to dismount and abandon her machine when she was stoned by the crowd. She received nasty gashes. Ten Khalsas were injured.

Armored Cars Active
There were reports of firing in North Calcutta. Armed police were on duty throughout the affected area and armored cars were active. Although the disturbances were quelled somewhat, there was still considerable unrest in the area with occasional rushes by the crowd.

Miss Dench, London girl who attempted against police advice to ride a motorcycle through the riotous area, was taken to a hospital with deep gashes from stones which the hostile mob flung at her. Her way was blocked and she had to run for her life amid a hail of broken road material.

THIRTY-EIGHT
DANCERS ARE
UNDER ARREST

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—Thirty-eight dancers were arrested Saturday night by county authorities who confiscated three cases of home brew and a gallon of liquor, it became known here today.

Authorities said liquor was being distributed freely among the dancers. The raid constituted the largest made in this section since prohibition began.

Of the 38 arrested John Schneider of Boardman, E. L. Walker, owner of the farm where the dance was held and Ed Schreiber were held under \$500 bonds. The remaining 35 were released on their own recognizance.

Members of Byrd
Crew Home Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 15 (AP)—Three members of the Byrd Antarctic expedition—Capt. C. A. McKinley, of St. Louis, Miss. A. N. Parker of Crystal Springs, Miss., and O. A. Thorpe of Chicago—returned today on the liner Marana from the Antarctic, via New Zealand.

Capt. McKinley, aerial photographer, and one of the four men who flew across the south pole, was accompanied by his wife, who joined him in New Zealand on his arrival there from the Byrd camp at "Little America."

Commons Votes
To Receive Bill
Aiding U. S. Drys

Measure Designed to
Authorize Cancelling of
Officers Taking Rum
Into American Area.

LONDON, Apr. 15 (AP)—The house of commons, by a vote of 215 to 142, today gave a liberal member leave to introduce a bill to entitle the board of trade to suspend or cancel the certificate of any master, mate or engineer engaging in the illicit importation of intoxicating liquor into United States territory.

Isaac Foot, liberal member from Cornwall, asked permission to introduce such a measure. Under the rules only one speech was allowed for and one against the bill.

Resorts to Humor
After Foot had spoken for the measure, Frederick A. MacQuisten, conservative member from Argyll and a lawyer who sometimes acts professionally for the liquor trade, opposed the bill in a speech filled with humorous remarks.

Edwin Scrymgeour, independent member who is secretary of the prohibition party, interrupted MacQuisten and protested against his speaking. Lady Astor, American-born peeress and ardent temperance advocate, also interrupted MacQuisten several times.

The house divided on the question whether leave to introduce the measure should be given, resulting in a favorable majority of 73.

As the bill is a private member's one, it was said in the parliamentary lobby that like most others of this category it had little chance of passage.

Mr. Foot, in introducing the bill, said it was supported by members of all parties and did not ask the house to express any opinion on what the American people had decided for themselves. A bill along similar lines, he said, already had passed the Canadian parliament.

"It was intended," he said, "to defeat the purpose of lawless men who would lower the reputation of this country, to prevent misuse of the British flag and to bring together two peoples."

McClurg to Hang
Friday, June 13
In Idaho Prison

TESIMET, Idaho, Apr. 15 (AP)—John C. McClurg, convicted of the murder of his wife, Mary, was sentenced today to hang in the Idaho penitentiary on Friday, June 13.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge A. C. Sutton in line with the result of the jury which last Saturday night found him guilty and demanded the death penalty.

On appeal of defense counsel, D. W. Zent, 30 days was given in which to file a motion for a new trial. Motions for arrest of judgment and for a continuance were overruled.

McClurg was found guilty by a jury sitting in the annex of the first Methodist church after a trial lasting six days. He was charged with murdering his wife and sending her body down a steep hill in a blazing automobile last December 9. He declared it was an accident.

Zent announced he planned to appeal to the supreme court.

