

# SENATE REJECTS JUDGE J. J. PARKER

## EAST OREGON CONVENTION OPENS HERE

Delegates From Christian Churches of State Gather in La Grande.

## STATE PRESIDENT AMONG VISITORS

Three Missionaries on Today's Program — Election of Officers Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Eastern Oregon convention of Christian churches opened here last evening at the Central Church of Christ, for a three-day session. A large audience of delegates and local people heard the opening session, by Dr. Paul Henry Packard, evangelist, on the subject "Why Was It Necessary for Jesus to Die?"

The program this morning opened with devotional study led by C. F. Trimble, of Baker, at 9 o'clock, followed by a scripture character study at 9:30 by Guy L. Drill, of Pendleton. Charles A. Sizaz, of Albion, spoke at 10:15 on "The Challenge of the Risen Lord," and prayer service was held at 11:15 with M. A. McQuary or Milton in charge.

## Three Missionaries Attend

Three missionaries from Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Boyer and Gertrude Shoemaker, all from the Congo, are in attendance. They are to speak at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon at a session of the convention that will be presided over by Mrs. Thomas Bailey, of Eugene, state president of the Oregon Christian Missionary society, Mrs. Shoemaker, of Salem, mother of the missionary and secretary of the society, and Mrs. Ella Day, in charge of young peoples work at Eugene, are also in attendance at the local convention.

The business session of the convention, at which three hours will be devoted to the convention, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

M. Drill, of Pendleton, is president; E. L. Putnam, of La Grande, secretary; C. E. Swander, state secretary, and Mrs. M. A. McQuary, music director.

The program for this afternoon, evening and for tomorrow follows:

- Wednesday
- 2:00—Devotional study, C. F. Trimble.
- 2:45—"The Pentecost Band," E. V. Strivers, of Portland.
- 2:45—Bible school session: "My Conception of a Bible School," by E. L. Baker, of Pendleton. Discussion.
- 2:45—Missionary meeting.
- 7:30—Evangelistic service, Dr. Packard and Prof. Neely.
- Thursday
- 9:20—Scripture character study, Wallace E. Jones, Halfway.
- 10:15—"Accepting the Challenge of the Risen Lord," O. W. (Continued on Page Five)

## OPEN HOUSE AT HOSPITAL NEXT MONDAY

Open house to the general public will be held Monday, May 12 at the Grande Ronde hospital in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock in observance of national hospital day.

Chapter 1 of P. E. O. is in charge of the reception with Mrs. A. L. Richardson, chairman of the committee with Mrs. L. H. Moe, Mrs. F. B. Appleby, Mrs. P. A. Epling, Mrs. Lynn Wright and Mrs. Taylor assisting her. A charming musical program is being arranged for the reception hours and refreshments will be served.

## WIND SAVES CROPS

THE FALLS, Ore., May 7 (AP)—A strong west wind, blowing continuously up the Columbia gorge last night, saved local truck farmers from possible heavy frost damage. To date, orchards of Wasco county have suffered no damage from late frosts. Low temperatures, however, are reported to have injured plots of beans and early set tomatoes. The cool weather has retarded growth of asparagus, cutting the harvest which had been rolling into market.

**WEATHER TODAY**  
7:30 a. m.—25 above.  
Minimum: 21 above.  
Condition: cloudy.

**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum 59, minimum 38 above.  
Condition: cloudy.

**WEATHER MAY 7, 1929**  
Maximum 65, minimum 38 above.  
Condition: clear.

## Ministers Will Sponsor "Feast of Belshazzar"

Biblical Drama to be Presented here Monday Evening by the California Wright Players.

Members of the La Grande Ministerial association, to meet often repeated requests that the church provide some wholesome entertainment, are bringing the Wright California players to La Grande Monday evening, May 12, to present the drama "The Feast of Belshazzar." The play will be staged in the L. D. S. tabernacle at 8:15 o'clock.

In this drama there will be three acts, based on the third, fifth and sixth chapters of the book of Daniel, with setting, costumes and action historically correct. Act one is entitled "The Idol Worshipers and the Burning Flery Furnace," act two "Feast of Belshazzar—the Handwriting on the Wall" and act three "The Lion's Den—the Triumph of Faith." Characters are King Belshazzar, the royal queen, (Continued on Page Five)

## Art Exhibit At Schools To Be Held on Friday

The annual grade school art exhibit of the La Grande public schools will take place Friday, May 10, when open house will be held at all the schools in the afternoon and evenings. Rooms will be open for visitors in the afternoon from 1:20 to 4:00 and in the evening from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Gladys B. Douglass, supervisor of art in the city schools, has completed creative work throughout the year. The visitors will see many original and interesting pieces of work, she announced this morning.