Sweethearts Are
Under Scrutiny

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—The former sweethearts of Mary Baker, their names taken from letters of the murdered young government clerk or obtained from her friends, today came under the right scrutiny of the police in their intensive efforts to solve the mystery of her death.

Upon one theory the investigators were agreed—that the man who killed her and stuffed her burned and bullet-ridden body into a culvert at Arlington national cemetery last Friday night was someone with whom she was on intimate terms.

Searching River
For Thief's Body

BEND, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—The Deschutes river, 20 miles south of Bend, was searched today for the body of the thief who stole an automobile belonging to L. E. Howard, railroad telegrapher last week.

The machine was raised from the river yesterday but the driver was not found. Tracks in the mud along the river led officers to believe that the thief went down with the machine or purposely made tracks to elude pursuit.

Valuable Diamond
Rings Are Stolen

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—Four diamond rings, valued by C. M. Idelman, Portland attorney, at \$2,550, were stolen from a safe in his down town office during the night. Idelman told authorities today. One of the rings, a cluster of diamonds, was valued at \$2,000, he said.

WORLD COURT
PLAN BACKED
BY PRESIDENT

Hoover Makes Vigorous
Plea for American Ad-
herence Before D. A. R.

BECOMES LEADING
POLITICAL ISSUE

Chief Executive Expected
to Wage a Determined
And Aggressive Fight
for Membership.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—With the world court question rapidly assuming the proportions of a foremost political issue, especially significance was attached today to a renewed and vigorous plea for American adherence voiced by President Hoover.

From the chief executive's emphatic espousal of the entry of this country, coming soon after the outburst of opposition which followed the Illinois primaries of a week ago, was drawn the inference that Mr. Hoover is prepared to wage a determined and aggressive fight for American membership in the international tribunal.

Addresses D. A. R.

The president's appeal was expressed in an address delivered last night before the Daughters of the American Revolution. In addition to this comment upon the court issue, he asserted that American security was fundamentally assured and discussed the results of the London naval conference, reiterating his view that the agreement reached in the British capital meant the abolishment of international rivalry in the construction of sea armaments.

Asserting that the causes of friction between the nations are ever present throughout the world, Mr. Hoover said that the remedy and the preventive of war lay in the creation of "appropriate agencies for regular methodical disposal and solution of these controversies so as to assure justice and avoid arousing of national emotions."

Tells of Developments
He went on to tell of the steps that have been taken to provide these means of amicably adjusting international disputes, and then said:

"Statements over a generation have realized that with this growth of international law and precedent another method can be contributed to the pacific settlement of a vast number of incidental controversies of justifiable character if the world had an international court to which such cases could be referred for adequate hearing and independent decision based upon law and justice."

"Such a court—the world court—has been established at The Hague with the aid of American jurists. It has been accepted by

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BOMB TOSSED
INTO HOME OF
PROSECUTOR

CHICAGO, Apr. 15 (AP)—A bomb was tossed last night into the apartment home of Charles Center Case, former special prosecutor whose work as attorney won more than 39 persons to jail for 1926 election frauds.

Case himself was slightly injured by glass. His 13-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, was struck by plaster that showered from the bomb-shattered ceiling. Mrs. Case and another daughter, Winifred, 15, were shaken as they sat in the living room.

The bomb exploded on the second story, enclosed glass porch beside the wall of the bedroom Case usually occupied. His daughter Elizabeth, however, was using the room last night as a study. Case was in the kitchen.

15 Boys Killed In
Theater Stampede

LICIA, Sicily, Apr. 15 (AP)—Funerals will be held tomorrow for 15 boys aged between 12 and 18, who were killed yesterday in a stampede in a movie house after a film had become ignited. Three others were injured seriously and five slightly hurt.

BASEBALL TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington 6 9 0
Boston 1 3 2
Brown and Ruel; Ruffing, Mulroney and Berry, Connolly.
New York 2 6 2
Philadelphia 6 8 2
Pigra, Johnson and Dickey; Grove and Cochrane.
Cleveland at Chicago, postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 1 3 0
Brooklyn 0 3 0
Sweetland and Davey; Clark, Morrison and Pleinich.