## Clouds Prevent Damage to Fruit Over The Valley

With orchards throughout the valley heavy with blossoms, fruit growers and a narrow escape from severe damage last night, when the mercury dropped to 34 above in La Grande and fell to freezing point in some sections of the Grande Ronde. Cloudy weather, accompanied by wind, however prevented any loss, according to reports this morning. If the clouds had disappeared, it is believed that a killing frost would have resulted.

The weather has been unusually chilly in La Grande during the last few days, with maximums ranging from 45 to 55 above and minimum readings from 34 to 40 above. Yesterday's maximum was 49 above and the weather was brisk throughout the day with brief flurries of snow, traces of hail, some rain, brief intervals of sunshine, etc.

## Post And Auxiliary To Meet Tonight

The La Grande post and auxiliary of the American Legion will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Saxe-Jones Inn. The post will discuss plans for Memorial day and also about the final report of the recent loan fund.

## Triad Choir Will Sing at Elgin, Ore.

The Ladies Triad choir of the Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson will present the first of its series of programs in its spring tour tomorrow evening at Elgin in a benefit program. They will sing 50 numbers in two different groups. Musicians from Baker and Union will also appear on the evening's concert.

## 66 PERSONS ARE KILLED BY TORNADO

Vicious Storms Spread Death and Destruction Over Texas.

## FROST AND RUNGE SUFFER THE MOST

Force of Storm Felt in Virtually all Sections of State — Property Loss is Heavy.

DALLAS, Tex., May 7 (AP)—Sixty-six persons were killed, many were injured and property damage estimated at more than \$500,000 caused by a tornado which struck Central and South Texas late yesterday, a partial check revealed today.

Striking yesterday afternoon, the tornado took the greatest toll of life at Frost, in East Central Texas and at Runge in South Central Texas. The force of the storm was felt in virtually all sections of the state. Navarro, Hill, McLennan and Ellis counties in Central Texas and Karnes in the southern part of the state bore the brunt of the storm.

## Working in Debris

National guardsmen, firemen and volunteers were working early today in the debris at Frost where it was feared the death list would mount higher. Nearly every building in the town was demolished.

Descending on Frost from a southwesterly direction the tornado passed over a residential section, including a school house and destroyed virtually every one of about thirty business houses. Telegraph, telephone and electric wires were torn down by the wind, which was accompanied by a driving rain.

Sounding danger when the roar of the approaching tornado sounded over the school, Superintendent Ferguson ordered the children to march to the basement. Hardly had (Continued on Page Five)

## REV. N. E. WINTERS PASSES IN BAKER

Minister, Formerly of La Grande, Found Dead in His Church.

The Rev. N. E. Winters, father of Mrs. Claude Cooper, Ray and Ralph Winters, of this city, and widely known over the valley, was found dead in his church, Methodist Episcopal church at Baker, last evening at about 8 o'clock. The shocking news was received by the children shortly after eight, and the son, Ralph, and Mrs. Cooper immediately went to Baker. Other members of the family left this morning.

So far as his friends in La Grande are aware, Mr. Winters had been in his usual health. He had been working very hard in his new charge to which he had been sent only about two months ago, and was at present in a series of revival meetings. As a Methodist minister he had served many of the churches in Eastern Oregon.

Besides his widow, Mr. Winters is survived by four children, the three who reside in La Grande and Mrs. Ruth Tasker, of California. A daughter, Mrs. Gladys Wheatley passed away here last summer.

## Baker People To Present Concert Tomorrow, Observing Music Week

Today's music week program began with an assembly at the Normal school under the direction of W. W. Nusbaum. Following the music at the Rotary luncheon at noon, Mrs. T. R. Maxwell was the soloist at the Grande Ronde hospital this afternoon. Tuesday Miss Jane Havenscroft and Miss Kay Jesse, pupils of Miss Gladys Miller, played selections at the hospital in the afternoon.

## Attack Against Bishop Cannon Is Contemplated

Five Charges Prepared to Present to Church Conference Because of Political Activity.

DALLAS, Tex., May 7 (AP)—A reported contemplated attack on Bishop James Cannon Jr., of Virginia, lent an early controversial note today to the opening of the quadrennial conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, here.

The charges, expected to be brought by a member of the Georgia delegation, will deal specifically with Bishop Cannon's participation in political activities to general reports current among delegates. The bishop has refused to discuss the charges, or to comment on the testimony given in Washington yesterday before the congressional lobby committee. In this testimony, E. C. Jameson, of New York, prominent in the republican affairs, testified as to an alleged discrepancy among delegates. The bishop has refused to discuss the charges, or to comment on the testimony given in Washington yesterday before the congressional lobby committee.

It was learned that five general charges have been prepared (Continued on Page Five)

## Enterprise Man Is Victim Of Accident

Joseph Lee Weaver, of Enterprise, passed away at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning at the hospital in The Dalles. Mr. Weaver was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Monday, and was under the auto for four hours before found. He had lived in Enterprise most of his life and was 42 years old. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Sceptia Weaver, of Enterprise, and one brother, Doss Weaver, of Enterprise, and three sisters, Mrs. Robert Reese, of Enterprise, Mrs. Will Pidecock, of La Grande, and Mrs. Margaret Weaver, of Enterprise. He was unmarried.

The American Legion will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held in Enterprise Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Pidecock left for The Dalles a son as she heard of her brother's death and brought the body to La Grande with her. Mr. and Mrs. Pidecock and family accompanied the body to Enterprise this morning.

## Civil War Veteran Dies at Wallowa

By Edna Hunter (Observer Correspondent)  
WALLOWA, Ore., May 7 (Special)—C. W. Moore, of Wallowa, died Monday night after an illness lasting only a few days. Mr. Moore was 84 years of age and up until a week ago, was able to be down town.

He was a veteran of the Civil war and had made his home here for the past 20 years, coming here from Yakima, Wash. His wife died three years ago. Surviving him are five children, Fred, Babe, and Mrs. Gladys Shelton, of Wallowa, and two married daughters living in Milton. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in the Wallowa cemetery.

## Four Boys Paroled To Police Chief

Four La Grande boys, convicted of robbing the Halsten store at Wallowa, recently, were yesterday sentenced to the reform school by County Judge Jordan at Enterprise, and then paroled to Police Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, with instructions to commit them to the school upon the first trouble without further hearing.

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## BUILDING RACE CONTINUING



The "biggest building" race continues in America's metropolitan centers. Here is one of the latest bidders for fame, opened May 1, in Chicago. The huge new Merchandise Mart, occupied chiefly by manufacturers and wholesalers, covers two blocks, has 20 floors and is one of the world's largest buildings so far as floor space is concerned. In the building were used 60,000 tons of steel, 29,000,000 bricks, 40 miles of plumbing, 15 passenger elevators and 3,500 windows.

## Master Barbers To Convene In City June 2-3

The state convention of the Oregon State Master Barbers association will be held in La Grande June 2 and 3. R. Z. Baker, state president, announced today. The six state officers and the three members of the board of barber examiners will be present. An invitation has been extended to all of the approximately 2500 barbers, including all bosses and journeymen barbers, of Oregon to attend. Definite word has been received that ten will be present from Klatsath Falls and a large number will be here from Baker. Representatives will also be present from the leading supply houses in Oregon.

## MOTHER SHOTS SEVEN CHILDREN

Ohio Woman, After Killing Sons and Daughters, Attempts Suicide.

COLUMBUS, O., May 7 (AP)—Their hearts pierced by bullets from a revolver fired by their mother, seven children of Mrs. Ethel Geller, 44, lay dead today.

Friends of Mrs. Geller, twice married and the mother of 11 children, believed she despaired of her struggle to support them by selling newspapers or was distraught by the belief that her second husband, a Negro, would soon be released from the state penitentiary where he is serving a sentence on a statutory charge.

Mrs. Geller shot the children late yesterday and then turned the gun upon herself. Physicians today said she might recover.

## More Money For Wheat Loans To Be Sent To N. W.

EPOKANE, May 7 (AP)—F. J. Wilmer, of Pasada, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers Inc., has assured members of the organization that enough farm relief money to cover all applications for loans on 1929 wheat would be available soon.

President Wilmer said that approximately \$2,500,000, in addition to the \$1,400,000 originally allotted, would be sent to the northwest to cover all wheat deposited as collateral on a basis of \$1.12 a bushel. He said that loans for approximately 2,500,000 bushels of wheat, applications for which are now on file, would be approved "within a few days."

## McMASTER IS NOMINATED IN SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 7 (AP)—Senator W. H. McMaster, republican independent, and Governor W. J. Bullock, democrat, were nominated for United States senator from South Dakota, a post now held by McMaster, according to unofficial returns today on Tuesday's state primary.

## Wheat Today

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## Robert Lamont Not Worried By Over-Production

Over-Supply of Commodities, He Says, Relatively Small When Compared to the Demand.

By Clinton Coffin (Associated Press Staff Writer)  
WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Persistent weakness of the scale of general commodity prices plus wide-spread complaint of over-production in many lines, should not in the opinion of Robert P. Lamont, secretary of commerce, be allowed to cloud for business vision one cheerful and material fact.

In his opinion, based on observation from his official post as well as on long and rich business experience, such an over-supply of commodities as now exists, as compared to demand, is relatively small. Serious as has been its effect on prices—bringing about a fall in the general index ratio that ranges from 6 to 8 per cent since December—he is inclined to regard the surplus as one that showing in many lines may swiftly disappear.

## Prices Vary Easily

"It is rather remarkable how small a difference is needed between supply and consumption to put a weight on prices, or conversely, to thrust them up," Lamont said. "We used to find in the case of pig iron that a variation of one or two percent of supply over demand or the reverse, was more than sufficient to vary prices."

"This spring, approaching the situation in the oil industry, the federal oil conservation board studies convinced the industry that a persisting over-production of gasoline could be made to fit demand by the contraction of simple expedient of stopping Sunday work in refineries. The adoption of that suggestion rather generally curtailed supply by something less than one-seventh, and seems for that single industry to have adjusted the situation to the advantage of all concerned."

"Now in the industrial world generally it seems probable that the maximum swing between what we think of as high production and low production is roughly within a limit of 10 per cent up or down from the average. Of course, there isn't any easy way out of a period of over-accumulation of stocks for the industrial world; things simply have to slow down until consumption catches up, as we learned in 1921 and 1922. But there are no such accumulations today of goods on (Continued on Page Five)

## 38 Lumber Men Demand Defeat Of Tariff Bill

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Congressional delegations of Oregon, Washington and Montana today received a message signed by 38 lumbermen, loggers and lumber firms demanding that they join in accomplishing the defeat of the tariff measure if items for the protection of the lumber industry are not restored to the bill.

The message, which followed the defeat of duties on lumber and shingles in the house of representatives, stated that the lumbermen regarded the present status of the tariff controversy as conclusive evidence that there was a "total disregard of western interests by representatives in congress from the east."

Another section of the lengthy telegram, sent last night after a conference between representatives of the 38 concerns, stated that the lumber tariff "being used as a political football."

In still another section the telegram stated: "On account of the Russian and Canadian lumbermen using the United States for their dumping ground for surplus products, there is now a 25 per cent unemployment in this industry and unless there is early relief this unemployment may be increased to 50 per cent."

## BASEBALL TODAY

National League  
R. H. E.  
Boston ..... 0 3 0  
Cincinnati ..... 1 3 0  
Batteries: Cantwell and Spohrer; Frey and Gooch.  
New York ..... R. H. E.  
Pittsburgh ..... 8 15 2  
Batteries: Parmelee, Denton, Lucas and O'Farrell; Brane, Swetonic, Sherid and Hunsley.

American League  
R. H. E.  
Chicago ..... 4 12 2  
Boston ..... 6 11 2  
Batteries: McKain, Blankenship, Henry and Autry; Riddle, Lisenbee and Heving.

## Grand Jury Will Investigate Death

BAKILL, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Grand jury investigation of the death of Thomas J. Tyrrel was recommended by a coroner's jury after an inquest yesterday. Tyrrel's body was found Saturday in an irrigation ditch on the outskirts of the city.

## VOTE 41 TO 39 AGAINST NOMINATION

North Carolina Judge Turned Down After Ten Days of Debate.

## STEIWER, MCNARY WITH OPPOSITION

With 80 Voting and 16 Paired, the Entire Membership of Senate Accounted For.

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The senate today rejected John J. Parker as an associate justice of the supreme court. The vote was 41 to 39.

## Sanford's Seat Vacant

The senate's decision leaves vacant the seat of the late Justice Sanford.

The roll call follows:  
Prof. confederates:  
Republicans—Allen, Baird, Bingham, Dale, Fess, Gillett, (Continued on Page Five)

## DEAF SCHOOL HEAD ANSWERS ACCUSATIONS

SALEM, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Amitator within the membership of the Oregon Association of the Deaf, with the connivance of one of the teachers at the state school for the deaf, are responsible for the criticism that has been leveled at J. Lyman Steed, superintendent of the school, in the opinion of witnesses who were heard at a hearing before the state board of control yesterday.

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